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**JOURNAL**

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**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.**

**1844.**



## PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

Falkland.

*WHEREAS*, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Thursday, the First day of June next :

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

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this Twenty-fifth day of May, in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1843.*

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN WHIDDEN.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

## PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

Falkland.

*WHEREAS*, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Thursday, the Third day of August next :

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

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this Twentieth day of July, in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1843.*

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



## PROCLAMATION:

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

*WHEREAS*, I have thought fit to dissolve the General Assembly of this Province, which now stands prorogued to Thursday, the Second day of November next: I do, for that purpose, publish this Proclamation; and accordingly, by these presents, do dissolve the said General Assembly.

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

And by these presents, I further declare, that I have this day given orders to issue Writs in due form for calling a new General Assembly, which Writs will bear teste on the 30th instant, and be returnable on Thursday, the Eleventh day of January next.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this Twentieth day of October, in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1843.*

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



## PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

Falkland.

*WHEREAS*, the Writs issued for the Election of Members to serve in the General Assembly, and which bear teste the Thirtieth day of October last, are made returnable at Halifax, on Thursday, the Eleventh day of January next.

And whereas, the attendance of the Members chosen, or to be chosen, for the respective Counties and Townships within the Province, is not required on the said Eleventh day of January next.

I have thought fit to prorogue the meeting of the General Assembly until Thursday, the Eighth day of February next, *then to meet for the Despatch of Business*—of which the Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and all persons concerned, are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this Twenty-first day of December, 1843, in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.*

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

# JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

# THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

OF

# THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

SESSION, 1844.

*Begun and holden at Halifax on Thursday, the Eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-four, in the seventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland, on Earth the Supreme Head.*

His Excellency the Right Honorable The VISCOUNT FALKLAND having, by his Proclamations, dated the 25th May and 20th July, 1843, (hereunto annexed) prorogued the last General Assembly; and having, by his Proclamation, dated 26th October, 1843, (also hereunto annexed) dissolved the same General Assembly, and having called a new one, and having appointed the same to meet at Halifax on the Eleventh day of January, in this present year of our Lord 1844; and having also, by his Proclamation, dated 21st December, 1843, (also hereunto annexed) further prorogued the meeting of the said last mentioned General Assembly until Thursday, this Eighth day of February, 1844, then to meet *for the Despatch of Business*. The following are the names of the Members returned by the Sheriffs of the several Counties within this Province, to represent the same in the said General Assembly, summoned to meet as before mentioned, viz :

## Members returned by the Sheriffs.

- County of *Halifax*—Joseph Howe, Lawrence O'Connor Doyle.  
“ *Colchester*—John Ross.  
“ *Pictou*—John Holmes, George R. Young.  
“ *Cumberland*—Stephen Fulton, Robert McGowan Dickey.  
“ *Hants*—Benjamin Smith, Lewis Morris Wilkins.  
“ *King's*—Thomas Andrew Strange Dewolf, John Clarke Hall.  
“ *Annapolis*—James W. Johnston.  
“ *Digby*—Francis Bourneuf.  
“ *Yarmouth*—Herbert Huntington.  
“ *Shelburne*—Obadiah Wilson.  
“ *Queen's*—Samuel P. Fairbanks, Snow P. Freeman.  
“ *Lunenburg*—John Creighton, Charles B. Owen.  
“ *Sydney*—George Brenan, Patrick Power.  
“ *Guysborough*—William F. DesBarres, John J. Marshall.  
“ *Cape-Breton*—James Boyle Uniacke.  
“ *Richmond*—James Turnbull.  
“ *Inverness*—William Young, James McKeagney

List of Members returned

Township

*Township of Halifax*—James McNab, Andrew M. Uniacke.  
 “ *Truro*—William Fleming.  
 “ *Onslow*—John Crowe.  
 “ *Londonderry*—Gloud W. McLelan.  
 “ *Pictou*—George Smith.  
 “ *Amherst*—Thomas Logan.  
 “ *Windsor*—James D. Fraser.  
 “ *Newport*—Ichabod Dimock.  
 “ *Falmouth*—Elkanah Young.  
 “ *Cornwallis*—Mahew Beckwith.  
 “ *Horton*—Perez M. Benjamin.  
 “ *Granville*—Stephen S. Thorne.  
 “ *Annapolis*—Alfred Whitman.  
 “ *Digby*—Charles Budd.  
 “ *Clare*—Auselm F. Comeau.  
 “ *Yarmouth*—Reuben Clements.  
 “ *Argyle*—John Ryder.  
 “ *Shelburne*—Peter Spearwater, Junior.  
 “ *Barrington*—Paul Crowell.  
 “ *Liverpool*—William B. Taylor.  
 “ *Lunenburg*—John Heckman.  
 “ *Sydney*—Edmund Murray Dodd.  
 “ *Arichat*—Henry Martell.

Commission to ad-  
minister Oaths

In virtue of a Commission from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to the Honorables Peter McNab, E. M. Dodd, and John Morton, a copy of which is as followeth:

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

Know ye, that I, the said Lieutenant-Governor, by virtue of the Power and Authority in me vested, have constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute and appoint the Honorable Peter McNab, the Honorable E. M. Dodd, and the Honorable John Morton, or either of them, to be a Commissioner or Commissioners to tender and administer the usual State Oaths, according to Law, to all and every person and persons who is, are, or shall be elected a Member of the House of Assembly in this Province, giving them, or either of them, full power and authority to perform the matters hereinbefore mentioned, ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever the said Commissioners, or either of them, shall do and perform in this behalf.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this Eighth day of February, 1844, in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.*

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Commissioners attend  
and administer  
Oaths to Members

The said three Commissioners came between twelve and one of the clock into the place where the Members of the House of Assembly usually sit, John Whidden, Esquire, Clerk of

of the House of Assembly, and James Finlayson Gray, Esquire, Clerk Assistant, attending in the House; and the list of the names of the said Members returned, as before set forth, for the several Counties and Townships throughout the Province, having been called over by the Clerk, they all appeared and took the usual Oaths prescribed by Law, in the presence of the said Commissioners attending.

After which a Message was delivered by John James Sawyer, Esquire, the Gentleman Usher of Black Rod:

*Gentlemen—*

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

Accordingly the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when the President of the Legislative Council said—

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and  
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

I have it in command from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to inform you that he will defer declaring the causes for which he hath convened the General Assembly, until the House of Assembly have elected a Speaker. It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure, that the House of Assembly do repair to the place where they usually sit, and there elect a Speaker, and present him here for His Excellency's approbation.

And the House having returned,

James McNab, Esquire, (addressing himself to the Clerk, who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down) proposed to the House for their Speaker William Young, Esquire, and moved "that William Young, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker"—which motion was seconded by Benjamin Smith, Esquire—

And the question being put by the Clerk, it was unanimously Resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. William Young was conducted to the Chair by Mr. McNab and Mr. B. Smith, and, standing on the upper step, addressed the House as followeth:

*Gentlemen—*

The honor you have unanimously done me in my re-election to the high office which I held in the late Assembly, demands my warmest acknowledgments. It is the more acceptable, as coming from so many of my political and personal friends, with whom I have been so long and intimately associated, and whose continued confidence is the most grateful reward of my past labors. I feel, however, that I will best show the sense I entertain of your kindness, by an upright and impartial discharge of the high duties that now devolve on me, and by maintaining temperately but firmly, the privileges and rights of the Assembly. In preserving its order, which I am determined to do the utmost of my ability, I must depend mainly on *your* support, and trust that the leading men of all parties will lend me their cordial aid in steadily enforcing those rules which have been devised by the wisdom of Parliament, and will secure our mutual dignity and freedom in debate.

Returns thanks

Mr. Speaker Elect, with the House, then went to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when Mr. Speaker Elect was presented to His Excellency by Mr. Heckman, who addressed His Excellency as followeth:

House attend Gov.

*May it please your Excellency;*

The House of Assembly, agreeably to your Excellency's commands, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have unanimously elected William Young, Esquire, Member for the County of Inverness, to that office, and by their direction I beg leave to present him for the approbation of your Excellency.

Speaker presented and approved of

After which His Excellency was pleased to say, "I approve of the Speaker whom the House of Assembly have chosen."



House returns

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair :

Speaker reports approval of choice

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker ; and that he had thereupon addressed His Excellency to the following effect :

*May it please your Excellency—*

Claim of Privileges

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

Mr. Speaker also reported that His Excellency in reply said—

*Mr. Speaker—*

Grant thereof

I most cheerfully grant your request.

Bill presented for equalizing Representation

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Governor's Speech reported

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

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

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

Glad as I have always been to avail myself of your assistance in conducting the business of the Country, I am especially so at the present juncture, when there are matters of grave importance to bring under your consideration.

You will rejoice with me to learn that, during the recess, the domestic happiness of our beloved Sovereign has been augmented by the birth of a Princess.

A bountiful Providence has vouchsafed an abundant Harvest to the Agriculturist, and an ample reward to the toils of our hardy Fishermen.

The depression of the times has operated somewhat injuriously on the Revenue, and we must be prepared to meet difficulties, which I trust will prove to be but temporary in their nature, by a strict and judicious economy.

The severity of the winter has demonstrated the prudence of the Legislature in making last year a provision for casualties, and I hope you will find that the fund placed at the disposal of the Executive for the purpose of keeping the Main Post Roads in repair, has been wisely expended.

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

The Accounts and Estimates will be laid before you. I feel confident of your readiness to provide for all that is absolutely necessary for the public service, having due regard to the frugality which the exigencies of the times imperatively demand.

I have the permission of Her Majesty to submit to you a proposition for the surrender of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown, in exchange for a permanent Civil List ; and I trust that you will, on mature deliberation, deem that the terms on which I recommend that this exchange should be effected, are adapted to the present financial position of the Country.

*Mr.*

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

For nearly four years my best energies have been devoted to the advancement of the best interests and happiness of this Province, and being satisfied that a Government composed of individuals of one political party only, would be ill suited to its actual condition, I have ever distinctly avowed my reluctance to form such a Council, and my earnest desire and intention to administer the affairs of the Colony with the advice of a Board at which all interests should be represented. This desire and intention I still retain. By the aid of a Council thus constituted, the just claims of all classes may be urged upon the attention of the Representative of the Sovereign.

Whereas a Party Government would expose the Lieutenant-Governor, who must unavoidably be often ignorant of local relations, to the great danger of being made an instrument of oppression to some portions of the community for the aggrandizement of others, however much his own inclination might lead him, as his interest always *must*, to promote the general welfare without preference or distinction.

Well assured of the love that the People of Nova Scotia bear to the person of our gracious Queen, and of their attachment to the connexion which binds them to the Mother Country, I am convinced, that so long as I adhere to the principles from which I have never departed, of firmly resisting any invasion of the Royal Prerogative, while I use the powers which that Prerogative confers, justly and impartially, for the benefit of all Her Majesty's subjects, I shall deserve and secure their approbation and affection, and that both will be made manifest by the cordial and efficient support I shall receive from you as the Representatives of their opinions:

The House then proceeded to the choice of Officers: and thereupon,  
*Resolved*, That John Whidden, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Representatives, in General Assembly, be re-sworn to the said office; and he took the Oath of Office accordingly.

Choice of Officers  
John Whidden re-sworn as Clerk

Mr. Speaker then read to the House the following Letter, addressed to him by James Finlayson Gray, Esquire, the Clerk Assistant of the House, as followeth:

Resignation of Mr. Gray as Clerk Assistant, by Letter

*Halifax, 8th February, 1844.*

Sir—

Finding that the office of Clerk Assistant of the House has for several years interfered very seriously with the duties of my profession, I have reluctantly concluded to resign that office, and to place it at the disposal of the House.

In taking this step, I hope I may be permitted gratefully to acknowledge the kindness and courtesy I have always received from this House, while its officer.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

With great respect,

Your very obedient servant,

JAMES F. GRAY.

To the Honble. The Speaker, &c. &c. &c.

And thereupon Samuel Gray, Esquire, and Joseph Whidden, Esquire, having severally been proposed to fill the office of Clerk Assistant to this House, in place of James Finlayson Gray, Esquire, resigned, the House proceeded to ballot for one for that office:

S. Gray and Joseph Whidden, Esqrs. proposed for office of Clerk Assistant

And Mr. Joseph Whidden having a majority of votes,

*Resolved*, That Mr. Joseph Whidden be the Clerk Assistant to the House; and he took the Oath of Office accordingly.

Mr. Whidden chosen

The House then, upon several persons being proposed to fill the office of Sergeant at Arms, proceeded to ballot for one for that office: and Mr. George R. Grassie and Mr. Robert Phelan having an equality of votes, and each a majority over the other candidates,

Several persons proposed to office of Sergeant at Arms  
Equality of Ballot

The

Further Ballot

The House again proceeded to ballot for the choice of one of those two Gentlemen to fill that office : and thereupon,

Mr. Grassie chosen

Mr. Grassie having a majority of votes,  
*Resolved*, That George R. Grassie, Esquire, be the Sergeant at Arms of this House.

Mr. John Jennings  
chosen Assistant  
Sergeant

*Resolved*, That Mr. John Jennings be the Assistant Sergeant at Arms of this House.

Mr. John Gibbs  
chosen Messenger

*Resolved*, That Mr. John Gibbs be the Messenger to this House.

Motion for several  
Chaplains

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved the following Resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Speaker do request the Rev. Dr. Twining, the Rev. John Scott, the Rev. William Croscombe, and some Clergyman of the Roman Catholic Church, to officiate weekly in succession, as Chaplains to this House during its sittings ; which, being seconded,

Amendment for one  
Chaplain

Mr. Dickey moved as an amendment of said Resolution, to leave out all the words thereof except the words " *Resolved* that the Speaker do request the Rev. Dr. Twining," and after the word " Twining " to insert the words " to officiate as Chaplain to this House during its sittings " : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-six ; against it, twenty-three.

For the Amendment—

Against the Amendment—

Mr. B. Smith

Mr. A. Uniacke

Mr. Taylor

Mr. Brennan

" Benjamin

" Owen

" Hall

" Martell

" Heckman

" Wilson

" Fraser

" McKeagney

" G. Smith

" Fulton

" Clements

Hon. Attorney General

" Beckwith

" Budd

" Logan

Hon. Mr. Dodd

" Fairbanks

" Dimock,

" Crow

Mr. DesBarres

" Dewolfe

" Marshall

" McLellan

" G. R. Young

" Ross

" Crowell

" J. B. Uniacke

" Howe

" Holmes

" Whitman

" Doyle

" Power

" Freeman

" Ryder

" Huntington,

" Comeau

" Wilkins

" E. Young

" Turnbull

" McNab

" Creighton

" Spearwater

" Bourneuf

" Dickey

" Thorne

So it passed in the affirmative.

The Resolution as amended, being then put,

Rev. Dr. Twining to  
be Chaplain

*Resolved*, That the Speaker do request the Rev. Dr. Twining to officiate as Chaplain to this House during its sittings.

Com. of Privileges

*Ordered*, That Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Huntington, Mr. G. R. Young, and Mr. Creighton, be a Committee of Privileges.

Com. on Expiring  
Laws

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Owen, be a Committee to examine and report on the expiring Laws.

Com. of Public  
Accounts

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Taylor, Mr. McNab, Mr. McLellan, and Mr. G. Smith, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of the Legislative Council ; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Limitation of time  
for receiving Pri-  
vate Petitions

*Ordered*, That no Petitions of a private nature be received after Friday, the First day of March next, unless by special leave of the House.

Address moved in  
answer to Speech  
of Lieut. Gov.

Mr. Wilkins proposed the following Address, in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and moved that the same do pass :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

Proposed Address

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the people of Nova Scotia, thank your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Provincial Legislature.

It is our duty to give the best attention to such matters of importance as your Excellency may think it proper to bring under our consideration, while engaged in conducting the public business; and your Excellency may be assured we shall ever enter upon the duties which devolve on us with an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the country, and to maintain that harmony between this House and the Representative of our Sovereign, which is so important for the general welfare.

We rejoice with your Excellency to learn, that, during the recess, the domestic happiness of our beloved Sovereign has been augmented by the birth of a Princess.

It is cause of grateful acknowledgement, that a bountiful Providence has vouchsafed a favorable harvest to the Agriculturist, whose prosperity is essential to the welfare of the Province; and has rewarded the labor of our Fishermen, by the successful result of whose toils the energy of Commercial enterprise is promoted.

The injurious effect upon the Provincial Revenue, occasioned by the depression of the times, calls for the exercise of firmness and prudence. Although we trust that the difficulties arising from this cause will prove but temporary in their nature, we agree with your Excellency that it is proper to meet them with a strict and judicious economy.

We are happy that the provision made by the foresight of the Legislature, at its last Session, has afforded your Excellency the means of providing for casualties affecting the Main Roads, arising from the severity of the winter.

Your Excellency may rely upon our disposition, when the Accounts and Estimates have been laid before us, to make provision for the necessary public services, and that in doing so we shall observe the frugality which the circumstances of the country demand.

Her Majesty's permission to submit to us a proposition for the surrender of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown in exchange for a permanent Civil List, we trust may lead to a just and satisfactory arrangement.

We shall give to the terms on which your Excellency may recommend that the exchange should be effected our mature deliberation, with an earnest desire that the adjustment of the questions involved in this important measure may reconcile the duty of securing the efficient performance of highly important public services, with that regard for economy necessary in the financial position of the Province.

The expression of your Excellency's devotedness to the interests and happiness of this Province, is entitled to our grateful acknowledgements.

Believing that a Party Government in Nova Scotia would be inimical to the freedom and happiness of the people, we rejoice in the assurance given us of your Excellency's conviction, that a Government composed of individuals of one political party only would be ill suited to the condition of this country.

It is gratifying to be informed that your Excellency has ever distinctly avowed your earnest desire and intention to administer the affairs of the Province with the advice of a Board at which all interests should be represented, and we receive with gratification and entire confidence the declaration that your Excellency continues to retain this desire and intention.

We concur in the opinion that it is one of the advantages of a Council thus constituted, to bring under the consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor the just claims of all classes; and that a Party Government would expose Her Majesty's Representative, ignorant of local relations as he must often be, to the great danger of being unconsciously made an instrument of partiality and injustice.

The people of Nova Scotia, as your Excellency rightly judges, love their Sovereign, and are sincerely attached to that connexion which unites them with the Parent State, encircles them with its protecting power, and makes them participators in its glory and privileges. They are prepared to oppose whatever would tend to weaken sentiments so endeared and hallowed; and we are assured that your Excellency, persevering in adherence to the principle of resisting any invasion of the Royal Prerogative, and continuing to exercise the powers it confers, justly and impartially, for the benefit of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects, will secure, as your Excellency will merit, their approbation and affection.

It will be our desire and happiness, as their Representatives, to manifest these sentiments as far as it shall be in our power, by rendering a cordial support to your Excellency in carrying out principles so essential to the highest privileges and best interests of our Country.

Which motion being seconded, and a debate arising thereon,

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

*Ordered*, That 100 copies of the Speech of His Excellency, and of the Address moved in answer thereto, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Hon. Attorney General, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the reporting the Debates and Proceedings of this House, and to report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Ross, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of Franking Letters through the Post Office by Members of the Legislature, and to report thereon.

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

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

Friday, 9th February, 1844.

Mr. G. Smith moved that the Resolution passed yesterday for appointing a Chaplain to this House, and the proceedings connected therewith, be rescinded: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-four; against it, twenty-four.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote for the motion; and accordingly

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution and proceedings be rescinded.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd then moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth:

*Resolved*, That the Speaker do request the Rev. Dr. Twining, the Rev. John Scott, the Rev. William Crosscombe, and some Clergyman of the Roman Catholic Church, and the Baptist Church each, to officiate weekly, in succession, as the Chaplains of this House, during its sittings: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirty-two; against it, thirteen.

Consideration postponed until to-morrow

Speech and Address ordered to be printed

Com. on reporting Debates

Com. on subject of Franking Letters by Members of the Legislature

Resolution of yesterday for Chaplain rescinded by casting vote

Resolution passed for several Chaplains

## For the Resolution—

Mr. B. Smith	Mr. Doyle
" Clements	" Brenan
" McNab	" DesBarres
Hon. Atty. General	" Comeau
Mr. G. Smith	" Power
Hon. Mr. Dodd	" Turnbull
Mr. Howe	" Fraser
" Dimock	" Owen
" Benjamin	" Crowe
" Huntington	" Hall
" Marshall	" Whitman
" Ross	" Logan
" Fleming	" Taylor
" Bourreuf	" G. R. Young
" Martell	" A. M. Uniacke
" McLelan	" Holmes

## Against the Resolution—

Mr. Creighton
" Freeman
" Budd
" Thorne
" Spearwater
" Wilson
" Crowel
" E. Young
" Wilkins
" Fulton
" Heckman
" Ryder
" Dickey

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Libel Bill presented

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that a Special Committee be appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of Printing for this House during the present Session, and to report thereon without delay.

Com. on Printing for the House

*Ordered*, That Mr. Marshall, Mr. A. M. Uniacke, and Mr. Huntington, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. McLelan, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal the Act relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to repeal Probate Act

Mr. McLelan, also, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill further to amend the Acts relating to Wills, Legacies and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the Estates of Intestates; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to amend Acts relating to Wills, &c.

A Petition of Martin I. Wilkins, of Pictou, in the County of Pictou, Barrister at Law, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, setting forth that the Petitioner, and the sitting Member, Mr. G. Smith, were Candidates at the late Election for one Member to represent the Township of Pictou in General Assembly; that during the said Election, the friends and supporters of the Petitioner conducted themselves in a quiet and peaceable manner, while, on the other hand, the friends and partizans of the sitting Member had manifested throughout the greatest violence, forcibly obstructing the Electors prepared to vote for Petitioner, from giving their votes; that the Sheriff at the said Election had in many respects conducted the proceedings with partiality and impropriety. That the sitting Member at the time of the said Election, was a Member of the Legislative Council, and thereby disqualified from offering as a Candidate; and that Freeholders were duly notified of such disqualification; that the sitting Member, his Committee and friends, had committed flagrant acts of bribery and corruption; and that a number of Freeholders, sufficient to give the majority of votes to the Petitioner, were prevented from voting by the intimidation and violence used on the part of the sitting Member, his Committee, and friends; and praying that the House would permit the names of as many of the said Electors, so by force and violence kept from voting for Petitioner, to be added to the Poll of Petitioner's votes, as will satisfy the House that Petitioner is lawfully entitled to take his seat in this House, as Representative of said Township, and that the return to the Writ for said Election may be altered accordingly, or other relief granted.

Pet. of Martin I. Wilkins, Esq. against Election, and return of Mr. G. Smith

*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table; and that certain Affidavits thereto annexed be detached from the Petition, and returned to the Member who presented the same: the introduction of such Affidavits in that manner, being unparliamentary.

Affidavits annexed to Pet. not received

On

Time appointed for  
considering Pet.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Wednesday next, the 14th instant, at one of the clock, take into consideration the said Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Pictou.

Notices sent

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

Com. of whole on  
consideration of  
Speech and Answer

On motion of Mr. Huntington, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Speech of the His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the present Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Saturday, 10th February, 1844.

Pets. for return of  
Duties on Flour

A Petition of Peter McCollum, a Petition of John Couch, a Petition of Francis Carol, a Petition of Patrick Blake, a Petition of John Pettis, a Petition of Alexander G. Howard, a Petition of Amos Seaman & Company, a Petition of Richard W. Card, and a Petition of John Davison, were severally presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying the return of certain Duties on Wheat Flour, imported by Petitioners, respectively.

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

Pet. for expenses of  
a Transient Pauper  
at Amherst

A Petition of Robert K. Smith, Acting Overseer of the Poor for the Township of Amherst, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying reimbursement of the expenses of a Transient Pauper.

Sel. Com. on expen-  
ses of Transient  
Paupers

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clements, Mr. Dickey, and Mr. Hall, be a Committee to consider all claims for the expenses of Transient Paupers, and to report thereon.

Pet. referred

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Petition of Robert K. Smith be referred to the said Committee.

Pet. for expense of  
Transient Pauper  
at Yarmouth

A Petition of Samuel Killam and others, Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Clements and read, praying reimbursement of the expenses of a Transient Pauper.

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

Pets. for return of  
Duties on Flour

A Petition of Messrs. Read & Seaman, of Minudie, in the County of Cumberland, Merchants; also, a Petition of Titus Anderson, of Westmorland, in the Province of New Brunswick, Mariner, were presented by Mr. Logan and read, respectively praying a return of part of the Duties paid by them upon the importation of Wheat Flour into this Province.

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

Pets. of H. Black-  
adar, Esq. Candi-  
date, and Free-  
holders of the  
County of Pictou  
against the Election  
and return of G.  
R. Young, Esq.

A Petition of Henry Blackadar of Pictou, in the County of Pictou, Barrister at Law; also, a Petition of Donald Ferguson and others, Freeholders of the County of Pictou, were presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, respectively setting forth that the Petitioner, Henry Blackadar, was a Candidate for the Representation of said County at the late Election, together with John Holmes and George R. Young, Esquires, the sitting Members; that during

during the said Election, the friends and partizans of the said George R. Young at various times took possession of the avenues to the Hustings, and did forcibly expel therefrom the Freeholders prepared to vote for the said Henry Blackadar, and that in consequence of the lawless violence of the said partizans of the said George R. Young, and their forcible possession of the entrance to the Hustings, great numbers of the said Henry Blackadar's Electors were driven from the Hustings, and prevented from recording their votes; and that on one occasion, such violence and unlawful conduct was incited and encouraged by the said George R. Young; and praying that the Election of the said George R. Young may be set aside, if it should appear that he had connived at, directed, and permitted such force and violence, and that such punishment should in that case be awarded to him as may be deemed adequate to the offence.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Tuesday next, the 13th instant, at one of the clock, take into consideration the said Petitions, complaining of an undue Election for the County of Pictou.

Time appointed for consideration.

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

Notices sent

A Petition of William Johnson and others, Freeholders of the Township of Horton, in King's County, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, setting forth that the sitting Member, Perez M. Benjamin, and the Petitioner, William Johnson, were Candidates to represent said Township in General Assembly, and that the said Perez M. Benjamin had been declared duly elected by a majority of eight votes; that during the said Election the said William Johnson had objected to, and caused to be duly marked on the Poll Book, fifty votes for the said Perez M. Benjamin, the sitting Member, as invalid and illegal; and conceiving that he, the said William Johnson, had polled a greater number of good votes than the said Perez M. Benjamin, he had demanded a scrutiny of said votes, which had been proceeded in; and that Petitioners believe that the said William Johnson has the greater number of good votes; praying that the said William Johnson may be declared duly elected to represent the said Township of Horton, in the present General Assembly, and to give Petitioners such other relief in their premises, as may seem meet.

Petition of William Johnson and Freeholders, against return of Mr. Benjamin for Horton

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

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Saturday next, the 17th instant, at one of the clock, take into consideration the said Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the Towhship of Horton.

Time appointed for consideration

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

Notices sent

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, and of an Answer thereto.

House go into Com. of the whole on consideration of Speech of Lt. Gov. and Answer

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.



The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again thereon; which was agreed to by the House.

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

Monday, 12th February, 1844.

Petition for return of  
Duties upon Flour

A Petition of James O'Brien, of Windsor, was presented by Mr. Fraser and read, praying a return of certain Duties paid by him upon the importation of Foreign Wheaten Flour.

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

Petition for aid to  
Packet between  
Bay Verte and  
Prince Edward's  
Island

A Petition of William Weeks, of Bay Verte, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying aid in the running of a superior Packet Boat between that place and Charlotte Town, and Bedeque, in Prince Edward's Island.

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

Petition for Light  
House at Apple  
River, Bay of  
Fundy

A Petition of Jacob F. DeWolfe and others, Captains of Vessels and others interested in the Navigation of the Bay of Fundy, resident at Parrsborough and Apple River, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying that provision may be made for the erection of a Light House in the Bay of Fundy, and recommending the North head of Apple River as the most suitable site therefor.

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

Petitions for expenses  
of Transient Pau-  
pers  
Referred to Com.

Two Petitions of Overseers of Poor of the Township of Newport, were presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying reimbursement of the expenses of Transient Paupers.

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

Petition for bounty  
on Oat Mill, &c. at  
Wallace

A Petition of Joseph N. B. Kerr, of Wallace, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Fulton and read, setting forth the loss by an ice freshet, of an extensive Saw Mill and Dam, at the head of the tide of Wallace River, and the erection at a great expense, of another Saw Mill and Dam, together with Grist and Oat Mills, and Kilns, the Dam of which was injured to a great extent by the freshets of last winter, and praying Legislative assistance in erecting works to protect the same, upon the ground of Bounty to an Oat Mill.

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

Petition for over-  
expenditure on road  
at Wallace

A Petition of Joseph N. B. Kerr, was presented by Mr. Fulton and read, praying for reimbursement of a sum of money over-expended in opening a new Road near Wallace Bridge.

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

Petition for aid to  
deaf and dumb boy  
at Horton

A Petition of James Stephens, of Horton, in King's County, was presented by Mr. Hall and read, praying aid towards the maintenance and education of his son, deaf and dumb, of the age of twelve years.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Hall, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Fraser, be a Committee to enquire and report generally upon the subject of Deaf and Dumb Persons throughout the Province, and the best measures be adopted for their relief; and that the said Petition of James Stephens be referred to such Committee.

Message from Leg.  
Council, of Com.  
on Public Accounts

A Message from the Legislative Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

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

And then the Messenger withdrew,

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

House go into Com.  
on Speech of Gov.  
and Answer

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

**Tuesday, 13th February, 1844.**

A Petition of Andrew M. Uniacke, of Halifax, Esquire, was presented by the Hon. Attorney General and read, setting forth that the Petitioner, together with James McNab and William Stairs, Esquires, were Candidates at the last Election held for the Township of Halifax, and that at the close thereof the Petitioner was returned duly elected, by a majority of votes over the said William Stairs, who thereupon demanded a Scrutiny, which has been proceeded in, but is not yet finished; that only a certain number of votes have been, as yet, examined into, all of which are of the number of those objected to by Mr. Stairs, and as to which evidence has only been given on his part, Petitioner being entitled to give evidence in answer, and in support of such votes, when the Counsel of the said William Stairs shall, on their part, have gone through the whole of their objected votes; and that Petitioner would then also be entitled to give his evidence, to shew the votes objected to by him to be bad; and that said Scrutiny being now pending, Petitioner prays that as the case is not ripe for a Committee, that none will be ordered to be drawn by this Honorable House in the present stage of proceedings.

Petition of Mr. Uniacke, sitting Member for Town of Halifax, against Committee for trying Election

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

A Petition of William Stairs, of Halifax, Esquire, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, setting forth that Petitioner having been a Candidate for the Township of Halifax, in opposition to Andrew M. Uniacke, Esquire, the latter was returned as the successful Candidate, without such a number of good and sufficient votes as would legally entitle him to the seat, in consequence of which Petitioner having demanded a Scrutiny before the Sheriff, and proceeded therein as far as enabled to do, under existing circumstances, Petitioner has impeached such a number of votes as to warrant him in the belief that he has established a majority of legal votes in his favor; that in addition to those votes already considered, there is a large number remaining, which Petitioner has been desirous of investigating, but which he has been precluded from attacking in consequence of his not being enabled, under the Act for the trials of Controverted Elections, to command the attendance of witnesses for that purpose; that in addition to the number of illegal and unqualified votes that have been polled for the present sitting Member, Petitioner is led to believe that there are very many other votes also polled, which ought to have been rejected, on the ground that the properties on which they were given are situate without the true line of the Township of Halifax.—That witnesses having refused to attend, Petitioner feels it useless to attempt to proceed further in the Scrutiny, and applies to the House to form a Committee, who may, by Law, enforce attendance of witnesses: praying that such Committee may be appointed, and such measures adopted, as may be necessary to secure to him a proper investigation; and that Petitioner may obtain that seat in this Honorable House to which he feels himself duly entitled.

Petition of Wm Stairs, Esq. against return of Mr. Uniacke for Town of Halifax

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

Mr. Howe moved that this House do, on Thursday next, the 15th instant, at one of the clock, take into consideration the said Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Halifax: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-five; against it, nineteen.

Day moved for consideration of Petition

So it passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered,*

Order thereon

*Ordered*, That this House will, on Thursday next, the 15th instant, at one of the clock, take into consideration the said Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Halifax.

House proceed to ballot on Pictou County Election

At one of the clock, (being the time appointed for considering the Petitions of Henry Blackadar, Esquire, and Donald Ferguson and others, against the Election and return of Mr. G. R. Young, sitting Member for the County of Pictou) the Sergeant at Arms was directed to go to the places adjacent, and require the immediate attendance of the Members on the business of the House, who, having returned and reported that he had so done, the House was counted, and forty-eight Members being present, (exclusive of Mr. Speaker, and Mr. G. R. Young, the sitting Member) and all other previous measures prescribed by the Act of the General Assembly, made and passed in the second year of the reign of Her Majesty, entitled, "An Act for regulating the Trials of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in General Assembly," having been taken, and the Counsel for the Petitioners, and the sitting Member, respectively, being in attendance at the Bar of the House, the doors were locked, and the Order of the Day for considering said Petitions were read; whereupon the House proceeded to ballot for a Select Committee to try the merits of the Election and return of George R. Young, Esquire, sitting Member for the County of Pictou, in the manner prescribed by said Act, when the following names of fifteen Members present, (and not appearing to be under the disqualification mentioned in said Act) were drawn, to wit: Mr. Fleming, Mr. Hall, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Fulton, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Fraser, the Hon. Mr. Dodd, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Comeau, and Mr. Ross; and lists of the fifteen Members so drawn, having been given to the said Henry Blackadar, and the Counsel for the other Petitioners, and to Mr. G. R. Young, the sitting Member, respectively, they withdrew with the Clerk Assistant, in order to reduce the same, pursuant to said Act; and the doors were then unlocked.

Members drawn

Lists delivered

Scrutiny on Horton Election laid before House

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Return from the Sheriff of Kings County, of the proceedings had before him and his assistants, upon a Scrutiny of the late Election for the Township of Horton, in said County, sent to the House according to Law.

*Ordered*, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

List of Members drawn on Pictou Election returned, and members of Com. sworn

The Clerk Assistant delivered in to the House the names of the seven Members remaining, after the number drawn by ballot this day, in regard to the Election for the County of Pictou, had been reduced according to Law, by the parties alternately striking off names therefrom; and the names of the said seven Members so delivered in, being read, are as followeth, viz: Mr. Fleming, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fulton, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Dimock, and Mr. Creighton, who, thereupon, were duly sworn by the Clerk at the Table of the House, "well and truly to try the merits of the Petitions referred to them, and a true Judgment to give according to the evidence," pursuant to the provisions of the said Act.

Meeting of Com. ordered

*Ordered*, That the said Select Committee, so formed, do meet on Thursday next, the 15th instant, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, in the Committee Room of this House, usually called the Supreme Court Room, for the purpose of hearing and determining the merits of the Election and return of Mr. G. R. Young, taken this day into consideration.

Reference of Petitions to Committee

*Ordered*, That the Petitions of Henry Blackadar, and of Donald Ferguson and others, be referred to the said Select Committee.

House go into Com. on Speech of Gov. and Answer

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

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

Resume, and leave granted to sit again

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

Wednesday, 14th February, 1844.

A Petition of Samuel James Blair, of Truro, was presented by Mr. Ross and read, praying reimbursement of Costs incurred by him as a Road Surveyor, in prosecuting a delinquent for the amount of his Statute Labor.

Pet. of S. J. Blair of Truro, Road Surveyor

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. B. Smith, and Mr. Holmes, to examine, and report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com

At one of the clock, (being the time appointed for considering the Petition of Martin I. Wilkins, against the Election and Return of Mr. G. Smith, the sitting Member for the Township of Pictou,) the Sergeant at Arms was directed to go to the places adjacent, and require the immediate attendance of the Members on the business of the House, who, having returned, and reported that he had so done, the House was counted, and forty-six Members being present, (exclusive of Mr. Speaker and Mr. G. Smith, the sitting Member,) and all other previous measures prescribed by the Act of the General Assembly, made and passed in the second year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, "An Act for regulating the Trials of Controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in General Assembly," having been taken, and the Petitioner and his Counsel, and the Counsel of the sitting Member, being in attendance at the Bar of the House, the doors of the House were locked, and the Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Petition complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Pictou, was read, whereupon the House proceeded to ballot for a Select Committee to try the merits of the Return and Election of George Smith, Esquire, the sitting Member for the Township of Pictou, in the manner prescribed by said Act, when the following names of fifteen Members present, (and not appearing to be under the disqualifications mentioned in said Act, or not being excused at their own request, on account of their being then serving on a previous Election Committee, were drawn, viz: Mr. Crowell, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Taylor, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Budd, Mr. Logan, Mr. Holmes, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Fleming, the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. McNab, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. Crowe; and, thereupon, lists of the fifteen Members, so chosen by lot, were given to the respective Counsel of the Petitioner and the sitting Member, who then withdrew with the Clerk Assistant, in order to reduce the same, pursuant to said Act; and the doors were unlocked.

House proceed to ballot for Pictou Township Election Com.

Names drawn

Ordered, That there be a call of the House to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Call of House ordered for to-morrow

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, resolved, that a Select Committee be appointed to examine, and report on all matters connected with the Post Office Department.

Appointment of Sel. Com. on several subjects—viz:

Ordered, That Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. Ross, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Thorne, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Post Office

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, resolved, that a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed to consider of all matters connected with Agriculture; and to report by Bill or otherwise.

Agriculture

Ordered, That Mr. Dewolf, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Hall, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. McKeagney, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, resolved, that a Select Committee of five Members be appointed to examine and report upon all matters connected with the Trade and Manufactures of the Province.

Trade & Manufactures

*Ordered*, That Mr. McNab, Mr. Marshall, Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Taylor, be a Committee for that purpose.

Education On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed, to whom shall be referred, and who shall examine and report upon all matters connected with Education.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Creighton, Mr. Fairbanks, the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Hall, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. B. Smith, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Fisheries On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that a Select Committee of five Members be appointed to examine into, and report upon all matters connected with the Coast and Deep Sea Fisheries.

*Ordered*, That Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Spearwater, Mr. Clements, and Mr. Crowell, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Navigation Securities On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to examine and report upon all Petitions and other matters connected with Navigation Securities.

*Ordered*, That Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Clements, Mr. McLelan, Mr. E. Young, Mr. Crowell, Mr. Power, and Mr. Martell, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Reduced number of names on Election Committee given in Names of Members struck on Pictou Township Election Com. sworn The Clerk Assistant delivered in to the House the names of the seven Members remaining after the number drawn by ballot this day, in regard to the Election for the Township of Pictou, had been reduced according to Law, by the Counsel for the parties alternately striking off names therefrom; and the names of the said seven Members so delivered in, being read, are as follows, viz: Mr. Crowell, Mr. Taylor, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. Crowe; who thereupon were duly sworn by the Clerk at the Table of the House, "well and truly to try the merits of the Petition referred to them, and true judgment to give according to the evidence," pursuant to the Provisions of the Statute.

Order for meeting of Committee *Ordered*, That the said Select Committee, so formed, do meet on Saturday next, the 17th instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the Committee Room of this House, commonly called the Supreme Court Room, for the purpose of hearing and determining the merits of the Election and Return of George Smith, Esquire, taken this day into consideration.

Pet. referred to-Com. *Ordered*, That the Petition of Martin I. Wilkins, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr. G. Smith, the sitting Member for that Township, be referred to the said Select Committee.

Com. of whole on Speech of Lieut. Gov. &c. On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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Thursday, 15th February, 1844.

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House to proceed to ballot for Sel. Com. on Halifax Township Election

At one of the clock, (being the time appointed for considering the Petition of William Stairs, against the Election and Return of Mr. Andrew M. Uniacke, the sitting Member for the Township of Halifax) the Sergeant at Arms was directed to go to the places adjacent, and require the immediate attendance of the Members on the business of

of the House, who, having returned and reported that he had so done, the House was counted, and all the Members being present, and all other previous measures prescribed by the Act of the General Assembly, made and passed in the second year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, "An Act for regulating the Trials of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in General Assembly," having been taken, and the Counsel for the Petitioners, and the sitting Member, respectively, being in attendance at the Bar of the House, the doors were locked, and the Order of the Day for considering said Petition were read; whereupon the House proceeded to ballot for a Select Committee to try the merits of the Election and return of A. M. Uniacke, Esquire, sitting Member for the Township of Halifax, in the manner prescribed by said Act, when the following names of fifteen Members present, (and not appearing to be under the disqualifications mentioned in said Act, or not being excused at their own request, on account of their being then serving on a previous Election Committee,) were drawn, to wit: Mr. Logan, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Howe, Mr. Ross, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Heckman, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Owen, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Bourneuf, Mr. E. Young, Mr. Spearwater, and Mr. Clements; and lists of the fifteen Members so drawn, having been given to the Counsel for the said Petitioner, and the said sitting Member, respectively, they withdrew with the Clerk Assistant, in order to reduce the same pursuant to said Act; and the doors were then unlocked.

Names drawn

A Petition of Richard J. Forrestall and others, of the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Brenan and read, referring to a Bill brought into the House of Assembly in the last Session, on the subject of Statute Labor on Highways, and disapproving of the details thereof; and praying that little or no alteration be made in the Laws relating to such Statute Labor.

Pet. from County of Sydney relative to Statute Labor

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

A Petition of Edward Farrell and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the settlements near the new line of Road from Guysborough to Antigonishe, in the Counties of Sydney and Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Brenan and read, praying a Bounty in aid of the erection of an Oat Mill and Kiln, on the stream called Deicker River, situate about midway from Guysborough Intervale to St. Andrew's, on the aforesaid new Road.

Pet. for aid to Oat Mill on new Guysborough Road

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

Referred to Com. on Agriculture

A Petition of Joseph Morrill and others, of Westport, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, praying that a Bounty may be granted to encourage the pursuit of the Whale Fishery on the Coasts of Nova-Scotia, Newfoundland, and Labrador.

Pet. for Bounty on Whale Fishery on adjoining Coasts

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

Referred to Com. on Fisheries

A Petition of F. Carter Pike, Surgeon, Health Officer for the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. Fraser and read, praying remuneration for his services in attending upon, and furnishing Medical assistance to certain persons, part of the crew of the Brig Mars, laboring under the Small Pox—said Brig having been anchored about nine miles from Windsor.

Pet. of Dr. Pyke, Health Officer of Hants

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. McLelan, and Mr. Dewolf, to examine, and report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of Clement Hubert, of Arichat, Esquire, was presented by Mr. Martell and read, praying a return of Duties paid by him upon the importation of Foreign Wheaten Flour from Quebec, on which the Duties had been paid in Canada.

Pet. of C. Hubert for return of Duties upon Flour from Quebec

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

Refd. to Com. on Trade.

A Petition of Mary Ann Hatton, and other ladies, inhabitants of the Town of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. Smith and read, praying aid towards the Infant School in that Town.

Pet. of Ladies of Pictou for aid to Infant School

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of George Campbell and others, inhabitants of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. Smith and read, setting forth that there are now residing in the County of Pictou upwards of forty-five families of Indians, who are in very destitute circumstances, and for

Pet. from Pictou relative to Indians

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whom no Crown Lands have been reserved, and who find it difficult to obtain permission to encamp in places suited to their mode of living; and praying that possession may be secured to these Indians of a Lot of Land in such a situation as to enable them to prosecute Agriculture, and permit easy access to the shore for the purpose of fishing, and to the Town of Pictou, which would in some measure alleviate their wretchedness, advance their civilization, and afford the only means of preventing their speedy extinction.

Com. on Statute Labor and Road Money

On motion of Mr. B. Smith, *resolved*, that a Committee of five Members be appointed to take into consideration the subject of Statute Labor on Highways, and the Laws relating to the expenditure of Public Monies on Roads and Bridges, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report by Bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Power, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Martell, and Mr. Marshall, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Pet. reld. to Com.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of Richard J. Forrestall and others, presented this day, be referred to the said Committee.

Com. appointed on Indian Affairs

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration, and report upon all matters connected with Indian Affairs.

Pet. from Pictou reld. to Com.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of George Campbell and others, presented this day, be referred to the said Committee.

List of names of Members struck to serve on Halifax Township Election

The Clerk Assistant delivered in to the House the names of the seven Members remaining, after the number drawn by ballot this day, in regard to the Election for the Township of Halifax, had been reduced according to Law, by the parties alternately striking off names therefrom; and the names of the said seven Members so delivered in, being read, are as followeth, viz: Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Heckman, Mr. Owen, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Bourneuf, Mr. E. Young, and Mr. Spearwater, who, thereupon, were duly sworn by the Clerk at the Table of the House, "well and truly to try the merits of the Petition referred to them, and a true judgment to give, according to the evidence," pursuant to the provisions of the said Act.

Com. sworn

Mr. Wilkins then moved that the following Order be made, and entered upon the Journals of this House,

Order moved for postponing meeting of Com. until Scrutiny returned

*Ordered*, That the Committee sworn to try the merits of the Petition of William Stairs against the return of Andrew Mitchell Uniacke, as one of the Members returned for the Township of Halifax, be instructed by this House not to meet for the purpose of trying and determining the merits of the said Petition, until the proceedings now pending before the Sheriff of the County of Halifax of votes objected to at the Election for the said Township, be returned to this House: which, being seconded,

Amendment for early meeting of Com.

Mr. Howe moved as an amendment of the said proposed Order, that the whole of the words thereof after the words "Township of Halifax," should be left out, and the following words inserted in the place thereof, viz: "do meet on Monday next, the 19th instant, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, in the Committee Room of this House, usually called the Supreme Court Room, for the purpose of hearing and determining the merits of the Election and return of Mr. A. M. Uniacke for said Township, taken this day into consideration:" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-one; against it, twenty-two.

Amendment negatived

For the Amendment—

Mr. Doyle	Mr. Wilson
" DesBarres	" McKeagney
" Fairbanks	" Fleming
" G. R. Young	" Crowell
" Howe	" McLelan
" Huntington,	" Comeau
" Clements	" Logan
" G. Smith	" Crow
" McNab	" Ryder
" Dimock	" Power
" Bourneuf	

Against the Amendment—

Mr. Whitman	Mr. Turnbull
" Taylor	" Fraser
" Owen	" Fulton
" Dickey	" Marshall
" Thorne	" Ross
" Budd	" Freeman
" Hall	Hon. Mr. Dodd
" Devolve	Mr. Heckman
" Holmes	" J. B. Uniacke
" Wilkins	" E. Young
Hon. Attorney General	" Creighton

So it passed in the negative.

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The original motion being then put, was agreed to by the House; and thereupon,  
*Ordered*, That the Committee sworn to try the merits of the Petition of William Stairs against the return of Andrew Mitchell Uniacke, as one of the Members returned for the Township of Halifax, be instructed by this House not to meet for the purpose of trying and determining the merits of the said Petition, until the proceedings now pending before the Sheriff of the County of Halifax, of votes objected to at the Election for the said Township, be returned to this House.

Original motion carried  
 Entry of Order

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

Com. of whole on further consideration of Speech and Answer

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Friday, 16th February, 1844.

Mr. McNab moved that the Order made yesterday for postponing the meeting of the Select Committee on the Halifax Township Election, be rescinded: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-three; against it, twenty-five.

Motion to rescind Order of yesterday for postponing meeting of Election Com. negatived

For the Motion—

Mr. Doyle  
 " G. Smith  
 " Clements  
 " McNab  
 " Howe  
 " Ryder  
 " DesBarres  
 " Huntington  
 " B. Smith  
 " Benjamin  
 " Dimock  
 " Power

Mr. Crowe  
 " Bourneuf  
 " Comeau  
 " Logan  
 " Wilson  
 " Crowl  
 " Spearwater  
 " McKeagney  
 " Martell  
 " Brennan  
 " McLelan

Against the Motion—

Mr. Thorne  
 " Fleming  
 " Creighton  
 " Marshall  
 Hon. Mr. Dodd  
 Mr. Hall  
 " J. B. Uniacke  
 " Fairbanks  
 " Fulton  
 " Turnbull  
 " Owen  
 " Dewolf  
 " E. Young

Mr. Taylor  
 " Holmes  
 " Freeman  
 " Dickey  
 " Wilkins  
 " Whitman  
 " Fraser  
 " Heckman  
 " Budd  
 Hon. Atty. General  
 Mr. Beckwith  
 " Ross

So it passed in the negative.

A Petition of George Garraty, Medical Practitioner, residing near the Town of Liverpool, Queen's County, was presented by Mr. Freeman and read, praying remuneration for Medical services and attendance upon poor and sick Indians.

Pet. for remuneration for Medical attendance on poor Indians

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

Refd. to Transient Pauper Com.

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

Pet. of Overseers of Digby for aid to Transient Paupers

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

Refd. to Transient Pauper Com.

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

Com. of whole on Speech, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,



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

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

Saturday, 17th February, 1844.

Pet. of Alex. Monro  
on Land Surveying

A Petition of Alexander Monro, of Bay de Verte, in the Province of New Brunswick, Land Surveyor, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying a grant of money to enable him to put in circulation a Work that he has composed, and is publishing, on the mensuration, division, and location of Lands.

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

Pet. of Baptists and  
others, of Aylesford,  
in favour of Acadia  
College

A Petition of Obed Parker and others, members of the Baptists of Aylesford, and other inhabitants of King's County, was presented by Mr. Hall and read, praying that the House may withhold its assent from any measure against Denominational Institutions for Education, and grant aid to Acadia College.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

Pet. to shut up old  
Road in Connty of  
Sydney

A Petition of John McDonald, of Malignant Cove, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Brenan and read, praying that Peitioner may be allowed to shut up and occupy an old Road, awarded to him as part compensation in the laying out of a new Road through his Farm, situate at the Gulf Shore.

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

Pet. of J. L. Tremain  
for remunera-  
tion as Collector of  
Customs at Port  
Hood

A Petition of John L. Tremain, of Port Hood, in the County of Inverness, C. B., Esquire, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, stating the insufficiency of Petitioner's remuneration as Collector of Customs at that place, and praying that proper compensation may be made for past services, and a definite and adequate salary attached to that office for the future.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. E. Young, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Order of Day—  
Ballot on Horton  
Election

At one of the clock, (being the time appointed for considering the Petition of William Johnson and others, against the Election and Return of Mr. Benjamin, the sitting Member for the Township of Horton,) the Sergeant at Arms was directed to go to the places adjacent, and require the immediate attendance of the Members on the business of the House, who, having returned, and reported that he had so done, the House was counted, and forty-eight Members being present, (exclusive of Mr. Speaker and Mr. Benjamin, the sitting Member,) and all other previous measures prescribed by the Act of the General Assembly, made and passed in the second year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, "An Act for regulating the Trials of Controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in General Assembly," having been taken, and the Petitioner and his Counsel, and the Counsel for the sitting Member, respectively, being in attendance at the Bar of the House, the doors of the House were locked, and the Order of the Day for considering said Petition was read, whereupon the House proceeded to ballot for a Select Committee to try the merits of the Election and Return of Perez M. Benjamin Esquire, sitting Member for the Township of Horton, in the manner prescribed by said Act, when the following names of fifteen Members present, (not being disqualified under said Act, or not being excused at their own request, on account of their being then serving on a previous Election Committee,) were drawn, viz: Mr. Martell, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Brenan, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McNab, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Clements, Mr. Comeau, and Mr. Logan; and, thereupon, lists of the fifteen Members, so chosen by lot, were given to the respective Counsel of the Petitioners and the sitting Member, who then withdrew with the Clerk Assistant, in order to reduce the same, pursuant to said Act; and the doors were unlocked.

Names drawn

On

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

Com. of whole on  
Speech of Lieut.  
Gov. &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

The Clerk Assistant delivered in to the House the names of the seven Members remaining after the number drawn by ballot this day, in regard to the Election for the Township of Horton, had been reduced according to Law, by the Counsel for the parties alternately striking off names therefrom; and the names of the said seven Members so delivered in, being read, are as follows, viz: Mr. Thorne, Mr. Brenan, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dickey, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. Clements, and Mr. Comeau; who, thereupon, were duly sworn by the Clerk at the Table of the House, "well and truly to try the merits of the Petition referred to them, and a true judgment to give according to the evidence," pursuant to the Provisions of the Statute.

List of names on Hor-  
ton Election Com.  
delivered in

Com. sworn

*Ordered*, That the said Select Committee, so formed, do meet on Tuesday next, the 20th instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the Committee Room of this House, commonly called the Grand Jury Room, for the purpose of hearing and determining the merits of the Election and Return of Perez M. Benjamin, taken this day into consideration.

Order for meeting of  
Committee

*Ordered*, That the Petition of William Johnson and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return of the sitting Member for the Township of Horton, and also the proceedings upon the Scrutiny held before the Sheriff of King's County, and his Assistants, in regard to said Election, returned by the said Sheriff to this House, be referred to the said Select Committee.

Petition and Scrutiny  
referred to Com.

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

House in Com. on  
Speech, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Monday, 19th February, 1844.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Elisha W. B. Moody and others, of Yarmouth, Shipowners, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, praying a return of Light Duties paid upon the Barque "Sovereign," which had only anchored in the open Roadstead near Cape Forchu, on voyages between England and New Brunswick, without entering any Port in this Province.

Pet. for return of  
Light Duties paid  
at Yarmouth

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

Refd. to Com. on Na-  
vigation Securities

A Petition of Jesse Wyman and others, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, stating that said Wyman had been Mail Courier between Yarmouth and Digby for upwards of thirty-one years, but has lately failed to obtain the Contract therefor, he being now old and infirm, and praying that a pension may be granted to him; and thereupon,

Pet. of J. Wyman,  
late Mail Courier  
between Yarmouth  
and Digby for pen-  
sion

Mr.

Motion that Pet. be referred to Post Office Com.

Mr. Huntington moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Affairs: which, being seconded,

Amendment for withdrawal of Pet.

Mr. DesBarres moved that the question be amended, by leaving out all the words thereof after the word "Petition," and in place of the words so left out, inserting the following, "be withdrawn": which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Pet. withdrawn

*Ordered,* That the Petition be withdrawn.

Pet. for establishment of Mail from Amherst to Minudie

A Petition of A. S. Blenkhorn and others, inhabitants of Minudie and adjacent Settlements, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying the establishment of a Mail Route between Amherst and Minudie.

Refd. to Post Office Com.

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

Pet. of Chas. Clarke for Act to release him from prison

A Petition of Charles Clarke, a prisoner confined for debt in the Gaol at Kentville, in King's County, was presented by Mr. Dewolf and read, praying that an Act may be passed to enable him to take the benefit of the Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. Owen, and Mr. A. M. Uniacke, to examine into the merits thereof, and to report by Bill or otherwise.

Pet. from Pugwash for Acadia College

A Petition of Maynard Parker and others, members of the Baptist Church at Pugwash, was presented by Mr. Logan and read, praying that support may be continued to Denominational Institutions of Learning, and that aid may be granted to Acadia College.

Refd. to Education Com.

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

Pet. from Canso for additional sum for Common Schools

A Petition of Abraham Whitman and others, inhabitants of Canso, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying a grant of an additional sum of money for the support of Common Schools in that District.

Refd. to Education Com.

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

Pet. from Guysborough County against endowing Sectarian Colleges

A Petition of David Dobson and others, freeholders and inhabitants of Whitehead and Half Island Cove, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, setting forth their opinion that the system of endowing Sectarian or Denominational Colleges is unsound, and praying that grants may be withheld from Colleges of a Denominational character.

Refd. to Education Com.

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

Pictou Co. Election Com. adjourned over

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Chairman of the Pictou County Election, by direction of the Committee, moved that they have the leave of the House to adjourn over until Saturday next; which, upon the question being put, was agreed to by the House.

Pet. from Wilmot, Co. of Guysboro, for separate Board of School Commissioners

A Petition of Abraham Whitman and others, of the Township of Wilmot, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying that provision may be made for the appointment of School Commissioners for that Township, as a distinct District.

Refd. to Education Com.

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

Pet. from Pilots of Pictou

A Petition of William Powell and others, Pilots, of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying that no Act may be passed to exempt Vessels of eighty tons and upwards, trading Coastwise to Pictou, from taking Pilots at Pictou.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Ryder, and Mr. Martell, to examine, and report upon to this House.

Com. of whole on Speech, &c.

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Tuesday, 20th February, 1844.

## PRAYERS.

A Petition of Edmund Crowell, of the Seal Island, was presented by Mr. Wilson and read, praying a continuance of the aid granted towards maintaining his establishment for the relief of persons who may be shipwrecked at Seal or Mud Islands.

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

Pet. of E. Crowell  
for aid to Seal  
Island Establish-  
ment

Refd. to Com. on  
Nav. Securities

A Petition of Margaret Nickerson, of Beaver Dam, in the County of Shelburne, widow of the late Reuben Nickerson, was presented by Mr. Wilson and read, praying continuance of the aid heretofore granted towards keeping up a House of Entertainment for Travelers, on the Road between Shelburne and Barrington.

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

Pet. of Widow Nick-  
erson for aid to Inn  
on the Shelburne  
Road

A Petition of the Rev. J. A. Stubbert and others, members of the Baptist Church, and others, at Port Medway, in Queen's County; also, a Petition of the Rev. R. B. Dickey and others, members of the Baptist Church, and others, at Liverpool, in the same County, were presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, respectively praying that this House will withhold its assent to any measure inimical to Denominational Colleges, and will grant aid to Acadia College.

Pets. for aid to Acadia  
College

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

A Petition of Thomas Firth, of Liverpool, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, praying a return of Duties paid upon a cask of Brandy, lost at sea on the voyage of the sloop "Lady Hunter" from Halifax to Liverpool.

Pet. for return of  
Duties on Brandy  
lost at sea

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Trade

A Petition of William Bent and others, Overseers of the Poor for the Township of St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in relation to a Transient Pauper, wounded by the bursting of a gun.

Pet. of Overseers of  
Poor, St. Mary's

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

Refd. to Transient  
Pauper Com.

A Petition of Donald Henderson and Alexander Henderson, of Cape John, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying a grant of money to assist them in erecting a Dwelling House in place of one destroyed by fire.

Pet for aid to re-build  
House destroyed  
by fire

On motion of Mr. Fulton, *resolved,* that the Petition be withdrawn.

Withdrawn

A Petition of the Rev. Edward Manning and others, members of the Baptist Church, and others, in Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Beckwith and read, praying that the House withhold its assent from any measures inimical to Denominational Colleges, and grant aid to Acadia College.

Pet. for aid to Acadia  
College

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

A Petition of the Rev. John Stannage, Curate of the Church of St. Paul, at Margaret's Bay, in the Township of Halifax, and of the Vestrymen and others of that Church, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke and read, praying that a Parish may be there established separate and distinct from that of St. Paul, in Halifax, within the limits of which that settlement is now comprised.

Pet. from Margarets  
Bay for establish-  
ment of separate  
Parish there

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to Mr. A. M. Uniacke, with leave to report by Bill.

A Petition of Alexander Kent, President, and Thomas J. Brown, Secretary, of the Colchester Agricultural Society, on behalf of that Society, was presented by Mr. Ross and read, complaining of proceedings of the Central Board of Agriculture in reference to the Society, and the withholding from them of a portion of the Agricultural Grant, and praying that the same may be remedied.

Pet. of Colchester  
Agricultural So-  
ciety

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Agriculture

Com. of whole on  
Speech, &c.

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Wednesday, 21st February, 1844.

PRAYERS.

Horton Election  
Com. adjourn over

Mr. DesBarres, as Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the merits of the contested Election for the Township of Horton, by direction of the Committee, moved that they have the leave of the House to adjourn over until Friday next: which, being seconded and put, was agreed to by the House.

Report from Sel.  
Com. on subject of  
Reporting Debates  
of Assembly

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee on the subject of Reporting the Debates of this House; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Reporting the Debates of this Assembly, have had the same under consideration; and after full investigation into the various modes which have been suggested, have agreed to report as follows:

That it would be advisable to employ one Reporter, upon whom the responsibility should rest—leaving it to his discretion to obtain such assistance as the service requires.

That the Reporter should pledge himself to have in progress, simultaneously, an outline report of each day's Proceedings carefully made up and revised, and a full report of the more interesting and important Debates of the Session.

That he should furnish to each Publisher in Town who requires it, on each of the six days of the week, the preceding day's outline, (Saturday's on Monday morning); and the fuller reports of Debates as rapidly as they could be given—copies of the outline in printed form. The full Debates should be prepared as early as possible, and delivered in manuscript to such of the leading Papers as are desirous of having them, giving preference to the one first prepared to put the matter in type.

The expense of carrying out the above plan, the Committee are of opinion, would not exceed £130, and perhaps less; this sum, with the addition of £40, would cover the whole cost of Reporting for both Branches.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.  
JOHN ROSS.

Report adopted

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Pet. of Overseers of  
Poor, Pictou

A Petition of James Crichton and others, Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. Smith and read, praying reimbursement of the expenses of certain Transient Paupers in that Township.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

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

Adjournment over of  
Pictou Township  
Election

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

House in Com. on  
Speech, &c.

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the

the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Thursday, 22d February, 1844.

PRAYERS.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fraser have leave of absence from this House on Saturday and Monday next, to enable him to return home, on account of sickness in his family.

Leave of absence to Mr. Fraser

A Petition of Alexander Farquharson and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Cape Breton, resident in Middle River; also, a Petition of John Munro and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Cape Breton, were presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, respectively praying the endowing of only one Collegiate Institution.

Pet. from Cape Breton for one Collegiate Institution

A Petition also of A. Munro and others, Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boularderie, in the County of Cape Breton, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, stating the opinion of the Petitioners that the system of endowing Sectarian or Denominational Colleges is unsound, and praying that Grants to such Colleges may be withheld, and the sums granted withdrawn, after the expiration of the present School Act, and applied to the support of Elementary Schools.

Pet. from Cape Breton against Sectarian Colleges

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Benjamin Dewolf, of Windsor, Esquire, was presented by Mr. Fraser and read, praying a return of Duties paid at the Customs of that Port, upon the importation of certain articles, not to be obtained in this country, which were necessary for a Grist Mill erected by Petitioner, and now in operation.

Pet. of B. Dewolf for return of Duties

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

Refd. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of Edward Bulger, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying compensation for damages sustained by him in 1837, by the running of a new Road through his land at St. Peter's, C. B., for which the Commissioner had promised him remuneration, which he has failed to perform.

Pet. for compensation for land taken for a Road in Cape Breton

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Fraser, Mr. B. Smith, and Mr. Ross, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of Loce Denton and others, members of the Baptist Church, and others, in Westport, in the County of Digby, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying the House to withhold its assent from any measure detrimental to Acadia College, and to grant aid to that Institution.

Pet. from Baptists at Westport, in favour of Acadia College

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of William L. Bent, Health Officer at Digby, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying remuneration for services in that capacity rendered on board of a Vessel which arrived from Bermuda, having had the yellow fever amongst her crew.

Pet. from Health Officer at Digby

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Petition of F. Carter Pike, who are also to examine and report upon this Petition.

Refd. to Com. on Petition of Dr. Pyke

A Petition of John Bradbery, of North Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying compensation for the support rendered by him for some time past to a young girl who escaped, when her mother and other children

Pet. of John Bradbery for compensation for care of orphan child

dren were burnt to death in a fire which destroyed their dwelling house—such girl, who then happened to be at his house, having since then been wholly dependent on him.

Refd. to Transient  
Pauper Com.

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

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

A Petition of Duncan McEe, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying aid in keeping up an extensive Ferry between Low Point, Bridgport, and Sydney Mines.

Refd. to Com. on  
Nav. Securities

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

Pet. from Overseers  
of Poor, Granville,  
for expenses of  
Transient Paupers

A Petition of Thomas Wade and others, Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Granville, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying reimbursement of the expenses of a Transient Pauper.

Refd. to Transient  
Pauper Com.

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

House go again into  
Com. of the whole

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

House adjourn until 8  
same day

Then the House adjourned until eight of the clock, p. m., of this day.

House again meet

At eight of the clock the House again met pursuant to adjournment.

House go again into  
Com. of whole

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, and of an Address in answer thereto.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had agreed upon an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at the opening of the Session, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as followeth:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

Address

We the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the people of Nova Scotia, thank your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Provincial Legislature.

It is our duty to give the best attention to such matters of importance as your Excellency may think it proper to bring under our consideration, while engaged in conducting the public business; and your Excellency may be assured we shall ever enter upon the duties

duties which devolve on us with an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the country, and to maintain that harmony between this House and the Representative of our Sovereign, which is so important for the general welfare.

We rejoice with your Excellency to learn, that, during the recess, the domestic happiness of our beloved Sovereign has been augmented by the birth of a Princess.

It is cause of grateful acknowledgement, that a bountiful Providence has vouchsafed a favorable harvest to the Agriculturist, whose prosperity is essential to the welfare of the Province; and has rewarded the labor of our Fishermen, by the successful result of whose toils the energy of Commercial enterprise is promoted.

The injurious effect upon the Provincial Revenue, occasioned by the depression of the times, calls for the exercise of firmness and prudence. Although we trust that the difficulties arising from this cause will prove but temporary in their nature, we agree with your Excellency that it is proper to meet them with a strict and judicious economy.

We are happy that the provision made by the foresight of the Legislature, at its last Session, has afforded your Excellency the means of providing for casualties affecting the Main Roads, arising from the severity of the winter.

Your Excellency may rely upon our disposition, when the Accounts and Estimates have been laid before us, to make provision for the necessary public services, and that in doing so we shall observe the frugality which the circumstances of the country demand.

Her Majesty's permission to submit to us a proposition for the surrender of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown in exchange for a permanent Civil List, we trust may lead to a just and satisfactory arrangement.

We shall give to the terms on which your Excellency may recommend that the exchange should be effected our mature deliberation, with an earnest desire that the adjustment of the questions involved in this important measure may reconcile the duty of securing the efficient performance of highly important public services, with that regard for economy necessary in the financial position of the Province.

The expression of your Excellency's devotedness to the interests and happiness of this Province, is entitled to our grateful acknowledgements.

Believing that a Party Government in Nova Scotia would be inimical to the freedom and happiness of the people, we rejoice in the assurance given us of your Excellency's conviction, that a Government composed of individuals of one political party only would be ill suited to the condition of this country.

It is gratifying to be informed that your Excellency has ever distinctly avowed your earnest desire and intention to administer the affairs of the Province with the advice of a Board at which all interests should be represented, and we receive with gratification and entire confidence the declaration that your Excellency continues to retain this desire and intention.

We concur in the opinion that it is one of the advantages of a Council thus constituted, to bring under the consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor the just claims of all classes; and that a Party Government would expose Her Majesty's Representative, ignorant of local relations as he must often be, to the great danger of being unconsciously made an instrument of partiality and injustice.

The people of Nova Scotia, as your Excellency rightly judges, love their Sovereign, and are sincerely attached to that connexion which unites them with the Parent State, encircles them with its protecting power, and makes them participators in its glory and privileges. They are prepared to oppose whatever would tend to weaken sentiments so endeared and hallowed; and we are assured that your Excellency, persevering in adherence to the principle of resisting any invasion of the Royal Prerogative, and continuing to exercise the powers it confers, justly and impartially, for the benefit of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects, will secure, as your Excellency will merit, their approbation and affection.

It will be our desire and happiness, as their Representatives, to manifest these sentiments as far as it shall be in our power, by rendering a cordial support to your Excellency in carrying out principles so essential to the highest privileges and best interests of our Country.



Motion to amend  
Address

And thereupon, Mr. Huntington moved that the said Address be amended, by leaving out the five concluding paragraphs thereof, beginning with the word "Believing," and from thence to the end thereof, and inserting in place of the words so left out the following viz:

Amendment proposed

Of your Lordship's Administration, during the last four years, the People's Representatives have hitherto, in the exercise of their Constitutional privileges, expressed their approval. The Queen's Representative, we humbly conceive, following the example of the august Sovereign he represents, should not only resist with firmness any invasion of the Prerogative, but wield the high Powers committed to him for the good of the whole People residing within his Government. For the maintenance of his dignity, and the Constitutional exercise of the Prerogative, he may always sincerely rely upon the loyalty and intelligence of this House, faithfully reflecting, as we trust it ever will, the love that the People of Nova Scotia bear to our Gracious Queen, and the attachment which binds them to the Mother Country.

The question of Party Government is one which this House does not feel itself called upon to raise at the present time. The system of Administration graciously conceded by the Imperial Authorities, subjects the Advisers of the Governor to a responsibility to Parliament for the acts and policy of the Government, and makes it incumbent upon him so to select them as to preserve the confidence of this Assembly; and we beg to assure your Excellency, that whenever it shall please your Excellency to surround yourself with a Council truly representing all the great interests of the Country, and enjoying the confidence of this House, you may rely, in the conduct of the Administration, upon our cordial and efficient support:

Division on Amend-  
ment

Which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-four; against it, twenty-six.

For the Amendment—

Mr. Doyle	Mr. Howe
" Ryder	" G. R. Young
" McNab	" Benjamin
" G. Smith	" J. B. Uniacke
" McKeagney	" Logan
" Comeau	" Power
" McLelan	" Wilson
" Clements	" Crowell
" Brennan	" Spearwater
" DesBarres	" Bourneuf
" Turnbull	" Martell
" Huntington	" Dimock

Against the Amendment—

Mr. Thorne	Hon. Atty. General
" Owen	Hon. Mr. Dodd
" Creighton	Mr. Fleming
" Budd	" A. M. Uniacke
" Marshall	" Crowe
" Beckwith	" B. Smith
" Fulton	" Wilkins
" Holmes	" Ross
" Fraser	" Dewolf
" Whitman	" Heckman
" Taylor	" E. Young
" Freeman	" Fairbanks
" Hall	" Dickey

Amendment nega-  
tived  
Question on Address

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put, that the Address, as reported from the Committee, be agreed to by the House, and do pass: the House divided thereon, when there appeared, for agreeing to and passing the Address, twenty-six; against it, twenty-four.

For passing the Address—

Mr. Thorne	Hon. Atty. General
" Owen	Hon. Mr. Dodd
" Creighton	Mr. Fleming
" Budd	" A. M. Uniacke
" Marshall	" Crowe
" Beckwith	" B. Smith
" Fulton	" Wilkins
" Holmes	" Ross
" Fraser	" Dewolf
" Whitman	" Heckman
" Taylor	" E. Young
" Freeman	" Fairbanks
" Hall	" Dickey

Against it—

Mr. Doyle	Mr. Howe
" Ryder	" G. R. Young
" McNab	" Benjamin
" G. Smith	" J. B. Uniacke
" McKeagney	" Logan
" Comeau	" Power
" McLelan	" Wilson
" Clements	" Crowell
" Brennan	" Spearwater
" DesBarres	" Bourneuf
" Turnbull	" Martell
" Huntington	" Dimock

Address passed

So it passed in the affirmative:

Ordered,

*Ordered*, That the Address be engrossed.

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

To be presented by  
whole House

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

Friday, 23d February, 1844.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, informed the House that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint to-morrow, at three o'clock, at Government House, to receive the House with the Address, in answer to the Speech at the opening of the Session.

Gov. appoints to-  
morrow to receive  
Address

A Petition of A. Torrey and others, was presented by Mr. Fraser and read, praying that the system of granting General Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors may be extended to the Town of Windsor.

Pet. to extend Gene-  
ral License Law to  
Windsor

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

A Petition of Overseers of the Poor for the Town of New Glasgow, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of a Transient Pauper.

Pet. of Overseers of  
Poor, of New Glas-  
gow

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

Refd. to Transient  
Pauper Com.

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

Saturday, 24th February, 1844.

PRAYERS.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Huntington and Mr. Howe be added to the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

Addition to Com. on  
Trade

*Ordered*, That Mr. G. R. Young and Mr. Dickey be added to the Committee on Education.

Addition to Com. on  
Education

A Petition of John George Bingay, of Yarmouth, Printer, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, praying a return of Duties paid by him upon the importation of a Printing Press and Apparatus.

Pet. of J. G. Bingay  
for return of Duty  
on Printing Press

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Trade

A Petition of David Malcom and others, Freeholders in the Township of Hawkesbury, in the County of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, praying that no division of that County, or any other, may take place.

Pet. against division  
of Counties

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

A Petition of Ebenezer Annan, M. D. and Surgeon, of Liverpool, in Queen's County, was presented by Mr. Freeman and read, praying compensation for Medical attendance and Medicines, furnished by him to poor Indians.

Pet. of Dr. Annan  
for expense of Me-  
dical aid to poor  
Indians

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

Refd. to Transient  
Pauper Com.

A Petition of H. G. Pineo and others, Inhabitants of Pugwash, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying aid to a Ferry across Pugwash Harbor.

Pet. for aid to Pug-  
wash Ferry

A Petition of Peter Mason and others, of Margaret's Bay, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying aid to said Peter Mason in keeping up a Ferry at the head of the Bay.

Pet. for aid to Ferry  
at Margaret's Bay

A Petition of John Copeland and others, was presented by Mr. Ross and read, praying aid to build a Horse Boat for the Truro Ferry, at Beach Rock, Shubenacadie.

Pet. for aid to Truro  
Ferry

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

Ferry Petitions refd.  
to Com. on Nav.  
Sec.

Pet. for aid to Public House on Road from St Mary's to Guysboro'

A Petition of Charles Archibald and others, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying aid to enable Patrick Hurley to maintain a House of Entertainment for Travellers, on the Road through the wilderness, between St. Mary's and Guysborough.

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

Pet. for aid to Acadia College

A Petition of Henry Eagles and others, members of the Baptist Church in Kempt, and other Inhabitants; also, a Petition of George Dimock, member of the Baptist Church in Newport, and other Inhabitants, were presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying that the assent of the House may be withheld from any measure detrimental to Denominational Colleges, and that a grant may be made in aid of Acadia College.

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

Pet. for reduction of Light and Pilotage dues on Steamers

A Petition of James Whitney, of Saint John, N. B., was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying the exemption from, or reduction of, certain Light and Pilotage dues demanded upon Steamers owned by him, and plying between Halifax and other Ports.

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

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Securities

Pet. for Bounty on Oat Mill in St. Mary's

A Petition of John Hattie, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying aid towards the completion of an Oat Mill and Kiln, at New Caledonia, in the District of Saint Mary's.

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

Refd. to Com. on Agriculture

Pet. of Messrs Pryor's for remission of Duties

A Petition of William Pryor and Sons, of Halifax, Merchants, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying the remission of an excess of Provincial Duties secured upon Raw Sugars, imported from England.

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

Refd. to Com. on Trade

Pet. of Mr. Ross for investigation of his claims on Post Office

A Petition of John Ross, Esquire, one of the Members of this House, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, praying that an investigation may be instituted, and relief afforded, in regard to certain claims of Petitioner, in connection with the Post Office Department.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Fairbanks, to examine the merits of the claims of Petitioner, and to report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Pet. for alteration of Light Duties

A Petition of Thomas Killam and others, Shipowners and Merchants of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Clements and read, praying an alteration of the Laws relating to the Duties for the support of Light Houses.

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

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Securities

Pet. relative to Shad Fishery, Bay of Fundy

A Petition of William A. Tupper and others, Inhabitants of King's County, was presented by Mr. Hall and read, praying that an Act may be passed to prevent the destruction of the Shad Fishery, at the head of the Bay of Fundy, and in the Basin of Mines, by the use of drift nets, and the throwing of fish offal into the sea.

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

Refd. to Com. on Fisheries

Pet. for Light House, Grand Passage

A Petition of Elisha Payson and others, Inhabitants of Briar's and Long Islands, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying the erection of a Light House at the Southern entrance of the Grand Passage.

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

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

Pet. relative to Pictou Pilotage

A Petition of C. Hubert and others, Merchants and Ship owners, of Arichat, and the adjacent Ports, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, complaining of the high rate of Pilotage at the Port of Pictou, and praying relief.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Select Committee on the Petition of the Pilots of Pictou, to examine and report upon this Petition by Bill or otherwise.

Refd. to Sel. Com. on Pilots Pet.

Pet. from Wilmot, at Canso, for Representation

A Petition of Abraham Whitman and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Wilmot, at Canso, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying that measures may be taken to enable them to elect a Member to Represent said Township in General Assembly, pursuant to the Provincial Statute, 5, Geo. 3. Cap. 10.

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

At

At three of the clock, pursuant to order, Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, at Government House, with their Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency, at the opening of the Session.

House attend Gov.  
with Address

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency was pleased to give this answer to the Address of the House:

Answer to Address

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

I thank you for your Address.

I am gratified to learn that you have, after the most mature consideration, arrived at the same conclusion as myself, on a subject of such deep importance to the Country, as that of Party Government; and I feel assured that the result of your deliberations on the various matters which will be brought before you during the Session, on which we have now entered, will be as beneficial to the Country, and as satisfactory to myself, as your cordial concurrence with me in opinion is on this occasion.

A Petition of Francis Paul, the Chief of the Micmac Tribe of Indians of Nova Scotia, was presented by Mr. B. Smith and read, praying that provision may be made to enable the Petitioner to make a voyage to England, to present himself to our gracious Sovereign the Queen, to obtain assistance and consideration on behalf of himself and the Tribe, and that the House would grant him a letter or other document, addressed to Her Majesty, commendatory of his objects, and of those he represents.

Pet. of Chief of  
Micmac Tribe

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Refl. to Com. on  
Indian Affairs

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

**Monday, 26th February, 1844.**

Mr. Hall reported from the Committee on the expiring Laws, and thereupon presented thirty-six Bills—viz:

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| A Bill to continue the Act to encourage the Seal Fisheries of this Province.  | Seal Fisheries                 |
| A Bill to continue the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal.  | Flour and Meal In-<br>spection |
| A Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.   | Chedabucto Bay<br>Fisheries    |
| A Bill to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates for the new or Wickwire Dike in Horton.   | Wickwire Dike Rates            |
| A Bill to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act.    | Egerton Poores' Rates          |
| A Bill to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, as amended.  | Pictou Poores' Rates           |
| A Bill to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pugwash.  | Pugwash Harbor                 |
| A Bill to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.  | Pickled Fish Inspe-<br>tion    |
| A Bill to continue the Act relating to the Halifax Assessments, and further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.                            | Halifax Assessments,<br>&c.    |
| A Bill to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor.                           | Egerton Poores' Dis-<br>trict  |
| A Bill to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses.   | Light Houses                   |
| A Bill to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.                                     | Dartmouth Assize of<br>Bread   |
| A Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.   | Commrs. of Sewers              |
| A Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.   | Highways                       |
| A Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same. | Town Officers                  |

Summary Trials	A Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.
N. S. Bank Incorporation	A Bill to continue the Act to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of Nova Scotia.
Marriage Licenses	A Bill to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses.
Timber and Lumber	A Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber.
Juries	A Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof.
Sable Island	A Bill to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.
Poor	A Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.
Sale of Coals	A Bill to continue the Act to authorise the sale of Coals by weight.
Sydney Pilotage	A Bill to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton.
Beef Weighing	A Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
Bridgeport Harbor Master	A Bill to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton.
Assize of Bread	A Bill to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.
Road Expenditure	A Bill to continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
Hx. Pilotage	A Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and the several Acts in amendment thereof, and additional thereto.
Militia	A Bill to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia.
Nuisances	A Bill to continue the Act additional, concerning Nuisances.
Richmond Fisheries	A Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.
Hx. Cord-wood Forestalling	A Bill to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Regrating, and Monopolizing of Cord-wood, in the Town of Halifax.
Cy. and District Rates	A Bill to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
Billeting	A Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the Accommodation and Billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.
Prisoners' Counsel	A Bill to continue the Act for enabling persons indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel.
Continuing Bills read 1st time, and ord. to be read a 2d time	And the said Bills were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
Read 2d time	<i>Ordered, nem. con.,</i> That the said several Bills be now read a second time.
Committed	And the same were read a second time accordingly. <i>Ordered,</i> That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Pet. of G. Mitchell for over-expenditure on New Glasgow Bridge	A Petition of George Mitchell, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying reimbursment of a sum of money over-expended by him in extra work and materials done and provided in building a Bridge at New Glasgow, over the East River of Pictou, under Contract; and of expenses incident thereto.
Refd. to Sel. Com.	<i>Ordered,</i> That the Petition be referred to Mr. Logan, Mr. Clements, and Mr. Fraser, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon to this House, with power to send for persons and papers.
Pet. of City Council of Halifax for alteration of Laws	A Petition of the City Council, for and in behalf of the City of Halifax, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying certain alterations and amendments in the Laws relating to the Incorporation and powers of the City and City Council, in regard to Assessments, and otherwise.
Refd. to Sel. Com.	<i>Ordered,</i> That the Petition be referred to Mr. Owen, Mr. B. Smith, and Mr. Creighton, to examine the same, and report by Bill or otherwise. Mr.

Mr. B. Smith reported from the Select Committee on the subject of Franking Letters through the Post Office by Members of the Legislature; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

Report from Sel.  
Com. on Franking  
Letters of Mem-  
bers of Legislature

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Franking Letters through the Post Office by the Legislature, having given full enquiry and consideration to the subject referred to them, beg leave to report as follows:

That in reviewing the votes for this service, they find with regret that they have been gradually on the increase, until it has swelled to a sum which becomes a heavy charge on the finances of the Province, and requires the action of this House to reduce it to a smaller sum, if it can be done with a just regard to the protection of this House, and the rights of the Constituency. The following is a list of the votes since 1834:

In 1835	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£279	0	0
1836	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	284	15	0
1837	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	321	0	0
1838	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	288	13	9
1839	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	356	9	7½
1840	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	435	18	0
1841	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	474	5	6
1842	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	550	0	0
1843	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	565	4	8

The Committee are aware, that upon a Report being made upon this subject by a Committee of this Hon. House, in 1837, that a pledge was given by Members of this House, that no one would frank a greater number of letters than four per week, to and from their Constituents, or in all, eight letters per week, this practice has been since abandoned, and the privilege has been used to an indefinite extent, and this Committee fear, for other than public purposes. While the House enjoy this right without any settled limits, the Committee are aware that it is difficult, if not impossible, to meet the numerous applications made to them; and with a view of introducing economy, and of preventing applications being made to Members for an accommodation or favours, which is in fact an infringement on the rights of the public, the Committee are disposed to recommend a new system for the present year.

They recommend, therefore, in the first place, that the Deputy Post Master General be requested to keep for this Session a current account of the Postage charged of the Members for the different Counties, so that the House may have some guide for introducing a settled and permanent system for the future.

Second—They recommend that each Member pay the Postage upon all letters received through the Post Office, and that the practice of sending out letters at the public charge, except so far as hereinafter provided, be discontinued, but that provision be made by the House, to such an extent as will defray the expense of allowing each Member representing any part of the Constituency of a County, having a population of 15,000, or under, to send out five letters, and of receiving an equal number, in all ten letters per week, single rates; and any Member from a County having a population of 15 to 20,000, twelve letters per week, and any Member from a County having a population of 20,000, or upwards, sixteen letters per week; and that if the Postage of any Member shall exceed this allowance, he shall meet the access out of his private funds.

Third—That the Postage on all Petitions sent by Post, to be presented to this Honorable House, shall be paid out of the public funds, in addition to the allowance above given, the same to be handed to the Clerk at the Table, and a separate account for each County be kept by him.

The Committee submit the above as the best plan they can devise for the present, but trust that, before long, the introduction of an uniform rate of Postage will enable this House to adopt the English practice, and to remove the privilege altogether. They know that it is scarcely possible to retain this privilege solely for public purposes, but while

satisfied

satisfied that the present plan would effect a considerable saving, they appeal to the honor of this House, and the good sense of the Constituency, to keep this privilege within the moderate limits now required by the diminished state of the public Revenue.

The Committee also, and lastly recommend, that the same system be extended to the Honorable Members of the Legislative Council. All which is respectfully submitted.

February 24th, 1844.

BENJ. SMITH, Chairman.  
GEO. R. YOUNG,  
JOHN C. HALL.

Halifax—4 Members, single letter, 4½d. 16 postages per week, each, population above 20,000,	£1 4 0
Hants—5 Members, single letter, 4½d., 10 postages per week, each,	0 18 9
King's—4 Members, single letter, 7d., 10 postages per week, each,	1 3 6
Annapolis—3 Members, single letter, 9d., 10 postages per week, each,	1 2 6
Digby—3 Members, single letter, 9d., 10 postages per week, each,	1 2 6
Yarmouth—3 Members, single letter, 11½d., 10 postages per week, each,	1 8 9
Shelburne—3 Members, single letter, 9d., 10 postages per week, each,	1 2 6
Queen's—3 Members, single letter, 9d., 10 postages per week, each,	1 2 6
Lunenburg—3 Members, single letter 9d., 10 postages per week, each,	1 2 6
Colchester—4 Members, single letter, 4½d. 10 postages per week, each,	0 15 0
Cumberland—3 Members, single letter, 9d., 10 postages per week, each,	1 2 6
Pictou—3 Members, single letter, 7d., 16 postages per week, each, population above 20,000,	1 7 0
Sydney—2 Members, single letter, 9d., 10 postages per week, each,	0 15 0
Guysborough—2 Members, single letter, 9d., 10 postages per week, each,	0 15 0
Cape Breton—2 Members, single letter, 11½d., 12 postages per week, each, population above 15,000,	1 2 0
Inverness—2 Members, single letter, 11½d., 10 postages per week, each,	0 19 2
Richmond—2 Members, single letter, 11½d., 10 postages per week, each,	0 19 2

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Hon. and Reverend Bishop,	}	8 Members, Halifax, single letter, 4½d. 10 postages per week, each,	1 10 0
Hon. S. B. Robie,			
Hon. P. McNab,			
Hon. N. F. Uniacke,			
Hon. W. Lawson,			
Hon. A. Stewart,			
Hon. M. Tobin,			
Hon. H. Bell,			
Hon. A. Campbell, Tatmagouche, single letter 4½d., 10 postages per week,		0 3 9	
Hon. D. McFarlane, Wallace, single letter, 9d. 10 postages per week,		0 7 6	
Hon. Jno. Morton, Cornwallis, single letter, 7d., 10 postages per week,		0 5 10	
Hon. R. M. Cutler, Guysboro', single letter, 9d., 10 postages per week,		0 7 6	
Hon. Stayley Brown, Yarmouth, single letter, 11½d., 10 postages per week,		0 9 7	
Hon. E. Kenney, Halifax, single letter, 4½d., 10 postages per week,		0 3 9	
Hon. M. B. Almon, Halifax, single letter, 4½d. 10 postoges per week,		0 3 9	

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

A Petition of Irad Hart and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of Cheticamp and Margaree, in the County of Inverness, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying aid towards opening a line of Road from the North side of the Big Pond of Cheticamp to the Brook of Widow Matheson, on the North-east branch of Margaree, in addition to private subscriptions for that purpose.

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

Pet. for opening new line of Road between Cheticamp and Margaree

A Petition of Maurice F. Nash, of River John, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying a bounty upon the invention of an improved Machine for threshing Grain, or that the privilege of constructing such Machines may be secured to Petitioner for some length of time.

Pet. for bounty on Threshing Machine

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

Refd. to Com. on Agriculture

Then the House adjourned until this day, at four of the clock.

Adjournment to same day

The House again met, pursuant to adjournment.

House meet

Mr. Creighton reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Charles Clarke, and, thereupon, presented a Bill for the relief of Charles Clarke, an Insolvent Debtor—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill for relief of Chas. Clarke

Read 1st time, &c.

A Petition of James Carmichael and others, Inhabitants on the Gulf Shore, in the County of Sydney, and the Townships of Maxwellton, Egerton, and Pictou, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying aid for the alteration of a line of Post Road from New Glasgow to Merigomishe; and a Petition of Robert N. Henry and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of Antigonishe, and the adjacent Settlements, in the County of Sydney, was also presented by Mr. Brenan and read, praying aid towards opening a new line of Road from Antigonishe to the new line of Road sought for by the foregoing Petition.

Pet. for new line of Post Road, from New Glasgow to Merigomishe

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

A Petition of Jermain Douset and others, Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Clare, was presented by Mr. Comeau and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of a Transient Pauper.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor for Clare

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

Refd. to Transient Pauper Com.

A Petition of Isaac Robicheau and others, of Mitighan Cove; a Petition of Mark Beliveau and others, of Whale Cove, and its vicinity; and a Petition of Anselm I. Comeau and others, of Mitighan River, and its vicinity, all in the Township of Clare, and County of Digby, were presented by Mr. Comeau and read, respectively praying aid towards building an addition to the Breakwater at Whale Cove, on the River Mitighan, in furtherance of subscriptions by the Inhabitants.

Pet. for aid to Breakwater at Mitighan

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

Refd. to Com. on Breakwaters

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House an Account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all monies received into, and payments made from, the Provincial Treasury, between the 1st January, and the 31st December, 1843—and the same was read.

Account Current of Province for 1843

(See Appendix, No. 1.)

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

Refd. to Com. on Public Accounts

On motion of Mr. Heckman, *resolved,* that James F. Gray, Esquire, late Clerk Assistant of this House, in regard of his long and faithful services in that office, be entitled to have a seat in the body of the House, near the Clerk's Table, whenever he shall please to attend upon the House.

James F. Gray, Esq., late Clerk Assist. to have seat in body of House

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

Tuesday, 27th February, 1844.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented an Estimate of the expense of the Civil Government, for the year 1844—and the same was read.

Estimate of expense Civil Government presented



(See Appendix, No. 2.)

*Ordered*, That the Estimate do lie on the Table.Supply granted  
Order of Day—  
to consider SupplyOn motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.  
*Ordered*, That this House do, on Wednesday, the 6th March next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.Estimate refd. to  
Com. of Supply*Ordered*, That the Estimate of the expense of the Civil Government, for the present year, be referred to the Committee of Supply.Pet. from Noel against  
Sectarian Colleges

A Petition of a Committee in behalf of a Meeting held in Noel, for the purpose of considering the subject of Education, was presented by Mr. Howe and read, praying that one College may be established, and the grants to Sectarian Colleges be withheld, and applied to the support of Common Schools.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.Refd. to Com. on  
EducationPet. for Bounty on  
Grist Mill at Ca-  
ledonia

A Petition of Lauchlin McQuarry and others, was presented by Mr. Howe and read, praying that a Bounty may be granted to John Hattie, on the erection of a Grist Mill at Caledonia, in the County of Halifax.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.Refd. to Com. on  
AgriculturePet. from Co. Sydney  
relating to Statute  
Labor Laws

A Petition of William B. McLeod and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Brenan and read, praying that the Laws respecting Statute Labor on Highways may not be altered, as proposed last Session, or that if they should be altered, that the County of Sydney may be excepted.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Statute Labor Laws.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Pet. from Horton  
against Sectarian  
Colleges

A Petition of Charles H. Brown and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of Lower Horton, in King's County, was presented by Mr. Benjamin and read, praying that Grants may be withheld from Colleges of a Denominational character, and applied to the support of Grammar and Common Schools.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.Refd. to Com. on  
EducationPet. for Bounty on  
Oat Mill

A Petition of John Schureman, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, stating the loss of his Oat Mill and Kiln by fire, and praying a Grant to aid him in re-building others in place thereof.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.Refd. to Com. on  
AgriculturePet. for aid to run  
covered Coach with  
Mail from Amherst  
to Parrsboro'

A Petition of Dow D. Roop, of Parrsborough, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying aid towards the running of a two horse covered Coach, with the Mail and Passengers, between Parrsborough and Amherst.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Post Office Committee.Refd. to Post Office  
Com.Pets. from Cape Bre-  
ton against Secta-  
rian Colleges

A Petition of William Cruickshank and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Gut of Canso, part of the Counties of Richmond and Inverness, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying that Grants may be withheld from Sectarian Colleges, and applied to the support of Common Schools. A Petition of Thomas Ethridge and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of Margaree, in the County of Inverness, was also presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying to the same effect as the last mentioned Petition.

*Ordered*, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.Refd. to Com. on  
EducationPet. for Bounty on  
Grist Mill at Broad  
Cove

A Petition of John McLellan, of Broad Cove Intervale, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying aid in the erection of a Grist and Shelling Mill, Kiln, and Apparatus.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.Refd. to Com. on  
AgriculturePet. for Bounty on  
Grist Mill, in Co.  
of Inverness

A Petition of Alexander Chisholm, of Long Point, County of Inverness, Farmer, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying a Bounty upon the erection of a Grist Mill at that place.

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

A Petition of C. Hubert and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of Arichat, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying that measures may be adopted for the suppression of Illicit Trade at that place.

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

Pet. for suppression of Illicit Trade at Arichat

Refd. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of Russell Coldwell, of Horton, was presented by Mr. Hall and read, praying that an Act may be passed to divorce him from his wife, on account of adultery committed by her; and thereupon,

Mr. Hall moved that the Petition be referred to a Select Committee: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be withdrawn.

Pet. of Russell Coldwell for Divorce

Sel. Com. negatived

Pet. withdrawn

A Petition of James Fullerton and others, of the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Benjamin and read, praying aid towards the running of a Packet Schooner between Parrsborough, Windsor, and Horton.

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

Pet. for aid to Packet between Parrsboro', Horton, & Windsor

A Petition of Henry Taylor and others, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying an alteration in the mode of transmission of the Mails between the Gut of Canso and Margaree.

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

Pet. for change of mode of carrying Mail from Gut of Canso to Margaree

Refd. to Com. on Post Office

A Petition of Henry Taylor and others, of Margaree, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying a continuance of the Act for the encouragement of the Seal Fisheries.

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

Pet. from Margaree for continuance of Seal Fishery Act

Refd. to Com. on Fisheries

A Petition of John McLean and others, of the County of Inverness, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying relief for a large number of Emigrants, who had arrived and settled in that County.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to the Hon. Mr. Dodd, Mr. McKeagney, and Mr. Dimock, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon.

Pet. from Inverness for relief of Emigrants

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of John Fisher and others, of Horton, was presented by Mr. Dewolf and read, praying aid in the erection of a Wharf or Pier, at Blue Beach, on the Windsor River, for the accommodation of a Steam Boat plying between St. John, N. B., and Windsor.

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

Pet. for aid to Breakwater at Horton

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Securities

A Petition of Abraham Gesner, was presented by Mr. Dewolf and read, praying that certain measures may be adopted for opening up the resources of the Province, in relation to Mines and Minerals; and thereupon,

Mr. Dewolf moved that the Petition be referred to a Select Committee: which, being seconded,

Mr. Huntington moved by way of amendment to the question, that the Petition do lie on the Table: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The original motion being then put, passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to the Hon. Mr. Dodd, Mr. Ross, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. G. R. Young, to examine and report thereon, with power to send for persons and papers.

Pet. of A. Gesner in relation to Mines and Minerals

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of Nathan Taylor and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of Falmouth, in the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying that Grants may be withheld from Colleges of a Denominational character, and applied to the support of Elementary Schools.

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

Pet. from Falmouth against Sectarian Colleges

Refd. to Education Com.

A Petition of Alexander Cumming and others, was presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying that an Act may be passed for making regulations as to the gathering of Sea Manure, at Cole Harbor, and adjacent Settlements.

Pet. for regulation as to Sea Manure on Eastern Sea-board, Halifax Co.

*Ordered,*

- Refd. to Sel. Com.** *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Doyle, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Fairbanks, to examine and report thereon, by Bill or otherwise.
- Pet. for aid to Public House on new Guysboro' Road** A Petition of Henry Wier and others, was presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying aid to encourage one Moses Langly to open a House of Entertainment for Travellers, on the new Road from the Upper Settlement of Musquodoboit, to the St. Mary's Settlement.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.
- Pet. for aid to clear out Liverpool River** A Petition of Whitman Freeman and others, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, praying aid towards removing obstructions from, and clearing out the Liverpool River, above the Liverpool Falls, to enable them more easily to transmit Logs and Timber down the River.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.
- Pet. for aid to G. Eastwood's Manufactory** A Petition of George Eastwood, was presented by Mr. Dewolf and read, praying aid towards his Manufactory of Blankets, &c., at Sackville Bridge, in the County of Halifax.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.
- Refd. to Com. on Manufactures**
- Copies of Despatches, &c. presented on following subjects:** The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House Copies of Despatches, and other Papers, which were read, and are as followeth :
- Custom Houses** No. 1. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 10th March, 1843, No. 109, in reply to the Address of the House of Assembly, praying for the appointment of Custom House Officers at Antigonishe and Douglas.  
*(See Appendix, No. 3.)*
- Death of Duke of Sussex** No. 2. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 24th April, 1843, and marked Circular, announcing the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex.  
*(See Appendix, No. 4.)*
- Birth of Princess** No. 3. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 26th April, 1843, and marked Circular, announcing the birth of a Princess.  
*(See Appendix, No. 5.)*
- Payments for reports of decisions of Privy Council** No. 4. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 12th June, 1843, and marked Circular, instructing the Lieutenant-Governor to obtain from the Colonial Revenue, and remit to the Colonial Office £9 9s. Sterling, the price of six copies (which accompanied the Despatch) of Reports of Cases heard before the Privy Council.  
*(See Appendix, No. 6.)*
- Discriminating Duties** No. 5. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 28th June, 1843, and marked Circular, relative to the imposition, by Colonial Legislatures, of discriminating Duties of Impost for the protection of British or Colonial Duties.  
*(See Appendix, No. 7.)*
- Acts of Assembly** No. 6. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 18th July, 1843, No. 125, with an Order in Council approving sixty-five Acts, and remarks on three other Acts.  
*(See Appendix, No. 8.)*
- Differential Duties** No. 7. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 24th August, 1843, respecting the necessity of amending the Colonial Revenue Act, imposing differential Duties beyond those which the Imperial Parliament has enacted.  
*(See Appendix, No. 9.)*
- Crown Lands** No. 8. Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 24th August, 1843, No. 130, commenting on the Act of the Legislature, and regulations of the Governor and Council, relative to the disposal of Crown Lands.  
*(See Appendix, No. 10.)*

No. 9. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 1st September, 1843, and marked Circular, enclosing an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 23d August, exempting from Duty specimens illustrative of Natural History, on their importation into Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

Natural History

(See Appendix, No. 11.)

No. 10. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 2d October, 1843, and marked Circular, requiring to be supplied with all such information as may facilitate the consideration, by Her Majesty's Government, of the Tariff of those Colonies in which modifications of the Impost Duties, imposed by the Imperial Act of 1842, have been already made, or are taking place.

Impost Duties

(See Appendix, No. 12.)

No. 11. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 20th November, 1843, in answer to Viscount Falkland's Despatch, No. 160, of the 2d May, inclosing Copies of two Reports of a Committee of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia on Post Office Affairs, together with a series of Resolutions on the same subject, passed by the House during its last Session.

Post Office

(See Appendix, No. 13.)

No. 12. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 4th November, 1843, No. 142, in reference to the Act to continue and amend the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses, passed in the last Session of the Legislature, stating the grounds upon which Her Majesty's decision thereon has been suspended.

Light House Duties

(See Appendix, No. 14.)

No. 13. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 15th July, 1843, confirming the Qualification Act.

Qualification Act

No. 14. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 15th July, 1843, confirming sixty-five Acts.

Orders in Council confirming Acts

No. 15. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 23d August, 1843, confirming four Acts.

No. 16. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 23d August, 1843, confirming two Acts.

No. 17. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 23d August, 1843, confirming five Acts.

No. 18. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 23d August, 1843, confirming the Crown Lands Act.

No. 19. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 2d October, 1843, confirming the Act for repealing an Act for settling Titles in the Miré Grant.

(See Appendix, No. 15.)

*Ordered*, That the Copies of Despatches, and other Papers, do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a Petition of Edward J. Ross and others, of the Counties of Lunenburg and King's, praying aid towards improving the Road from Kentville, in King's County, to Chester, by way of Sherbrooke, recommended by His Excellency to the consideration of the House.

Pet. for Sherbrooke Road

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

Two Petitions, of Maurice Kavanagh and others, and of Edward Bulger and others, were presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying an alteration of the Law for Polling at Elections, in the County of Richmond.

Pet. for alteration of Election Law as to Polls in Co. of Richmond

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. McKeagney, with leave to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Pet. from Pictou for  
Duty on Foreign  
Tobacco

A Petition of George S. Corbet, of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. Smith and read, praying that a Duty may be imposed on Foreign Manufactured Tobacco, to afford a protection to the industry of the Province, in that branch of Domestic Manufacture.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Trade

Pet. of D. McNab,  
late Dy. Surveyor  
of Lands, Cape  
Breton

A Petition of Dugald B. McNab, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, complaining of his having been dismissed from the office of Deputy Surveyor of Lands, and praying enquiry and relief.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Brennan, to examine and report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Pet. for aid to Break-  
water at Margaree

A Petition of Henry Taylor and others, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying aid to the Breakwater at Margaree.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Nav. Sec.

Pet. from C. E. Leonard,  
Collector at  
Sydney

A Petition of Charles Edward Leonard, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying a return to Petitioner of certain Duties paid by him as Collector of Duties, into the Provincial Treasury, upon a quantity of Geneva seized by him, and for which amount he has been surcharged.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Trade

Bill presented for  
Registry of Crown  
Bonds

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the Registry of Crown Bonds, and Warrants of Attorney: and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pets. from Cape Bre-  
ton against Secta-  
rian Colleges

Two Petitions of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boularderie, in the County of Cape Breton, and of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, were presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke and read, against the endowing of Sectarian Colleges, and praying aid in support of Elementary Schools.

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

Refd. to Education  
Com.

Pet. of Courier of  
Mails, C. B.

A Petition of John Campbell, of Boysdale, in the County of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke and read, praying payment of a sum claimed by him as a Courier in the Post Office Department.

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

Refd. to Post Office  
Com.

Pet. of Mrs M'Yntyre  
for aid to Public  
House, C. B.

A Petition of Widow Ann McYntre, of Boysdale, in the County of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke and read, praying aid to an Establishment for Entertainment of Travellers, between Grand Narrows and North Sydney Bar.

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

Pet. for aid to Steam  
Boat, at Sydney,  
C. B.

A Petition of John Woodill, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke and read, praying aid towards establishing a Steam Boat to run between the Town of Sydney, C. B., and the North Bar, in junction with the proposed Steam Communication between Halifax and Newfoundland.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Nav. Securities

Pet. for Incorporation  
of Society of Nova  
Scotia Barristers

A Petition of the Society of Nova Scotia Barristers, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke and read, praying an Act of Incorporation of said Society.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to Mr. J. B. Uniacke, with leave to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the prayer thereof.

Leave to bring in  
Bill

Pet. of Thos. Cooke,  
for return of head  
money

A Petition of Thomas Cooke, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke and read, praying some return of head money paid by him on Emigrant Passengers.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Trade

Pet. for aid to Ferry  
at Fraser's Point,  
Pictou

A Petition of George Campbell and others, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying aid to the Public Landing or Ferry Wharf at Fraser's Point, opposite the Town of Pictou.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Nav. Securities

A Petition of George H. Strople and others, of the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying the enactment of further Laws respecting Cattle and other animals going at large, and of Trespasses thereby.

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

Pet. for enactments as to Stray Animals

A Petition of Charles B. Cunningham and others, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying that the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen may be extended to Chedabucto Bay.

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

Pet. for extension of Act to protect Fishermen's Nets to Chedabucto Bay

A Petition of Abner Atwater and others, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying that the Laws for the recovery of Poores' Rates may be assimilated to those for the recovery of County Rates.

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

Pet. relative to Laws relative to recovery of Poor Rates

A Petition of Edward Carritt, of Guysborough, Surgeon, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying remuneration for Medical attendance upon, and Medicines furnished to, an Indian woman, who had been severely hurt, having her arm fractured.

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

Pet. for Medical services to poor Indian

Refd. to Transient Pauper Com.

A Petition of the Office Bearers of the Guysborough Mechanics' Institute, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying aid to procure Philosophical Apparatus, in furtherance of the objects of the Society.

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

Pet. of Guysboro' Mechanics' Institute

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Abner Atwater and others, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying aid in the erection of a Bridge at the Lower Narrows, in Milford Haven River.

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

Pet. for aid to Bridge at Milford Haven River

A Petition of the Rev. Robert Willis, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, on behalf of the coloured people of Halifax, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke and read, praying further aid to the African School.

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

Pet. for aid to African School

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of the Trustees of the Sydney Academy, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying a grant for the purpose of completing their Academy.

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

Pet. for grant to complete Sydney Academy

Refd. to Com. on Education

Two Petitions, of D. B. McNab and others, and of John Campbell and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Cape Breton, were presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, respectively praying that a plurality of Collegiate Institutions may not be provided for.

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

Pet. against plurality of Colleges

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Upper Settlement of Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Howe and read, praying reimbursement for the expenses of a Transient Pauper.

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

Pet. from Overseers, Musquodoboit

Refd. to Transient Pauper Com.

A Petition of J. W. Ruggles and others, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying aid to the Annapolis Academy.

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

Pet. for aid to Annapolis Academy

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Donald McLeod and others, Inhabitants of Boularderie Island, in Cape Breton, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying aid to a Survey and opening of a Road across the centre of the Island.

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

Pet. for Survey of Road through Boularderie Island

Pet. from Rev. Mr. Uniacke, for aid to Free Schools

A Petition of the Rev. R. F. Uniacke, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying continued aid towards the Free Schools established under his charge, in the North Suburbs of the City of Halifax.

Refd. to Com. on Education

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

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

Wednesday, 28th February, 1844.

Pet. of B. Heany, for loss on building Light House at Canso

A Petition of Benjamin Heany, was presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying a grant to repay him a loss sustained in the erection of a Light House, by Contract, at the North entrance of the Gut of Canso.

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Securities

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

Pet. in favor of Colleges

A Petition of William Moore and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Ross and read, praying that the House would be pleased to establish the Colleges at Pictou and Horton on a plan therein suggested, and grant them, in perpetuity, certain sums of money therein mentioned.

Refd. to Com. on Education

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

Pet. of Lemuel Morehouse

A Petition of Lemuel Morehouse, Courier, between Digby and Brier Island, in the County of Digby, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying a grant of amount of Ferriages paid by him last year on that Mail Route.

Refd. to Post Office Com.

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

Pet. for additional Term of Sessions at Guysboro'

A Petition of Robert Hartshorne and others, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying the passing of an Act to authorize the holding of an additional Term of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Guysborough.

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

Pet. for aid to Steamer between Pictou and Gut of Canso

A Petition of James Purves and others, owners of the Steamer Pocohontas, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying aid towards running said Steamer, once a week, between Pictou and the Gut of Canso.

Refd. to Com. on Trade

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

Pet. for aid to School Guysboro'

A Petition of John Jeffery and others, Inhabitants of New Harbor, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying aid towards the Common School in that District.

Refd. to Com. on Education

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

Pet. from Guysboro' against Denominational Colleges

A Petition of John Jeffery and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of New Harbor, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying the withholding of grants from Colleges of a Denominational character, and applying the sums so previously granted to the support of Elementary Schools.

Refd. to Com. on Education

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

Pet. of Overseers, Granville

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Granville, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses heretofore incurred for the maintenance of certain Transient Paupers, and for their support in future.

Refd. to Transient Pauper Com.

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

Com. to enquire as to progress in revising Laws

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report as to what progress has been made in regard to preparing a revised edition of the Province Laws, and as to what measures should be adopted in regard thereto.

Com. thereon

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

Order of Day for Ways and Means

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that this House will, on Thursday, the 7th March next, resolve itself into a Committee, for the purpose of considering of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty. A

A Petition of John Anderson and others, of the Gut of Canso, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Howe and read, praying the withholding Grants from Colleges of a Denominational character, and applying the same to the support of Elementary Schools.

Pet. from Gut of Canso, against Sec. Colleges

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

Refd. to Education Com.

A Petition of William McDougald, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying aid to repair the Ferry Wharf at Fisher's Grant, in the County of Pictou, on the Mail Route.

Pet. for aid to a Ferry Wharf, County of Pictou

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

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Securities

A Petition of Angus McDonald and others, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying aid to alter the Main Post Road, near Barney's River, in the County of Pictou, and for repairing the Bridges over Barney's River and Mill Brook, Knoydart, or erecting others.

Pet. for alteration of Main Road, Co. of Pictou

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

A Petition of John Fox, Surgeon, of New Glasgow, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying compensation for attendance on a Transient Pauper.

Pet. from New Glasgow

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

Refd. to Transient Pauper Com.

A Petition of Stillman Lippincott, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying that an Act may be passed to authorize the sale of the old Kempt Bridge, at West River, Pictou, preparatory to building a new Bridge near the same.

Pet. for sale of old Kempt Bridge

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

A Petition of Daniel Kinsman, of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Dewolf and read, setting forth that Petitioner is confined in the King's County Gaol, for debt, and being Insolvent, and it having been decided by the Supreme Court that he cannot be released under the Insolvent Acts, prays that an Act may be passed for his relief.

Pet. of Daniel Kinsman, Insolvent Debtor, King's Co. for Act for release

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Wilkins, the Hon. Mr. Dodd, and Mr. Fairbanks, to report thereon, by Bill or otherwise,

Refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the time for the reception of Private Petitions be extended until Saturday next, the 2nd March, inclusive.

Time for receiving Private Petitions extended

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

Com. of whole on Bills

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

Report Continuing Bills without amendment, viz— on subject of Chedabucto Bay Fisheries

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay; the Bill to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton, the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act; the Bill to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, as amended; the Bill to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pugwash; the Bill to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor; the Bill to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread; the Bill to continue the Act to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of Nova Scotia; the Bill to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses; the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber; the Bill to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province; the Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province; the Bill to continue the Acts now in force, to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of

Egerton Poores' Rates

Pictou Poores' Rates

Pugwash Harbor

Egerton Poores' District

Dartmouth Assize of Bread

N. S. Bank Incorporation

Marriage Licenses

Timber and Lumber

Sable Island

Poor

Sydney Pilotage



Beef Weighing  
 Bridgeport Harbor  
 Master  
 Assize of Bread  
 Hx. Pilotage  
 Nuisances  
 Richmond Fisheries  
 Hx. Cord-wood  
 Forestalling  
 Cy. and District  
 Rates  
 Billetting—  
 without amendment  
 Prisoners' Counsel  
 Bill with amend-  
 ments  
 Coal Weighing Act  
 deferred  
 Militia Acts refd. to  
 Sel. Com.  
 Light House Acts to  
 Sel. Com.  
 Bills to be engrossed  
 Prisoner's Counsel  
 Bill—amendments  
 agreed to  
 Weighing of Coal's  
 Bill deferred  
 Militia Acts refd. to  
 Sel. Com.  
 Light House Acts  
 refd. to Com. on  
 Nav. Sec.

Cape Breton; the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof; the Bill to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton; the Bill to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread; the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and the several Acts in amendment thereof, and additional thereto; the Bill to continue the Act additional, concerning Nuisances; the Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond; the Bill to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Regrating, and Monopolizing of Cord-wood, in the Town of Halifax; the Bill to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof; and the Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the Accommodation and Billetting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another—and had directed him to report the said several Bills to the House without any amendment; that the Committee had also considered the Bill to continue the Act for enabling persons Indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the said Bill; that the Committee had also considered the Bill to continue the Act to authorise the sale of Coals by weight, and recommend to the House to defer the further consideration thereof for three months; and had also considered the Bill to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia, and the Bill to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and recommend to the House that those two Acts be referred to Select Committees to examine, and report upon to the House; and he thereupon delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where the amendments were read.

*Ordered*, That the several Bills, reported without amendment, be engrossed.

The amendments to the Bill to continue the Act for enabling persons Indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel, being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the Bill to continue the Act to authorize the sale of Coals by weight, be deferred until this day three months.

*Ordered*, That the Bill to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia, be referred to Mr. Doyle, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Ryder, Mr. McLellan, and Mr. G. R. Young, to examine, and report amendments thereto, or otherwise thereon, to this House.

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

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

Thursday, 29th February, 1844.

Mail Petition, Lunenburg

A Petition of James Nicholson and others, was presented by Mr. Creighton and read, praying provision for the carrying the Mail from the Town of Lunenburg to LaHave Bridge.

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

Refd. to Com. on Post Office

Pet. from Lunenburg for Auction Duty

A Petition of Michael Rudolf and others, of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Creighton and read, praying that a Duty be imposed upon persons selling Goods at Auction.

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

Refd. to Com. on Trade

Pet from Chester for Representative

A Petition of George Mitchell and others, was presented by Mr. Creighton and read, praying that the Township of Chester may be allowed a Representative in General Assembly.

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

Pet. for reduction of Light Duties

A Petition of Richard Card and others, was presented by Mr. E. Young and read, praying a reduction of Light Duties.

*Ordered*,

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

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

A Petition of James Allison, was presented by Mr. Fraser and read, praying assistance to enable Petitioner to continue his son, who is deaf and dumb, in the Asylum at Hartford, U. S.

Pet. for aid to deaf and dumb

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee appointed in regard to the Deaf and Dumb.

Refd. to Deaf and Dumb Com.

A Petition of Ebenezer Stronach and others, of Aylesford, was presented by Mr. Hall and read, praying aid to Acadia College.

Pet. from Aylesford for aid to Acadia College

A Petition of Ebenezer Condon and others, of Cornwallis, was also presented by Mr. Hall and read, praying the withholding of Grants from Denominational Colleges, and the application thereof to Elementary Schools.

Pet. from Cornwallis against Sectarian Colleges

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Douglas, was presented by Mr. B. Smith and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of a Transient Pauper.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Douglas

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

Refd. to Transient Pauper Com.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Chairman of the Select Committee on the Pictou County Election, moved that the House do come to the following Resolution :

Resolution for releasing Mr. Holmes from recognizance on trial of Pictou County Election

*Resolved*, That John Holmes, Esquire, the surety for Henry Blackadar, be released from his recognizance, entered into on the 13th February last, to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, in the sum of £200, and that another surety be substituted in his stead, so that the said John Holmes may be enabled to give testimony before the Committee drawn and appointed to try the merits of the Election for the County of Pictou : which, being seconded,

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved as an amendment of said Resolution, to leave out all the words thereof, except the words "Resolved, That," and in place of the words so left out to substitute the following—"a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report whether John Holmes can legally be released from his recognizance, in the case of the Pictou County Election, and another surety substituted in his place": which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, seventeen ; against it, eighteen.

Amendment moved for Com. to enquire

So it passed in the negative.

Amend. negatived

The original Resolution being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Resolution, seven ; against it, twenty-eight.

Original Resolution negatived

For the Resolution—

Against the Resolution—

Hon. Mr. Dodd	Mr. Crowe	Mr. Comeau	Mr. A. M. Uniacke
Mr. Freeman	" Owen	" Huntington	" Howe
" Dickey	" Taylor	" Hall	" Doyle
" Thorne	" McLelan	" Power	" DesBarres
" Wilkins	" Spearwater	" Marshall	" Fairbanks
" Whitman	" Crowell	" Logan	" Clements
" Beckwith	" Turnbull	" McKeagney	" Brennan
	" Ryder	" E. Young	" Heckman
	" Budd	" Benjamin	
	" Bourneuf	" Dewolf	

So it passed in the negative.

A Petition of William A. Henry, of Antigonishe, in the County of Sydney, Esquire, a Candidate at the late Election for that County ; also, a Petition of John Cunningham, Esquire, and others, Magistrates and other Freeholders of the said County, were presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, complaining of acts of violence, bribery, and other undue means, on the part of Patrick Power, Esquire, one of the sitting Members for said County, in order to obtain his Election, and prevent the return of the said William A. Henry ; and stating that, but for reason thereof, the said William A. Henry would have had

Pet. of W. A. Henry against return of Mr. Power for Co. Guysbazo, and of Freeholders

had a majority of good and legal votes over those given for said Patrick Power, and praying that relief may be granted to the Petitioning Candidate by giving him his seat, or avoiding the said Election.

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

Day for considering  
Petitions

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will, on Wednesday next, the 6th March, at one of the clock, take into consideration the said Petitions, complaining of an undue Election for the County of Sydney.

Notices sent

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

Com. to prepare Ad-  
dress to Her Ma-  
jesty on birth of  
Princess

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, the Copy of a Despatch announcing the birth of a Princess, was read; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Doyle, and Mr. Fraser, be a Committee to prepare an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on the birth of a Princess.

Com. to prepare Ad-  
dress to Her Ma-  
jesty on death of  
Duke of Sussex

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, the Copy of a Despatch announcing the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, was read; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Howe, be a Committee to prepare an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, of condolence, on the death of His Royal Highness the late Duke of Sussex.

Pet. of A. Stephens  
for compensation as  
Revenue Officer

A Petition of Andrew Stephens, was presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying compensation for his services in suppressing Illicit Trade, while in command of one of the Revenue Cutters employed by Government, he having made several seizures, without deriving benefit therefrom, owing to peculiar circumstances, stated in his Petition.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Doyle, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. McKeagney, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon to this House.

Custom House Re-  
turns laid before  
House

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House—

Abstract Accounts of the amounts of Duties received, and on what articles, at the Custom House at the Port of Halifax, for the several Quarters of the year, ending respectively on the 5th April, 5th July, and 5th October, 1843, and the 5th January, 1844.

(See Appendix, No. 16.)

Refd. to Com. on  
Public Accounts

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

Copies of Despatches  
and Papers laid be-  
fore House

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House several Copies of Despatches, and other papers, which were read, and are as followeth, viz:

Despatch as to Pas-  
senger Act

No. 1. Copy of a Despatch, No. 155, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 3d February, 1844, pointing out various objections to the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province, passed in 1843.

(See Appendix, No. 17.)

Despatch from Cana-  
da, relative to Light  
House contributions

No. 2. Copy of Despatch from His Excellency the Governor General, dated 2nd January, 1844, relative to the payment of the contribution by Canada, towards the support of the Light Houses on St. Paul's Island, and Scatterie.

(See Appendix, No. 18.)

Despatch from Sir  
Charles Adam re-  
lative to Light  
Houses

No. 3. Copy of a Despatch from Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam to Lord Falkland, dated 23d October, 1843, enclosing the copy of a Letter from Captain Owen, of Her Majesty's Surveying Steam Vessel Columbia, recommending the erection of additional Light

Light Houses on the Coasts of Nova Scotia, with a copy of Lord Falkland's Letter in reply.

No. 4. Copy of a Letter from Captain Owen, of Her Majesty's Ship Columbia, to Lord Falkland, dated 28th July, 1843, relative to the proposed erection of Light Houses on Isle Haute, the Parrsborough Shore, on Horton Bluff, or Partridge Island.

Letter from Captain Owen on same subject

(See Appendix, No. 19.)

No. 5. Copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, dated 15th May, 1843, inclosing the Memorial of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company, praying to be remunerated for services performed by their Steamer St. George, in the latter part of the year 1842.

Despatch from P. E. Island, with Memorial of Steam Navigation Company

(See Appendix, No. 20.)

No. 6. Copy of a Letter from Deputy Post Master General, dated 9th February, 1844, requesting that provision may be made by the Legislature for any deficiency that may arise in the Post Office Revenue, during the present year.

Letter from Dy. Post Master General, requesting deficiency in Revenue to be made up

(See Appendix, No. 21.)

No. 7. Petition of Messrs. John Murray, and Tracy G. Harding, of Yarmouth, praying that payment may be withheld from Mr. Whitney, of the Bounty granted by the Legislature to encourage the running of a Steam Boat, weekly, between Yarmouth and Halifax, with Mr. Whitney's Petition in reply.

Pet. from Yarmouth against Mr. Whitney's receiving Bounty

(See Appendix, No. 22.)

No. 8. Accounts of expenses incurred under the authority of the Magistrates at Sydney, Cape Breton, in relieving the crew of the Brig "William Rippon," which sunk off Cape North in the Spring of last year, amounting to £28 10s. 6d.

Accounts of expenses incurred in Cape Breton for Shipwrecked Mariners

No. 9. Letter from the Magistrates at Sydney, Cape Breton, dated 10th October, 1843, inclosing Accounts of expenses incurred in relieving the crew of the Barque "Africaine," wrecked between Cape North and Cheticamp, in September, 1843, amounting to £53 0s. 1½d.; also the Account of Patrick Moore, amounting to £23 15s., for services rendered to the shipwrecked crew of the Brig "William Rippon."

(See Appendix, No. 23.)

No. 10. Two Accounts of Mr. Thompson, for publishing in the Royal Gazette, and Printing for the Province, amounting to £104 13s. 1d.

Accounts for Public Printing

(See Appendix, No. 24.)

No. 11. Letter from the City Clerk, with enclosures, in answer to the Resolution of the House of Assembly, of the 29th March, 1843, requiring a Return of the number of Chimney Sweeps in the Town of Halifax.

Returns of Chimney Sweeps

(See Appendix, No. 25.)

No. 12. Letter from the Honorable the Master of the Rolls, inclosing the Returns of J. W. Nutting, and John Whidden, Esquires, of their emoluments as Masters in Chancery, in compliance with a Resolution of the House of Assembly, of the 29th March, 1843.

Returns of Masters in Chancery Fees

(See Appendix, No. 26.)

No. 13. Copy of a Report of the Collector of Excise at Sydney, Cape Breton, of the services performed by the Revenue Boat during the last year.

Report of services of Revenue Boat at Sydney, C. B.

(See Appendix, No. 27.)

No. 14. Mr. Andrew Stephens' Report of his services in protecting the Fisheries during the last year.

Capt. Stephens' report of his services in protecting Fisheries

(See Appendix, No. 28.)

No. 15. Copy of a Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General, in reference to the amount due from the Executors of the late H. N. Binney, or others, on account of sums

Report of Law Officers of Crown, as to amount due from late Mr. Bin-

retained,

ney as Col. of Ex-  
cise

retained, as Commissions for collecting the Excise in the Port and District of Halifax, up to the period of the appointment of Mr. Binney's successor in office, in conformity with the Resolution of the House of Assembly, of the 29th March, 1843.

(See Appendix, No. 29:)

Papers to lie on the  
Table

*Ordered*, That the Copies of Despatches, and other Papers, do lie on the Table.

Pet. for Bounty on  
Oat Mill, Musquodoboit

A Petition of Malcom McInnes and James Bayers, Inhabitants of Meagher's Grant, Lower Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying aid in erecting a Kiln and Machinery for manufacturing Oat Meal, in addition to his Grist Mill.

Refd. to Com. on  
Agriculture

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

Pet. for aid to Public  
House, new Guys-  
boro' Road

A Petition of John Adams, was presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying aid towards keeping a House of Entertainment for Travellers, in the Wilderness, on the new Road between Musquodoboit and St. Mary's.

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

Pet. for aid to Lime  
Kiln

A Petition of Francis R. Parker and others, was presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying aid towards the erection of a Kiln for the burning of Lime, for Agricultural purposes, at Gay's River.

Refd. to Com. on  
Agriculture

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

Pet. from Maitland  
against plurality of  
Colleges

A Petition of Thomas Stewart Crow and others, of Maitland, in the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying the endowment of but one College.

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

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

Pet. for return of  
Duties on Philoso-  
phical Apparatus

A Petition of the Governors of Kings College, at Windsor, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke and read, praying a return of Duties paid upon Philosophical Apparatus, imported for the use of the College.

Refd. to Com. on  
Trade

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

Pet. of Sam. Archi-  
bald for payment  
of over-expenditure  
on Road near  
Truro

A Petition of Samuel Archibald, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying payment of an over-expenditure made by him in 1842, on an alteration of the Great Eastern Road, between Robert Barry's and Thomas Dickson's, near Truro; a Petition, also, of Robert McKay and others, of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying aid to complete the said alteration of Road.

Also Pet. for finishing  
Road

Refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the Petitions be referred to Mr. Dickey, Mr. B. Smith, and Mr. Creighton, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon, to this House.

Pet. from Dr. Brown  
for indemnification  
of loss of Province  
Notes by fire

A Petition of Edward L. Brown, of Horton, Physician, was presented by Mr. Hall and read, praying indemnification for the loss of Province Notes by fire.

Refd. to Com. on  
Trade

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

Pet. for aid to Public  
House in Cape  
Breton

A Petition of Roderick McNeil, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying aid towards a House of Entertainment at Middle Cape, on the line of Road leading from Sydney to St. Peter's.

Pet. with others simi-  
lar, refd. to Sel.  
Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition, with all similar claims, be referred to Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Hall, and Mr. A. M. Uniacke, to examine, and report upon to this House.

Pet. for further aid  
to Bridge over  
Baddeck River

A Petition of William Jones and Duncan McRae, Commissioners for superintending the erection of the Bridge across the Baddeck River, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke and read, praying a further grant to finish said Bridge.

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

Speaker to issue his  
Warrant for attend-  
ance of Sheriff of  
Pictou

On motion of Mr. B. Smith, Chairman of the Pictou Township Election Committee, *resolved*, that the Speaker of this House do issue his Warrant, requiring the attendance of the High Sheriff of the County of Pictou, forthwith, at the Bar of this House, and that he be required there to produce the original Poll Book kept by him at the late Election for the Township of Pictou.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at three of the clock

Friday, 1st March, 1844.

Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of John L. Tremain, Esquire, Collector of H. M. Customs at Port Hood; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Sel.  
Com. on Pet. of  
John L. Tremain

(See Appendix, No. 30.)

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

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Chairman of the Pictou County Election Committee, by direction of the Committee, moved that they have the leave of the House to adjourn over until Monday next: which, upon the question put thereon, was agreed to by the House.

Pictou Co. Election  
Com. adjourn over

Mr. DesBarres, Chairman of the Horton Township Election Committee, reported finally from the said Committee; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

Final report of Com.  
on Horton Town-  
ship Election

The Committee drawn, struck, and sworn, to try the matter of the Petition of William Johnston and others, against the Election and Return of Perez M. Benjamin, Esquire, sitting Member for the Township of Horton, have agreed to report, and do report as follows, that is to say:

That the proceedings of the Sheriff of King's County, at the late Election for the Township of Horton, were not conducted in conformity with the provisions of the Act made and passed in the second year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled, "An Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly," inasmuch as the said Sheriff, throughout the whole of the said Election, omitted taking down in the Poll Book, or causing the same to be done, the qualifications of the respective Electors or Voters at the said Election, including the titles to property on which they claimed to give their votes, when objected to by the respective Candidates, thereby depriving the Candidate objecting to any of such votes, and the Freeholders of the said Township of Horton, of the benefit and advantage which was intended to be conferred by the said Act of Assembly—which Act confines the testimony to be afterwards adduced on any Scrutiny, or otherwise, as regards the qualification of the voter to the particular Freehold on which the voter professes to give his vote.

The Committee do therefore report, that the said Election for the said Township of Horton is null and void, and that a Writ ought to issue for electing a Member to serve in General Assembly, for the said Township.

Election void

And lastly, the Committee do find, and do report, that the Petition referred to the Committee is not frivolous or vexatious; and that the opposition thereto is not frivolous or vexatious.

Petition and opposi-  
tion not frivolous or  
vexatious

W. F. DESBARRES, Chairman.

Committee Room, 1st March, 1844.

*Ordered*, That the Report do lie on the Table, and be entered on the Journals of this House.

To be entered on  
Journals

On motion of Mr. Hall, *resolved*, that Mr. Speaker do request His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to issue a Writ for the Election of a Member to Represent the Township of Horton in General Assembly, instead of Perez M. Benjamin, Esquire, whose Election has been declared null and void by a Select Committee of this House.

Speaker to request  
Lieut. Governor  
to issue Writ for  
Election for Horton

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty, of condolence, on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex—that the Committee had prepared the draft of an Address, which he presented to the House—and the same was read, and is as followeth:

Report of Address of  
condolence to Her  
Majesty

## TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY.

*May it please your Majesty—*

Address to Her Majesty

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Representatives of the People of Nova Scotia, beg leave respectfully to approach your Majesty with the tender of our condolence, upon the lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex.

The many virtues which adorned the private life of His Royal Highness, are not unknown amongst us—and whilst they have ever commanded our veneration, they render his removal from the high station and influence he occupied, the cause of deep regret to the Inhabitants of this portion of your Majesty's Dominions.

Adopted

*Resolved,* That the Address be received and adopted by this House.

*Ordered,* That the Address be engrossed.

Same Com. to prepare an Address to Lt. Gov.

*Ordered,* That the same Committee who prepared the foregoing Address, do prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the foregoing Address, to be laid at the foot of the Throne: and thereupon,

Address to Governor reported

Mr. Fairbanks, from the same Committee, reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency accordingly, which was read as followeth:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

*May it please your Excellency—*

The Representatives of the People of Nova Scotia have passed an Address to Her Majesty, tendering their condolence upon the lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex.

This Address, we pray your Excellency will be pleased to transmit, in order that the same may be laid before Her Majesty.

Address adopted

*Resolved,* That the foregoing Address to His Excellency, be received and adopted.

*Ordered,* That the same be engrossed.

Same Com. to wait on Gov. with Addresses

*Ordered,* That the same Committee who prepared said Addresses, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor therewith.

Pet. of General Mining Association

A Petition of the General Mining Association, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying that an alteration may be made in the Provincial Act, 4. Geo. 4, entitled, "An Act for the preservation of His Majesty's rights in Coal Mines," so that a more summary mode of punishment of offenders against the provisions of that Act, may be enacted; than is prescribed thereby.

Refd. to Com. on Pet. of A. Gesner

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Petition of Abraham Gesner, to report on this Petition by Bill or otherwise.

Pet. of H. Hyde for completion of alteration of Road near Truro

A Petition of Hiram Hyde, carrier of the Mails between Halifax and Pictou, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke and read, praying a Grant towards completing the alteration of the Road between Barry's and Dickson's, near Truro.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Petition of Samuel Archibald.

A Petition of Charles Covey and others, Inhabitants of St. Margaret's Bay, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying that to any Bill that may be passed for forming that Settlement into a separate Parish, a Proviso may be added that no person who is not a member of the Church of England, shall be compelled to pay to it.

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

Pet. from Margaret's Bay, as to division of Parish

A Petition of Samuel Forsayth and James G. Boggs, Officers of Her Majesty's Customs for the Port of Halifax, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying compensation out of the Provincial Duties, upon a quantity of Spirituous Liquors seized by them, and condemned, from the proceeds of which they had received but a trifling share, part thereof being destroyed, and the proceeds of the remainder nearly absorbed by the Duties exacted thereon.

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

Pet. from Seizing Officers, Halifax

A Petition of Messrs. Fairbanks and Allisons, of Halifax, Merchants, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying that a return may be made to them of Duties exacted from them upon Bastard Sugars, erroneously classified as refined Sugars.

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

Refd. to Com. on Trade

Pet. of Fairbanks & Allisons

A Petition of Eliza Scott and others, Committee of the Infant School at Halifax, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying a continuance of the aid to that Institution.

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

Refd. to Com. on Trade

Pet. for aid to Infant School, Halifax

Refd. to Education Com.

A Petition of William Grigor and Thomas Stirling, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying a continuance of the usual aid granted to the Halifax Dispensary, under their charge.

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

Pet. Halifax Dispensary

A Petition of William Davis, of Clements, in the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, setting forth that Petitioner has been engaged in the Post Office service for upwards of thirty years, between Digby and Annapolis, being by Contract bound to convey the Mails on that route once in each week, but was required in 1840 to convey the Mails thereon twice a week, without additional compensation, which duty he has since then performed, and praying remuneration for such his extra services.

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

Pet. of W. Davis, Mail Carrier between Digby and Annapolis

Refd. to Com. on Post Office

Mr. Wilkins from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address, congratulating Her Majesty on the birth of a Princess, reported and presented the draft of an Address prepared by the Committee, which was read as followeth :

Report of Address of congratulation to Her Majesty on birth of Princess

## TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, NOW CONVENED AT HALIFAX.

*May it please your Majesty—*

We, your Majesty's dutiful subjects, the House of Assembly of the Province of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to approach your Majesty with the assurance of our devout affection for your Majesty's Royal Person and Government, and to offer our cordial congratulations on the recent auspicious event of the birth of a Royal Princess.

That your Majesty, reigning in the hearts of a prosperous and happy people, may long continue to realize the richest and purest joys of connubial and maternal love, is our sincere and fervent prayer.

*Resolved,* That the Address be received and adopted by this House.

*Ordered,* That the Address be engrossed.

Adopted

*Ordered,* That the same Committee who prepared the Address to Her Majesty, do prepare and report an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the foregoing Address, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Same Com. to prepare an Address to Lt. Gov.



Address to Governor  
reported

Mr. Wilkins from the same Committee, reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency accordingly, which was read, as followeth :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

*May it please your Excellency—*

The Representatives of the People of Nova Scotia have passed an Address to Her Majesty, tendering their congratulations upon the auspicious event of the birth of a Royal Princess.

This Address, we pray your Excellency will be pleased to transmit, in order that the same may be laid before Her Majesty.

Address adopted

*Resolved*, That the foregoing Address to His Excellency, be received and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Address be engrossed.

Same Com. to wait on  
Gov. with Ad-  
dresses

*Ordered*, That the same Committee who prepared said Addresses, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor therewith.

Bill presented in  
amendment of  
Cornwallis Presby-  
terian Church Act

Mr. Hall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, in Cornwallis, in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented relative  
to Baptist Church,  
Cornwallis

Mr. Hall also pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and the Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same—and the said Bill was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Probate Bills refd. to  
Sel. Com.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill to repeal the Act relating to the Courts of Probate, &c., and the Bill further to amend the Acts relating to Wills, &c., be referred to a Select Committee, and that the Committee be instructed to enquire generally into the present Law, and into the practicability and expedience of further simplifying the modes of procedure, and reducing the Fees thereunder, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon to this House by Bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Hall, Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Fleming, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

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

Saturday, 2nd March, 1844.

Pet. from Yarmouth  
for aid to Acadia  
College

A Petition of Amos Baker and others, of the County of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, praying aid to Denominational Colleges, and to Acadia College in particular.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

Pet. for adding to  
Co. Yarmouth, a  
part of Digby Co.

A Petition of Joseph R. Raymond and others, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, praying that a part of the County of Digby, in Clare, may be annexed to the County of Yarmouth.

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

Eleven

Eleven Petitions of Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of King's County, were presented by Mr. Hall and read, stating their appreciation of the Grants made for the support of Common Schools, and their opinion of the system of endowing Sectarian or Denominational Colleges being unsound, and praying the withholding of such Grants, and applying the same to the support of Elementary Schools.

Pets. from King's County against Sectarian Colleges

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of William C. Rideout and others, of King's County, was presented by Mr. Hall and read, praying aid towards Acadia College.

Pet from King's Co. for aid to Acadia College

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Arthur M. Wier, was presented by Mr. Hall and read, praying aid in running a Packet of a large size, between Horton, Parrsborough, and Windsor.

Pet. for a new Parrsboro' Packet

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

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

A Petition of Peter Ross and others, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying a grant for extending the Road leading from the Albion Mines, on the East River of Pictou, up the West Branch of the East River, in a South-westerly direction, to join the great Eastern Post Road, shortening the distance from New Glasgow to Halifax, at least twenty-six miles.

Pet. for Road, Pictou

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

A Petition of James Ross and others, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying that a Law may be passed for preventing Cattle from straying across the West River of Pictou.

Pet. for Act to prevent Cattle from straying

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Ryder, to consider the same, and the Acts generally for preventing Trespasses, and to report by Bill or otherwise.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of Donald Fraser, Chairman of a Meeting of the Freeholders and rateable Inhabitants of the Township of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying the division of said Township into five separate sections, for the support of the Poor.

Pet. for division of Pictou Township into separate Poor Districts

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

A Petition of Thomas Dickson and others, Trustees of Pictou Academy, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying further aid to that Institution.

Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Hugh McDonald and others, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying that an Act may be passed to prohibit the Spearing of Salmon in St. Mary's River, in the County of Guysborough, and for authorising the Courts of Sessions to make regulations relative thereto.

Pet. against Spearing Salmon, Co. of Guysboro'

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

A Petition of E. H. Francheville and others, Inhabitants of the Town of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying that an Act may be passed to authorize the Court of Sessions, upon the application of the Commissioners of Streets, to lay out and open a new Street and Roads.

Pet. as to Streets, Guysboro'

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

A Petition of Richard Carter and others, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying that no change may be made in the present establishment of Ferries at the Gut of Canso.

Pet. as to Ferries, Gut of Canso

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

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Securities

A Petition of Peter Crerar, Chairman of a Meeting of St. Andrew's Church Congregation, at Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying that pecuniary aid may be withheld from the Pictou Academy.

Pet. against aid to Pictou Academy

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

Pet. for aid to Law  
Suit, Pictou

A Petition of Finlay Fraser, of Carriboo, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying aid to carry on a Law Suit, or to reimburse him for expenses of same.

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

Pet. from Co. of  
Sydney for aid to  
Acadia College

A Petition of the Rev. John Whidden and others, of the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Brennan and read, praying aid in the establishment of Denominational Colleges, and to Acadia College in particular.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

Pet. for aid to Acadia  
College

A Petition of Amos Melven and others, of Hammond's Plains, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke and read, praying aid to Acadia College.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

Pet. of Gas Light  
Company for return  
of Duties

A Petition of the President and Directors of the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke and read, praying a return of Duties paid by them upon the importation of certain Machinery and Implements.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Trade

Pet. for aid to Acadia  
College

A Petition of the Rev. S. T. Rand and others, was presented by Mr. Fraser and read, praying aid to Acadia College.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

Pet. for aid to Acadia  
College

A Petition of the Rev. Theodore S. Harding and others, was presented by Mr. Dewolf and read, praying aid to Acadia College.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

Pets. of Overseers of  
Poor, Aylesford and  
Horton

A Petition of Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Aylesford, was presented by Mr. Dewolf and read; also, a Petition of Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Horton, was presented by Mr. Dewolf and read, respectively praying remuneration for the expenses of Transient Paupers.

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

Refd. to Transient  
Pauper Com.

College Pet.

A Petition of A. Godfrey and others, of Kempt, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, in favor of Denominational Colleges, and praying aid to Acadia College.

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

Refd. to Education  
Com.

Pet. of R. Nugent  
for release from  
Gaol

A Petition of Richard Nugent, Printer, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, stating that he is a prisoner confined in the Gaol at Halifax, under Executions upon Judgments in the Supreme Court, and having been refused relief under the Insolvent Acts, prays that measures may be adopted for his enlargement.

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

Refd. to Sel. Com.

College Pets.

Two Petitions of C. R. Bill and others, of Cornwallis, and of the Rev. William Chipman and others, of the same place, were presented by Mr. Beckwith and read, in favor of Denominational Colleges, and praying aid to Acadia College.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

Pet. for Assessment  
for Com. Schools

A Petition of the Rev. William Chipman and others, of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Beckwith and read, praying aid to Common Schools by the mode of Assessment.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

Pet. for Breakwater  
Cornwallis

A Petition of William Power and others, was presented by Mr. Beckwith and read, praying further aid to a Breakwater at Canady's Harbor, in Cornwallis.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Nav. Securities

College Pet.

A Petition of Francis T. Pritchard and others, of Advocate Harbor, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, in favor of Denominational Colleges, and praying aid to Acadia College.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

A Petition of David M. Cummings, Mail Carrier, between Londonderry and Five Islands, was presented by Mr. McLelan and read, praying payment of a balance stated by him to be due on account of that service.

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

Pet. of Mail Carrier,  
Londonderry

A Petition of Alexander McMillan, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying aid towards the Ferry at McMillan's Point, Gut of Canso.

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

Refd. to Post Office  
Com.

Ferry, Gut of Canso

A Petition of Randolph Morris and others, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying that Advocate Harbor Settlement, and its adjacencies, may be erected into a separate District for the support of the Poor.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to Mr. Brenan, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Comeau, to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Refd. to Com. on  
Nav. Sec.

Pet. for separate Poor  
District, Advocate

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of Robert Murray and others, was presented by Mr. Ross and read, praying the imposition of Duties upon Foreign Agricultural produce, for the protection of Home production.

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

Pet. for protecting  
Duties on Agriculture

Refd. to Com. on  
Trade

A Petition of the Rev. John E. Cogswell and others, was presented by Mr. Ross and read, in favor of Denominational Colleges, and praying aid to Acadia College.

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

Pet. for aid to Acadia  
College

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House several Accounts and Papers from the Post Office Department, in this Province—and the same were read.

Post Office papers  
laid before House

(See Appendix, No. 31.)

*Ordered,* That the same be referred to the Post Office Committee.

Refd. to Post Office  
Com.

A Petition of Charles Randall and others, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, in favor of Denominational Colleges, and praying aid to Acadia College.

A Petition of Robert Turnbull and others, was also presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying aid towards building a Sabbath and Week-day School House, on the Road leading from Digby towards the Light House.

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

Pet. for Denomina-  
tional Colleges

Pet. for building  
School House,  
Digby

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

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

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

Pet. from Weymouth  
Overseers of Poor

Refd. to Transient  
Pauper Com.

A Petition of James McLean and others, of River Denys and River Inhabitants, in the County of Inverness, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying an extension of the Mail Communication.

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

Pet. from Inverness  
for extension of  
Mail Communica-  
tion

Refd. to Com. on  
Post Office

A Petition of William B. Sargent and others, was presented by Mr. Crowell and read, praying that measures may be adopted for making Barrington a Free Port.

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

Pet. for making Bar-  
rington a Free Port

Refd. to Com. on  
Trade

A Petition of William B. Sargent and others, was presented by Mr. Crowell and read, praying aid in the erection of a Light House on the Eastern side of Barrington Harbor.

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

Pet. for Light House,  
Barrington

Refd. to Com. on  
Nav. Securities

A Petition of John Fells and others, Colored Inhabitants, of Port LaTour, was presented by Mr. Crowell and read, praying aid to establish a School for their children.

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

Pet. from Port La-  
Tour, for aid to  
School, for colored  
children

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

- Pet. for Denominational Colleges**  
Three Petitions of James Folker and others, of Paul Chesley and others, and of J. S. Thomson and others, were presented by Mr. Owen and read, respectively in favor of Denominational Colleges, and praying aid to Acadia College.  
*Ordered*, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Refd. to Com. on Education**  
A Petition of Peter DeCarteret and others, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying aid to run the Packet Schooner Victory between Arichat and Halifax.
- Pet. for aid to run Packet from Halifax to Arichat**  
A Petition of Felix LeVache, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying aid to run his Packet Schooner Industry between Arichat and Halifax.
- Pet. of F. Le Vache for aid to his Packet Industry, Arichat and Halifax**  
*Ordered*, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Refd. to Com. on Nav. Securities**  
A Petition of Maurice Kavanagh and others, of St. Peter's Bay, C. B., was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying aid to carry into execution the Laws for the protection of the Mackerel and Herring Fishery in that vicinity, by Guard Boats, or otherwise.
- Pet. for aid to execute Laws for protection of Fishery in St. Peter's Bay, C. B.**  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Fisheries.
- Refd. to Com. on Fisheries**  
A Petition of Duncan Nicholson, Miller, of the Township of Lennox, County of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying a Bounty on an Oat Mill erected by him.
- Pet. for Bounty on Oat Mill, Co. of Richmond**  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.
- Refd. to Com. on Agriculture**  
Two Petitions of Samuel FitzRandolph and others, and of the Rev. John Chase and others, were presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying aid to Acadia College—Petitioners being in favor of Denominational Colleges.
- Pet. for aid to Acadia College**  
*Ordered*, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Refd. to Com. on Education**  
A Petition of J. W. Ruggles and others, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying aid to complete the Slips at the Ferry between Annapolis Royal and Granville.
- Pet. for Slips at Annapolis Ferry**  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.**  
A Petition of John Janverin, Overseer of the Poor for Arichat, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying reimbursement of the expenses of Transient Paupers.
- Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Arichat**  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the claims for expenses of Transient Paupers.
- Refd. to Transient Pauper Com.**  
A Petition of Anthony Oliver and others, of Hawkesbury, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying that no division of the County of Richmond may take place.
- Pet. against division of Co. of Richmond**  
*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.
- Pet. for return of Duties on Flour from Canada**  
A Petition of David Barry, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying a return of Duties paid by him upon a quantity of Flour imported by him from Canada.
- Refd. to Com. on Trade**  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Pet. for Ferry at St. Peter's**  
A Petition of Dougall Scott and others, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying aid towards building two Wharves, and providing a Ferry Boat at Little St. Peter's Portage, in the County of Richmond.
- Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.**  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Pet. for aid to Ferry at Lenox Passage, Co. of Richmond**  
A Petition of John Jean and others, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying aid towards the erecting Wharves at the Ferry at Lenox Passage, County of Richmond, and remuneration to Ferrymen, in order to ensure the safer and more speedy passage of the Mails and Travellers.
- Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.**  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Pet. of A. Morrison, for aid to Grist Mill, Co. of Richmond**  
A Petition of Alexander Morrison, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying aid towards building a Grist Mill at Scot's River, St. George's Channel, County of Richmond.
- Refd. to Com. on Agriculture**  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.
- Pet. from Ordnance Department for exemption from Highway Labor**  
A Petition of Robert Foley and others, engaged in the Ordnance Department, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke and read, praying exemption from Highway Labor, on the ground of their being attached to a Fire Engine.  
*Ordered*,

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

Leave to bring in Bill

A Petition of Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Wilmot, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying reimbursement of the expenses of a Transient Pauper.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Wilmot

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

Refd. to Transient Pauper Com.

A Petition of Joshua B. Cogswell and others, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, in favor of Denominational Colleges, and praying aid to Acadia College.

Pet. for Denominational Colleges

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Benjamin R. Dodge, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying the passage of an Act to enable him to contract for the support of the Poor of the County of Annapolis, to be provided for in one building.

Pet. from Ben. R. Dodge, relating to Poor in Co. of Annapolis

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

A Petition of James Campbell, Teacher, late of the Arichat Academy, was presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying a grant of balance due him for his services in that capacity.

Pet. of J. Campbell, Arichat Academy

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

A Petition of John Woodin, Master Mariner, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying compensation for bringing to Halifax, from Cape Haytien, in St. Domingo, in his Schooner Dartford, the Captain and a Seaman of the wrecked Brigantine John, of this Province, at the request of the Acting British Consul.

Pet. for expense of Shipwrecked Mariner's passage from St. Domingo

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

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of John Caspar Mais, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying a drawback upon Sugar used by him in manufacturing Confectionaries, exported from this Province.

Pet. for return of Duties on Sugar used in Confectionary exported

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

Refd. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of the Rev. John E. Cogswell and others, was presented by Mr. McLellan and read, in favor of Denominational Colleges generally, and praying aid to Acadia College in particular.

Pet. for Denominational Colleges

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

Refd. to Education Com.

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

Pet. of Commissioners of Poor, Halifax, for transfer of Poor Burying Ground

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

Leave to bring in Bill

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

Bill presented for transfer of Poor Burying Ground, Halifax

Mr. Huntington, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal the Act to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Sea Ports of this Province—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to repeal Western Steam Boat Act

Mr. B. Smith moved, that the report of the Select Committee on the subject of Franking Letters by Members of the Legislature, be adopted by this House: which, being seconded, and a debate arising thereon,

Motion to adopt Report on Franking Letters

*Ordered*, That the debate be adjourned until Monday next.

Debate adjourned

Mr. Fairbanks, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Address to Her Majesty, of condolence, on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, and with the Address to His Excellency, praying him

Report of Com. on Address of condolence to the Queen

him to transmit the same, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency, in reply to the Address to him, had been pleased to say that he would comply with the wishes of the House.

Report of Com. on  
Address to the  
Queen, of congra-  
tulation

Mr. Fraser, (in the absence of Mr. Wilkins,) from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on the birth of a Princess, and with the Address to His Excellency, praying him to transmit the same, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency, in answer to the Address to him, had been pleased to reply, that he would have great pleasure in complying with the request of the House.

Pct. of Overseers of  
Poor, Rawdon

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Rawdon, was presented by Mr. B. Smith and read, praying reimbursement of the expenses of Transient Paupers.

Refd. to Transient  
Pauper Com.

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

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

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**Monday, 4th March, 1844.**

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Debate on Franking  
Letters resumed

Pursuant to order, the debate of Saturday upon the subject of adopting the Report of the Select Committee as to Franking Letters by Members of the Legislature, was resumed, and after further debate, the question was put that the Report be adopted: upon which, the House dividing, there appeared, for the motion to adopt the Report, seventeen; against it, twenty-nine.

Motion to adopt Re-  
port negatived

For the Motion—

Mr. Fraser  
" Logan  
" Fairbanks  
" B. Smith  
" G. R. Young  
" Hall  
" Dewolf  
" Wilkins  
" Heckman  
" Dimock  
" E. Young  
" Crowell  
" Owen  
" Taylor  
" Ryder  
" Crowe  
" Beckwith

Against the Motion—

Mr. Thorne	Mr. Huntington
" Marshall	" McLelan
" Spearwater	" Freeman
" Power	" J. B. Uniacke
" Creighton	" Bourneuf
" Budd	" Dickey
" Holmes	" Martell
" A. M. Uniacke	" G. Smith
" Turnbull	" Howe
" Wilson	" McNab
Hon. Mr. Dodd	" Doyle
Mr. Fulton	" Ross
" Whitman	" Fleming
" DesBarres	" McKeagney
" Comeau	

So it passed in the negative.

Appointment of Com.  
on uniting Excise  
with Customs or  
Treasury

On motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of uniting the Office of Impost and Excise, throughout the Province, with the Customs Department, or the Office of Impost and Excise, at Halifax, with that of the Provincial Treasurer, and to report by Bill or otherwise; and if the Committee shall be of opinion that such union would not be beneficial or practicable, then to enquire into the mode of most effectively and economically conducting the said Office under the present system, and the salary which would be suitable for the Collector, and report by Bill or otherwise.

Com. named

*Ordered*, That the Hon. the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Howe, and Mr. Dewolf, be a Committee for the above purpose.

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 5th March, 1844.

- A Petition of William A. Calkin and others, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying further aid to the Parrsborough Packet, as heretofore granted.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs. Pet. for Parrsborough Packet
- A Petition of Randolph Morris and others, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying a renewal of the weekly Mail Communication between Partridge Island and Advocate Harbor, in Parrsborough.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs. Pet. for Mail, Parrsborough
- The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a Petition of the Directors of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company, praying aid to enable them to send a Steamer to meet at some Port in Cape Breton the Steamer carrying the Mails from Halifax to Newfoundland.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs. Refd. to Com. on Post Office  
Pet. of Prince Edward Island Steam Company
- A Petition of Thomas Randall, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Fraser and read, praying that an Act may be passed, under peculiar circumstances, for securing to him a Patent for a new form of Wheel for propelling Machinery.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table. Refd. to Post Office Com.  
Pet. of T. Randall for Patent
- A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Dorchester, in the County of Sydney, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Brennan and read, praying reimbursement of the expenses of Transient Paupers.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the claims for the expenses of Transient Paupers. Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Dorchester  
Refd. to Transient Pauper Com.
- A Petition of Matthew Maddock, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke and read, praying a grant to remunerate him for past services in carrying the Mail through the Wilderness between Arichat and the Gut of Canso.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs. Pet. of M. Maddock  
Refd. to Com. on Post Office
- A Petition of Simeon and James Fisher, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying aid to complete an Oat Mill at College Lake, St. Mary's District.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Pet. for aid to Oat Mill, St. Mary's District  
Refd. to Com. on Agriculture
- A Petition of Andrew Ross, of Mount Thom, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying compensation for loss in the erection of a Bridge over Eight Mile Brook, on the Main Post Road, or to give to the Petitioner the materials of the old Bridge.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table. Pet. for loss by erection of Bridge
- A Petition of Hugh Campbell and others, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying an additional grant in aid of the conveyance of the Mail between Whycocomagh and the Forks of Margaree River.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs. Pet. for aid to Mail conveyance in Co. of Inverness  
Refd. to Post Office Com.
- A Petition of Donald Blue, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, setting forth the seizing of certain Timber belonging to him, by the Sheriff of the County of Inverness, as Crown Timber, and praying investigation.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Holmes, Mr. Dimock, and Mr. Fulton, to examine, and report thereon to this House. Pet. of Donald Blue, concerning Timber seized as Crown Timber  
Refd. to Sel. Com.
- A Petition of John Murray and others, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying the withholding of grants from Denominational Colleges, and applying them to the support of Common Schools.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education. Pet. against Denominational Colleges  
Refd. to Com. on Education



Letter presented from  
Provincial Sec'y.  
Canada, with Bill  
of Exchange in  
payment of expenses  
of Light Houses

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a copy of a Letter dated 17th February, 1844, from the Provincial Secretary, Canada, to the Secretary of this Province, transmitting a Bill of Exchange for £1380 19s. 7d., sterling, in payment of the proportion of expense borne by Canada, on account of the Light Houses upon St. Paul's and Scatarie, for the years 1841 and 1842.

*Ordered,* That the Copy of Letter do lie on the Table.

Returns relative to  
poor settlers, and on  
Mortgage

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, also, by command of His Excellency, presented to the House returns from Commissioners appointed by His Excellency to enquire and report upon the expenditure and application of monies advanced under the Act of 1837, for the relief of Poor Settlers—viz: from the Counties of Hants, Shelburne, Queen's, Cape Breton, Guysborough, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Antigonishe, and Richmond; also, a Letter from Thomas Ritchie, Esquire, one of the Commissioners for loaning money upon Mortgages, in the County of Annapolis, under the Act 59, Geo. 3, Cap. 9.

*(See Appendix, No. 32.)*

*Ordered,* That the Papers do lie on the Table.

Penitentiary Bill  
presented

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

Bill presented to ex-  
empt persons in  
Govt. Departments  
from Highway  
Labor, &c.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, also, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to exempt certain officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dock Yard, Victualling and Naval Hospital establishments at Halifax, from working on Highways, and discharging civil duties—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

House go into Com.  
on Gen. State of  
Province

On motion of Mr. Howe, the House resolved into a Committee on the consideration of the General State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Res. reported as to  
principles of Col.  
Govt.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House—and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

*Whereas,* The principles of Administration, applicable to the Government of the North American Colonies, have been formally sanctioned, by the highest authority, on several occasions, and ought, to prevent misrepresentation or mistake, to be recorded on the Journals of this Assembly, with its deliberate sanction:

*And whereas,* The following Resolutions, moved by Mr. Secretary Harrison, were adopted by the Parliament of Canada, on the 3rd. September, 1841—

1. That the most important as well as the most undoubted of the political rights of the people of this Province is, that of having a Provincial Parliament for the protection of their liberties, for the exercise of a Constitutional influence over the Executive Departments of their Government, and for Legislation upon all matters of internal Government.

2. That the Head of the Executive Government of the Province, being, within the limits of his Government, the Representative of the Sovereign, is responsible to the Imperial authority alone; but that, nevertheless, the management of our local affairs can only be conducted by him, by and with the assistance, counsel, and information, of subordinate officers in the Province.

3. That in order to preserve, between the different branches of the Provincial Parliament, that harmony which is essential to the peace, welfare, and good government of the Province, the chief advisers of the Representative of the Sovereign, constituting a Provincial Administration under him, ought to be men possessed of the confidence of the Representatives of the people, thus affording a guarantee that the well understood wishes and interests of the people, which our Gracious Sovereign has declared shall be the rule

of the Provincial Government, will, on all occasions, be faithfully represented and advocated.

4. That the people of this Province have, moreover, a right to expect from such Provincial Administration the exertion of their best endeavours, that the Imperial authority shall be exercised in the manner most consistent with their well understood wishes and interests.

*And whereas*, The following declaration was read to this House on the 14th day of March, 1842, by the Hon. Mr. Dodd, with the concurrence of all the Members of the then Administration :

“In Canada, as in this Country, the true principle of Colonial Government is, that the Governor is responsible for the acts of his government to His Sovereign, and the Executive Councillors are responsible to the Governor. He asks their advice when he wishes it, he adopts it at his pleasure, and it is the duty of those that disapprove of his acts to retire from the Board.—Extract from a speech of Hon. A. Stewart.

We admit the whole of this; and have so stated it several times, we also admit that any system of Government which does not include the responsibility of the Governor to the Sovereign, and of the Councillors to him, is inconsistent with the relation of a Colony to the Mother Country.

Lord Falkland has received Her Majesty's commands to govern the Province in conformity with the well understood wishes of the people as expressed through their Representatives. His responsibility to his Sovereign, therefore, renders it imperative upon us to consult your wishes and possess your confidence.

If, in carrying out his instructions, he comes in collision with the House, His Sovereign must judge between him and them, the people between the House and his Council; the success of his Administration depends upon his having a Council secure in the affections of the House. His Councillors are responsible to him, but he takes them because they possess your confidence, and he will dismiss them when they have lost it. This involves their responsibility to you. We admit our responsibility to the Governor, we admit the Governor's right to act and appoint, but we confess our obligation to defend his acts and appointments, and your right to obstruct and embarrass us in carrying on the Government when these are not wise and satisfactory; the exercise of the prerogative must be firm and independent, in every act of the Government, general and local; but its exercise is to be defended here by us; and the necessity there is for your possessing the confidence of the people, the Council yours, the Governor theirs—includes all the strength, and yet responsibility, which are desirable under a Representative Monarchy.”

*And whereas*, His Excellency Sir Charles Metcalf has thus explained, in an answer to an Address from Gore, in Canada, his views of Colonial Government :

“If you mean that the Government should be administered according to the well understood wishes and interests of the people; that the Resolutions of September, 1841, should be faithfully adhered to; that it should be competent to the Council to offer advice on all occasions, whether as to patronage or otherwise; and that the Governor should receive it with the attention due to his constitutional advisers; and consult with them in all cases of adequate importance; that there should be a cordial co-operation and sympathy between him and them; that the Council should be responsible to the Provincial Parliament and the people; and that when the acts of the Governor are such as they do not choose to be responsible for, they should be at liberty to resign; then I entirely agree with you, and see no impracticability in carrying on Responsible Government in a Colony on that footing, provided that the respective parties engaged in the undertaking be guided by moderation, honest purpose, common sense, and equitable minds, devoid of party spirit.”

*Therefore, resolved*, That this House recognize, in the above Resolutions and Documents, the true principles of Colonial Government, as applicable to this Province.

And thereupon, Mr. Howe moved, that the Resolution, as reported from the Committee, be received and agreed to by the House: which, being seconded and propounded,

Motion to agree to  
Resolution

The

Amdt. moved

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, that the question be amended by adding after the word "House," the words "with the following amendment to the said Resolution as reported, viz: to leave out all the words thereof, after the following sentence therein: "And whereas, His Excellency Sir Charles Metcalf has thus explained, in an answer to an Address from Gore, in Canada, his views of Colonial Government," and in place of the words so to be left out, to insert the following:

With reference to your views of Responsible Government, I cannot tell you how far I concur in them, without knowing your meaning, which is not distinctly stated.

If you mean that the Governor is to have no exercise of his own judgment in the administration of the Government, and is to be a mere tool in the hands of the Council, then I totally disagree with you. That is a condition to which I can never submit, and which Her Majesty's Government, in my opinion, never can sanction.

If you mean that every word and deed of the Governor is to be previously submitted for the advice of the Council, then you propose what besides being unnecessary and useless, is utterly impossible, consistently with the due despatch of business.

If you mean that the patronage of the Crown is to be surrendered for exclusive party purposes, to the Council, instead of being distributed to reward merit, to meet just claims, and to promote the efficiency of the public service, then we are again at issue. Such a surrender of the prerogative of the Crown is, in my opinion, incompatible with the existence of a British Colony.

If you mean that the Governor is an irresponsible officer, who can, without responsibility, adopt the advice of the Council, then you are, I conceive, entirely in error. The undisputed functions of the Governor are such, that he is not only one of the hardest worked servants of the Colony, but also has more responsibilities than any other officer in it. He is responsible to the Crown and Parliament, and the people of the Mother Country, for every act that he performs, or suffers to be done, whether it originates with himself, or is adopted on the advice of others. He could not divest himself of that responsibility by pleading the advice of the Council. He is also virtually responsible to the people of this Colony, and practically more so than even to the Mother Country, every day proves it, and no Resolutions can make it otherwise.

But if, instead of meaning any of the above stated impossibilities, you mean that the Government should be administered according to the well understood wishes and interests of the people; that the Resolutions of September, 1841, should be faithfully adhered to; that it should be competent to the Council to offer advice on all occasions, whether as to patronage or otherwise; and that the Governor should receive it with the attention due to his constitutional advisers; and consult with them on all cases of adequate importance; that there should be a cordial co-operation and sympathy between him and them; that the Council should be responsible to the Provincial Parliament and people; and that when the acts of the Governor are such as they do not choose to be responsible for, they should be at liberty to resign; then I entirely agree with you, and see no impracticability in carrying on Responsible Government in a Colony on that footing, provided that the respective parties engaged in the undertaking be guided by moderation, honest purpose, common sense, and equitable minds, devoid of party spirit.

*Therefore, resolved,* That this House recognize, in the above Resolutions and Documents, the true principles of Colonial Government, as applicable to this Province:

But, nevertheless, that this House, by thus adopting the foregoing Canadian Resolutions, shall not be construed to have sanctioned the introduction into this Colony of the transfer from this House to the Executive, of the Initiative in Money Votes, or the enlargement of the qualification of Members of this House, and of the Electors, or the creation of any offices for Heads of Departments, or of a pension fund for retiring Heads of Departments, or of the introduction of any other principles of the Canadian Institutions, and administration of Government not at present adopted in this Province, this House being of opinion that before the same shall be introduced into this Colony, the consent of the people of the Province ought first to be formally expressed by their Representatives in General Assembly:

Which

Which proposed amendment, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-four; against it, twenty-two. Amendment passed

## For the Amendment—

Mr. Fairbanks	Mr. Heckman
" Dewolf	" Freeman
" A. M. Uniacke	" Taylor
" Fraser	" Whitman
" Hall	" Dickey
Hon. Atty. General	" Budd
Mr. B. Smith	" Beckwith
" Holmes	" E. Young
" Wilkins	" Thorne
Hon. Mr. Dodd	" Crowe
Mr. Fulton	" Fleming
" Owen	" Ryder

## Against the Amendment—

Mr. Power	Mr. Martell
" Spearwater	" Dimock
" Bournneuf	" Huntington
" Logan	" G. R. Young
" McLelan	" Brennan
" Crowell	" J. B. Uniacke
" Wilson	" Comeau
" Turnbull	" McNab
" Howe	" McKeagney
" DesBarres	" Clements
" Marshall	" Doyle

So it passed in the affirmative.

And thereupon, resolved as followeth:

*Whereas*, The principles of Administration, applicable to the Government of the North American Colonies, have been formally sanctioned, by the highest authority, on several occasions, and ought, to prevent misrepresentation or mistake, to be recorded on the Journals of this Assembly, with its deliberate sanction:

Amended Resolution  
as agreed to

*And whereas*, The following Resolutions, moved by Mr. Secretary Harrison, were adopted by the Parliament of Canada, on the 3rd. September, 1841—

1. That the most important as well as the most undoubted of the political rights of the people of this Province is, that of having a Provincial Parliament for the protection of their liberties, for the exercise of a Constitutional influence over the Executive Departments of their Government, and for Legislation upon all matters of internal Government.

2. That the Head of the Executive Government of the Province, being, within the limits of his Government, the Representative of the Sovereign, is responsible to the Imperial authority alone; but that, nevertheless, the management of our local affairs can only be conducted by him, by and with the assistance, counsel, and information, of subordinate officers in the Province.

3. That in order to preserve, between the different branches of the Provincial Parliament, that harmony which is essential to the peace, welfare, and good government of the Province, the chief advisers of the Representative of the Sovereign, constituting a Provincial Administration under him, ought to be men possessed of the confidence of the Representatives of the people, thus affording a guarantee that the well understood wishes and interests of the people, which our Gracious Sovereign has declared shall be the rule of the Provincial Government, will, on all occasions, be faithfully represented and advocated.

4. That the people of this Province have, moreover, a right to expect from such Provincial Administration the exertion of their best endeavours, that the Imperial authority shall be exercised in the manner most consistent with their well understood wishes and interests.

*And whereas*, The following declaration was read to this House on the 14th day of March, 1842, by the Hon. Mr. Dodd, with the concurrence of all the Members of the then Administration:

"In Canada, as in this Country, the true principle of Colonial Government is, that the Governor is responsible for the acts of his government to His Sovereign, and the Executive Councillors are responsible to the Governor. He asks their advice when he wishes it, he adopts it at his pleasure, and it is the duty of those that disapprove of his acts to retire from the Board.—Extract from a speech of Hon. A. Stewart.

We admit the whole of this, and have so stated it several times, we also admit that any system of Government which does not include the responsibility of the Governor to the Sovereign, and of the Councillors to him, is inconsistent with the relation of a Colony to the Mother Country.

Lord Falkland has received Her Majesty's commands to govern the Province in conformity with the well understood wishes of the people as expressed through their Representatives. His responsibility to his Sovereign, therefore, renders it imperative upon us to consult your wishes and possess your confidence.

If, in carrying out his instructions, he comes in collision with the House, His Sovereign must judge between him and them, the people between the House and his Council; the success of his Administration depends upon his having a Council secure in the affections of the House. His Councillors are responsible to him, but he takes them because they possess your confidence, and he will dismiss them when they have lost it. This involves their responsibility to you. We admit our responsibility to the Governor, we admit the Governor's right to act and appoint, but we confess our obligation to defend his acts and appointments, and your right to obstruct and embarrass us in carrying on the Government when these are not wise and satisfactory; the exercise of the prerogative must be firm and independent, in every act of the Government, general and local; but its exercise is to be defended here by us; and the necessity there is for your possessing the confidence of the people, the Council yours, the Governor theirs—includes all the strength, and yet responsibility, which are desirable under a Representative Monarchy."

*And whereas*, His Excellency Sir Charles Metcalf has thus explained, in an answer to an Address from Gore, in Canada, his views of Colonial Government:

With reference to your views of Responsible Government, I cannot tell you how far I concur in them, without knowing your meaning, which is not distinctly stated.

If you mean that the Governor is to have no exercise of his own judgment in the administration of the Government, and is to be a mere tool in the hands of the Council, then I totally disagree with you. That is a condition to which I can never submit, and which Her Majesty's Government, in my opinion, never can sanction.

If you mean that every word and deed of the Governor is to be previously submitted for the advice of the Council, then you propose what besides being unnecessary and useless, is utterly impossible, consistently with the due despatch of business.

If you mean that the patronage of the Crown is to be surrendered for exclusive party purposes, to the Council, instead of being distributed to reward merit, to meet just claims, and to promote the efficiency of the public service, then we are again at issue. Such a surrender of the prerogative of the Crown is, in my opinion, incompatible with the existence of a British Colony.

If you mean that the Governor is an irresponsible officer, who can, without responsibility, adopt the advice of the Council, then you are, I conceive, entirely in error. The undisputed functions of the Governor are such, that he is not only one of the hardest worked servants of the Colony, but also has more responsibilities than any other officer in it. He is responsible to the Crown and Parliament, and the people of the Mother Country, for every act that he performs, or suffers to be done, whether it originates with himself, or is adopted on the advice of others. He could not divest himself of that responsibility by pleading the advice of the Council. He is also virtually responsible to the people of this Colony, and practically more so than even to the Mother Country, every day proves it, and no Resolutions can make it otherwise.

But if, instead of meaning any of the above stated impossibilities, you mean that the Government should be administered according to the well understood wishes and interests of the people; that the Resolutions of September, 1841, should be faithfully adhered to; that it should be competent to the Council to offer advice on all occasions, whether as to patronage or otherwise; and that the Governor should receive it with the attention due to his constitutional advisers; and consult with them on all cases of adequate importance; that there should be a cordial co-operation and sympathy between him and them; that the Council should be responsible to the Provincial Parliament and people; and that when the acts of the Governor are such as they do not choose to be responsible for, they should be at liberty to resign; then I entirely agree with you, and see no impracticability in carrying on Responsible Government in a Colony on that footing, provided that the respective parties engaged in the undertaking be guided by moderation, honest purpose, common sense, and equitable minds, devoid of party spirit.

*Therefore,*

*Therefore, resolved,* That this House recognize, in the above Resolutions and Documents, the true principles of Colonial Government, as applicable to this Province:

But, nevertheless, that this House, by thus adopting the foregoing Canadian Resolutions, shall not be construed to have sanctioned the introduction into this Colony of the transfer from this House to the Executive, of the Initiative in Money Votes, or the enlargement of the qualification of Members of this House, and of the Electors, or the creation of any offices for Heads of Departments, or of a pension fund for retiring Heads of Departments, or of the introduction of any other principles of the Canadian Institutions, and administration of Government, not at present adopted in this Province; this House being of opinion that before the same shall be introduced into this Colony, the consent of the people of the Province ought first to be formally expressed by their Representatives in General Assembly.

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

Wednesday, 6th March, 1844.

Mr. Howe moved that the amended Resolution passed yesterday, on the subject of Colonial Government, be rescinded: which, being seconded, and a debate arising thereon,

Mr. Doyle moved that the question be now put: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the latter motion, twenty-seven; against it, twenty-two.

So it passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That the question upon the original motion be now put; and accordingly,

The question being put upon the motion that the said amended Resolution be rescinded, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-four, against it, twenty-five.

For the Motion—

- Mr. Doyle
- " McNab
- " McLelan
- " G. Smith
- " Power
- " J. B. Uniacke
- " DesBarres
- " Huntington
- " G. R. Young
- " Bourneuf
- " Dimock
- " Brennan
- Mr. Martell
- " Comeau
- " Logan
- " Howe
- " McKeagney
- " Fleming
- " Turnbull
- " Wilson
- " Crowell
- " Marshall
- " Spearwater
- " Clements

Against the Motion—

- Mr. Creighton
- " Ryder
- " Budd
- " Crowe
- " Whitman
- " Thorne
- " Heckman
- " Taylor
- " Freeman
- " Dewolf
- " A. M. Uniacke
- " Wilkins
- " Beckwith
- Mr. Owen
- " Fulton
- " Ross
- " Dickey
- Hon. Mr. Dodd
- Hon. Atty. General
- Mr. Fraser
- " Hall
- " Fairbanks
- " E. Young
- " Holmes
- " B. Smith

Motion to rescind amended resolution of yesterday on Colonial Government Debate  
Question to be put

Motion for rescinding put and negatived

Division thereon

So it passed in the negative.

At one of the clock, (being the time appointed for considering the Petitions of William A. Henry, Esquire, a Candidate at the late Election for the County of Sydney, and of John Cunningham and others, Freeholders of the said County, against the Election and Return of Patrick Power, Esquire, one of the sitting Members for the said County,) the Sergeant at Arms was directed to go to the places adjacent, and require the immediate attendance of the Members upon the business of the House, who, having returned, and reported that he had so done, the House was counted, and forty-five Members being present, (exclusive of Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Power, the sitting Member,) and all other previous measures prescribed by the Act of the General Assembly, made and passed in the second year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, "An Act for regulating the Trials of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in General Assembly," having been taken, and the Petitioner and his Counsel, and the Counsel for the sitting Member being in attendance at the Bar of the House, the doors of the House were locked, and the Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Petitions complaining of an

Order of Day, Sydney County Election

an undue Election for the County of Sydney, was read—whereupon, the House proceeded to ballot for a Select Committee to try the merits of the Return and Election of Patrick Power, Esquire, one of the sitting Members for the County of Sydney, in the manner prescribed by said Act, when the following names of fifteen Members present, (and not appearing to be under the disqualifications mentioned in said Act, or not being excused at their own request, on account of their being then serving on a previous Election Committee, or under Affidavit, as hereafter set forth,) were drawn, viz: Mr. Holmes, Mr. McNab, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Spearwater, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Howe, Mr. E. Young, Mr. Bourneuf, Mr. Logan, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Owen, Mr. Comeau, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Martell; and thereupon, lists of the fifteen Members, so chosen by lot, were given to the respective Counsel of the Petitioners, and the sitting Member, who then withdrew with the Clerk Assistant, in order to reduce the same, pursuant to said Act; and the doors were unlocked.

MEMORANDUM.—In the course of drawing the said names, the name of Mr. Brenan was drawn, whereupon Mr. Brenan offered, and verified under oath, an excuse against serving on said Committee, and the substance of his allegations, so made in excuse, being taken down by the Clerk, is as followeth: "George Brenan, of Antigonishe, in the County of Sydney, a Member for said County, maketh oath, and saith, that the Petition against the return of the sitting Member for said County, Patrick Power, Esquire, is signed by a number of deponent's constituency, who voted for him and the Petitioning Candidate at the late Election for said County; and that he is a personal friend of both Petitioning Candidate and sitting Member, and feels a delicacy in presiding as one of the Committee for the trial of the merits of said Petition."—Whereupon, Mr. Speaker took the sense of the House, whether Mr. Brenan should be excused from serving on the said Committee; and it being resolved in the affirmative, he was excused accordingly, and the name of another Member was drawn in his place, pursuant to said Act.

Penitentiary Bill read  
2d time and com-  
mitted

A Bill for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, was read a second time.

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

Lists of Election  
Committee return-  
ed

The Clerk Assistant delivered in the names of the seven Members remaining, after the number drawn by ballot this day, and entered on the lists, in regard to the Election for the County of Sydney, had been reduced according to Law, by the parties alternately striking off names therefrom; and the names of the said seven Members, so delivered in, being read by the Clerk, are as follow, viz: Mr. Freeman, Mr. Spearwater, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Bourneuf, Mr. Logan, Mr. Comeau, and Mr. Fairbanks, who, thereupon, were duly sworn by the Clerk, at the Table of the House, "well and truly to try the matter of the Petitions referred to them, and a true Judgment to give, according to the evidence, pursuant to the provisions of the Statute.

Names of Committee

Committee sworn

Order for meeting of  
Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Select Committee, so formed, do meet to-morrow, at three of the clock, in the Committee Room of this House, commonly called the Judges' Robing Room, for the purpose of hearing and determining the merits of the Election and Return for the County of Sydney, taken this day into consideration.

Pets. refd. to Com.

*Ordered*, That the Petitions of William A. Henry, Esquire, and of John Cunningham and others, against the Election and Return of Mr. Power, one of the sitting Members for the County of Sydney, be referred to the said Select Committee.

Engrossed Continu-  
ing Bills read 3d  
time—

Prisoners' Counsel

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for enabling persons indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel, was read a third time.

Passed, and made  
perpetual

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to revive and make perpetual the Act for enabling persons indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel.

Chedabucto Bay  
Fisheries

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the Regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay, was read a third time.

Passed

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the Regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.

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

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

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

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poors' Rates of Pictou, as amended. Passed

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pugwash, was read a third time. Pugwash Harbor

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pugwash. Passed

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bridgeport Harbor Master	An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton.
Assize of Bread	An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.
Hx. Pilotage	An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and the several Acts in amendment thereof, and additional thereto, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and the several Acts in amendment thereof, and additional thereto.
Nuisances	An engrossed Bill to continue the Act additional, concerning Nuisances, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act additional, concerning Nuisances.
Richmond Fisheries	An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.
Hx. Cord-wood Forestalling	An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Regrating, and Monopolizing of Cord-wood, in the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Regrating, and Monopolizing of Cord-wood, in the Town of Halifax.
Cy. and District Rates	An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
Billetting	An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the Accommodation and Billetting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the Accommodation and Billetting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.
Bills to be sent to Council	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.
Return of Scrutiny on Halifax Township Election	Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from John James Sawyer, Esquire, Sheriff of the County of Halifax, addressed by him to the Clerk of this House, accompanied by the Minutes, Papers, and return of proceedings had before him, the said Sheriff, and his assistants, upon a Scrutiny in regard to the late Election for the Township of Halifax, returned to the House by the said Sheriff, pursuant to Law: and the said Letter being read by the Clerk,
	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Letter, together with the Minutes, Papers, and return of proceedings on the said Scrutiny, do lie on the Table.
Pet. for alteration of Law for holding Elections	A Petition of Caleb Shaffner and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by the Hon. the Attorney General and read, praying an alteration in the Law as regards the manner of holding and conducting Elections of Representatives to serve in General Assembly.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the Petition, and the Election Laws generally, be referred to a Select Committee to examine into the same, and to report thereon, by Bill or otherwise.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. the Attorney General, Mr. Huntington, Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. McLelan, and Mr. Creighton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty, being read,

Order of Day—  
Supply postponed

*Ordered*, That this House do, To-morrow, resolve itself into such Committee of Supply.

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

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**Thursday, 7th March, 1844.**

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On motion of Mr. Howe, *resolved unanimously*, as followeth:

*Whereas*, an ebullition of popular fervour took place on the 22nd February last, in the Gallery and Lobby of the House, prejudicial to its privileges, which occasioned certain expressions to fall from the Honorable and learned Attorney General, which the Honorable and learned Speaker conceives cast a reflection on him, in the discharge of his duties; *And whereas*, this House was then in Committee, which precluded the Speaker, while out of the Chair, from preserving order:

Unanimous Resolution as to duties of Speaker upon order of House when in Committee

*Resolved*, That when the House is in Committee, no responsibility attaches to the Speaker more than to any other Member, and that it does attach only when he resumes the Chair.

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

Insolvent Debtors Bill presented

Mr. Marshall reported from the Select Committee on Printing for the Assembly, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

Report from Com. on Printing for Assembly

The Committee to whom was referred the Contract for Printing for this Honourable House, entered into by Richard Nugent, beg leave to report as follows: That up to the present period, the said Contract has been duly performed, and the Contractor undertakes to execute the same until the expiration of the term, which expires in October next. That the securities given by the said Contractor are sufficient, in the opinion of your Committee, and they are willing to continue bound.

Your Committee, therefore, see no reason why the Contract should be interfered with, and recommend that the said Richard Nugent should be allowed to complete it.

JOHN J. MARSHALL, Chairman.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Report adopted

Mr. Fairbanks, Chairman of the Sydney County Election Committee, by direction of the Committee, moved that they have the leave of the House to adjourn over until Tuesday, the 19th instant—which, upon the question put thereon, was agreed to by the House.

Leave to Sydney Co. Election Com. to adjourn over

The Order of the Day being read, that the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty—the House resolved itself into such Committee.

Com. of Supply

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Supply—which, upon the question put thereon, was agreed to by the House.

Bill to repeal Western  
Steam Boat Act  
read 2nd time  
Refd. with other  
papers to Sel. Com.

A Bill to repeal the Act to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Sea Ports of this Province, was read a second time; and thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, together with the papers relating to the running of the said Steam Boat during the last season, laid before this House on the 29th February last, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be referred to Mr. DesBarres, Mr. Fraser, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Hall, and Mr. J. B. Uniacke, to examine, and report thereon to this House.

Sewers' Bill presented

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

Refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Fraser, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Fleming, and Mr. Logan, to examine, and report thereon to this House.

House in Committee  
on Bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Leave of absence to  
Mr. Wilkins

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wilkins have leave of absence from this House on Saturday and Monday next, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to  
Mr. Fulton

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fulton have leave of absence from this House for a fortnight, on account of sickness in his family.

Liverpool Fire En-  
gine Bill presented

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Addition to Com. on  
uniting Excise with  
some other Depart-  
ment

*Ordered*, That Mr. Marshall and Mr. Taylor be added to the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of uniting the Office of Collector of the Colonial Duties of Impost and Excise with that of the Customs or Treasury.

Order of the Day—  
Ways and Means  
deferred

The Order of the Day for the consideration of Ways and Means, in a Committee of the whole House, being read,

*Ordered*, That this House do, To-morrow, resolve itself into such Committee.

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

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Friday, 8th March, 1844.

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Registrars of Deeds  
Bill presented

Mr. Huntington, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Civil List Bill pre-  
sented

The Hon. the Attorney General, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for the Civil List, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next, the 13th instant.

Copies and Papers  
relating to Coal  
Mines, and Re-  
venue, and Salaries,  
laid on the Table

The Hon. the Attorney General, also, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House several Copies of Despatches, and other Papers, relative to the Civil List and the Casual and Territorial Revenues of this Province—and the same were read, viz:

- No. 1. Returns of Coal shipped in 1843.
2. General Abstract of the same.

No.

- No. 3. Abstracts of Accounts of Crown Land Commissioners.  
 4. Accounts of Casual Fund for 1843, with the Appropriations.  
 5. Statement of Arrears.  
 6. Correspondence and Despatches relating to abatement sought by the General Mining Association, viz: a Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated January 1st, 1843, with a Copy of Mr. Cunard's Memorial transmitted therewith; Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 18th February, 1843, in answer to the foregoing, with Copies of Correspondence; Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 31st January, 1844; and Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 2d March, 1844, in answer to the last preceding.  
 7. Copies of, or extracts from, Despatches on subject of the Civil List and Casual and Territorial Revenue, and accompanying Paper, viz: Extract of Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 2d December, 1842, with Copy of Tabular Statement sent therewith; Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 26th January, 1843; Extract of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 9th May, 1843; and Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 4th September, 1843.  
 8. General Tabular Statement of Salaries now and under the Bill of 1840, and proposed under the Bill of 1844.

For these Despatches and Papers—

(See Appendix, No. 33.)

*Ordered*, That the Copies of Despatches, and other Papers, do lie on the Table.

A Bill in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, in Cornwallis, in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead; also,

Presbyterian Church Bill, Cornwallis, read 2d time

A Bill to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and the Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same; also,

Baptist Church Bill, Cornwallis, read 2d time

A Bill to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dock Yard, Victualling and Naval Hospital establishments at Halifax, from working on Highways, and discharging other civil duties; also,

Ordnance Officers exemption Bill read 2d time

A Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine—were severally read a second time.

Liverpool Fire Engine Bill read 2d time

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

Bills committed

*Ordered*, That Mr. Beckwith have leave of absence from this House until Tuesday next, to return home upon urgent private business.

Leave of absence to Mr. Beckwith

The Order of the Day being read,

*Ordered*, That this House do, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

Order of Day—Ways and Means postponed

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

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Saturday, 9th March, 1844.

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A Petition of John Stewart and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying the endowment of five Institutions of Learning, viz—Pictou Academy, Dalhousie College, St. Mary's College, King's College, and Acadia College.

Pet. for five Colleges

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

Pet. for re-building  
Bridge, Truro

A Petition of Thomas J. Brown and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Ross and read, praying aid to rebuild the Bridge over Salmon River, three miles above Truro.

Mr. Ross moved that the Petition be referred to the Select Committee on the Petition of Samuel Archibald : which, being seconded,

Mr. Spearwater moved, by way of amendment to the question, that the Petition be withdrawn : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, seventeen ; against it, sixteen. So it passed in the affirmative.

Withdrawn

*Ordered,* That the Petition be withdrawn.

Pet. for aid to Com.  
Schools

A Petition of Alexander Patterson and others, of Aylesford, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Dewolf and read, praying that all monies at the disposal of the Legislature for Educational purposes, may be appropriated for the encouragement of Common Schools.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

Pet. from Aylesford  
on Representation

A Petition of William Miller and others, of Aylesford, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Dewolf and read, praying a Representative for that Township, or that King's County may have four County Members, instead of two County and two Township Members, as at present.

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

Pet. for aid to Col-  
leges

A Petition of James Newcomb and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Ross and read, praying the endowment of Colleges at Horton and Pictou, in perpetuity.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

Pet. for alteration of  
Sitting of Supreme  
Court at Arichat

A Petition of Charles F. Harrington and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Martell and read, praying an alteration of the time of the sitting of the Supreme Court at Arichat.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. Turnbull, and Mr. McKeagney, to examine the same, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Bridewell Accounts  
presented

The Hon. the Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House the Accounts of the Commissioners for building a Provincial Penitentiary, or Bridewell, from 1840 to 1844.

*Ordered,* That the Accounts do lie on the Table.

Libel Bill read 2d  
time and committed

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

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

Pet. for Breakwater,  
Marshall's Cove,  
Wilmot

A Petition of Richard W. Cunningham and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by the Hon. Attorney General and read, praying further aid to the Breakwater at Marshall's Cove, in Wilmot.

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

Refd. to Com. on  
Nav. Sec.

Sheriffs' appointment  
Bill presented

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

Pet. of B. K. Dodge  
refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered,* That the Petition of Benjamin K. Dodge, presented on Saturday last, relating to the support of the Poor in the County of Annapolis, be referred to the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Heckman, and Mr. Brenan, as a Select Committee, to examine into the subject matter thereof, and report by Bill or otherwise.

Absconding Debtors  
Bill presented

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

*Ordered,*

*Ordered,* That no Bill be received after Saturday next, the 16th instant, unless by special leave of the House.

A Petition of the Rev. John J. Baxter and others, of Onslow, in the County of Colchester, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Howe and read; and a Petition of John Hamilton and others, of Brookfield, in the same County, was also, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. McLellan and read, respectively praying, that instead of Denominational Colleges one University may be established, upon liberal principles, free from Sectarian influences, and having it's Professorships and Classes open to all Denominations.

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

On motion, the Order of the Day being read; and thereupon, The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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**Monday, 11th March, 1844.**

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**PRAYERS.**

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, in Cornwallis, in Trustees, &c.; and the Bill to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees, &c., and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any amendment; and that the Committee had also gone through the Bill to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel; the Bill for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary; the Bill to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dock Yard, Victualling and Naval Hospital establishments at Halifax, from working on Highways, and discharging other civil duties; and the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine—and had made amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills; and he afterwards delivered the several Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

The amendments to the four Bills reported with amendments were then read a first and second time, and respectively agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the Bills, with the amendments, be engrossed.

*Ordered,* That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Mr. Fraser, one of the Committee for trying the merits of the Contested Election for the County of Pictou, (in the absence of Mr. J. B. Uniacke, the Chairman thereof,) stated that the Committee desired leave to adjourn over until Thursday next, and moved that such leave be granted: which motion being seconded and put, was agreed to by the House; and accordingly,

*Ordered,*

Time limited for presenting Bills

Pets. against Denominational Colleges, and for one University

Refd. to Com. on Education

Order of Day—Ways and Means

Com. on Bills

Report Cornwallis Presbyterian Church Bill, and

Cornwallis Baptist Church Bill—without amdt.

Report Libel Bill

Penitentiary Bill

Govt. Officers exemption Bill, and

Liverpool Fire Engine Bill—with amdt.

Amdts. agreed to

Bills to be engrossed

Leave to Pictou Cy. Election Com. to adjourn over

*Ordered*, That the Select Committee on the Contested Election for the County of Pictou have the leave of this House to adjourn over until Thursday next, the 14th inst.

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

**Tuesday, 12th March, 1844.**

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Penitentiary Bill read 3d time

An engrossed Bill for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, was read a third time; and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. J. B. Uniacke, the following engrossed clause was passed, and added to the Bill by way of Rider, viz:

Rider added

*And be it enacted*, That any person guilty of Felony, under this Act, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned in said Penitentiary for any time not more than fourteen years, nor less than one year, as the Court shall award.

Bill passed

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that that the title be, An Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.

Engrossed Libel Bill read 3d time

An engrossed Bill to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, was read a third time; and thereupon,

Rider moved and negatived

Mr. G. R. Young moved that the following clause, to be inserted in the Bill by way of Rider, do pass, viz:

*And be it enacted*, That in any action on the case for a Libel, contained in any public Newspaper, or other periodical publication, sued in the Courts of Record in this Province, if the Jury upon the trial of the issue in such actions, or the Jury that shall enquire of the damages, do find or assess the damages under Forty Shillings, then the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover only so much costs as the damages so given or assessed amount to, without any further evidence of the same, and if more costs in any such action be awarded, the Judgment shall be void, and the Defendant acquitted of the same:

Which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Bill passed

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel.

Engrossed Officers exemption Bill read 3d time

An engrossed Bill to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, &c., was read a third time.

Passed

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dockyard, Victualling and Naval Hospital Establishments at Halifax, from working on Highways, and discharging other civil duties.

Engrossed Liverpool Fire Engine Bill read 3d time

An engrossed Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine, was read a third time.

Passed

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine.

Bills sent to Council

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

Bridgetown Baptist Meeting House Bill presented

Mr. Thorne, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House at Bridgetown, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House, for the repairing, ornamenting, altering, or enlarging the same, and for ratifying the appointment, and defining the duties of the Trustees of the said Meeting House—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to provide monies for Road in Queen's Cy.

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide monies for erecting a Bridge, and completing a Road in Queen's County—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented for Letters Patent to Thos. Randall

Mr. Fraser, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable Thomas Randall to obtain Letters Patent for a useful invention—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

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Mr. Thorne, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the sub-division of Parishes—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Parish sub-division  
Bill presented

Mr. Fraser, from the Committee on the Petition of Edward Bulger, reported unfavorably to the prayer thereof; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on Pet. of  
Edward Bulger

(See Appendix, No. 34.)

Ordered, That the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted

The Hon. the Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House two Returns from King's County, and the County of Colchester, in regard to monies granted for the relief of Poor Settlers, passed in the year 1837—and the same was read by the Clerk.

Returns of monies for  
Poor Settlers,  
King's County and  
Colchester

(See Appendix, No. 35.)

Ordered, That the Returns do lie on the Table.

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act for the holding of Polls in the County and Township of Pictou—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill respecting Polls  
in Pictou Co.

Mr. Dickey reported from the Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of Samuel Archibald, of Robert McKay and others, and of Hiram Hyde, in relation to the over-expenditure upon, and the completion of the alteration of, a Road near Truro; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report on Petition of  
S. Archibald and  
others

(See Appendix, No. 36.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Dodd and Mr. DesBarres be added to the Committee on the Petition for alteration of the time of sitting of the Supreme Court at Arichat.

Addition to Com. on  
sitting of Supreme  
Court, Arichat

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of Ways and Means.

Com. Ways and  
Means

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered, That the Accounts of the Commissioners for building the Provincial Penitentiary, laid before the House on Saturday last, be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Fairbanks, and the Hon. Mr. Dodd, to examine, and report thereon to the House.

Penitentiary Accts.  
reld. to Sel. Com.

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

Wednesday, 13th March, 1844.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Logan reported from the Committee on the Petition of George Mitchell, relative to an over-expenditure made in building a Bridge at New Glasgow, in the County of Pictou; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on Petition  
of George Mitchell

(See Appendix, No. 37.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.



Pet. in favor of Denominational Colleges

A Petition of Willard G. Parker and others, was presented by the Hon. the Attorney General and read, in favor of Denominational Colleges, and praying aid to Acadia College.

Refd. to Com. on Education

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

Com. of Ways and Means

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Report of Com. on Public Accounts

Mr. Dewolf reported from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Legislative Council in the examination of the Public Accounts; and he read the Report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix, No. 38.)

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

Order of the Day—  
2nd reading of the Civil List Bill postponed

The Order of the Day for the second read of the Civil List Bill being read,  
*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

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**Thursday, 14th March, 1844.**

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PRAYERS.

Bill presented for amendment relating to Polls at Elections

Mr. McKeagney, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Report on Petition of S. J. Blair

Mr. Creighton from the Select Committee on the Petition of Samuel James Blair, reported unfavorably to the prayer thereof; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 39.)

Adopted

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Report from Com. on Transient Pauper claims

Mr. Clements reported from the Committee on the several Petitions for reimbursment of the expenses of Transient Paupers; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 40.)

Recommendations of grants refd. to Com. of Supply

*Ordered*, That the Report be received and lie on the Table, and that the recommendations therein contained of grants of monies, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Report on Petitions for aid to Public Houses

Mr. Hall reported from the Committee to whom were referred the several Petitions praying aid towards the support of Houses of Entertainment for Travellers, in certain situations in the Wilderness, unfavorably to granting any such aid; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 41.)

Motion for its adoption

And thereupon, Mr. Ryder moved that the Report be received and adopted by the House: which, being seconded,

Amendment proposed and negatived

Mr. Spearwater moved as an amendment to the question, to add at the end thereof the words, "with the exception of that part which relates to the Petition of Margaret Nickerson:

Nickerson : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, seventeen ; against it, twenty-one.

So it passed in the negative.

The original motion being then put,

*Ordered*, That the Report be received and adopted by this House.

Report adopted

Mr. B. Smith reported from the Committee upon the Petitions and Laws relating to Statute Labor on Highways ; and, thereupon, presented

A Bill relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways ; also,

A Bill to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act.

And the said Bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next, the 18th instant.

Report from Com. on Statute Labor on Highways  
Bill presented relative to Statute Labor  
Bill to repeal part of Halifax Highway Act  
Order for 2d reading

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee on the Petition of John Ross Esquire, a Member of this House, in regard to his claim for compensation for services and losses in connection with the Post Office Department ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on Pet. of John Ross, Esq.

(*See Appendix, No. 42.*)

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

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee on the Petition of Richard Nugent ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on Pet. of R. Nugent

(*See Appendix, No. 43.*)

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

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

Pictou separate Poor Districts Bill presented

Mr. DesBarres, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for an additional sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough, and for other purposes—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented for Sessions Peace, Guysborough

Mr. Owen reported from the Committee on the Petition of the City Council of Halifax ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on Pet. of City Council of Halifax

(*See Appendix, No. 44.*)

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

Mr. Owen, also, from the same Committee, presented a Bill relative to the Halifax Assessments, and further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and the Act in amendment thereof, and certain other Acts ; also,

Bill reported from Com. to amend Incorporation Act

A Bill further concerning Firewards and Fires in the City of Halifax.

Also Bill concerning Firewards

And the said Bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, the Return laid before this House by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in regard to the Chimney Sweeps in the City of Halifax, was read ; and thereupon,

Returns of Chimney Sweeps refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the said Return, and the subject of the condition of the Chimney Sweeps in the City of Halifax, be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and Mr. Doyle, to examine into, and report thereon by Bill, or otherwise.

Mr. DesBarres, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough ; also,

Guysboro' Streets Bill presented

A Bill for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough.

St. Mary's Salmon Fishery Bill presented

And the said Bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

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Returns of loans to  
Poor Settlers, &c.  
referred to Sel. Com.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that the Returns laid before this House, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the proceeds of Loans made to Poor Settlers, under the Relief Act of 1837, and of monies loaned upon mortgage by the Commissioners for that purpose, in the County of Annapolis, be referred to a Select Committee to examine, and report upon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Howe, and Mr. McKeagney, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Pictou Co. Election  
Com. leave to ad-  
journ over

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Chairman of the Pictou County Election Committee, by direction of the Committee, moved that they have the leave of the House to adjourn over until Saturday next, the 16th instant: which, being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered* accordingly.

Bill presented to pre-  
vent damage to  
Fishermen's Nets,  
Chedabucto Bay

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to  
amend Gas Light  
Company Act

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and an Act passed in amendment thereof; also,

Bill to Incorporate  
Water Company,  
Halifax

A Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company—and

The said Bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Com. on Pictou Pilots  
Petition report Bill

Mr. McKeagney reported from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Petition of Pilots of Pictou, and other Petitions on the same subject; and, thereupon, presented

To amend Pictou  
Harbor Act

A Bill further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pictou—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Engrossed Bills read  
3d time and passed,  
viz—

Presbyterian Church  
Bill, in Cornwallis

An engrossed Bill in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis, in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead, was read a third time.

Passed

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis, in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead.

Cornwallis Baptist  
Church

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and the Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same, was read a third time.

Passed

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorise the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and the Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same.

Bills ordered to Coun-  
cil

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

Bills read 2nd time—  
Halifax Poor House  
Burying Ground

A Bill to transfer the Land in the City of Halifax, called the Poor House Burying Ground, to the Commissioners of the Poor.

Insolvent Debtors

A Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

Absconding Debtors

A Bill to enable Creditors to recover their just debts out of the Real Estate, Personal Property, and Effects, of absent or absconding Debtors.

Bridgetown Baptist  
Meeting House

A Bill in amendment of the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House, at Bridgetown, to raise monies, &c.; and

Road, Queen's Co.

A Bill to provide monies for erecting a Bridge, and completing a Road in Queen's County—were severally read a second time.

Bills committed

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

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to remove the old Kempt Bridge, in the County of Pictou, and to build another Bridge with the materials thereof—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented concerning Kempt Bridge, Pictou

The Order of the Day being read,  
*Ordered*, That the Civil List Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Order of Day—  
 Civil List Bill postponed

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Com. of Supply

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

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of a Supply—which, upon the question put thereon, was agreed to by the House.

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

**Friday, 15th March, 1844.**

PRAYERS.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fraser have leave of absence from this House from Tuesday to Friday next, to enable him to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to Mr. Fraser

A Petition of William L. Bent and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Budd and read, in favour of Denominational Colleges, and praying aid to Acadia College.

Pet. in favor of Denominational Colleges

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall have leave of absence from this House on Saturday and Monday next, to enable him to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to Mr. Hall

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School, or Academy, at Sydney, in Cape Breton—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Sydney, C. B. Academy Bill presented

Mr. A. M. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act concerning suits against Foreign Bodies, Politic or Corporate, and to repeal the Acts now in force—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Foreign Corporations Bill presented

Mr. Dimock, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for enforcing performances of engagements in aid of Public Works—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Public Works Bill presented

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

Cole Harbor Dike Bill presented

Mr. Doyle, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Halifax Sea Manure Bill presented

The Order of the Day being read,

The Bill to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, was read a second time.

Civil List Bill read 2d time and committed

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

House go into Com.  
on Civil List Bill

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to provide for the Civil List, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again: which, upon the question put thereon, was agreed to by the House.

Further order thereon

*Ordered*, That this House do again, To-morrow, resolve itself into Committee on the further consideration of the Civil List Bill.

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

Saturday, 16th March, 1844.

PRAYERS.

Arichat Streets Bill  
presented

Mr. Turnbull, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Arichat Court House  
Bill presented

Mr. Turnbull, also, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the sale of the old Court House and Jail, at Arichat, and the lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. relative to Pro-  
bate Law

A Petition of Donald McLeod and others, was presented, by special leave of the House, by Mr. Logan and read, praying that the Acts regulating Courts of Probate, may be repealed or amended.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Select Committee on the Bills relating to the Probate Acts.

Barristers Incorporation  
Bill presented

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to Incorporate the Society of Nova Scotia Barristers—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Resolution for en-  
quiry as to Marine  
Insurance Compa-  
nies

On motion of Mr. Howe, *resolved*, that a Special Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to enquire into the extent of the business done in Marine Insurance, either by Provincial Companies, or Foreign Agencies, and the nature of the security for the payment of losses, given to the Public.

Com. thereon

*Ordered*, That Mr. Howe, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Ross, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Bill to divide County  
of Cape Breton  
presented

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to divide the County of Cape Breton, and to regulate the same—and the said Bill was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. from Cy. of  
Sydney for Ro-  
tation Court

A Petition of John Munro and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Power and read, praying the establishment of a Rotation or Commissioners Court, in the County of Sydney, in place of the Jurisdiction now exercised by Justices of the Peace, in regard to the collection of Debts.

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

Prothonotaries Bill  
presented

Mr. McLelan, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill concerning the Prothonotaries of the Supreme Court throughout the Province—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of Zobeth Freeman and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, in favor of Denominational Colleges, and praying aid to Acadia College.

Pet. for aid to Acadia College

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

Mr. Whitman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to alter time of Sessions at Annapolis

A Petition of Edward H. Lowe and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Doyle and read, praying that the Township of Dartmouth, and it's vicinity, may be allowed a Representative in General Assembly.

Pet. for Member for Dartmouth

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

*Ordered*, That the Bill to equalize the Representation, be read a a second time on Wednesday next, the 20th instant.

2d reading of Representation Bill made Order of Day

The Order of the Day being read,

Order of Day—  
Com. of whole on Civil List Bill

The House again resolved into a Committee on the further consideration of the Civil List Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

*Ordered*, That this House do, on Monday next, the 18th instant, resolve itself into a Committee on the consideration of the Civil List Bill.

Civil List Bill made further Order of the Day

Mr. McKeagney, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town House in the County of Inverness—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Inverness Lock-up Houses Bill presented

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

### Monday, 18th March, 1844.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dewolf have leave of absence from this House from Tuesday to Thursday next, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to Mr. Dewolf

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a Petition of certain Freeholders of the Counties of Lunenburg and Queen's, to His Excellency, praying aid to open a Road between Mill Village and Camperdown; recommended by His Excellency to the consideration of the House—and the same was read.

Pet. for aid to Road from Mill Village to Camperdown

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

The Bills following were severally read a second time, viz :

Bills read 2d time—

A Bill in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.

Polls Bill

A Bill relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.

Statute Labor

A Bill to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act.

Halifax Highways

A Bill for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor.

Pictou Poor Districts

A Bill to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough, and for other purposes.

Guysboro' Sessions

- Guysboro' Streets A Bill relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough.
- Salmon Fishery, St. Mary's River A Bill for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River Saint Mary's, in the County of Guysborough.
- Fishermen's Nets A Bill to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay.
- Chedabucto Bay Amdt. of Gas Co. Bill A Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and an Act passed in amendment thereof.
- Bill to Incorporate Halifax Water Co. A Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company.
- Sydney, C. B. Academy A Bill to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape Breton.
- Public Works engagements A Bill for enforcing performances of engagements in aid of Public Works.
- Halifax Sea Manure A Bill to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure, in the said County.
- Arichat Highways A Bill to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.
- Sale of Arichat Court House A Bill to authorize the sale of the old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes ; and
- Inverness Lock-up Houses Bills committed A Bill to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town House in the County of Inverness.  
*Ordered*, That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Bill in amdt. of Passengers Act Mr. Fraser, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Annapolis Sessions Bill referred to Select Com. To report generally On motion of Mr. Whitman, *resolved*, that the Bill to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis, be referred to a Select Committee to consider the same, and to report thereon with such amendments as may be found necessary, to embrace any alterations desired, in relation to the Sittings of the Courts of Sessions throughout the Province.  
*Ordered*, That Mr. Whitman, Mr. DesBarres, and Mr. McKeagney, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.
- Bill referred to Com. on Marine Insurance Companies *Ordered*, That the Bill in amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act concerning Suits against Foreign Bodies, Politic or Corporate, and to repeal the Acts now in force, be referred to the Select Committee appointed on Saturday last in relation to Marine Insurance Companies.
- Bill for lighting City of Halifax Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill for lighting the City of Halifax—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Report on Sewers Bill, with amdt. Mr. Dewolf reported from the Committee on the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, and to repeal all former Acts relative thereto—that the Committee had made some amendments to the Bill ; and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where the amendments were read.
- Read 2d time and committed The said Bill and amendments were then read a second time.  
*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Bill to consolidate Acts relating to Common Fields Ms. Dewolf, also, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to consolidate and reduce into one Act all the Acts heretofore made relating to Common Fields—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Pet. from Inverness against Denominational Colleges A Petition of Henry Taylor and others, of the County of Inverness, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, against Denominational Colleges, and praying the endowment of one University, and aid to Common Schools.  
*Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Refil. to Education Com.

A Petition of Archibald Kennedy and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying aid towards the conveyance of the Mails between River Inhabitants and Malogowatcht, in the County of Inverness.

Pet. for aid to Mails in Inverness

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

Refd. to Com. on Post Office

A Petition of William Irving and others, of Barney's River, in the County of Pictou, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying aid to open a new line of Road from New Glasgow to Antigonishe.

Pet. for aid to Road from New Glasgow to Antigonishe

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dockyard, Victualling and Naval Hospital Establishments at Halifax, from working on Highways, and discharging other civil duties ; and

Have agreed to Govt. Officers exemption Bill, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine—severally, without any amendment.

Liverpool Fire Engine Bill—without amdt.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Order of the Day being read,

Order of Day—Civil List Bill Com. of whole

The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Civil List Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Progress reported

*Ordered*, That this House do again, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the consideration of the Civil List Bill.

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

**Tuesday, 19th March, 1844.**

A Petition of the Right Rev. William Fraser, Roman Catholic Bishop, and others, Inhabitants of the County of Sydney, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Brennan and read, against a plurality of Colleges, and praying the uniting of the several Collegiate Institutions in the Province into one, with it's Professorships and Classes open to all Religious Denominations.

Pet. from Co. of Sydney against plurality of Colleges

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

Refd. to Com. on Education

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Chairman of the Pictou County Election Committee, by direction of the Committee, moved that they have leave to adjourn over until Saturday next, the 23d instant : which, being seconded and put, was agreed to by the House.

Pictou Co. Election adjourned over

*Ordered* accordingly.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, with amendments—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

Council agree to Libel Bill with amts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of the Civil List Bill.

Com. of whole on Civil List Bill



Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress reported

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

Order of Day continued

*Ordered*, That this House do again, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the consideration of the Civil List Bill.

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

Wednesday, 20th March, 1844.

PRAYERS.

Amends. of Council agreed to

The amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Report on Pet. for aid to Emigrants Co. Inverness

The Hon. Mr. Dodd reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of John McLean and others, for aid to relieve the distresses of certain poor Emigrants in the County of Inverness; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 45.)

Adopted

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Papers laid before House by command

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House the following Documents and Papers, viz :

Report of Central Board of Education

The third Annual Report of the Central Board of Education, being for the year 1843, with Tabular Statements of the Returns of Schools.

Report of Central Board of Agriculture

The Report of the Central Board of Agriculture, for 1843, with Statements, Accounts, and Vouchers.

Pet. of Mr. Babington, Yarmouth

A Petition of Alexander Johnson Babington, Landing Waiter at the Port of Yarmouth, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be commissioned as a Seizing Officer at that Port.

Letter from Mr. James, Seizing Officer, Co. Annapolis

A Letter from Thomas James, a Seizing Officer at the Breakwater, Wilmot, in the County of Annapolis, dated 1st January, 1844, and addressed to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, setting forth his services in that capacity, and his hope of remuneration therefor.

Letter from Commissioner of Saving's Bank

A Letter from E. Duckett, Commissioner and Treasurer of the Saving's Bank, at Halifax, to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, dated 8th March, 1844, stating that the amount authorized under the Act of 1841, to increase the usefulness of the Saving's Bank, has been paid into the Provincial Treasury, and applications to deposit are made weekly, which can only be received to the amount of the sums from week to week withdrawn.

And the said several Documents and Papers were read by the Clerk.

Refd. to Com. on Education

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Central Board of Education, and accompanying Abstracts, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Refd. to Com. on Agriculture

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Central Board of Agriculture, and accompanying Papers, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

*Ordered*, That the several other Papers, so presented, do lie on the Table.

Pet. Parrsborough Packet

A Petition of James W. Harris and others, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Hall and read, praying aid towards running the Packet "Ruth and Hannah" between Horton, Parrsborough and Windsor.

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

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

Order of Day—Com. on Civil List Bill

The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Civil List Bill, in Committee of the whole House, being read,

The

The House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had made several amendments to the Civil List Bill, which they directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table; and, thereupon, the said amendments were read, and agreed to by the House.

Bill reported with amends.

Amends. agreed to

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Bill to be engrossed

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, with sundry amendments—to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

Council agree to Penitentiary Bill with amends.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of Ways and Means.

Com. Ways and Means

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to sundry Resolutions upon the business referred to them, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the said Resolutions in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Resolutions

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Ways and Means, which, upon the question put thereon, was agreed to by the the House.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee being then read by the Clerk, are as followeth :

1. *Resolved*, That on, from, and after, the Thirty-first day of March, instant, on all the articles, whether of British or Foreign growth, production, or manufacture, in the following Table of Articles subject to Colonial Duties, and exempted from Colonial Duties, specified, which are not therein declared to be duty free, there shall be raised, levied, imposed, and collected, the several and respective Duties set opposite to such articles in the column of Duties to the said Table affixed, payable in Sterling money of Great Britain :

Resolution for Tariff

TABLE OF COLONIAL IMPOST DUTIES REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING ACT.

ARTICLES.	COLONIAL DUTIES IN STERLING MONIES.			Table of Colonial Duties
	£	s.	d.	
Anchors and Grapnels, and Anchor Palms,	duty free			
Apples, fresh or dried—per barrel,	0	4	0	
Ashes, to-wit—Pot Ashes and Pearl Ashes,	duty free			
Bacon—per cwt.,	0	6	0	
Baggage and Apparel, not intended for sale,	duty free			
Barley, unground,	duty free			
Barilla,	duty free			
Beans,	duty free			
Beef, salted, of all sorts—per cwt.,	0	3	0	
“ fresh, brought by land or inland navigation, or otherwise imported—per cwt.,	0	5	0	
				Biscuit

Table of Colonial  
Duties

ARTICLES.	COLONIAL DUTIES IN STERLING MONIES.		
	£	s.	d.
Biscuit or Bread—per cwt.,	0	1	8
“ fine, called Crackers or Cakes—per cwt.,	0	3	4
Books prohibited to be imported into the United Kingdom,	prohibited		
“ not so prohibited,	duty free		
Bullion, Gold or Silver,	duty free		
Burr Stones,	duty free		
Butter—per cwt.,	0	4	0
Cables, of Hemp, or of other vegetable substance, and of Iron,	duty free		
Candles, Wax, Spermaceti, or Composition—for every pound weight,	0	0	3
“ of Tallow—for every pound weight,	0	0	1
Carriages of Travellers, not for Merchandize, or intended to be sold,	duty free		
Cattle, viz—Asses and Mules,	duty free		
“ Horse, Mare, or Gelding—each,	2	0	0
“ Neat Cattle, viz—Ox or other Neat Cattle, three years old, or upwards—each,	1	10	0
“ Cows and Cattle under three years old—each,	0	10	0
“ Sheep—each,	0	3	0
“ Hogs over 100 lbs. weight,	1	0	0
“ of 100 lbs. weight, and under,	0	2	0
Chocolate or Cocoa Paste—for every pound weight,	0	0	1
Coal,	duty free		
Cocoa used in the manufacture of Chocolate,	duty free		
Coffee, Green—per cwt.,	0	4	4
“ Roasted, burned, or ground—for every pound weight,	0	0	2
Clocks of all kinds—each,	0	10	0
“ All wheels, machinery, and materials for manufacturing Clocks— for every £100 of the value,	20	0	0
Corkwood,	duty free		
Coin, base or counterfeit,	prohibited		
“ Gold and Silver Coins, and British Copper Coins,	duty free		
Copper, viz—Copper Ore, or in pigs or bricks,	duty free		
“ in plates, sheets, bars, or bolts, for Ship-building,	duty free		
“ wrought or cast, for Machinery, pure, or with other metal,	duty free		
“ Copper Castings of every description, for Machinery, for Mills or Steam Boats—Copper and Composition Nails and Spikes, for Ship-building,	duty free		
“ old or worn, or fit only to be re-manufactured,	duty free		
Corn, viz—Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, and Buckwheat, unground—Barley Meal, Rye Meal, Oat Meal, Indian Meal, Buckwheat Meal, Peas, Beans, and Calavances,	duty free		
Cordage, tarred or untarred,	duty free		
Fish, viz—Fresh, salted, dried or pickled,	duty free		
Fish Hooks,	duty free		
Fish Oil, viz—Train Oil, Spermaceti Oil, Head Matter, and Blubber,	duty free		
“ Fins and Skins, the produce of fish or creatures living in the sea, taken or caught by the crews of British Ships,	duty free		
“ Not taken or caught by British Subjects, or the crews of British Ships, imported otherwise than from the United Kingdom, or a British Possession.	duty free		
Flax,	duty free		
Fruit, fresh, not otherwise charged with Duty—for every £100 value,	5	0	0
Fruit, dried, viz—Currants and Figs—for every £100 value,	10	0	0
“ “ Raisins in boxes—for every pound weight,	0	0	0½
	Fruit,		

ARTICLES.	COLONIAL DUTIES IN STERLING MONIES.			Table of Colonial Duties
	£	s.	d.	
Fruit, dried, viz—Raisins in other packages—for every pound weight,	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	Table of Colonial Duties
Hay and Straw—for every £100 of the value,	20	0	0	
Hemp,				duty free
Hides or pieces of Hides, raw, not tanned, curried or dressed,				duty free
Horns,				duty free
Iron, viz—In bars or pigs, unwrought or pig Iron,				duty free
“ Ores of Iron of all kinds,				duty free
“ Castings for Machinery, for Mills, for Steam Engines, and for other purposes, and cast or wrought Pipes and Tubes,				duty free
“ Sheet Iron intended to be used in manufacturing Cut Nails,				duty free
“ Iron Rails for Rail Roads, Boiler Plates, and Plough Moulds,				duty free
Lard—per cwt.,	0	8	0	
Leather—Sole Leather, including Hides and Skins partially dressed therefor—forevery pound weight,	0	0	1	
“ Upper Leather of all sorts, including Hides and Skins partially dressed therefor—for every pound weight,	0	0	2	
“ Boots, Shoes, and Leather Manufactures of all sorts—for every £100 value,	10	0	0	
Lentils,				duty free
Lime and Limestone,				duty free
Lines for the Fisheries, of all kinds,				duty free
Maps and Charts, -				duty free
Machinery, or parts of Machinery, for Steam Engines or Carding Machines, or Agricultural purposes,				duty free
Meat, fresh—for every £100 value,	10	0	0	
Nets—Fishing Nets and Seines of all kinds,				duty free
Oats, unground,				duty free
Oakum,				duty free
Onions—per cwt.,	0	2	6	
Ores of all kinds,				duty free
Paintings,				duty free
Pears, fresh or dried—per barrel,	0	4	0	
Pitch,				duty free
Plate of Gold and Silver, old, and fit only to be re-manufactured,				duty free
Plants, Shrubs, and Trees,				duty free
Pork, salted, of all kinds—per cwt.,	0	4	0	
“ fresh, brought by land or inland navigation, or otherwise—per cwt.,	0	4	0	
Potatoes,				duty free
Poultry of all sorts, dead—for every £100 value,	10	0	0	
Rags, viz—Old Rags, old Rope, Junk, and old Fishing Nets,				duty free
Rice, unground,				duty free
Rosin,				duty free
Sails or Rigging saved from Vessels wrecked on the Coast of the Province,				duty free
Sail Cloth of all kinds, Canvass included,				duty free
Salt,				duty free
Seeds of all kinds,				duty free
Skins, Furs, Pelts, or Tails, undressed,				duty free
Spirits, viz—Brandy, Gin, Rum, or other Spirituous Liquors, (save and except Rum, or Spirits distilled from Molasses, Grain, or Fruit,) which, by any way or method whatsoever, shall be manufactured, compounded or extracted, distilled or made, within this Province—the gallon,	0	1	4	
If 5 per cent. over proof—the gallon,	0	1	10	
				Spirits,

ARTICLES.	COLONIAL DUTIES IN STERLING MONIES.		
	£	s.	d.
Spirits, viz—Rum or Spirits distilled in this Province from Molasses, Grain, or Fruit—the gallon,	0	1	0
Brandy, Whiskey, Geneva, Cordials, and other Spirits, ex- cept Rum—the gallon,	0	1	8
Rum, “	0	1	6
Shrub or Santee, “	0	1	4
Stone unmanufactured, not otherwise charged with duty,			duty free
Sugar, viz—Of the Maple,			duty free
“ Refined—per cwt.,	0	8	0
“ Crushed—per cwt.,	0	6	0
“ Called Bastard Facings—per cwt.,	0	4	0
“ Brown or Muscovado, not refined—per cwt.,	0	2	0
Tar,			duty free
Tea, viz—Souchong, Congo, Pekoe, Bohea, Pouchong, and all other Black Teas—for every pound weight,	0	0	1½
“ Gunpowder, Hyson, Young Hyson, Twankay, and other Green Teas—for every pound weight,	0	0	3
Twines and Lines used in the Fisheries,			duty free
Tobacco, manufactured, (except Snuff and Cigars)—for every pound wt.,	0	0	1½
“ Cigars and Snuff—for every £100 of the value,	15	0	0
“ Unmanufactured,			duty free
Tongues of Cattle, dried or pickled—per cwt.,	0	6	0
Tow,			duty free
Turpentine,			duty free
Whale Fin or Bone, taken or caught by crews of British Ships,			duty free
Wines, viz—Hock, Constantia, Malmsey, Tokay, Champagne, Burgundy, Hermitage, Claret, called Lafitte, Latour, Margeaux, or Hautbrian—the gallon,	0	3	0
Madeira and Port—the gallon,	0	2	6
Sherry Wine, of which the first cost is £20 per pipe, or up- wards—the gallon,	0	2	6
Other Claret Wines, Barsac, Sautern, Vin de Grave, Moselle, and other French Wines, and Lisbon and German Wines —the gallon,	0	1	3
All other Sherry Wines, Teneriffe, Marsala, Sicilian, Mala- ga, Fayal, and all other Wines—the gallon,	0	1	3
All Wines, the produce of the Cape of Good Hope, except Constantia—the gallon,	0	1	3
Wood, viz—Of all sorts, (except the manufactures of Wood next hereafter enumerated,)			duty free
“ Manufactures of, viz—Chairs, Tables, and other Household Furniture and Utensils, Carriages of all sorts, Carts, Wag- gons, Cabinet Maker's work, Carpenter's work, and Wheelwright's work, of all kinds—for every £100 value,	10	0	0
All other Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, not otherwise charged with duty, and not herein declared to be free of duty, (except Wheat Flour and Molasses)—for every £100 of the value,	5	0	0

Res. relative to Du-  
ties on Foreign  
Wheat Flour and  
Molasses

2. Resolved, That Foreign Wheat Flour, and Foreign Molasses, imported into this Province, which shall not pay the Imperial Duty imposed thereon, shall be liable to the same, or corresponding Colonial Duties, that is to say—on such Wheat Flour a Duty of Two Shillings, Sterling, per barrel, and on such Molasses Three Pence Half-penny, Sterling, per gallon.

3. *Resolved*, That the several Duties imposed upon Licensed Houses and Shops, be respectively continued from the 31st March, instant, at the amounts and rates as at present, both in the City of Halifax, and elsewhere, in this Province.

Res. to continue Licensed Houses Acts

And the said Resolutions being again read,

Mr. Huntington moved, that the first Resolution reported from the Committee be amended, by reducing the Duty on Salted Pork, as specified in the Table of Duties therein contained, from the sum of Four Shillings per cwt. to Three Shillings per cwt.: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-four; against it, twenty.

Motion to amend 1st Res. by reducing Duty on Salted Pork

For the Amendment—

Against the Amendment—

Mr. McNab	Mr. Comeau	Mr. Holmes	Mr. Power
" Doyle	" Freeman	" Whitman	Hon. Atty. General
" Ryder	" Spearwater	" Fleming	Mr. Wilkins
" Fairbanks	" Budd	" Logan	" Owen
" Howe	" Martell	" Hall	" Ross
" Clements	" Bourneuf	" E. Young	" Brenan
" Huntington	" Turnbull	" Thorne	" G. R. Young
" DesBarres	" Marshall	" Crowe	" B. Smith
Hon. Mr. Dodd	" J. B. Uniacke	" Beckwith	" McLelan
Mr. Crowell	" A. M. Uniacke	" Dimock	" G. Smith
" Wilson	" Creighton		
" Heckman	" Taylor		

Motion carried

So it passed in the affirmative.

And the Resolution, as amended, was thereupon agreed to by the House.

The other Resolutions reported from the Committee were then agreed to by the House.

Res. amended and agreed to  
Other Res. agreed to

*Ordered*, That the Hon. the Attorney General, Mr. Huntington, Mr. McNab, Mr. Owen, and Mr. B. Smith, be a Committee to prepare and report Bills in accordance with the Resolutions, as agreed to by the House.

Com. to prepare Revenue Bills

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

House in Com. on Bills—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives; and recommend that the same be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon; that they had also gone through the Bill to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough, and for other purposes; the Bill relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough; the Bill for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River Saint Mary's, in the County of Guysborough; the Bill to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay; the Bill in amendment of the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House, at Bridgetown, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House for the repairing, ornamenting, altering, or enlarging the same, &c.; and the Bill to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape Breton, and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House, severally, without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Polls Bill to be refd. to Sel. Com.

And report without amdt.—  
Guysboro' Sessions Bill

Guysboro' Streets Bill

St. Mary's Salmon Fishery Bill

Chedabucto Bay Fishermens' Nets Bill

Bridgetown Meeting House Bill

Sydney, C. B. Academy Bill

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills—which the House agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bill in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Polls at Elections of Representatives, be referred to Mr. McKeagney, Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Brenan, Mr. Turnbull, and Mr. Spearwater, to examine, and report thereon to this House.

Polls Bill refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Bills without amdt. to be engrossed

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

Thursday,

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Thursday, 21st March, 1844.

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## PRAYERS.

Amdts. of Council to  
Libel Bill read

The amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, were read a second time, and are as follow :

## FIRST CLAUSE.

9th and 14th lines.—Before the word “apology” insert the word “adequate.”

## SECOND CLAUSE.

11th line.—After the word “full” insert the words “and adequate.”

18th line.—After the word “action” insert the words “and that the said Defendant disclosed the name of the author of such Libel, and delivered the original manuscript thereof; or shall attach to the said plea an Affidavit, duly sworn to, that he does not know the author of such Libel, and also, that he has not the said original manuscript in his possession.”

21st and 22d lines.—Leave out the words “by way of amends for the injury sustained by.”

22d line.—Before the word “the” insert the word “for.”

27th line.—After the word “costs” insert the words “and that to such plea to such action, it shall be competent to the Plaintiff to reply generally, denying the whole of such plea.”

Between the second and third clauses insert the following clause :

“*And whereas*, in an action for Libel, it is now lawful for the Defendant, having duly put the facts upon the record, to give in evidence the truth of the matter contained in the publication charged as libellous, by way of answer to such action : *It is hereby provided and enacted*, That such evidence shall not be a justification, unless, on the trial, it shall be further made satisfactorily to appear, and be so found by the Jury, that the matter charged as libellous was published with good motives and justifiable ends.”

## THIRD CLAUSE.

17th line.—Leave out the words “House of Correction” and insert “Penitentiary.”

18th line.—Leave out the word “one” and insert the word “three.”

## FOURTH CLAUSE.

6th line.—After the word “Gaal” insert the words “or Penitentiary.”

7th line.—After the word “award” leave out the remainder of the clause.

## EIGHTH CLAUSE.

14th and 15th lines.—Leave out the words “by reason of such plea.”

Between the 9th and 10th clauses insert the following clause :

“*And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the first day of May next; and that nothing herein contained shall extend to any action, or cause of action, now pending or existing.”

## TENTH CLAUSE.

3d line.—After the word “years” insert the words “from the said first day of May.”

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments : and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, *resolved*, that this House do not agree to the said amendments, with the exception of the amendment in the 17th line of the third clause, which is to leave out the words “House of Correction” and insert “Penitentiary,” and that the House do agree to the amendment last mentioned.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.

Amdts. of Council to  
Libel Bill con-  
sidered

Not agreed to, with  
one exception

Bill and amdts. sent  
to Council

Amdts. to Road Ex-  
penditure Acts re-  
ported from Com.

Mr. B. Smith reported from the Select Committee on the Law relating to the expenditure of Public Monies on Roads and Bridges, and thereupon presented several amend-  
ments

ments, which the Committee recommend to be embodied in the Bill for continuing the Acts on that subject—and the same were read a first and second time.

*Ordered*, That the amendments be referred to the Committee of the whole House on Bills, to be considered with the said continuing Bill.

Refr. to Com. of whole on Bills

An engrossed Bill in amendment of the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House, at Bridgetown, to raise money, &c., was read a third time.

Engrossed Bridgetown Baptist Meeting House Bill

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in amendment of the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House, at Bridgetown, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House for the repairing, ornamenting, altering, or enlarging the same, and for ratifying the appointment and defining the duties of the Trustees of the said Meeting House.

Passed

An engrossed Bill for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River Saint Mary's, in the County of Guysborough, was read a third time.

Engrossed St. Mary's Salmon Fishery Bill

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River Saint Mary's, in the County of Guysborough.

Passed

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape Breton, was read a third time.

Engrossed Sydney, C. B. Academy Bill

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape Breton.

Passed

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

Bills sent to Council

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved for the special leave of the House to bring in, at a future day, a Bill for vacating the Seats of Members, upon their resignation: which, being seconded, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Leave for Bill for vacating seats of Members

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Message from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, in Cornwallis, in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead; without any amendment.

Agree to Cornwallis Presbyterian Church Bill without amendment

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

House in Com. of Supply

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

Friday, 22d March, 1844.

PRAYERS.

The amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, were read a first and second time, and are as followeth:

Amndts. of Council to Penitentiary Bill

FIFTH CLAUSE.

2d line.—Leave out the words "His Excellency."

3d line.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

4th line.—Leave out the word "his" and insert the word "the."



9th line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency” and insert the words “the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief.”

## SIXTH CLAUSE.

3d line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency.”

4th line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

12th line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency”—after the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

At the end of the clause insert the following Proviso :

“*Provided always,* That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prevent any prisoner from receiving Religious Instruction from any Clergyman, Minister, or Religious Teacher, that he may select, under such regulations as the Commissioners shall, for that purpose, make and appoint.”

## SEVENTH CLAUSE.

2d line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency.”

3d line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

## EIGHTH CLAUSE.

9th line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency.”

10th line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

## NINTH CLAUSE.

6th line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

24th line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency.”

25th line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

## THIRTEENTH CLAUSE.

4th line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency”—after the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

7th line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

15th line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

17th line.—After the word “the” insert the words “Legislative Council and.”

Last line.—Before the word “Assembly” insert the word “General.”

## FOURTEENTH CLAUSE.

2d line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency.”

3d line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

4th and 5th lines.—Leave out the words “male or female person” and insert the word “convict.”

31st line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency.”

32d line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

## SIXTEENTH CLAUSE.

7th line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

## TWENTY-FIRST CLAUSE.

10th line.—After the word “confined” leave out the remainder of the clause.

## TWENTY-SECOND CLAUSE.

2d line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency.”

3d line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

7th line.—After the word “imprisoned” leave out the remainder of the clause.

## TWENTY-THIRD CLAUSE

5th line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency.”

6th, 7th, and 10th lines.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

15th and 16th lines.—Leave out the words “His Excellency.”

16th and 21st lines.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

At the end of the Bill insert the following clause :

"*And be it enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force for five years, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly."

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the said amendments be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said Amendments.

Considered  
Agreed to  
Sent to Council

On motion of Mr. Ross, resolved as followeth :

*Whereas*, the sum of £500 was granted by the Legislature in the year 1841, to such Contractor as should enter into an agreement, duly guarded, and with an adequate penalty, after the same had been properly advertized, to convey the ordinary Mails and Passengers in thirteen hours, with well appointed horses and carriages, *thrice* in each week, from Halifax to Pictou, from the First day of May to the First day of November, and twice a week for the rest of the year, and to forward the British Steam Mails and Passengers twice each month between the said places; *And whereas*, there is reason to believe that the Contract so entered into was not advertised in this Province, nor the Mails conveyed in thirteen hours, nor the British Steam Mails carried by the said Contractor from the First of November to the First of May, agreeably to the conditions in the said Resolution—notwithstanding which, the said sum of £500 was drawn out of the Provincial Treasury in June, 1842, and paid to the said Contractor, as appears by the Treasurer's Account of that year: *Resolved therefore*, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine, and report what proof, if any, had been adduced, that the conditions upon which the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, so granted, were complied with, and to report thereon to this House.

Res. for Com. to enquire as to paymt. of sum granted for Eastern Mail conveyance

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ross, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. G. Smith, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to enable Members of the House of Assembly to vacate their Seats in said House—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented for vacating Seats of Members

On motion of the Hon. Attorney General, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of postponing the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court, at Halifax, and of the Western and Shore Districts, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Com. to report on postponing certain Sittings Sup. Court

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Hall, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Wilkins, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

The Hon. Attorney General reported in part from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the Revenue Bills, and thereupon presented—

Com. on Revenue Bills report—

A Bill for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof.

Impost Bill

A Bill to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.

Warehousing Bill

A Bill to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

Smuggling Bill

A Bill to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.

Importation Bill

A Bill to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.

Drawbacks Bill

A Bill to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.

Regulation Bill

A Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors.

General License Bill

A Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax.

Hx. License and Auction Duties Bill

And the said Bills were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Revenue Bills ord. to 2d reading

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the Council,

Con. with Council on Libel Bill

cil, by Committee, on the subject of the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do request such Conference.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Council agree to  
Conference

The Council have agreed to the Conference requested by this Honorable House on the subject of the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel—and the Committee of the Council are now ready to meet the Committee of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Com. thereon

*Ordered*, That Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. DesBarres, and Mr. Huntington, be a Committee of this House to manage said Conference.

Instructions to Com.  
of Conference

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, *resolved*, that the Committee appointed to hold a Conference with a Committee of the Legislative Council on the amendments to the Bill for regulating the Law of Libel, be instructed to state to the Committee of the Council that the House have disagreed to the amendments proposed by the Council to several clauses of the Bill, except to that on the 17th line of the third clause, for the following, among other reasons :

Because the said Bill is a correct and literal copy, in all its material parts, of a Statute passed in the Imperial Parliament, founded on an elaborate report brought in by a Committee of the House of Lords, embodying the suggestions of the first legal minds of the age.

Because, by altering the phraseology of the different clauses, and by erasing, and adding new terms, our Courts, in construing the Bill introduced here, would lose the guide and benefit of the English decisions.

Because, if the amendment proposed to be added to the third clause were introduced, compelling the Publisher of a Newspaper, or other Publication, to add to his plea an Affidavit disclosing the name of the author, and giving up the original manuscript, it would be asserting an inquisitorial power not yet applied in any free State, to cramp and narrow the liberty of the Press. Secondly, because it would be at variance with that right of free judgment which an Editor ought to exercise, in disclosing or concealing the name of any author who may entrust his writings to him, while he is ready to assume all the responsibilities on himself. And thirdly, because the Imperial Parliament has not thought it fit, in its wisdom, and after deliberate enquiry, to fetter the Press by any such stringent and inquisitorial enquiry. The House decline to adopt the amendment suggested as to pleading, simply, because not contained in the English Statute.

Because, the House did not intend to confer upon the Court the power either of consigning any Libeller, convicted of the publication of the Libel referred to in the fourth clause, to the House of Correction or Penitentiary, or of imposing any fine higher than the sum of £50. Both the 4th and 5th clauses of the Bill are intended to limit the power of the Courts in the punishments they may impose; and although the House passed the 3d, 4th, and 5th clauses, in order that the Bill might be a copy, as near as could be, of the English Statute, the 3d and 4th clauses are clearly intended, as is obvious from Lord Campbell's speech in the Lords', to meet a class of offences, and a refinement in crime, happily not yet known in this Colony. The House have modified the fourth clause to suit the condition of our local Press:

Because the Defendant, in all private actions for Libel, is allowed in the English Courts to justify the publication by proving the truth.—This new principle sought to be engrafted in the Bill by the clause suggested by the Legislative Council, did not find favor in the Imperial Parliament; and although it may be found in the Legislation of some of the neighbouring States, the House prefer adhering to the precedent set to them in the Parent State, rather than to import any principle from the Republic where the Press has trespassed far beyond the bounds of a rational and temperate freedom.

Conference held—

And, thereupon, the Committee went to the Conference;  
And being returned,

Mr.

Mr. G. R. Young reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and had complied with the instructions given them by the House thereon. And reported

On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Com. of Supply

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. B. Smith, Chairman of the Pictou Township Election Committee, by direction of the Committee, moved that the Committee have leave to adjourn over until Tuesday next, the 26th instant : which, being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the House. Leave to adjourn over to Pictou Township Election Com.

Ordered accordingly.

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

**Saturday, 23d March, 1844.**

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough, and for other purposes, was read a third time. Engrossed Bills read 3d time—Guysboro' Sessions

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough. Passed

An engrossed Bill relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough, was read a third time. Guysboro' Streets

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough. Passed

An engrossed Bill to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay, was read a third time. Chedabucto Bay Fishermen's Nets

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay. Passed

An engrossed Bill to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, was read a third time. Civil List Bill

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues. Passed

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

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented Returns of Statements and Abstracts of Affairs of the Nova Scotia Marine Insurance Company, the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova Scotia, and the Halifax Marine Insurance Company, respectively, for the year 1843—and the same were read. Returns of Marine Insurance Co'ys. laid before House

*Ordered*, That the several Returns be referred to the Select Committee appointed on the subject of Marine Insurance Companies. Refd. to Sel. Com.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and report an Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the surrender of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of this Province in exchange for the expenses of a Civil List. Res. for Address to Her Majesty on Casual Revenue, &c.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Howe, Mr. B. Smith, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose. Com. named

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of postponing certain ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court, and thereupon presented, Com. on postponing Supreme Court report

Bill to postpone Sup.  
Court read 1st and  
2nd time  
Committed

A Bill to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit—and the same was read a first and second time.

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

Final Report from  
Com. on Pictou  
County Election

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Chairman of the Pictou County Election Committee, reported finally from the said Committee; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

The Committee drawn, struck, and sworn, to try the merits of the Petitions of Henry Blackadar, and Donald Ferguson and others, against the Election and Return of George R. Young, Sitting Member for the County of Pictou, have agreed to report, and do report as follows—

That although temporary obstruction of the Hustings took place at Pictou, occasioned, in the opinion of the Committee, by their singular construction, for which alone the Sheriff is to blame (none of the Candidates having interfered) still that no riot or disturbance at any of the places of Polling occurred, which would justify the Committee in setting aside the Election for said County; and that the fact of Freeholders who intended to vote for Petitioning Candidate, being excluded, has not been satisfactorily proved.

That George R. Young, Esquire, the Sitting Member, has perfectly exonerated himself from the charge alleged against him, of being instrumental in organizing any band to carry the Election for the County of Pictou, by means of violence and physical force, nor has the evidence of the Petitioning Candidate sustained such allegation. That George R. Young, the Sitting Member, has been duly elected according to Law, and entitled to retain his seat in the Assembly.

That sitting Member  
is duly elected

Petitions and opposi-  
tion not frivolous  
or vexatious

And lastly, the Committee do find, and do report, that the Petitions referred to the Committee are not frivolous or vexatious, nor is the opposition thereto frivolous or vexatious.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 23d March, 1844.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, Chairman.  
JOHN CREIGHTON,  
ICHABOD DIMOCK,  
OBADIAH WILSON, JUNR.  
WM. FLEMMING,  
STEPHEN FULTON,  
JAMES D. FRASER.

Report to be entered  
on the Journals

*Ordered*, That the Report do lie on the Table, and be entered on the Journals of the House.

Pet. against Deno-  
minational Colleges

A Petition of James Fraser and others, of Nine Mile River, in the County of Hants; also, a Petition of the Rev. George Christie and others, of Shubenacadie, were, by special leave, presented by Mr. Huntington; and a Petition of Inhabitants of Truro, was, by like leave, presented by Mr. Fleming—and the said Petitions were read, respectively praying that Denominational Colleges may not be established, but that one University may be endowed, free from Sectarian influences, and open to all classes of Religious Denominations.

Refd. to Com. on  
Education

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

Report from Com. on  
Militia Laws

Mr. Doyle, from the Committee on the Militia Laws, reported that the Committee had prepared sundry amendments thereto, which they recommend to be adopted, and incorporated in the Bill for continuing those Laws; and he delivered the amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read a first and second time.

Amdts. committed  
with the Bill

*Ordered*, That the amendments be committed to the Committee of the whole House on Bills, to be considered with the Bill for continuing the Militia Laws.

Report from Com. on  
Nav. Sec.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported from the Select Committee on Navigation Securities; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

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(See Appendix, No. 46.)

*Ordered*, That the Report do lie on the Table, and that such part thereof as recommends a grant of money, be referred to the Committee of Supply. Part refd. to Com. of Supply

A Petition of Charles McMillan and others, of Lake Ainslie, in the County of Inverness, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying the withholding of Grants from Denominational Colleges, and applying them to the purposes of Common School Education. Pet. against Denominational Colleges

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

Mr. McKeagney, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill for appointing Commissioners for the sale of Property attached, in certain cases—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented for appointment of Commissioners of property attached

The following Bills were read a second time, viz :

A Bill for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof. Bills read 2d time, viz—Colonial Impost

A Bill to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods. Warehousing

A Bill to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling. Smuggling

A Bill to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods. Importation

A Bill to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks. Drawbacks

A Bill to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties. Regulation of Duties

A Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors; and General Licenses

A Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax. Halifax Licenses

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods, and had made sundry amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House: that they had also gone through the Bill for granting Colonial Duties of Impost, &c.; the Bill to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods; the Bill to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling; the Bill to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks; the Bill to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties; the Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors; the Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax; and the Bill to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit; and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any amendment, and he delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table. Report Revenue Bills

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—which was agreed to by the House.

The amendments to the first mentioned Bill, as reported from the Committee, were read a first and second time, and agreed to by the House. Amendts. agreed to

*Ordered*, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Mr. B. Smith then moved that the House go into Committee of Ways and Means, for the purpose of increasing the Duty on Salted Pork, from Three Shillings to Four Shillings per cwt.: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-four; against it, twenty-five. Motion for Com. of Ways and Means to increase Duty on Salted Pork

For

## For the Motion—

Mr. Hall	Mr. Logan
“ Power	“ G. R. Young
“ E. Young	“ Crowe
“ McKeagney	“ Dickey
“ B. Smith	“ Whitman
“ Brenan	“ Fleming
“ Devolf	“ Fulton
Hon. Atty. General	“ Beckwith
Mr. McLelan	“ Thorne
“ Wilkins	“ G. Smith
“ Holmes	“ Fraser
“ Dimock	“ Ross

## Against the Motion—

Mr. Fairbanks	Hon. Mr. Dodd
“ Owen	Mr. Comeau
“ Turnbull	“ Heckman
“ Taylor	“ Huntington
“ Freeman	“ DesBarres
“ Bourneuf	“ J. B. Uniacke
“ Clements	“ Creighton
“ A. M. Uniacke	“ Marshall
“ Howe	“ Budd
“ Martell	“ Doyle
“ Crowell	“ McNab
“ Wilson	“ Ryder
“ Spearwater	

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

Bills to be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bills reported from the Committee, without amendment, be engrossed.

Return of Commissioners of Province Notes

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented a Return of the Commissioners for issuing and cancelling Treasury Notes—and the same was read by the Clerk.

(See Appendix, No. 47.)

Ordered, That the Return do lie on the Table.

Light House Bill presented

Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported in part from the Committee on Navigation Securities, and thereupon, presented

A Bill to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and clauses of Acts relating to the same—which was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

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

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**Monday, 25th March, 1844.**


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## PRAYERS.

Engrossed Bills read and passed, viz—  
Impost Bill

An engrossed Bill for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof.

Warehousing Bill

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.

Smuggling Bill

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

Importation Bill

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.

Drawbacks Bill

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Acts concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.

<p>An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the General regulation of the Colonial Duties, was read a third time.</p>	<p>Regulation Bill</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the General regulation of the Colonial Duties.</p>	
<p>An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, was read a third time.</p>	<p>General License Bill</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors.</p>	
<p>An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax, was read a third time.</p>	<p>Hx. License and Auction Duties Bill</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax.</p>	
<p>An engrossed Bill to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit, was read a third time.</p>	<p>Supreme Court postponement Bill</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit.</p>	
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence.</p>	<p>Bills sent to Council</p>
<p>A Bill to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and clauses of Acts relating to the same, was read a second time.</p>	<p>Light Houses Bill read 2nd time, and committed</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.</p>	
<p>Mr. J. B. Uniacke from the Committee on the Fisheries, presented a Bill to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of King's—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.</p>	<p>Shad Fishery Bill</p>
<p>The Hon Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented the Blue Book for the year 1842.</p>	<p>Blue Book for 1842</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the same do lie on the Table.</p>	
<p>A Petition of certain Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, setting forth that the proceeds of certain seizures for illicit importation into that County, had not been paid into the Treasury, and praying investigation.</p>	<p>Pet. from County of Richmond respecting seizures</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Clements, as a Committee to investigate the subject matter thereof, and to report thereon to this House.</p>	<p>Refd. to Sel. Com.</p>
<p>Mr. Marshall, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to disable certain persons from being elected, or sitting as Members of the House of Assembly—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill presented to disable certain persons to be Members of House</p>
<p>A Petition of Benjamin Lynds and others, of Onslow, was, by special of the House, presented by Mr. G. R. Young and read, praying remuneration of monies expended by them in repairing a Bridge in that Township.</p>	<p>Pet. from Onslow as to Bridge</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Fulton, Mr. Turnbull, and Mr. Marshall, to examine into the merits thereof, and to report thereon to this House.</p>	<p>Refd. to Sel. Com.</p>
<p>A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :</p>	<p>Message from Council—</p>
<p>Mr. Speaker, The Council have agreed to a Bill entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and the Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.</p>	<p>Agree to Baptist Church Bill, Cornwallis, with amdts.</p>
<p>The Council have also agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy, at Sydney, in Cape Breton ; the Bill for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River St. Mary's,</p>	<p>Agree without amdts. to Bills, viz— Sydney, C. B Academy Bill St. Mary's Salmon Fishery Bill</p>



Bridgetown Baptist Meeting House Bill

in the County of Guysborough; and the Bill in amendment of the Act to authorize the the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House at Bridgetown, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House, for repairing, ornamenting, altering, or enlarging the same, and for ratifying the appointment, and defining the duties, of the Trustees of the said Meeting House—severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Amndts. to Cornwallis Baptist Meeting House agreed to

The amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and the Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same—were read a first and second time, and are as follows:

SIXTH CLAUSE.

In the Preamble, 2d and 3d lines.—Leave out the words “belong to the Crown, or to the Public, as” and insert the words “is a part of the Public.”

At the end of the Preamble add the following words: “in Canard aforesaid.”

In the clause, 3d line.—After the word “required” insert the words “by the Supervisors of Public Grounds in Cornwallis.”

SEVENTH CLAUSE.

At the end of the clause add the following words: “for the County of King’s County.”

And the said proposed amendments having been considered by the House,

*Resolved*, That the said amendments be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendments.

Sent to Council

Com. of Supply

On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made further progress in the business referred to them, and had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, with certain Resolutions passed in the Committee upon former days; and he read the Resolutions in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk’s Table.

The Chirman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Supply—which the House agreed to.

Grants reported

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were then read by the Clerk, and are as follow:

£200 Speaker

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

£600 Treasurer

2. *Resolved*, That the sum of Six Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province, for his salary, and as Comptroller and Auditor of Public Accounts, and in lieu of Office Rent, Clerks, and all other contingent expenses, for the present year.

£200 Clerk of House

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for his services in the present year.

£25 Chaplains

4. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to be by him paid to the Chaplains who may attend the House of Assembly during the present Session.

£100 Clerk Assistant

5. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly, for his services for this Session.

£50 Sergeant at Arms

6. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to George R. Grassie, Esquire, for his services as Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly for this Session.

£30 Assist. Sergeant

7. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to John Jennings, for his services as Assistant Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly for this Session.

£40 Messenger to Gov. &c.

8. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and paid to the Messenger of the

the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, and the Executive and Legislative Councils, for the present year.

9. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to John Gibbs, for his services as Messenger to the House of Assembly for the present Session. £30 to Messenger of House

10. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the Commissioners of the Revenue, for his services for the present year. £45 Clerk of Commissioners of Revenue

11. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Gauger and Weigher for the collection of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, for his services for the present year. £200 Gauger and Weigher

12. *Resolved*, That the sum of Sixty Pounds be granted and paid to the keeper of the Assembly House, and Council Chamber and Law Library, for the present year. £60 Keeper of Assembly Rooms

13. *Resolved*, That the sum of Four Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of Sable Island, for the support of that Establishment for the present year. £400 Sable Island

14. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Pound per day, be granted and paid to each and every Member of the House of Assembly, for their attendance in General Assembly for the present Session, to be paid on the certificate of the Speaker; also, the Travelling charges as heretofore: *Provided*, that no Member shall receive pay for more than forty days attendance. Allowance for attendance and travel of Members of Assembly

15. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds be granted and paid for the service of Roads and Bridges, for the present year. £1000 for Roads and Bridges

And the said Resolutions being then read a second time, were, upon the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House. Res. agreed to and sent to Council with exception of Road votes

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry to the Council the said Resolutions (except the usual votes not generally sent to the Council,) and desire the concurrence of the Council to those so sent to them.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented Accounts of the Receipts and Disbursements for the Asylum of the Poor at Halifax, for the year 1843—and the same was read. Halifax Poor House Accounts laid before House

(See Appendix, No. 48.)

*Ordered*, That the Accounts do lie on the Table.

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill in further amendment of the Act for the support and management of the Poor—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented to amend Act for support of Poor

Mr. Hall moved for the special leave of the House to present a Bill to Incorporate Agricultural Societies: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative. Leave refused to present Bill to Incorporate Agricultural Societies

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

Tuesday, 26th March, 1844.

PRAYERS.

The Hon. Attorney General reported further from the Committee appointed to prepare Revenue Bills, and, thereupon, presented a Bill for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases—and the same was read a first and second time. Report of Revenue Com. of Bill for Duty on Flour and Molasses

*Ordered*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. Read 1st and 2d time and committed

Mr. McNab reported from the Committee on Trade; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read. Report from Com. on Trade

(See Appendix, No. 49.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by this House; and that such parts thereof as recommend Grants of money, be referred to the Committee of Supply. Adopted, and in part refd. to Com. of Supply

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Report of Indian  
Commissioner pre-  
sented

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented a copy of the Report of the Commissioner for Indian Affairs, for the year 1843, with sundry Accounts and Papers relative to the same.

(See Appendix, No. 50.)

Refd. to Com.

*Ordered*, That the copy of Report, and Accounts and Papers, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Com. on Bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Flour and  
Molasses Impost  
Bill

Pictou Poor District  
Bill

Halifax Water Com-  
pany Bill

Halifax Sea Manure  
Bill

Arichat Streets' Bill

Arichat Court House  
Bill

Inverness Lock up  
Houses Bill

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses; the Bill for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor; the Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company; the Bill to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure, in the said County; the Bill to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places; the Bill to authorize the sale of the old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes; and the Bill to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness; and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House, severally, without any amendment; and he thereupon delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—which the House agreed to.

Bills to be engrossed

*Ordered*, That the Bills be engrossed.

Res. reported from  
Com. of Supply,  
viz—

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that the Chairman of the Committee of Supply do now report to this House the Resolutions which the Committee have come to, and not heretofore reported; and, thereupon,

Mr. Clements, the Chairman of the Committee of Supply, reported that the Committee had come to the Resolutions following, which they had directed him to report to the House—and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again read, and are as follow:

£200 Stg. Gov. Con-  
tingencies

1. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the present Lieutenant-Governor, for Contingencies for the present year, it not being the intention of this House to renew such grant to any future Lieutenant-Governor.

£250 Stg. Private  
Secretary of Gov.

2. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the present Lieutenant-Governor, for a Private Secretary for the present year, it not being the intention of this House to renew such grant to any future Lieutenant-Governor.

£100 Stg. Superin-  
tendant of Mines,  
C. B.

3. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the Superintendent of Mines in Cape Breton, for the present year.

£150 Stg. Surveyor  
Gen. N. S.

4. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the Surveyor General of Nova-Scotia, as his salary for the present year.

5. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the Surveyor General of Cape Breton, as his salary for the present year.

£100 Stg. Surveyor  
Gen. C. B.

6. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid as the salary of the first Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year.

£200 Stg. 1st Clerk  
Secretary's Office

7. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid as the salary of the second Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year.

£160 Stg. 2d Clerk  
Secretary's Office

8. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid as the salary of the third Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year.

£100 Stg. 3d Clerk  
Secretary's Office

9. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, 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 Stg. for fuel, &c.  
for Courts

10. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid for the Messenger to the Lieutenant-Governor and Executive Council, and for Stationery, Printing, and other Contingencies of the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year—the expenditure to be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly.

£100 for Contingencies,  
Secretary's Office

And the said Resolutions being again read, were, upon the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.

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

Mr. Whitman, from the Select Committee on the Bill to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis, reported that the Committee had considered the Bill, and recommend it to the House without amendment; and, thereupon,

Report from Com. on  
Annapolis Sessions  
Bill

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Bill read 2d time,  
and committed

Mr. McKeagney, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Sessions Bill, Inverness,  
presented, &c.

A Petition of Joseph Gload and others, Indians, in the County of Annapolis, was, by special leave of the House, presented by the Hon. the Attorney General and read, praying that an Act may be passed to prevent the killing of Moose in the month of March, except by Indians.

Pet. from Indians for  
preservation of  
Moose

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

Leave for Bill

Mr. G. R. Young, from the Select Committee on the Bill in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives,

Report of amndts. to  
Poll's Bill

tatives, reported that the Committee had considered the Bill, and had prepared sundry amendments thereto, which they recommend to the House to be adopted with the Bill; and he delivered the amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read a first and second time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, with the amendments.

Bill re-committed  
with amndts.

Shad Fishery Bill  
read 2nd time and  
Committed

A Bill to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of King's, was read a second time.

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

Com. on Bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Gas Company  
Bill without amndt.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment; that the Committee had also gone through the Bill to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and clauses of Acts relating to the same, and had made sundry amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill; and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—which was agreed to by the House.

Amendts. agreed to

The said amendments to the last mentioned Bill were read throughout a first and second time, and agreed to by the House.

Bills to be engrossed

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the Bill reported without amendment be engrossed.

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

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### Wednesday, 27th March, 1844.

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#### PRAYERS.

Bill to amend Pas-  
senger's Act, read  
2nd time  
and committed

A Bill to amend the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province, was read a second time.

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

Leave of absence to  
Mr. Creighton

*Ordered*, That Mr. Creighton have leave of absence from this House for a fortnight from Monday, the 1st April next, to return home on urgent private business.

Report from Com. on  
Education

Mr. Creighton reported from the Committee on Education; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 51.)

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

Report on Pet. of C.  
F. Harrington and  
others

Mr. Creighton reported from the Committee on the Petition of Charles F. Harrington and others, unfavorable to the change prayed for in the time of Sitting of the Supreme Court at Arichat; and he read the Report in his place, and delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 52.)

Adopted

*Ordered*, That the Report be received and adopted.

Report on Pet. of  
Drs. Pike and Bent

Mr. Creighton reported from the Select Committee on the Petitions of Doctors Francis C. Pike and William L. Bent; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 53.)

*Ordered*,

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

An engrossed Bill for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost, for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases, was read a third time.

Engrossed Duty Bill on Flour and Molasses read 3d time

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost, for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases.

Passed

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

Engrossed Poor Bill Pictou.read 3d time

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

Passed

An engrossed Bill to authorize the sale of the old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes, was read a third time.

Engrossed Arichat Court House Bill read 3d time

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorize the sale of the old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes.

Passed

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

Bills sent to Council

A Bill for the subdivision of Parishes, was read a second time ; and, thereupon,

Parishes Bill read 2d time

Mr. Huntington moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one ; against it, eighteen.

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

Mr. J. B. Uniacke  
 " Comeau  
 " McNab  
 " G. Smith  
 " Holmes  
 " Ross  
 " G. R. Young  
 " Hall  
 " Logan  
 " Fulton  
 " Dimock

Mr. Fraser  
 " Huntington  
 " McLelan  
 " Wilson  
 " Turnbull  
 " Crowell  
 " Howe  
 " Spearwater  
 " Fleming  
 " Clements

Mr. Creighton  
 " Whitman  
 " Taylor  
 " Bourneuf  
 " Budd  
 " Wilkins  
 " Owen  
 " Thorne  
 " B. Smith

Hon. Atty. General  
 Mr. A. M. Uniacke  
 " Dewolf  
 " Heckman  
 " Fairbanks  
 " Freeman  
 " E. Young  
 " Dickey  
 " Marshall

So it passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

Consideration deferred for 3 months

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council desire a Conference, by Committee, with a Committee of this Honorable House, on the subject of the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof.

Council desire Conference on General Impost Bill

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that the subject of the said Conference, desired by the Council, on the Impost Bill, be referred to the Committee of Privileges, to examine the same, and report to this House whether such Conference can be assented to, consistently with the privileges of this House.

Refd. to Com. of Privileges

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bills entitled as follows :

An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.

An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

Council agree to certain Revenue Bills Warehousing Smuggling

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Importation	An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.
Drawbacks	An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.
Regulation of Duties	An Act to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.
General Licenses	An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors.
Halifax Licenses	An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax.
And Bill to postpone Supreme Court	An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit, Severally, without any amendments. And then the Messenger withdrew.
Report from Com. of Privileges on Conference on Impost Bill	Mr. J. B. Uniacke from the Committee of Privileges, reported that the Committee had examined into the matter referred to them, and finding precedents for holding Conferences such as that desired by the Council on the Impost Bill, do not consider it inconsistent with the privileges of the House to agree to such Conference; and thereupon, <i>Resolved</i> , That such Conference be agreed to by this House.
Conference agreed to Managers	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Huntington, and the Hon. the Attorney General, be a Committee to manage such Conference. <i>Resolved</i> , That the Clerk do acquaint the Council that this House have agreed to the Conference desired by them on the Impost Bill, and that the Committee of this House are ready to meet the Committee of the Council thereon. So they went to the Conference, And being returned, Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that the Committee of Council thereon having communicated to the Committee of this House a suggestion of the Council, in regard to the imposition of a Duty contained in the Impost Bill, upon which the Conference was held, the Committee of this House do not consider it consistent with the privileges of this House to report such suggestion to the House.
Council agree to amended Penitentiary Bill and Cornwallis Baptist Meeting House Bill	A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker, The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary; and the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and the Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same—severally, as amended.
And to Road vote	The Council have also agreed to to the Resolution of this Honorable House for granting the sum of £10,000 for the services of Roads and Bridges for the present year. And then the Messenger withdrew.
Post Office Account laid before House	The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented an Account of the Reciepts and Disbursements of the Post Office Department, in the Province of Nova Scotia, for the year, from the 5th October, 1842, to the 5th October, 1843.
Refd. to Post Office Com.	(See Appendix, No. 54.) <i>Ordered</i> , That the Account be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs.
Bill for relief of Charles Clarke	A Bill for the relief of Charles Clarke, an Insolvent Debtor; and
Bill to Incorporate Cole Harbor Dike Company, read 2d time	A Bill to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company—were severally read a second time.
And committed	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House. The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented certain Accounts and Papers relating to an expenditure by Samuel Archibald, Road

Road Commissioner, on a new Road near Truro—and the same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Papers presented relating to expenditure on Road in Colchester  
Bill to amend Indian Comm. Act

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented Accounts and Papers relative to the collection of Light Duties at the Gut of Canso—and the same were read.

Papers presented relative to Canso Light Duties

*Ordered*, That the Accounts and Papers be referred to Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Budd, to examine, and report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, from the Committee on the Fisheries, reported and presented amendments to the Bill to continue the Act for the encouragement of the Seal Fisheries—which were read a first and second time, and referred to the Committee of the whole House on Bills, to be considered with said Bill.

Report of amts. to Seal Fishery Bill

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

Thursday, 28th March, 1844.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and clauses of Acts relating to the same, was read a third time; and, thereupon,

Engrossed Light House Bill read 3d time

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved that the following clause do pass, and be added to the Bill by way of Rider, viz:

Rider moved and negatived

*Provided always, and be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, in any way to affect Vessels under the burthen of thirty tons, which may be employed exclusively in the Fisheries, but every such Vessel so employed shall be, and the same are hereby respectively exempted from the payment of any Duty under this Act:

Which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eleven; against it, thirty-two.

So it passed in the negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and clauses of Acts relating to the same.

Bill passed

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

Sent to Council

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure, in the said County, was read a third time.

Engrossed Bills read and passed, viz—Halifax Sea Manure Bill

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure, in the said County.

Passed

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, was read a third time.

Arichat Streets' Bill

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.

Passed

An engrossed Bill to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness, was read a third time.

Inverness Lock up Houses Bill

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness.

Passed

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

Bills sent to Council



Pet. for new County  
on Strait of Canso

A Petition of Peter J. Brouard and others, Inhabitants of the Strait of Canso and the adjacent Settlements, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying that an Act may be passed for forming a new County at and around the Strait of Canso, including certain parts of the Counties of Inverness, Richmond, Guysborough and Sydney, with an adequate Representation in General Assembly.

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

Mr. Benjamin is  
sworn and takes his  
seat

Perez M. Benjamin, Esquire, returned as Member of this House for the Township of Horton, took and subscribed the usual oaths required by Law, in presence of the Hon. Edmund Murray Dodd, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the usual State Oaths required by Law, and thereupon took his seat in this House.

Res. requesting Re-  
turns of Schools  
and School Lands

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Lands granted or reserved for the support of Religion and Schools in this Province, distinguishing the quantities cultivated and uncultivated, the rents and profits derived from the same, and the uses to which the same have been applied, during the years 1842 and 1843; the number of Schoolmasters now in this Province, duly appointed and licensed, and in connection with the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel"; a copy of the clauses in the Governor's instructions, from the years 1746 to 1794, relating to the Glebe and School Lands; the number of Trustees now appointed for the management of the same; and also, an Abstract of the Grants under which the said Lands are held, or the said Society found their claim to them, or any part thereof, and that the same may be returned to this House at as early a day as possible.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Council agree to ge-  
neral Impost Bill

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof, without amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Pet. from Co. Rich-  
mond relative to  
seizures

A Petition of Lawrence Stone and others, of the County of Richmond, was, by special leave, presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying that an investigation may be had, as regards the application of the proceeds of certain seizures made in that County, on account of illicit importation.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to the Committee to whom was referred, on the 25th March, instant, the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, on the same subject.

Report from Com. on  
Western Steam  
Boat Bill

Mr. DesBarres reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Sea Ports of this Province, with certain Papers relating to the same Steam Communication; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 55.)

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

Report from Com. on  
Pet. of B. Lynds  
and others

Mr. Fulton reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Benjamin Lynds and others, (presented on the 25th instant) unfavorably to the prayer of the Petition; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 56.)

*Ordered,* That the Report be received and adopted.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Daniel Kinsman, an Insolvent Debtor, (presented on the 28th February last,) unfavorably to the prayer of the Petition; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on  
Pet. of Daniel  
Kinsman

(See Appendix, No. 57.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

The Hon. the Attorney General, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the preservation of Moose—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill for preservation  
of Moose

The Hon. the Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented a copy of the Lease of Coal Mines to His Royal Highness the late Duke of York and Albany, and copies of other Papers relating to the Coal Mines of this Province—and the same were read.

Returns relative to  
Coal Mines pre-  
sented

(See Appendix, No. 58.)

Ordered, That the Papers do lie on the Table.

The Accounts and Papers laid before this House by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to expenses incurred in the relief of the crews of the Brig "William Rippon" and the Barque "Africaine," totally wrecked, were read; and, thereupon,

Expenses of Ship-  
wrecked Seamen

Mr. B. Smith moved, that the same be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon: which, being seconded,

Mr. Dewolf moved, as an amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the words "referred to," and in place of the words so left out to substitute the words "the Committee of Supply": which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Accounts and Papers be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Refd. to Com. of  
Supply

On motion, resolved, that a Select Committee be appointed for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the Accounts of Printing for the Government and Legislature.

Com. on Printing

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Clements, and Mr. Brennan, be the Committee for that purpose.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, without amendment.

Council agree to Duty  
Bill on Flour and  
Molasses

The Council adhere to the amendments proposed by them to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel.

Adhere to their amtds.  
to Libel Bill

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Com. on Bills

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, and had made sundry amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill; and he thereupon delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Statute Labor  
Bill with amtds.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills—which the House agreed to.

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

Amendts. agreed to  
Bill to be engrossed

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

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

Friday,

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 Friday, 29th March, 1844.
 

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## PRAYERS.

 Lt. Gov. commands  
attendance of House

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

 House attend in  
Council Chamber

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber,

And being returned,

 Lt. Gov. assents to  
Bills, viz—

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills, entitled as follows, viz :

Prisoners Counsel

An Act to revive and make perpetual an Act for enabling persons indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel.

Chedabucto Fisheries

An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.

Egerton Poores' Rates

An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act.

Pictou Poores' Rates

An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, as amended.

Pugwash Harbor

An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pugwash.

Egerton District

An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District for the support of the Poor.

Dartmouth Bread

An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

N. S. Bank

An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of Nova-Scotia.

Marriage Licenses

An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses.

Survey Timber

An Act to continue the Act to regulate the survey of Timber and Lumber.

Sable Island

An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.

Billetting

An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.

County Rates

An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

 Forestalling Cord  
Wood

An Act to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Regrating, and Monopolizing of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax.

Richmond Fisheries

An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.

Nuisances

An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.

Halifax Pilotage

An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and the several Acts in amendment thereof, and additional thereto.

Assize of Bread

An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

 Bridgeport Harbor  
Master

An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton.

Beef Weighing

An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

 Sydney, C. B. Pilot-  
age

An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton.

Settlement of Poor

An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.

 Civil Officers ex-  
emption

An Act to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department,

Department, Dock Yard, Victualling and Naval Hospital establishments at Halifax, from working on Highways, and discharging other civil duties.

An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool, in Queen's County, to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine for said Town. Liverpool Fire Engine

An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, in Cornwallis, in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead. Presbyterian Church,  
Cornwallis

An Act to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy, at Sydney, in Cape Breton. Sydney, C. B. Academy

An Act for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough. Salmon Fishery,  
Guysborough

An Act to amend the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House at Bridgetown, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House, for repairing, ornamenting, altering, or enlarging the same, and for ratifying the appointment, and defining the duties, of the Trustees of the said Meeting House. Baptist Meeting  
House, Bridgetown

An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling. Smuggling

An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods. Importation

An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods. Warehousing

An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks. Drawbacks

An Act to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties. Regulation of Duties

An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors. General Licenses

An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax. Halifax Licenses

An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit. Postponement of  
Supreme Court

An Act for the Government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary. Penitentiary

An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and the Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same. Cornwallis Baptist  
Church

An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof. General Impost

An Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases. Flour and Molasses  
Impost

Mr. Howe reported from the Committee to whom were referred the subject of Marine Insurance Companies, and the Bill in amendment of the Act concerning Suits against Foreign Bodies Politic, &c.; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read. Report from Marine  
Insurance Com.

(See Appendix, No. 59.)

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

A Bill to Incorporate the Society of Nova Scotia Barristers, was read a second time. Barristers Incorpora-  
tion Bill read 2nd  
time

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session. Consideration de-  
ferred

A Bill for the preservation of Moose; also,  
A Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province—were severally read a second time. Moose Bill and Re-  
gistrar's Bill read  
2nd time

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

Mr. Holmes reported from the Committee on the Petition of Donald Blue, unfavorably to the prayer thereof; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read. Report on Pet. of  
Donald Blue

(See Appendix, No. 60.)

Adopted

*Resolved*, That the Report be received and adopted by the House.Report from Com. on  
Petitions from Co.  
of Richmond as to  
proceeds of seizures

Mr. Hall reported from the Committee on the Petitions from Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, relative to the proceeds of seizures made at Arichat for illicit importation; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 61.)

Adopted

*Ordered*, That the Report be received and adopted by the House.Scale of Division of  
Road Monies  
moved

Mr. Huntington moved that the sum of £10,000, granted this Session for the service of Roads and Bridges for the present year, be divided among the several Counties of this Province, and applied according to the following scale of division, viz :

For the Roads in the County of	Shelburne,	£500	0	0	
"	"	Yarmouth,	500	0	0
"	"	Digby,	500	0	0
"	"	Annapolis,	500	0	0
"	"	Queen's,	500	0	0
"	"	Sydney,	500	0	0
"	"	Richmond,	500	0	0
"	"	Guysborough,	500	0	0
"	"	Halifax,	750	0	0
"	"	Hants,	700	0	0
"	"	Inverness,	700	0	0
"	"	Cape Breton,	750	0	0
"	"	King's,	550	0	0
"	"	Pictou,	750	0	0
"	"	Colchester,	600	0	0
"	"	Cumberland,	550	0	0
"	"	Lunenburg,	650	0	0

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Which, being seconded,

Amendmt. of Scale  
moved

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, as an amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the words "scale of division, viz :'" and in place of the words so to be left out to insert the words following, viz :

For the Roads in the County of	Shelburne,	£500	0	0	
"	"	Yarmouth,	500	0	0
"	"	Digby,	550	0	0
"	"	Annapolis,	550	0	0
"	"	Queen's,	500	0	0
"	"	Sydney,	500	0	0
"	"	Richmond,	500	0	0
"	"	Guysborough,	500	0	0
"	"	Halifax,	750	0	0
"	"	Hants,	700	0	0
"	"	Inverness,	650	0	0
"	"	Cape Breton,	700	0	0
"	"	King's	550	0	0
"	"	Pictou,	750	0	0
"	"	Colchester,	600	0	0
"	"	Cumberland,	600	0	0
"	"	Lunenburg,	600	0	0

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£10,000 0 0

Which,

Which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, ten ; against it thirty-five. Amendment lost

For the Amendment—

Against the Amendment—

Mr. Holmes	Mr. Wilkins	Mr. Spearwater	Mr. Fulton
" Ross	" Owen	" Wilson	" Dickey
Hon. Atty. General	" B. Smith	" Dimock	" Freeman
Mr. Budd	" Clements	" Crowell	" Logan
" Bourneuf	" Crowe	" Martell	" Heckman
" Comeau	" Turnbull	" Huntington	" McKeagney
" Dewolf	" Taylor	" Fraser	" Fairbanks
" Beckwith	" E. Young	" Fleming	" McNab
" Thorne	" A. M. Uniacke	" DesBarres	" G. Smith
" Whitman	" McLelan	" G. R. Young	" Doyle
	" Power	" Howe	" Hall
	" Benjamin	" Marshall	

So it passed in the negative.

The question on the original motion being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-eight ; against it, seven. Original scale carried

So it passed in the affirmative ; and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the sum of £10,000 granted this Session for the service of Roads and Bridges for the present year, be divided among the several Counties of this Province, and applied according to the following scale of division, viz: Resolution as passed

For the Roads in the County of Shelburne,	£500	0	0
" " Yarmouth,	500	0	0
" " Digby,	500	0	0
" " Annapolis,	500	0	0
" " Queen's,	500	0	0
" " Sydney,	500	0	0
" " Richmond,	500	0	0
" " Guysborough,	500	0	0
" " Halifax,	750	0	0
" " Hants,	700	0	0
" " Inverness,	700	0	0
" " Cape Breton,	750	0	0
" " King's,	550	0	0
" " Pictou,	750	0	0
" " Colchester,	600	0	0
" " Cumberland,	550	0	0
" " Lunenburg,	650	0	0
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	£10,000	0	0

*Ordered*, That the several Members from the respective Counties do prepare and report to this House, on or before Thursday next, the 4th instant, scales of subdivision of the respective sums allotted to each County, out of the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution. Order for bringing in scales of division

*Ordered*, That the several ordinary Petitions praying aids for Roads and Bridges, presented this Session (and by the course and practice of the House placed on the file of Road Petitions, without being entered on the Journal at the time of presentation) be referred to the several Members from the Counties, respectively, from which the Petitions have been sent. Ordinary Road Petitions referred to Members

For a list of which Petitions

(See Appendix, No. 62.)

A Bill further concerning Firewards and Fires in the City of Halifax, was read a second time. Halifax Firewards Bill read 2d time

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months. Defd. 3 months

Sheriffs' Bill and  
Indian Bill read 2nd  
time  
And committed

A Bill relating to the appointment of Sheriffs; and  
A Bill to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the  
Indians—were severally read a second time.

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

Foreign Companies  
Bill read 2nd time

A Bill in amendment of an Act, entitled, An Act concerning Suits against Foreign  
Bodies Politic, &c., was read a second time; and, thereupon,

Mr. Dewolf moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day  
three months: which, being seconded,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved, as an amendment to the question, to leave out  
all the words thereof after the words "that the," and in place of the words so left out  
to substitute the following: "Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House:  
which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

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

Refd. to Com. of  
whole

Com. on Bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Bill for relief of C.  
Clark to be defd.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill for the  
relief of Charles Clark, an Insolvent Debtor, and recommend to the House to defer the  
further consideration thereof to this day three months; that they had gone through the  
Bill to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Ha-  
lifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act; the Bill to alter the Sit-  
tings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis; and the Bill to  
amend the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province—and had directed him  
to report the said Bills to the House, severally, without any amendment; and he after-  
wards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to  
move for leave to sit again—which the House agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the further consideration of the Bill for the relief of Charles Clark, an  
Insolvent Debtor, be deferred until this day three months.

*Ordered,* That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Halifax Highway's  
Bill

Annapolis Sessions  
Bill

And Passenger Bill  
without amdt.

Charles Clark's Bill  
deferred

Other Bills to be  
engrossed

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

Saturday, 30th March, 1844.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Bills read  
3d time, viz—

Annapolis Sessions  
Bill

Passed

An engrossed Bill to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the  
County of Annapolis, was read a third time.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter the Sittings of  
the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis.

Passengers Bill

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province,  
was read a third time.

Passed

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend the Act re-  
lating to Passengers arriving in this Province.

Bills sent to Council

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

Distilleries Bill read  
2d time and com-  
mitted

Mr. Huntington, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act  
concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province—and the same was read a  
first and second time.

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

Return presented as  
to Seal Bounties

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pre-  
sented a Return, in writing, in relation to Bounties paid for the encouragement of the  
Seal

Seal Fisheries; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

*A Statement, shewing the sums drawn on account of Seal Bounty, together with the Tonnage, Bounty, and number of Vessels, from 1833 to 1843, inclusive.*

Year.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.	Bounty paid.
1833	18	828	£493 0 0
1834	18	843	503 10 0
1835	24	1110	645 5 0
1836	19	894	543 10 0
1837	20	853	500 10 0
1838	29	1232	746 10 5
1839	35	1320	745 19 11
1840			
1841	17	618	321 5 0
1842	21	713	373 15 0
1843	36	1364	748 5 0

*Ordered,* That the Return do lie on the Table.

Mr. Dewolf reported from the Committee on the Petitions of James Allison, and James Stephens, respectively praying aid in the education of their deaf and dumb children, favorably to the prayer of the Petitions; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on Pet. for aid to deaf and dumb children

*(See Appendix, No. 63.)*

*Ordered,* That the Report and Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Refd. to Com. of Supply

An engrossed Bill relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Engrossed Statute Labor Bill read 3d time

Mr. Huntington moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session; which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Motion to defer Bill negatived

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.

Bill passed

An engrossed Bill to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act, was read a third time.

Engrossed Halifax Highway Bill read 3d time

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act.

Passed

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

Bills sent to Council

On motion of Mr. Marshall, the Bill to disable certain persons from being elected or sitting as Members of the House of Assembly, was read a second time.

Bill to disable certain persons from being Members, read 2d time

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

And committed

A Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly.

Equalization of Representation Bill Pictou Navigation Bill and

A Bill further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pictou; and

A Bill for appointing Commissioners for the sale of Property attached, in certain cases—were severally read a second time.

Commissioners of attached Property Bill read 2d time

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

And committed

On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

House in Com. of Supply

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.



Report progress and  
Resolutions

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made further progress in the business referred to them, and had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to Report to the House.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Supply—which the House agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the Chairman do report the Resolutions at a future day.

Report to be received  
at future day

Memorials of Dr.  
Gesner in relation  
to Mines laid before  
House

The Hon. the Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented copies of a Memorial of Dr. Gesner to His Excellency Sir Colin Campbell, late Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, dated 24th September, 1838, praying a lease of the Coal and Iron Mines in the County of Cumberland; and of a Memorial to His Excellency the present Lieutenant-Governor, on the same subject, with Correspondence relative thereto—and the same were read.

(See Appendix, No. 64.)

*Ordered,* That the Papers do lie on the Table.

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

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Monday, 1st April, 1844.

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PRAYERS.

Message from Coun-  
cil agreeing to  
Members pay

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this Honorable House for granting One Pound per day, for forty days, to Members of the House of Assembly, for their attendance in General Assembly during the present Session, with the usual Travelling Fees.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Com. on Bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Road expen-  
diture continuation  
Bill

And Juries continua-  
tion Bill with  
amendments

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof; and the Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof—and had made sundry amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills—which the House agreed to.

Amendts. agreed to

The amendments reported from the Committee to the said two Bills, being then read a first and second time, were, upon the question respectively put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Bills to be engrossed

*Ordered,* That the Bills, with the amendments, be engrossed.

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

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Tuesday, 2nd April, 1844.

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PRAYERS.

Engrossed Road Ex-  
penditure Bill read  
3d time

Rider negatived

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof, was read a second time; and thereupon,

Mr. Hall moved that the Bill be amended by inserting therein the following Proviso, by way of Rider, viz : *Provided*

*Provided always*, That in all cases where a Commissioner shall make no charge for his superintendance, or shall not be entitled thereto, his Commission shall be five per cent., as heretofore : which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Mr. Fairbanks then moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred to this day three months : which, being seconded,

Motion to defer consideration of Bill

Mr. B. Smith moved as an amendment to the question, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of allowing five per cent. on all sums below Fifteen Pounds, and allowing Seven Shillings and Six Pence to a man, pair of oxen, and cart : which amendment being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Amdt. to re-commit Bill

Negated

Mr. McLelan then moved as an amendment to the main question for deferring the Bill, that the following Proviso do pass, and be added to the Bill by way of Rider, viz :

Amdt. to add Proviso as Rider

*Provided*, nothing herein contained shall prevent Commissioners from charging five per cent. on all sums under Ten Pounds, and Four Shillings per day, when he has a less number of men than ten employed ; *Provided*, such Commissioner labor as well as oversee : which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Negated

Mr. Dewolf then moved as an amendment to the main question, that the following enacting clause do pass, and be added to the Bill by way of Rider, viz :

Rider moved and carried

*Be it enacted*, That from and after the passing of this Act, no part or portion of the Monies granted for the service of the Roads and Bridges generally, or for any particular service of that nature, shall be paid, until the whole work is performed, and the account of the expenditure duly certified, is furnished at the Treasury Office : which amendment, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-one ; against it, sixteen,

So it passed in the affirmative.

And the Bill having been accordingly amended by the insertion of said clause,

Mr. Fairbanks moved that all the parts of the Bill be left out, except the original continuing clauses thereof ; and that the Bill do pass as amended, by leaving out such parts thereof : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one ; against it, seventeen.

Bill amended by leaving out all except continuing clauses

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

<i>Hon. Mr. Dodd</i>	<i>Mr. Dickey</i>	<i>Mr. Budd</i>	<i>Mr. G. Smith</i>
<i>Mr. E. Young</i>	<i>“ Crowell</i>	<i>“ Thorne</i>	<i>“ Howe</i>
<i>“ Ross</i>	<i>“ Whitman</i>	<i>“ Turnbull</i>	<i>“ Brenan</i>
<i>“ DesBarres</i>	<i>“ Wilson</i>	<i>“ Hall</i>	<i>“ Comeau</i>
<i>“ Dimock</i>	<i>“ Spearwater</i>	<i>“ Beckwith</i>	<i>“ Ryder</i>
<i>“ Fulton</i>	<i>“ Crowe</i>	<i>“ Dewolf</i>	<i>“ G. R. Young</i>
<i>“ Martell</i>	<i>“ Bourneuf</i>	<i>“ Logan</i>	
<i>“ McLelan</i>	<i>“ Taylor</i>	<i>“ Huntington</i>	
<i>“ Fairbanks</i>	<i>“ Marshall</i>	<i>“ Benjamin</i>	
<i>“ Fleming</i>	<i>“ Clements</i>	<i>“ Heckman</i>	
<i>“ Freeman</i>		<i>“ B. Smith</i>	

So it passed in the affirmative.

And such parts being struck out accordingly,

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Bill passed as amended

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof, was read a third time ; and, thereupon,

Engrossed Juries Bill read 3d time

Mr. Howe moved that the Bill be amended, by leaving out all the parts thereof, except the continuing clauses : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one ; against it, eighteen.

Bill amended

So it passed in the affirmative.

And the Bill having been amended by leaving out such parts thereof,

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof.

Bill passed as amended

Com. of whole on  
Bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Seal Fisheries  
Bill to be deferred

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to continue the Act to encourage the Seal Fisheries of this Province, and recommend to the House to defer the further consideration thereof to this day three months; that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace; the Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers; the Bill to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates for the new or Wickwire Dike in Horton; the Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same; the Bill to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish; the Bill for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Works; the Bill to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness; the Bill to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians; and the Bill to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province—and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House, severally, without any amendment. That the Committee had also had under consideration the Bill to continue the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal—and recommend to the House to refer the same to a Select Committee to examine, and report upon the subject thereof, with amendments or otherwise; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Bills without amdt.  
Summary Trials

Sewers

Wickwire Dike

Town Officers

Pickled Fish Inspec-  
tion

Performance of en-  
gagements

Sessions Inverness

Indians

Distilleries

Recommend Flour  
Inspection Bill to  
Select Com.

The Chairman also reported that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—which was agreed to by the House.

Bills without amtds.  
to be engrossed

*Ordered*, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Flour Inspection Bill  
referred to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the Bill to continue the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. G. R. Young, and Mr. Owen, to examine, and report upon the subject thereof with amendments or otherwise.

Report on Seal Fish-  
ery Bill be con-  
sidered to-morrow

*Ordered*, That the report upon the Bill to continue the Act to encourage the Seal Fisheries of this Province, be considered to-morrow.

Special leave to bring  
in Election Bill

Mr. Benjamin moved for the special leave of the House to bring in at a future day a Bill further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered* accordingly.

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

Wednesday, 3d April, 1844.

PRAYERS.

Proceedings of yester-  
day on Juries Bill  
rescinded

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that all the proceedings had yesterday on the engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof, after the third reading of the Bill, be rescinded; and, thereupon,

Bill passed

*Resolved*, That the Bill as reported from the Committee, and read a third time as engrossed, do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof.

Proceedings of yester-  
day on Road ex-  
penditure Bill  
rescinded

On motion of Mr. Huntington, *resolved*, that all the proceedings had yesterday on the engrossed Bill to continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof, be rescinded; and, thereupon,

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the Bill as reported from the Committee, and read a third time as engrossed, do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Bill passed

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

Bills sent to Council

Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Accounts of the Provincial Penitentiary; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on Penitentiary Bill

(See Appendix, No. 65.)

*Ordered*, That the Report and Accounts be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Refd. to Com. of Supply

Pursuant to the Order of yesterday, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Bills, in regard to the Bill to continue the Act to encourage the Seal Fisheries of this Province; and, thereupon,

Report on Seal Fishery Bill from Com. on Bills

Mr. J. B. Uniacke moved that the Report be not received, but that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one; against it, twenty-five.

Report not to receive Report

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

Mr. J. B. Uniacke  
 " McKeagney  
 " G. Smith  
 " Doyle  
 " Comeau  
 " McNab  
 " Freeman  
 " Marshall  
 " DesBarres  
 Hon. Mr. Dodd  
 Mr. Fairbanks

Mr. Ross  
 " Owen  
 " Fraser  
 " Heckman  
 " Bournouf  
 " Turnbull  
 " Martell  
 " Taylor  
 " Brennan  
 " A. M. Uniacke

Mr. Clements  
 " Budd  
 " Thorne  
 " Crowe  
 " Fleming  
 " Holmes  
 " Whitman  
 " Dimock  
 " Crowell  
 " Wilson  
 " E. Young  
 " Logan  
 " Benjamin

Mr. Hall  
 " B. Smith  
 Hon. Attorney General  
 Mr. Dickey  
 " McLelan  
 " G. R. Young  
 " Spearwater  
 " Huntington  
 " Fulton  
 " Howe  
 " Dewolfe  
 " Ryder

So it passed in the negative.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

Bill deferred

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the summary trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, was read a third time.

Engrossed Bills read 3d time, viz— Summary Trials

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the summary trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.

Passed

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers, was read a third time.

Sewers

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.

Passed

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates for the New or Wickwire Dike in Horton, was read a third time.

Wickwire Dike

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates for the New or Wickwire Dike in Horton.

Passed

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same, was read a third time.

Town Officers

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same.

Passed

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish, was read a third time.

Pickled Fish Inspection

Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.
Performance of engagements	An engrossed Bill for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Works, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Works.
Sessions Inverness	An engrossed Bill to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness.
Indians	An engrossed Bill to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians.
Distilleries	An engrossed Bill to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province, was read a third time.
Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.
Bills sent to Council	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence.
Res. relating to Coal Mines and Address on Civil List	<p>Mr. Ross moved that the House do come to the Resolutions following, viz:—</p> <p>1. <i>Resolved</i>, That this Assembly, and the People they represent, duly appreciate the constitutional right about to be surrendered by the Crown to this Colony, by the transfer of the Casual and Territorial Revenues, in lieu of a Civil List, providing adequately and permanently for the maintenance of such Officers as are chargeable on those funds; and that this House have been actuated by a spirit of justice and liberality in granting a Civil List, with a view to comport with the sound policy which induced Her Majesty to submit the question of commutation, untrammelled with any specific stipulations as regards the amount of compensation.</p> <p>2. <i>Resolved</i>, That while this House acknowledge the increased constitutional power of this branch of the Legislature to appropriate all the <i>Revenue</i> raised in this Colony, as an extension of popular rights, yet they cannot overlook the fact, that this privilege is accompanied with conditions, as regards the source from whence those Revenues are derived, calculated to mar not only an increase of Revenue, but also the enterprise and industry of the Inhabitants—inasmuch as a certain Lease, made by the Crown in the year 1826, conveyed, for 60 years, to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, all the Mines of Nova Scotia Proper, reserving only the Coal Mines in Pictou, called the “Albion Mines”—since which the Crown also transferred, or agreed to transfer those Mines, as well as those of the Island of Cape Breton, to the Sub-Lessees of the late Duke of York, now known as the “General Mining Association”—thus giving the sole control, management, and right, to work <i>all</i> the Mines of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton to one body of individuals—powers too dangerous to the rights and liberties of the people to be recognised by this Assembly.</p> <p><i>And whereas</i>, the article of Coal enters largely into the value of every species of Manufactures, and also, as fuel, constitutes an important item in the necessary expense of the great bulk of the people of Nova Scotia; <i>And whereas</i>, the extensive privileges enjoyed by the General Mining Association, of supplying this article solely, from the extensive beds with which this Province abounds, (surpassed in extent and variety by no other portion of Her Majesty’s Dominions,) must necessarily entail upon the enterprise and industry of the people oppressive and unconstitutional exactions, (unavoidable results, when free and unrestricted competition is prevented,) producing effects equally baneful to their present comforts, and subversive of their future prospects in rearing Manufactures, and encouraging Steam Navigation and Commerce: <i>Resolved therefore</i>, that the Committee appointed to draw up an Address on the subject of the Civil List, be instructed to bring the subject matter under the notice of Her Majesty, and respectfully request that the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">“Albion</p>

“Albion Mines” in Pictou, and all the Mines in the Island of Cape Breton, including those of Sydney and Bridgeport, may be transferred to the management of the Colonial Legislature, subject to no Lease, as they have reason to believe is now the case, so that this House may be enabled to guard against the evils apprehended in the foregoing Resolutions; and this House pledge themselves to maintain inviolate any existing agreement between the Imperial Government and the General Mining Association, that does not endanger the general interests of the Colony, or shackle the rights and enterprise of the people:

Which, being seconded, and a debate ensuing thereon,

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved that the question be now put: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the last mentioned motion, (being the previous question) four; against it, twenty-nine.

Previous question moved thereon and negatived

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

Mr. Fairbanks	Hon. Atty. General	Mr. Marshall	Mr. Dickey
“ Ross	Mr. E. Young	“ Thorne	“ Huntington
“ Holmes	“ Dimock	“ Budd	“ DesBarres
“ Whitman	Hon. Mr. Dodd	“ Hall	“ McKeagney
	Mr. Wilkins	“ G. R. Young	“ Doyle
	“ Fraser	“ Wilson	“ Comeau
	“ G. Smith	“ Crowell	“ Fulton
	“ Spearwater	“ Bourneuf	“ Howe
	“ Freeman	“ Power	“ McLelan
	“ Clements	“ Heckman	

So it passed in the negative; and thereupon,

Ordered, That the questions on the Resolutions be not now put.

Question not to be put

A Petition of Daniel Wier and John Chambers, Commissioners for building a Bridge across the St. Croix River, in the County of Hants, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. B. Smith and read, stating that an action at Law had been commenced against Petitioners, for an alleged obstruction of the navigation of the River by the building of said Bridge, and praying the action of the House to prevent injury to Petitioners thereby.

Pet. of Commissioners for building Bridge over St. Croix for protection against Law Suit

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, the Hon. Attorney General, and Mr. G. R. Young, to examine, and report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

On motion of Mr. Fulton, resolved, that the sum of Five Pounds, granted by the Legislature in 1842, to repair the Road from Six Mile Road to McKenzie's, by Cotter's, in the County of Cumberland, and not yet expended, be applied to the repair of the Road from Kenneth McKenzie's to Wallace Harbor.

Change of appropriation of Road money Cumberland

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

Sent to Council

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the General Sessions of the Peace, at Guysborough, and for other purposes; the Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen, in Chedabucto Bay; the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places; the Bill to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness; and the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenue—severally, without any amendment.

Message from Council—

Have agreed to—  
Guysboro' Sessions Bill  
Chedabucto Bay Fishermen's Nets Bill  
Arichat, Streets' Bill  
Inverness Lock-up Houses Bill  
Civil List Bill—

Severally, without andt.

Also to 10 Money Resolutions

The Council have also agreed to ten Resolutions of this Honorable House, for granting sums of money, viz:

- £200 Sterling, to the Lieutenant-Governor, for Contingencies.
- 250 “ to the Lieutenant-Governor, for a Private Secretary.
- 100 “ to the Superintendent of Mines, Cape Breton.

£150 Sterling, to the Surveyor General of Nova-Scotia.  
 100 " to the Surveyor General of Cape Breton.  
 200 " for the Salary of the first Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office.  
 160 " for the Salary of the second Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office.  
 100 " for the Salary of the third Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office.  
 30 " for Fuel and Criers of Courts.  
 100 " for Contingencies of the Provincial Secretary's Office.

Council desire Conference on General State of Province

The Council desire a Conference, by Committee, with a Committee of this Honorable House, on the General State of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Conference agreed to

On motion, *resolved*, that this House do agree to the Conference desired by the Council on the General State of the Province; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council that this House have agreed to such Conference, and that the Committee of this House are ready to meet the Committee of the Council thereon.

Com. of Conference

*Ordered*, That Mr. DesBarres, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Wilkins, do manage the said Conference.

So they went to the Conference,

And being returned,

Report of suggestion of Council contrary to privileges of House

Mr. DesBarres reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that the Committee of Council thereat having suggested to the Managers a grant of monies, the Committee of this House do not consider it consistent with the privileges of this House to report the same.

Message from Council—

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Do not agree to Light House Bill

The Council have not agreed to the Bill to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and clauses of Acts relating to the same.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

House in Com. of Supply

On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Resolutions passed in Com.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had come to certain Resolutions thereupon—which they had directed him to report to the House.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—which the House agreed to.

To be reported at a future day

*Ordered*, That the report of the Resolutions be made at a future day.

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

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Thursday, 4th April, 1844.

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PRAYERS.

Petitions of Drs. Pike and Bent, with Report, refd. to Com. of Supply

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *resolved*, that the Petitions of Drs. F. Carter Pike and William L. Bent, with the Report of the Select Committee thereon, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Light House Bill presented

The Hon. Attorney General, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to alter and continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Report from Com. on Poor Settlers relief papers

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Papers and Documents relating to the grants made under the Act for the relief of Poor Settlers; and

and he read the Report in his place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 66.)

*Ordered*, That the Report do lie on the Table, and that Mr. Fairbanks have leave to bring in a Bill in accordance therewith. Leave for Bill

Mr. Fulton moved that a Select Committee be appointed to inspect the several scales of sub-division of Road Money, in order to ascertain what proportion of the sums apportioned to the respective Counties are to be expended on the Main Post Roads: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative. Motion for Com. to inspect Road Scales  
Negatived

Mr. Fairbanks, Chairman of the County of Sydney Election Committee, by direction of the Committee, moved that they have leave to adjourn over until Monday next, the 8th instant—which was agreed to by the House. Leave to Sydney Co. Election Com. to adjourn over

On motion of Mr. Dickey, *resolved*, that the sum of Twenty Pounds, granted the last Session for the repair of the Road on the Aboiteau, across the River LePlanch, unexpended, be expended on the Road from the said Aboiteau leading across the Fort Lawrence Marsh, to the bend on the said Road. Change of appropriation Road Money Cumberland

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

Mr. A. M. Uniacke, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to extend the amount that may be invested in the Savings' Bank; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Savings' Bank Bill presented

An engrossed Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company, was read a third time. *Ordered*, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House. Engrossed Water Company Bill read 3d time  
Re-committed

A Bill relative to the Halifax Assessments, &c., was read a second time. *Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to Mr. B. Smith, Mr. G. Smith, and Mr. Hall, to examine the same, with power to report amendments thereto, or otherwise. Halifax Assessments Bill read 2d time  
Refd. to Sel. Com.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company. Com. of whole on Halifax Water Company Bill

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill, and had made sundry amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table. Bills reported with amnds.

The said amendments were read throughout, a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereon, were agreed to by the House. Amendts. agreed to

*Ordered*, That the Bills, with the amendments, be engrossed. Bills to be engrossed

Mr. Benjamin, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Bill to amend Election Law presented

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes, without amendment; and to the Bill, entitled, An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House. Council agree to Arichat Court House Bill without amdt.  
And to Guysboro' Streets Bill with amendts.

And then the Messenger withdrew,



## Com. on Bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Post Office Account  
laid before House

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented an Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Post Office Department in this Province, for the Quarter ending 5th January, 1844—and the same was read.

(See Appendix, No. 67.)

Refd. to Post Office  
Com.

Ordered, That the Account be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Order of Day—  
Presentation of  
Road Scales

The Order of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the respective Scales of sub-division of Road Monies be presented on Saturday next:

Adjournment over  
Good Friday

Then (To-morrow being Good Friday) the House adjourned until Saturday next, at twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 6th April, 1844.

## PRAYERS.

Petition of James  
Whitney relative  
to Steamer to New-  
foundland

A Petition of James Whitney, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying that the Grant of Money made to encourage the running of a Steamer between Halifax and St. John, Newfoundland, touching at two intermediate Ports in the Island of Cape Breton, may be so modified as that such Steamer may be entitled to such Grant, touching at only one Port in Cape Breton.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Report from Com. on  
Fisheries

Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported from the Select Committee upon the subject of the Fisheries; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 68.)

Referred in part to  
Com. of Supply

Ordered, That the Report be received, and do lie on the Table, and that the recommendation of a Grant of Money therein contained be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Report from Com. on  
Indian Affairs

Mr. Hall reported from the Committee to whom were referred the Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs, and certain Petitions in regard to Indians; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 69.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Change of appropriation  
of Road Money  
King's County

On motion of Mr. Hall, resolved, that the sum of Twenty Pounds, parcel of the sum granted in the last Session of the General Assembly to build the Bridge over the Cornwallis River, near Kentville, and remaining unexpended, be expended on the Road leading from the late Benjamin Silver's to William Rusco's, in Cornwallis.

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

Engrossed Bills read  
3<sup>d</sup> time, viz:  
Gas Light  
Passed

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and an Act passed in amendment thereof, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and an Act passed in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company, was read a third time. *Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company. Water Company Passed

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

The amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough, was read a first and second time, and is as follows: Amendment of Council to Guysboro' Streets Bill agreed to  
At the end of the Bill add the following clause—

“*And be it enacted*, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prejudice, or in any manner affect the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or of all or any person or persons, bodies Politic or Corporate, his, her, and their respective Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns.”

And the said amendment being considered by the House—

*Resolved*, That the said amendment be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendment.

Mr. Holmes moved that so much of the Petition of James Carmichael and others, as refers to the proposed Survey of a new line of Road from New Glasgow towards the County of Sydney, be referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, sixteen; against it, nineteen. So it passed in the negative. Motion to refer Survey of new Road New Glasgow, to Com. of Supply negatived

On motion of Mr. J. B. Uniacke, *resolved*, that the sum of £750 allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape Breton; the sum of £700 allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Inverness; and the sum of £500 allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Richmond, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be respectively expended on the said services. Road monies in Island of Cape Breton placed at disposal of Lt. Gov.

On motion of Mr. Owen, *resolved*, that the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty Pounds allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Lunenburg, for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended on that service. Road money, Lunenburg, placed at disposal of Gov.

On motion of Mr. Brenan, *resolved*, that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Sydney, for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended on that service. Road money, County Sydney, at disposal of Lt. Gov.

On motion of Mr. DesBarres, *resolved*, that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Guysborough, for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended in that service. Guysboro' Road money at disposal of Lt. Gov.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, the copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 12th June, 1843, requiring payment for copies of the 2d Volume of Reports of Cases heard before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, transmitted with the Despatch, was read, and referred to the Committee of Supply. Despatch requiring payment for report of cases refd. to Com. of Supply

A Bill to alter and continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses, was read a second time. Light House Bill read 2nd time

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

Mr. Doyle reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Andrew Stephens; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read—recommending payment to Petitioner of £22 0s. 7d. actually disbursed by him in protecting the Public Revenue, whilst Commander of the Cutter John and Louisa Wallace. Report on Pet. of Andrew Stephens

*Ordered*, That the Petition and Report be referred to the Committee of Supply. Refd. to Com. of Supply

## A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to two Resolutions of this Honorable House for changing the appropriation of sums of Money for Roads in the County of Cumberland.

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to Offences against the Person : to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province ; the Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis ; the Bill, entitled, An Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor ; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace ; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates for the new or Wickwire Dike in Horton ; the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province ; the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness ; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof ; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the regulation of Juries ; the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians—severally, without any amendment. The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act, with amendments—to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of King's ; and the Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province, and had made amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills ; and he afterwards delivered the Bills, with the amendments, in at the Clerks' Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills—which the House agreed to.

The amendments to the Bill to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of King's, were read a first and second time, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

*Ordered,* That the Report upon the Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout the Province, be considered on Monday next.

## A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, with amendments—to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, were read a first and second time, and are as follows :

## FIRST CLAUSE.

4th line.—Leave out the word “twelfth” and insert instead the words “twenty-seventh” ;

Council agree to changes of appropriation of Road Money  
Council have passed a Bill amending Law relative to Offences against the Person  
Council agree to Bills without amdt. viz—  
Passengers  
Annapolis Sessions  
Pictou Poor  
Summary Trials  
Wickwire Dike

Distilleries  
Inverness Sessions  
Road expenditure  
Juries  
Indians

And to the Halifax Highway Bill with amdts.

Com. on Bills

Report with amdts.—  
Shad Fishery Bill

And Registrar of  
Deeds Bill

Amdts. to Shad Fishery Bill

Bill to be engrossed

Report on Registrar's  
Bill to-morrow

Council agree to Statute Labor Bill with amdts.

Amdts. to Statute Labor Bill

seventh"; after the word "eighth" insert the word "and"; after the word "ninth" leave out the word "and."

5th line.—Leave out the word "thirtieth."

## SECOND CLAUSE.

6th line.—Leave out the words "thirty-first" and insert instead the word "thirtieth."

## TENTH CLAUSE.

2d line.—Leave out the word "such"; after the word "person" insert the words "owning oxen or draft horses."

## TWENTY-FIRST CLAUSE.

8th line.—After the word "their" insert the word "shovels."

## TWENTY-SECOND CLAUSE.

3d line.—After the word "of" insert the words "the next General Sessions of the Peace for the County or District, which shall happen after the first day of September"; leave out the word "October."

10th line.—After the word "him" insert the words "and the expenditure of such commutation monies and fines."

At the end of the clause insert the following words: "under a penalty not exceeding the sum of Two Pounds, to be recovered by the said Clerk of the Peace before one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the same manner as debts of the like amount may now be sued for and recovered."

And the said amendments having been considered by the House, with the exception of the last amendment—

*Resolved*, That the said amendments be agreed to, with the exception of the said last amendment, which is to add certain words at the end of the twenty-second clause—which amendment last mentioned this House cannot consider, as it imposes a penalty.

Amdts. agreed to except last amdt. which House cannot consider, as it imposes a penalty

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented a copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Inquiry into the Post Office in British North America, made to Lord Sydenham in Canada, in 1841—and the same was read.

Canada Report on Post Office, presented

(See Appendix, No. 70.)

*Ordered*, That the Copy of Report be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs.

Refd. to Post Office Com:

The Order of the Day for the presentation of scales of division of Road Monies, being read,

Presentation of Road scales postponed.

*Ordered*, That the said scales of division be presented on Monday next.

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

**Monday, 8th April, 1844.**

## PRAYERS.

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Central Board of Education for 1843, be printed in the Appendix to the Journal of this Session.

Report of Central Board of Education to be printed in Appendix

(See Appendix, No. 71.)

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Central Board of Agriculture for 1843, be printed in the Appendix to the Journal of this Session.

Also Report of Central Board of Agriculture

(See Appendix, No. 72.)

An engrossed Bill to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of King's, was read a third time.

Engrossed Shad Fishery Bill read 3d time

Passed

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of King's.

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

Council Criminal  
Law Bill read

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to Offences against the Person, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Question to send  
Statute Labor Bill  
to Council, passed  
on division

The ordinary question being put, that the Clerk do carry to the Council the Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, with the amendments thereto, and acquaint the Council with the Resolution of this House on said amendments, the House divided, when there appeared, for so sending the Bill and amendments to the Council, thirty; against it, nine.

For the affirmative of the question—

Mr. G. R. Young	Mr. Heckman	Mr. Owen
" McKeagney	" Dimock	" Hall
" McNab	" Beckwith	" Bourneuf
" B. Smith	" Dickey	" Whitman
" Ryder	" Ross	" Thorne
" DesBarres	" Logan	" Power
" Benjamin	" Dewolf	" Taylor
Hon. Atty. General	" Brennan	" Martell
Mr. Comeau	" Fraser	" Freeman
" Fairbanks	" E. Young	" Holmes

Against it—

Mr. J. B. Uniacke
" Spearwater
" Crowe
" Fulton
" Wilson
" Huntington
" Clements
" McLelan
" Doyle

So it passed in the affirmative.

Order thereon

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendments, with the exception of last amendment, and that this House cannot consider the said last amendment, as it goes to impose a penalty.

Consideration of Re-  
port on Registrars'  
Bill

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Report from the Committee of Bills of Saturday last, on the Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province; and, thereupon,

Motion for re-com-  
mittal

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the Report be not received, and that the Bill be referred back to the Committee for the purpose of striking out so much thereof as creates a pension, payable to Sir Rupert D. George, and as requires the Registrars of Deeds in the Country, to pay one third of the fees of their offices into the Treasury; and as immediately on the passing of this Bill into a Law, abolishes the principal office of Registrar of Deeds throughout the Province, and authorizes the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint principal Registrars of Deeds in the several Counties; and for the purpose, instead of those provisions, of enacting, that whenever the incumbency of Sir Rupert D. George shall end, that then the office of principal Registrar of Deeds shall cease, and the Lieutenant-Governor for the time being, with the advice of Council, shall thereupon forthwith appoint principal Registrars of Deeds in the several Counties in the Province, who shall receive and retain the whole of the Fees of Office, and that in the mean time the Fees for the Registering of Deeds be immediately reduced, as the same are reduced by the Bill, and that on the ceasing of Sir Rupert D. George's incumbency, the said Fees for the Registering of Deeds, be further reduced, as the same are directed by the Bill to be reduced, on the termination of the said Pension:

Negatived

Which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fifteen; against it, twenty-nine.

For the Motion—

Hon. Mr. Dodd  
 Mr. Ryder  
 “ Fairbanks  
 “ Owen  
 Hon. Atty. General  
 Mr. Dewolf  
 “ Heckman  
 “ E. Young  
 “ Whitman  
 “ Freeman  
 “ Taylor  
 “ Budd  
 “ Thorne  
 “ Holmes  
 “ Wilkins

Against the Motion—

Mr. Comeau	Mr. Ross
“ Bourneuf	“ Fraser
“ McKeagney	“ Dickey
“ Doyle	“ Crowe
“ G. R. Young	“ B. Smith
“ DesBarres	“ Benjamin
“ Martell	“ Wilson
“ Logan	“ J. B. Uniacke
“ Fleming	“ Clements
“ Dimock	“ McNab
“ Spearwater	“ Power
“ Beckwith	“ McLelan
“ Brennan	“ G. Smith
“ Howe	“ Fulton
“ Huntington	

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. McLelan then moved that the Report on the Bill be not received, and that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz : 2nd motion for re-committal

*Whereas*, The granting of Pensions is setting at all times precedents dangerous to the best interests of the people, but particularly so, when such pension is founded upon no better claim than an individual having drawn a large sum of money for a great length of time from the pockets of the people, for doing nothing, and when it is no longer matter of policy to put anything in a Bill to ensure its passage in another quarter, when the wishes of the people are so clearly known, long expressed, and fully understood, as they are on the Registry Bill, after the full assurance given by the Queen’s Representative, that this Province should be in future governed in all local matters, by the wishes of the People :

*Resolved therefore*, That the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of putting it in its original shape, by striking out all that part of the Bill which gives a pension to Sir Rupert D. George, and the high fees, that the Country may have the immediate benefit of the low fee table :

Which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Resolution, three ; against it, forty-one. Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

The amendments to the Bill reported from the Committee were then read a first and second time, and, upon the question put thereon, were agreed to by the House. Amdts. to Bill agreed to

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed. Bills to be engrossed

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers in this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder by labor on the Roads—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented to repeal Poor Settlers relief Act

Mr. G. R. Young reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Bills relating to the Probate of Wills, &c. ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk’s Table, where it was again read. Report from Com. on Probate Law

(See Appendix, No. 73.)

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

Mr. McLelan moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth :

*Whereas*, the keeping of the Probate Courts in a formal manner, as the new Probate Law requires, has been found much more troublesome, annoying, vexatious, and expensive, than the old Law : *Resolved therefore*, as the opinion of this House, that the present Probate Law should be repealed ; and, thereupon, Resolution moved as regards Probate Law

Mr. J. B. Uniacke moved, as an amendment of the proposed Resolution, that all the words thereof be left out except the word “ *Resolved*,” and that the words following be inserted after the said word “ *Resolved*” : That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be Amended by Resolution for returns of Assessments

be respectfully requested to direct the Clerks of the Peace, or other proper Officers, in the respective Counties of this Province, to return, for the information of the Legislature, correct copies of the Assessment for the several Counties, in 1842 or 1843: which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative; and, thereupon,

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the Clerks of the Peace, or other proper Officers, in the respective Counties of this Province, to return, for the information of the Legislature, correct copies of the Assessment for the several Counties, in 1842 or 1843.

Report from Com. on  
union of Excise  
with Customs, &c.

The Hon. the Attorney General reported from the Select Committee on the subject of uniting the offices of Collectors of Colonial Duties of Impost and Excise with those of the Customs Department or the Provincial Treasury; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 74.)

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

Gov. to appoint Com-  
mission on Excise  
Office

On motion of the Hon. Attorney General, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to appoint the Commission recommended in the Report of the Committee for enquiring into the propriety of uniting the Excise Department with the Customs or Treasury.

Bill for remunerating  
Excise Officer at  
Halifax

The Hon. the Attorney General, also, from the same Committee, reported and presented a Bill for altering the mode of remunerating the Collector of Impost and Excise Duties at Halifax—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Council agree to  
change of Appro-  
priation, Kings'  
Co.

The Council have agreed to a Resolution of this Hon. House for changing the appropriation of the sum of £20 from the Bridge near Kentville to a Road in Cornwallis.

And to Bills, viz—  
Juries  
Town Officers

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act for the further regulation of Juries—to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House:

Sewers

The Council have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers; and the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish—severally, without any amendment.

Pickled Fish Inspec-  
tion

Guysboro' Streets  
as amended

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough, as amended.

The Council do not adhere to the last amendment proposed by them to the Bill, entitled, An Act relative to Statute Labor on Highways.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Amended Statute  
Labor Bill

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill, entitled, An Act relative to Statute Labor on Highways, do pass this House, as amended by the amendments proposed by the Council, and agreed to by this House.

Passed, &c.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry to the Council the Bill so amended, and acquaint the Council with the foregoing Resolution.

Order of Day—  
General State of  
Province

On motion of Mr. Howe, *resolved*, that this House do, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the consideration of the General State of the Province.

Leave of absence to  
Mr. Fleming

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fleming have leave of absence from this House for four days, to return home, on account of sickness in his family.

And Mr. McLelan

*Ordered*, That Mr. McLelan have leave of absence from this House after Saturday next, to return home, on urgent private business.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved that the order for leave of absence to Mr. Creighton be discharged : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one ; against it, sixteen.

Order for leave of absence to Mr. Creighton discharged

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read for the presentation of Scales of sub-division of Road Monies,

Scales of division of Road Money to be postponed

*Ordered*, That the same be presented To-morrow.

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

**Tuesday, 9th April, 1844.**

PRAYERS.

A Bill further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, was read a second time.

Amndt. of Election Law read 2d time

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

And committed

A Bill to remove the old Kempt Bridge in the County of Pictou, and to build another Bridge with the materials thereof, was read a second time.

Kempt Bridge, Pictou, read 2nd time

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Petitions on the subject thereof, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

and committed

A Bill for altering the mode of remunerating the Collector of Impost and Excise Duties at Halifax, was read a second time.

Office of Col. of Excise at Halifax

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

Committed

A Bill to enable Thomas Randall to obtain Letters Patent, for a useful invention, was read a second time ; and thereupon,

Bill for patent for T. Randall

On motion of Mr. Huntington, *resolved*, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

Consideration deferred

A Bill to extend the amount that may be invested in the Savings' Bank, was read a second time ;

Savings' Bank read 2nd time

And thereupon, Mr. G. R. Young moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months : which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

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

and committed

A Bill to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers in this Province, and to authorize the the liquidation of the monies received thereunder, by labor on the Roads, was read a second time.

Poor Settlers relief read 2d time

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

Committed

An engrossed Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province, was read a third time.

Engrossed Registrar's Bill read 3d time

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province.

Passed

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

The Hon. Attorney General reported further from the Committee on the Revenue Laws, and thereupon presented,

Further report from Com. on Revenue Laws, and Bill presented in addition to Importation Act

A Bill in addition to the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods—and the same was read a first and second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, be published in the *Novascotian*, *Morning Post*, *Times*, and *Acadian Recorder*, Newspapers, at Halifax.

Publication ordered of Statute Labor Bill



Report on Accounts  
for Printing

Mr. Fraser reported from the Select Committee on the Accounts for Printing for the Government and Legislature; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 75.)

Refd. to Com. of  
Supply

*Ordered*, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Report on Eastern  
Mail communica-  
tion Bounty

Mr. Marshall reported from the Select Committee on the subject of the £500 Bounty paid on the Eastern Mail Communication; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 76.)

Adopted

On motion of Mr. G. Smith, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by this House.

Report on Bill for  
Halifax Assessments

Mr. Hall reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill relative to the Halifax Assessments, &c.; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 77.)

Amdts reported to  
Bill

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

Mr. Hall, also, from the same Committee, presented amendments prepared by the Committee to the same Bill—and the same were read a first and second time.

Refd. to Com. on  
Bills

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

Orders of Day—  
Road Scales post-  
poned

The Orders of the Day being read,

*Ordered*, That the presentation of the Scales of sub-division of Road Monies be made to-morrow.

Com. on General  
State of the Pro-  
vince

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of the General State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Order for further con-  
sideration

*Ordered*, That this House do again, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the consideration of the General State of the Province.

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

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Wednesday, 10th April, 1844.

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PRAYERS.

Order of Day—  
Presentation made  
of Road Scales

The Order of the Day for the presentation of the several Scales of sub-division of the Road Monies, being read,

The undermentioned Members presented to the House Scales of sub-division accordingly, for the several Counties set against their names:

Mr. McNab—for the County of Halifax.

Mr. Freeman—for Queen's County.

Mr. Crowell—for the County of Shelburne.

Mr. Clements—for the County of Yarmouth.

Mr. Budd—for the County of Digby.

Mr. Thorne—for the County of Annapolis.

Mr. Dewolf—for King's County.

Mr.

Mr. B. Smith—for the County of Hants.  
 Mr. Fulton—for the County of Cumberland.  
 Mr. Ross—for the County of Colchester :

Which, being respectively read, were agreed to by the House.

Mr. G. R. Young then presented the Scale of sub-division of Road Monies for the County of Pictou—and moved that the same be agreed to by the House : which, being seconded,

Mr. Holmes moved in amendment that the words of the question after the word "that," be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof: Amdt. proposed to Pictou Road Scale

"Whereas, heavy over-expenditures, caused by dire necessity, in erecting new Bridges, for the two last years, exist in Pictou County ; And whereas, it is just and right that these over-expenditures should be paid out of the monies voted for the said County this Session ; Therefore resolved, that the sum of £750 voted for the service of the Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou, for this year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay these over-expenditures ; and to put the Main Post Roads in a state of repair through the County ; to effect a Survey of the Road from New Glasgow to the County of Sydney Line, by the intended alteration ; and to build that important Bridge at the Albion Mines, which is down for the last four years :

Which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, fourteen : against it, twenty. Negatived

For the Amendment—

Against the Amendment—

Hon. Mr. Dodd	Mr. Ross	Mr. Hall	Mr. G. R. Young
Mr. Dewolf	" E. Young	" McNab	" Crowe
" Holmes	" Whitman	" Brenan	" Heckman
" Freeman	" Owen	" McLelan	" Benjamin
" Thorne	" A. M. Uniacke	" Fraser	" Logan
" Fairbanks	" Budd	" Wilson	" Howe
" Beckwith	" Taylor	" Spearwater	" Fulton
		" Crowell	" Marshall
		" Dimock	" McKeagney
		" Dickey	" G. Smith

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Scale presented be agreed to by the House.

For the several Scales of sub-division of Road Monies so agreed to, and resolved upon by the House,

(See Appendix, No. 78.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry to the Council the Scale of general division of the sum of £10,000 granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the several Scales of sub-division thereof, agreed to by this House, with the Resolutions in regard to the sums appropriated for the respective Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness, Lunenburg, Sydney, and Guysborough, and desire the concurrence of the Council to the same, respectively. Order to carry Scales, &c. to Council

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :  
 Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, as amended. Message from Council— Agree to Bills, viz— Statute Labor ?

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and an Act passed in amendment thereof—without amendments. Gas Light

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of King's ; and to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County, with amendments to the said Bills respectively—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House. Shad Fishery Bill And Halifax Sea Manure Bill, with amtds.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The

Order of Day—  
Com. of whole on  
State of Province

The Order of the Day being read,  
The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the General State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Mr. Howe moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth :

Vote of Want of Con-  
fidence in the  
Executive Council  
moved

*Resolved*, That this House having waited for such a re-construction of the Executive Council as seemed called for by the state of the Country, and having despatched the Public Business, in the belief and expectation that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor would call around him a body of men truly reflecting the opinions of the people, deem it their duty, before returning to their homes, to state, that the Executive Council, as at present constituted, does not possess such a degree of Public Confidence as is essential to the vigorous and wise administration of the Government: which, being seconded,

Amdt. moved that  
retiring Councillors  
exercised Constitu-  
tional right, &c.

Mr. Doyle moved, as an amendment of the said proposed Resolution, to leave out all the words thereof except the word "*Resolved*," and instead of the words so left out to insert the words following before the said word "*Resolved*," viz: *Whereas*, an article was published in the Royal Gazette, Newspaper, of the Twenty-ninth February, purporting to be an extract from a Despatch of the Right Honorable the Colonial Secretary, as followeth: "We understand that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor received by the last Packet a Despatch from Lord Stanley, in which the Secretary of State expresses the strong approbation of Her Majesty's Government of the course pursued by Lord Falkland, in resisting the *pretensions* of Mr. Howe and his Colleagues"; *And whereas*, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has thought it inexpedient to furnish the correspondence with the Home Government, in relation to the retirement of Messrs. Uniacke, Howe, and McNab, from the Executive Council," and after the said word "*Resolved*," to insert the the words following, viz: "that those Gentlemen exercised a right which this House recognizes as part of the Constitution, and in so retiring advanced no pretensions of which this House disapprove:" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-three; against it, twenty-six.

Amdt. negatived

For the Amendment—

Against the Amendment—

Mr. G. Smith	Mr. DesBarres	Mr. Ryder	Mr. E. Young
" Turnbull	" G. R. Young	" Whitman	" Ross
" Comeau	" Martell	" Holmes	" Wilkins
" J. B. Uniacke	" Benjamin	" Fleming	" B. Smith
" McNab	" Crowell	" Marshall	" Heckman
" Doyle	" Wilson	" Freeman	Hon. Mr. Dodd
" Brenan	" Logan	" Thorne	Mr. Fulton
" McKeagney	" Dimock	" Beckwith	Hon. Atty. General
" Clements	" Bourneuf	" Dickey	Mr. Owen
" Howe	" Power	" Budd	" Dewolf
" McLelan	" Spearwater	" Hall	" A. Uniacke
" Huntington		" Taylor	" Fairbanks
		" Crowe	" Fraser

So it passed in the negative.

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

Thursday, 11th April, 1844.

PRAYERS.

Bill presented to  
amend Probate  
Law

Mr. Dewolf, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr.

Mr. G. Smith reported from the Select Committee on the Accounts and Papers relative to the Collection of Light Duties at the Gut of Canso; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on collection of Light Duties Gut of Canso

(See Appendix, No. 79.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to Offences against the Person, was read a second time.

Council's Criminal Law Bill read 2d time

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

And committed

An engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for the further regulation of Juries, was read a second time.

Council's Juries Bill read 2nd time

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

Defd. 3 months

On motion of Mr. Huntington, resolved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty, praying that the Ports of Barrington, Argyle, Guysborough, and Cornwallis, be declared Free Ports, under the Act 3 & 4, Wil. 4. Ch. 59.

Com. to prepare Address to Queen, on Free Ports

Ordered, That Mr. Huntington, Mr. DesBarres, and Mr. Fraser, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith, resolved, as followeth:

Whereas, by an Act passed by the Legislature in 1840, providing that when Bonds to the satisfaction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor shall be given for the expenditure of subscriptions to the extent of £500 upon the Road from Sackville to Scott's, simultaneously with the sum granted by the Legislature in the then last Session, that His Excellency be authorized to expend the sum of £1,500 granted in the then last Session; and whereas, John Steele, John Northup, and George Lister, in order to facilitate the opening of the said Road, have advanced the sum of £500, which sum has been expended upon the said Road, together with £1,063 19s. 11d. of the Grant made by the Legislature; and from the scarcity of money in circulation in the Rural Districts, a very considerable portion of the sum subscribed for the above purpose, remains unpaid: Resolved therefore, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorised to cause either the whole, or part of the Grant made by the Legislature for the above purpose, and now remaining unexpended, to be expended by days' works, in order that persons having subscribed to said Road, may have an opportunity of working upon the Road to pay their subscriptions.

Resolution for expenditure of balance for Road from Sackville to Scott's by days' labor

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

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to sixteen Resolutions of this Honorable House, for dividing, sub-dividing, and appropriating the sum of £10,000 granted in the present Session for the service of Roads and Bridges.

Council agree to Road Monies divisions

The Council have also agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company, with amendments—to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

Also to Halifax Water Company Bill with amdt.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province.

House in Com. of whole on General State of Province

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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

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Friday, 12th April, 1844.

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## PRAYERS.

Probate Bill read 2d  
time

A Bill in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate, was read a second time ; and thereupon,

Motion to defer, ne-  
gated

Mr. McLelan moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months : which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Bill committed

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

Report of Address  
to Queen on Free  
Ports

Mr. Huntington, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Free Ports, reported that the Committee had prepared an Address, which he presented to the House ; and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth :

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

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

*May it please your Majesty—*

The Representatives of your loyal People of Nova Scotia, in General Assembly convened, humbly tender to your Majesty their undiminished affection—relying with confidence upon your Majesty's continued solicitude for the prosperity of your Empire—they solicit attention to this their humble Address.

They would beg, respectfully, to state to your Majesty, that in the year 1839, and in several preceding years, the House of Assembly of this Province finding, by experience, the benefits of Foreign Commerce, humbly requested your Majesty, that every Port in the Province where a Custom House Officer was stationed, might, under the authority of the Act 3d & 4th, Wm. IV, Cap. 59, be declared a Free Port.

That, in addition to the Free Warehousing Ports of Halifax, Pictou, Sydney, Yarmouth, Liverpool, and Lunenburg, the Ports of Arichat, Digby, Shelburne, Parrsborough, and Amherst, were declared Free Ports in that year.

The Inhabitants of other Ports in this Province are most anxious to participate, to a greater extent, in the Trade with Foreign Countries—most of their articles of export being of a bulky description, and of small value, affording two small a profit to bear a circuitous voyage, or the expense consequent on entering at any other Port than at the one from whence they first cleared ; and the large Towns of the United States being almost the only markets for some of their exports.

They would beg to suggest, that in the Port of Barrington there are nearly an hundred Vessels, exceeding 5,000 tons registered burthen.—The exports from that place are principally Fish, which, in the year 1843, amounted to £16,171 5s. 8d.—The imports in the same year were £11,953 9s. 4d. That the Port of Argyle is similarly circumstanced, containing about the same population, and nearly the same amount of tonnage—their exports being principally Wood and Fish.

That the Port of Cornwallis, in the Basin of Mines, besides being one of the principal Farming Districts, has a large proportion of it's population engaged in Commercial pursuits.

That the Port of Guysborough, in the Eastern section of the Province, has many of it's Inhabitants extensively engaged in the Fisheries, and other branches of Trade.

It would be of essential benefit to the people of all these places to be allowed to trade direct with Foreign Countries—for which no additional expense for Customs Officers need be incurred—the present Officers being quite able to perform any increased duty that will be required, without being overburdened.

We, therefore, humbly request, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct such measures to be adopted as will insure to the Inhabitants of Barrington, Argyle, Cornwallis, and Guysborough, the benefits of Free Ports. On

On motion, *resolved*, that the Address as reported, do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Address be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the Select Committee who prepared said Address, be a Committee to prepare and report an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will transmit the said first mentioned Address to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Mr. Huntington from the Committee last mentioned, reported and presented an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, pursuant to order—and the same was read, as followeth :

Address passed

Com. to prepare Address to Lt. Gov.

Report of Address to Lt. Gov.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

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

*May it please your Excellency—*

The House of Assembly have passed an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of declaring the Ports of Barrington, Argyle, Cornwallis, and Guysborough, Free Ports; and pray that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Address as reported, do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Address be engrossed.

Address passed

The amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company—were read a first and second time, and are as followeth :

Amdts. of Council to Halifax Water Company Bill, read &amp;c.

## FIFTEENTH CLAUSE.

8th line.—Leave out the word "whatsoever," and insert the words "situate to the westward of the Citadel Hill."

40th line.—After the word "one" insert the word "Appraiser."

41st line.—Leave out the words "or two Appraisers."

43d line.—Leave out the words "one or."

44th and 45th lines.—Leave out the words "as the Judge may deem necessary."

46th line.—Leave out the words "another Appraiser," and insert instead the words "two other Appraisers."

58th line.—Leave out the words "an Appraiser or," and insert instead the word "two."

59th line.—Leave out the word "a," and insert instead the word "two."

60th line.—Leave out the words "person or."

At the end of the Bill add the following clause :

*And be it enacted*, That unless the said Company shall go into operation within five years from the passing of this Act, then this Act, and every matter and thing therein contained, shall be of no force or effect—any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding."

And the said amendments having been considered by the House—

*Resolved*, That the said amendments be agreed to by this House.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments to the Council, and inform them that this House have agreed to the said amendments.

Considered

Agreed to

Sent to Council

The amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of King's, were read a first and second time, and are as followeth :

Amdts. of Council to Shad Fishery Bill read, &amp;c.

IN

## IN THE TITLE.

2d line.—Leave out the words “the County of King’s,” and insert instead the words “King’s County.”

## IN THE PREAMBLE.

2d line.—Leave out the words “the County of King’s,” and insert instead the words “King’s County.”

## FIRST CLAUSE.

4th line.—Leave out the words “the said County of King’s, and insert instead the words “King’s County.”

Considered

And the said amendments having been considered by the House.

Agreed to

*Resolved*, That the amendments be agreed to.

Sent to Council

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendments.

Amdt. of Council to  
Sea Manure Bill  
read, &c.

The amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County—was read a first and second time, and is as followeth:

## FIRST CLAUSE.

At the end of the Proviso add the following words, “or to the Sea Weeds deposited thereon, but such rights shall remain as they existed at the time of the passing of this Act.”

Considered

And the said amendment having been considered by the House,

Agreed to

*Resolved*, That the said amendment be agreed to.

Sent to Council

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment to the Council, and inform them that this House have agreed to the said amendment.

Prothonotaries’ Bill  
read 2d time and  
deferred to next  
Session

A Bill concerning the Prothonotaries of the Supreme Court throughout this Province, was read a second time; and thereupon,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session.

Report from Com. of  
Address on Civil  
List and Casual  
Revenue

The Hon. the Attorney General reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Civil List and Casual Revenue; and thereupon, presented the draft of an Address, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk’s Table, when the same was again read.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table for future consideration.

Leave of absence to  
Mr. Fulton

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fulton have leave of absence from this House after Monday next, to return home on account of private circumstances of affliction in his family.

House in Com. on  
State of Province

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the General State of the Province.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Resolution reported

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk’s Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

Confidence in Lieut.  
Gov.

*Resolved*, That placing implicit confidence in His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, this House feel satisfied that His Excellency will, as soon as circumstances permit, carry out his intention as declared in his opening Speech, of calling to His Executive Council men representing the different interests of this Country.

Mr.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke moved that the Report be not received: which, being seconded,

Mr. Doyle moved as an amendment to the question, to add at the end thereof, following the word "received," the words following, "and that the following Resolution do pass this House in place of the Resolution reported from the Committee, viz:

*Resolved*, That inasmuch as the Resolution reported from the Committee implies that there are circumstances in the state of this Province, which at present prevent the full enjoyment of the Constitution, by having a Council representing the well understood wishes of the People, and tends to sanction the continuance, during the recess, of the present Executive Council in its now imperfect state, and thus, in effect, to suspend the Constitution of the Country.

This House deem it the right of the People of this Province, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor should, at all times, be surrounded by a Council that will insure to his Administration such an amount of the confidence of this House, as will at once impart vigour and efficiency to its measures:

Which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-three; against it, twenty-six.

Motion not to receive Report  
Amdt. of Resolution moved

Amdt. negatived

For the Amendment—

Mr. Comeau	Mr. Benjamin
" Clements	" Huntington
" McKeagney	" Crowell
" J. B. Uniacke	" Power
" Doyle	" McLelan
" Howe	" Logan
" DesBarres	" Wilson
" Brenan	" Turnbull
" G. Smith	" Dimock
" McNab	" Spearwater
" G. R. Young	" Bourneuf
" Martell	

Against the Amendment—

Mr. Owen	Mr. Holmes
" Beckwith	" Budd
" Crowe	Hon. Atty. General
" Dickey	Mr. Fraser
" Thorne	" Fairbanks
" Taylor	" B. Smith
" A. Uniacke	" Hall
" Whitman	" Wilkins
" Fleming	Hon. Mr. Dodd
" Freeman	Mr. E. Young
" Fulton	" Dewolf
" Ross	" Marshall
" Heckman	" Ryder

So it passed in the negative.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd then moved that the main question be amended by leaving out all the words thereof after the word "that," and inserting instead the following words after the said word "that," viz: "the Resolution reported from the Committee be agreed to by this House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-six; against it, twenty-three.

Res. as reported from Com<sup>o</sup> agreed to on division

For the Motion—

Mr. Owen	Mr. Holmes
" Beckwith	" Budd
" Crowe	Hon. Atty. General
" Dickey	Mr. Fraser
" Thorne	" Fairbanks
" Taylor	" B. Smith
" A. M. Uniacke	" Hall
" Whitman	" Wilkins
" Fleming	Hon. Mr. Dodd
" Freeman	Mr. E. Young
" Fulton	" Dewolf
" Ross	" Marshall
" Heckman	" Ryder

Against the Motion—

Mr. Comeau	Mr. Benjamin
" Clements	" Huntington
" McKeagney	" Crowell
" J. B. Uniacke	" Power
" Doyle	" McLelan
" Howe	" Logan
" DesBarres	" Wilson
" Brenan	" Turnbull
" G. Smith	" Dimock
" McNab	" Spearwater
" G. R. Young	" Bourneuf
" Martell	

So it passed in the affirmative; and the Resolution as reported from the Committee, was agreed to by the House.

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



Saturday, 13th April, 1844.

PRAYERS.

Leave of absence to  
Mr. Heckman

*Ordered*, That Mr. Heckman have leave of absence after Tuesday next, to return home on urgent private business.

And Mr. Wilkins

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wilkins have leave of absence after Monday next, to return home on account of sickness in his family.

Report from Com. on  
Post Office

Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported from the Select Committee on Post Office Affairs; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 80.)

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

Amdt. of Council to  
Highways' Bill,  
read, &c.

The amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act—were read a first and second time, and are as follow:

SECOND CLAUSE.

3d line.—Leave out the words “in Halifax or elsewhere.”

4th line.—After the word “Province” insert the words “except in and for the City of Halifax.”

17th, 18th, and 19th lines.—Leave out the words “in Halifax to the Treasurer of the Province, and in other places.”

26th line.—Insert “Accounts” instead of “Account”; leave out the words “for Halifax.”

27th, 28th, and 29th lines.—Leave out the words “in the General Assembly at their next meeting, and the Accounts in all other places be audited and passed.”

THIRD CLAUSE.

4th line.—After the word “Province” insert the words “except the City of Halifax.”

And the said amendments having been considered by the House,

*Resolved*, That the amendments be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendments.

Considered  
Agreed to  
Sent to Council

Leave to Pictou Town  
Election Com. to  
adjourn over

Mr. B. Smith, Chairman of the Select Committee on the Pictou Township Election, by direction of the Committee, moved that they have leave to adjourn over until Thursday next: which, being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the House.

Com. on Bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report without amtds.

Kempt Bridge Bill

Law of Elections

amendments Bill

Probate Bill

With amtds.—

Militia Bill

Halifax Assessment

Bill

Pictou Navigation

Bill

Bill to alter remuneration of Collector of Excise at

Halifax

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to remove the old Kempt Bridge in the County of Pictou, and to build another Bridge with the materials thereof; the Bill further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly; and the Bill in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate—and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House, severally, without any amendment: that they had also gone through the Bill to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia; the Bill relative to the Halifax Assessments, &c.; the Bill further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pictou; and the Bill for altering the mode of remunerating the Collector of Impost and Excise Duties at Halifax—and had made sundry amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills; and he afterwards delivered the several Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—which the House agreed to.

The amendments to the four last mentioned Bills respectively, were severally read a first and second time, and agreed to by the House. Amtds. agreed to

*Ordered*, That the Bills, with the amendments, be engrossed. Bills to be engrossed

*Ordered*, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That this House do, on Monday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply. Com. of Supply made  
Order of Day

*Ordered*, That Mr. Owen have leave of absence after Monday next, to return home on urgent public business. Leave of absence to  
Mr. Owen

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

**Monday, 15th April, 1844.**

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia, was read a third time. Engrossed Bills read  
3d time, viz :  
Militia  
Passed  
*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia.

An engrossed Bill further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pictou, was read a third time. Pictou Harbor

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pictou. Passed

An engrossed Bill further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, was read a third time. Election of Members

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly. Passed

An engrossed Bill for altering the mode of remunerating the Collector of Impost and Excise Duties at Halifax, was read a third time. Collector of Excise

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to repeal the Act respecting the Income of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax. Passed—Title altered

An engrossed Bill in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate, was read a third time. Probate

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate. Passed

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

An engrossed Bill to remove the old Kempt Bridge in the County of Pictou, and to build another Bridge with the materials thereof, was read a third time; and thereupon, Kempt Bridge Bill  
read 3d time

Mr. Holmes moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative. Motion to defer con-  
sideration of Bill  
negatived

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to remove the old Kempt Bridge in the County of Pictou, and to build another Bridge with the materials thereof. Bill passed

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to Offences against the Person; the Bill to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers in this Province; and the Bill in addition to the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods—and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House, severally, without any amendment: that they had also gone through the Bill for the preservation of Moose; and the Bill to alter and continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light

Report Council's Bill  
— Offences against  
Person

Poor Settlers Bill  
Importation Bill  
without amtds.  
Bill for the preserva-  
tion of Moose  
And Light House Bill  
with amtds.

Light Houses—and had made amendments to the last two Bills, respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills; and he afterwards delivered the several Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—which the House agreed to.

The amendments reported from the Committee to the two last mentioned Bills, were read a first and second time, and were respectively agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bills, with the amendments, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the engrossed Bill from the Council, reported without amendment, be read a third time; and thereupon,

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to Offences against the Person, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed thereto without amendment.

On motion of Mr. J. B. Uniacke, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the proper Officers at the Ports of this Province to keep and make up Returns, in the most accurate manner they can, of the existing registered tonnage owned at the Ports, respectively, so that this House may be correctly informed at it's next Session of the amount of tonnage registered in this Province.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that the Provincial Stud Horse "Bell Founder Morgan" be stationed and kept in the County of Cape Breton for the present year.

Mr. G. R. Young reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to continue the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix, No. 81.)

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

Mr. G. R. Young also, from the same Committee, reported several amendments, which they had prepared, and recommend to the House to be adopted with the Bill; and the same were read a first and second time.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Crowell have leave of absence after to-day, to return home on urgent private business.

*Ordered*, That Mr. B. Smith have leave of absence after Wednesday next, to return home on account of the ill state of his health.

On motion of Mr. Creighton, *resolved*, that his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized, and respectfully requested to direct the sum of £26 11s. 7d., to be retained out of the monies payable by Law for the School service in the County of Cumberland, for the present year, and allow that sum to be paid to William P. Moffatt, in full for his services as a Teacher in said County, in accordance with the Report of the Committee of this House on the subject of Education.

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

On motion of Mr. Howe, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to examine into, and report upon, the Accounts of the late Collector of Excise for the District of Halifax, with power to send for persons and papers.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Fraser, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of the Bill to provide monies for erecting a Bridge, and completing a Road, in Queen's County.

Com. of whole on Queen's County Road Bill

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill referred to them, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment; and he thereupon delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Bill without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported further from the Select Committee on Post Office Affairs; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on Post Office

(See Appendix, No. 82.)

Ordered, That the Report be received, and do lie on the Table, and that such parts thereof as recommend grants of money, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred in part to Com. of Supply

On motion of Mr. Whitman, resolved, that the Petition of William Davis, Mail Courier between Annapolis and Digby, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Pet. of Wm. Davis reld. to Com. of Supply

Mr. J. B. Uniacke moved that the Petition of William Jones and others, in relation to Bridge over Baddeck River, be referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen; against it, nineteen.

Motion to refer Pet. for aid to Baddeck Bridge to Com. of Supply, negatived

So it passed in the negative.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Message from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, now entitled, An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County; and to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County—severally, as amended.

Have agreed to—Shad Fishery Bill And Halifax Sea Manure Bill, as amended

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this Honorable House for allowing the sum unexpended of the amount granted for opening the Road from Sackville to Scott's, in Dartmouth, to be expended by days' labor.

Agreed to Res. respecting Road from Sackville to Scott's

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Order of Day—Com. of Supply

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House.

Resolutions passed

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the Supply—which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Chairman do report the Resolutions at a future day.

To be reported hereafter

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act; and also, to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company—severally, as amended.

Council agrees to Halifax Highways Act And Water Company Bill as amended

And then the Messenger withdrew.

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

**Tuesday, 16th April, 1844.**

**PRAYERS.**

- Engrossed Bills read  
3d time, viz—  
Light Houses  
An engrossed Bill to alter and continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses, was read a third time.
- Passed—Title altered  
*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses.
- Liverpool Bridge  
An engrossed Bill to provide monies for erecting a Bridge, and completing a Road, in Queen's County, was read a third time.
- Passed—Title altered  
*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for the erecting a new Bridge across the Liverpool River, at Milton, and for the repair of the Road leading from thence to Middlefield.
- Poor Settlers  
An engrossed Bill to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers in this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder, by labor on the Roads, was read a third time.
- Passed  
*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers in this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder by labor on the Roads.
- Preservation of Moose  
An engrossed Bill for the preservation of Moose, was read a third time.
- Passed  
*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the preservation of Moose.
- Importation  
An engrossed Bill in addition to the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods, was read a third time.
- Passed  
*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods.
- Halifax Assessments  
An engrossed Bill relative to the Halifax Assessments, &c., was read a third time.
- Passed—Title altered  
*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and in addition to, and amendment of, the Act relating to the Halifax Assessments, and a certain other Act.
- Bills sent to Council  
*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.
- Final report on  
Sydney County  
Election  
Mr. Fairbanks, Chairman of the Sydney County Election Committee, reported finally from the said Committee; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:  
The Committee drawn, struck, and sworn to try the merits of the Petitions of William A. Henry, Esquire, and John Cunningham and others, against the Election of Patrick Power, Esquire, sitting Member for the County of Sydney, have agreed to report as follows:
- Election not set aside  
That the charges contained in said Petitions have not been substantiated to the satisfaction of the Committee, and they have resolved not to set aside the Election for the said County of Sydney.
- Petitions and opposition not frivolous  
But the Committee do find and report that the Petitions referred to them are not frivolous or vexatious; nor is the opposition thereto, frivolous or vexatious.
- SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.**
- Committee Room, House of Assembly, 16th April, 1844.
- Report to be entered  
on the Journals  
*Ordered*, That the Report do lie on the Table, and be entered on the Journals of this House.
- House in Com. of  
Supply  
On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair,  
Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
- Report finally with  
Resolutions  
The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House.

*Ordered,*

*Ordered*, That the report of said Resolutions, together with that of other Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply, directed on former days to be received this day.

Report of Resolutions  
to be made this day

On motion of Mr. McNab, *resolved*, that the proper Officer be authorized and directed to allow, and indorse on the Bond of Messrs. William Pryor & Co., the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds and Nine Shillings, Currency, being excess of Duties secured by them on Sugars, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

Indorsement on Bond  
of Messrs. Pryors

On motion of Mr. McNab, *resolved*, that the proper Officer be authorized and directed to allow, and indorse on the Bond of Messrs. Fairbanks & Allisons, the sum of Forty-five Pounds and Ten Shillings, Currency, being excess of Duties secured by them on Sugars, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

Indorsement on Bond  
of Fairbanks &  
Allisons

On motion of Mr. McNab, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and requested to pay to the Officers, who may be appointed under the Act of this Session for amending the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within the Province, such sums as the Board of Revenue may, in their discretion, recommend to be paid, in addition to the allowance of One Penny per gallon specified in the Act—such allowance and extra payment in no case to exceed Five Shillings in all for every twelve hours, during which such Officer shall be actually employed; and that this House will provide therefor in the next Session of Assembly.

Advance to Officers  
under Distilleries  
Act

On motion of Mr. McNab, *resolved*, as followeth :

*Whereas*, the sum of Eight Thousand Pounds has been borrowed from the Bank of British North America, under the Act of last Session, and is now owing to said Bank, with interest from the 31st day of December last; *And whereas*, the said Bank are willing that the said debt should remain for a longer period than is prescribed in the said Act: *Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to apply to the said Bank to extend the credit thereon until the 31st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, 1835.

Further credit to  
Province from Bank  
of British North  
America

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

Resolutions sent to  
Council

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fraser have leave of absence after To-morrow, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to  
Mr. Fraser

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dimock have leave of absence to return home after Thursday next, on urgent private business.

To Mr. Dimock

*Ordered*, That Mr. Brennan have leave of absence after Friday next, to return home on urgent private business.

To Mr. Brennan

*Ordered*, That the Chairman of the Committee of Supply do now, pursuant to the Order of this day, report the several Resolutions from the Committee of Supply; and thereupon,

Mr. Clements, the Chairman of the Committee of Supply, reported the several Resolutions passed therein on this and previous days, and not before reported—which were read, and are as follow :

Report of Resolutions  
from Com. of  
Supply

1. *Resolved*, That there be granted and paid, on the Certificate of the Commissioners of the Revenue, at the rate of Seven Shillings and Six-pence per day, to such person or persons as shall be employed during the present year by the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, as extra Waiter or Waiters for the Port of Halifax; Five Shillings per day to such extra Waiters when unemployed, and at the rate of Five Shillings per day to temporary Waiters.

Waiters of Excise

2. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to such person or persons as will run a proper Packet between Guysborough and Arichat, touching occasionally at Fox Island and Canso, under such regulations as shall be established by any Special Sessions of the Peace for the County of Guysborough, to be held for that purpose, to be paid upon the certificate of such Special Sessions, that such Packet has been properly kept and run during

£50 Guysborough  
Packet

during the present year; *Provided*, that the Judge or Judges of the Supreme Court shall be taken without charge, if required, from Guysborough to Arichat, and from Arichat to Guysborough, on their Circuit to Cape Breton; and that the said Packet shall also carry the Mail to be established between Guysborough and Arichat, if required.

£20 Shubenacadie  
Ferry, to London-  
derry

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Douglas, at the mouth of the River Shubenacadie, in supporting a suitable Boat or Scow, to run between Londonderry and that place—the said Boat or Scow to run under the regulation of the General Sessions of the County of Hants—to be paid by Warrant from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, upon certificate from said Sessions, that said Boat has been running at least twice a week for six months, to the satisfaction of said Sessions, under their regulations.

£20 Cape Breton  
Ferry, McMillan's  
Point

4. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to aid the Inhabitants of Cape Breton, in supporting a suitable Boat or Scow to run between McMillan's Point, in Cape Breton, and Auld's Cove, in the County of Sydney—the said Boat or Scow to be placed under the regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Inverness.

£10 each to Ferry-  
men Shubenacadie  
Ferry

5. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds each, be granted to the two Licensed Ferry-men at the mouth of the Shubenacadie, in the Counties of Colchester and Hants, for the transportation of Horses and Carriages across that River—the same to be paid on the Certificate of the General or Special Sessions of each County, respectively, that such Ferry has been duly attended, and proper Boats procured and used.

£15 LaHave Ferry

6. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to John Pernette and Charles Pernette, for keeping up the Ferry over LaHave River.

£10 Sable River  
Ferry

7. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Cornelius Craig, to enable him to keep up the Ferry across the Narrows at the entrance of Sable River, in the County of Shelburne.

£10 Gut of Canso  
Ferry, Western  
side

8. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Richard Carter, to enable him to run a suitable Ferry Boat or Scow between his Landing, on the Western side of the Gut of Canso, and David McPherson's, on the Eastern side thereof—the said Ferry Boat or Scow to be run under the regulation of the General Sessions for the County of Guysborough.

£10 Gut of Canso  
Ferry, Eastern  
side

9. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman on the Eastern side of the Gut of Canso, to enable him to run a suitable Ferry Boat or Scow between Richard Carter's Landing, on the Western side of said Gut, and David McPherson's, on the Eastern side thereof—the said Ferry Boat or Scow to be run under the regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Richmond.

£20 Port L'Herbert  
Ferry

10. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to such person as shall respectively keep up a Ferry at the mouth of the Harbor of Port L'Herbert—provided a Boat be kept to convey Horses and Cattle across said Harbor—said sum to be paid upon the certificate of the Court of Sessions in the County of Shelburne.

£20 E. Crowell

11. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to Edmund Crowell, to enable him to keep up his Establishment at the Seal Islands for the relief of Shipwrecked Mariners, for the present year.

£600 Transient Poor

12. *Resolved*, That the sum of Six Hundred Pounds be granted for the support of the Transient Poor, to be paid to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax.

£105 5s. 7d. Ship-  
wrecked Seamen

13. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Five Pounds Five Shillings and Seven Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to reimburse the sums advanced for the relief of Shipwrecked destitute Seamen, of the barque Africaine, and the brig William Rippon, which were totally lost.

£20 Bay Verte  
Packet

14. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to W. Weeks, or any person who will run a Packet Boat between the Bay of Verte and Prince-Edward's Island, when it shall be made satisfactorily to appear to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, that such Packet Boat has been run agreeably to such regulations as may be established by the Justices in their Sessions for the County of Cumberland.

15. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirteen Pounds One Shilling and Seven Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay the respective parties named in a List or Schedule contained in a report of the Committee of House of Assembly on Trade and Manufactures, the excess of Duties paid by such parties, at the rate in such Report mentioned.

£13 1s. 7d. Excess of Duties

16. *Resolved*, That the sum of Three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Eight Pence be granted and paid to J. G. Bingay, for return of Duties paid by him, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

£3 17s 8d to J. G. Bingay

17. *Resolved*, That the sum of Eight Pounds be granted and paid to Benjamin Dewolf, for Drawback on articles imported from the United States, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

£8 to B. Dewolf

18. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence be granted and paid to the Governors of King's College, Windsor, for Drawback on articles imported from the United States, agreeably to the Report on Trade and Manufactures.

£25 16s 6d to King's College

19. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty-three Pounds and Five Shillings be granted and paid to Charles E. Leonard, for Duties paid by him into the Excise, in 1842, in error—agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

£53 5s to C. E. Leonard

20. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Thomas Firth, for Duties on Liquors lost at Sea, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

£10 to T. Firth

21. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Pound Fifteen Shillings and Ten Pence be granted and paid to Amos Seaman & Co., for return of Duties on ten barrels of Foreign Flour, entered at the Customs in the County of Cumberland, on the 5th day of July, 1843,

£1 15s 10d to Amos Seaman

22. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and paid as will be sufficient to defray the several amounts following, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the subject of expenses incurred for the support of Transient Paupers, that is to say:

£276 8s 5d for Transient Paupers

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of New Glasgow,	£7	2	8
Granville,	18	18	3
Yarmouth,	43	13	3
Digby,	15	11	1
Newport,	12	15	1
Amherst,	8	7	6
Horton,	6	10	6
Aylesford,	18	0	0
Weymouth,	7	11	9
Wilmot, County of }	11	7	6
Annapolis, }			
Dorchester, Coun- }	8	9	7
ty of Sydney, }			
Pictou,	78	11	2
Clare,	5	0	1
To Doctor John Fox, of Egerton,	4	0	0
To Doctor Edward Carritt, Guysborough,	2	10	0
To Doctor Ebenezer Annan, Liverpool,	20	0	0
To Doctor George Garraty, Liverpool,	8	0	0
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	£276	8	5

23. *Resolved*, That the sum of Three Pounds and Four Shillings be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of St. Mary's, being amount of expenses incurred by them in the support of a Transient Pauper, agreeably to the prayer of their Petition.

£3 4s to Overseers of the Poor, St. Mary's

24. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid for the purpose of repairing and replacing the Buoys in the West Passage of Barrington Harbor.

£25 for Buoys, Barrington Harbor



£40 Revenue Boat,  
Sydney, C. B.

25. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to enable him to continue a suitable Revenue Boat at Sydney, Cape Breton.

£455 9s 3d Com-  
missioners of Public  
Buildings

26. *Resolved*, That the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Nine Shillings and Three Pence be granted and paid to the Commissioners of Public Buildings, to defray the expenses incurred by them during the past year.

£490 8s 5d Commis-  
sioners of Peniten-  
tiary

27. *Resolved*, That the sum of Four Hundred and Ninety Pounds Eight Shillings and Five Pence be granted and paid to the Commissioners for building a Bridewell or Penitentiary, to pay the balance of their amount for that building to 13th March, 1844, pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

£697 4s Commis-  
sioners of Peniten-  
tiary

28. *Resolved*, That the following sums be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Penitentiary, for the purposes herein stated, viz :

To the Governor of the Penitentiary, for his Salary,	£125 0 0
To the Matron, for Salary,	25 0 0
To the Keeper,	50 0 0
To the Underkeeper and Turnkey,	50 0 0
For Fuel, Soap, and other immediate expenses, Clothing, &c.	410 0 0
To pay Carpenter's Wages, and other expences to put Penitentiary in order for reception of Convicts,	37 4 0
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	£697 4 0

Mr Huntington's  
Bond cancelled

29. *Resolved*, That the Commissioners of the Revenue be authorised to cancel the Bond of Herbert Huntington and others, given to secure the Duties on Live Stock imported in the year 1842 from Boston, for the Agricultural Society at Yarmouth.

Collector of Excise

30. *Resolved*, That as soon as the mode in which the Collector of the Colonial Duties of Impost and Excise at Halifax, is now by Law entitled to be paid by Commission, shall be repealed, and when that office shall be filled, there shall be paid to the said Collector at Halifax the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, for one year's service in that office; and the further sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds to a Clerk in the said office—the said sums, respectively, to be paid quarterly, by Warrant of the Lieutenant-Governor on the Treasury, in full of all other remuneration, and without any commission on monies collected and paid, or fees whatever.

£1055 5s 10d Post  
Office

31. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand and Fifty-five Pounds Five Shillings and Ten Pence be granted and paid to meet the expenditure of the Post Office Department up to 5th January, 1844, agreeably to the Report of the Post Office Committee.

£565 4s 8d Franking  
Letters

32. *Resolved*, That the sum of Five Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to defray the expense of Franking for the Session of the Legislature of 1843.

£25 to J. Campbell

33. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to John Campbell, for carrying the Mails between Big Narrows and Ball's Creek, in Cape Breton, for one year now past, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee.

£7 10s to David M.  
Cummins

34. *Resolved*, That the sum of Seven Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to David M. Cummins, being balance due him for his services in carrying the Mail from Londonderry to Five Islands for the last three years, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee.

£10 L. Morehouse

35. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Lemuel Morehouse, to enable him to pay his Ferriages between Digby and Brier Island for the last year, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee.

£150 J. Purves and  
others

36. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to James Purves and others, owners of the Steam Boat Pocahontas, provided they will run the said Boat, or some other Steam Boat of equal power and accommodation for passengers, once in each week, between the 10th day of May and the 10th day of November next, between Pictou, Arichat, and St. Peter's, in the Island of Cape Breton.

£22 A. Stephens

37. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-two Pounds be granted and paid to Andrew Stevens, for disbursements made by him relative to Goods seized at Arichat, agreeably to the Report of the Committee.

38. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and One Penny be granted and paid to John S. Thompson, late Queen's Printer, being balance due him for printing for the Legislature, and other Public Services, for the year 1843, agreeably to the Report of the Committee. £104 13s 1d John S. Thompson for printing
39. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Ten Pence be granted and paid to Richard Nugent, being balance due him for printing for the year 1843, agreeably to the Report of the Committee. £109 19s 10d R. Nugent for printing
40. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be drawn, Twenty Pounds in each year, for the next two years, and paid towards defraying the expense of maintaining a Deaf and Dumb Boy, the son of James Allison, of Windsor, at an Asylum at Hartford, Connecticut, pursuant to the Report of the Committee. £40 Deaf and Dumb Boy
41. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Dr. F. C. Pike, for his services as Health Officer at Windsor, attending certain cases of Small Pox, agreeably to the Report of a Committee. £10 Dr. F. C. Pike
42. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Pounds and Twelve Shillings be granted and paid to Dr. Wm. L. Bent, for services performed in Digby, agreeably to the Report of a Committee. £2 12s Dr. W. L. Bent
43. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be drawn, Twenty Pounds in each year, for the next two years, and paid towards defraying the expense of maintaining a Deaf and Dumb Boy, the son of James Stephens, of Horton, at an Asylum for educating such, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee. £40 Deaf and Dumb Boy
44. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Duncan Nicholson, to pay a part of the expense of erecting a Kiln for the manufacture of Oat Meal, upon a satisfactory certificate being produced that the same has been erected, and is ready for operation. £10 D. Nicholson for Oat Mill
45. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-nine Pounds and Seven Shillings be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Rawdon, to defray expenses incurred in support of Transient Paupers. £29 7s Overseers of Poor, Rawdon
46. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted for the use of the Pictou Academy, being the sum of One Hundred Pounds each year, for the last and present year, the same to be expended by Commissioners, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £200 Pictou Academy
47. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fourteen Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence be granted and paid to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to reimburse him in that amount paid to Obadiah Wilson, Junr., and others, upon a vote of credit passed by the Legislature last year. £14 4s 8d Lieut. Gov.
48. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds be granted and paid to John S. Thompson, to provide for the expense of Reporting the Debates and Proceedings of this House, and of the Legislative Council, during the present Session. £170 Reporting
49. *Resolved*, That the sum of Six Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to Messrs. E. Moody and Benjamin Rogers, in conformity with the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £6 10s E. Moody and B. Rogers
50. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty-nine Pounds and Fifteen Shillings be granted and paid, as the Salary of the Female Teacher of the African School at Halifax, for the present year. £39 15s Female Teacher, African School
51. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Rev. R. F. Uniacke, to enable him to defray the expenses incurred to support the School for poor children in the North Suburbs of the City of Halifax. £100 R. F. Uniacke's School
52. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to the Ladies, Managers of the Infant School, at Halifax, in aid of that Institution for the present year. £50 Infant School Halifax
53. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Hon. Hugh Bell and others, to support a School in connection with the Methodist Church, in Halifax. £100 Methodist School, Halifax

- £25 School in Poor House 54. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor, in Halifax, to defray the expense of continuing the School in the Poor House for the present year, for the benefit of orphans and poor children in that establishment.
- £50 Hx. Dispensary 55. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to Doctors Grigor and Stirling, in aid of the Halifax Dispensary for the present year—provided they keep, during the year, a sufficient quantity of Vaccine Matter.
- £600 Printing for Government and Legislature 56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six Hundred Pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay the expense of printing for the Legislature and for the Government during the present year—the Accounts for such printing having been first properly certified as correct.
- £200 Indians 57. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the benefit of the Indians for the present year—to be expended agreeably to the Acts of the General Assembly to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians.
- £500 Revenue Cutter 58. *Resolved*, That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to continue the service, during the fishing months, of one Revenue Cutter, in addition to the Schooner Sisters, which latter is to be borne exclusively on the Sable Island fund, on the Coast of Nova Scotia, as heretofore, and that no further sum be expended for that purpose.
- Schooner Sisters to be sold 59. *Resolved*, That the Schooner Sisters be sold, and that the Commissioners of Sable Island be authorized to advertize Tenders for a suitable Vessel, manned and provisioned, (the Captain to be appointed by the Governor,) to perform the services for which the Sisters has hitherto been required, either in visiting the Island, or the protection of the Fisheries.
- £646 3s Expenses of Legislative Council 60. *Resolved*, That the sum of Six Hundred and Forty-six Pounds and Three Shillings be granted and paid to defray the expenses of the Legislative Council for the present year.
- £60 Stationary 61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Stationary, and Binding of the Journals and Laws for the House of Assembly during the present Session.
- £10 each, Chairman of Committees 63. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds each, be granted and paid to the two Chairmen of the Committees on Bills, and of Supply, for their service for the present Session.
- £100 each Clerks of House 63. *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.
- £238 Contingencies of House 64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds be granted to defray the expense of extra Messengers, and other services and articles for the House of Assembly, and for Fuel, according to estimate—the said sum to be drawn and applied by the Clerk of the House of Assembly, under the sanction of the Speaker.
- £15 Publications for House 65. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Honorable the Speaker, to procure various Works and Publications necessary for conducting the business of the House of Assembly.
- Drawback on Officers Wines 66. *Resolved*, That the Board of Revenue for the time being shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to allow a Drawback upon all Wines imported for, or consumed by, the Commissioned Officers of Her Majesty's Army, comprising the several Regimental Mosses of the Garrison in Halifax, or imported for, and consumed by, any such Commissioned Officers of Her Majesty's Army, who may be resident in Halifax, although not members of any Regimental Mess therein; or to relinquish the Duties upon all such Wines, upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the said Board, that the Wines, whereon a Drawback or relinquishment of Duty is claimed, were actually imported and consumed, as aforesaid, by such Officers of the Army: provided the whole amount do not exceed the sum of Three Hundred Pounds in any one year.
- Duties on Live Stock, &c. 67. *Resolved*, That the Collector of Impost at the Port of Halifax shall, and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, to keep a distinct account of all Duties

by him collected, upon the importation from the United States of America, of Live Stock, Apples, Onions, Fruit, Biscuit, and Bread, under the Act of the General Assembly, passed in the present Session of General Assembly, entitled, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof, and that the said Duties upon the above specified articles, during the present year, shall be paid Quarterly to the Commissioners of the Poor, for the use of the Transient Poor—provided the amount does not exceed One Thousand Pounds.

68. *Resolved*, That if any of the Bridges on the Main Post Roads in this Province shall give way during the recess, or any of such Roads shall be unexpectedly obstructed by any unforeseen obstacle or accident, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to order a Commissioner or Commissioners to repair or rebuild such Bridge, or remove such obstructions; and it shall and may be lawful further for the Lieutenant-Governor, or the Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw Warrants on account, and in favour of such Commissioner or Commissioners, provided the same shall not exceed, in the whole, the sum of One Thousand Pounds.

£1000 Casualties  
Road and Bridges

69. *Resolved*, That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds granted for three years to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and St. John, Newfoundland, touching at certain Ports in the Island of Cape Breton, may be paid, upon condition of such Boat touching at any one or more Port or Ports in said Island, both in going and returning.

£500 Steamboat between  
Halifax and  
Newfoundland

70. *Resolved*, That the sum of Six Pounds and Eighteen Shillings, being amount claimed from James Whitney as excess of Light Duties on the Steamer North America, on two voyages from Boston to Halifax during the past year, be remitted, and allowed to the said James Whitney.

£6 18s J. Whitney  
Light Duties

71. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Ladies, Managers of the Infant School at Pictou, towards the support of that Institution, agreeably to the prayer of the Petition in behalf of the Institution from the Ladies of Pictou.

£25 Infant School,  
Pictou

72. *Resolved*, That the sum of Sixty-two Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to John Lewis Tremain, Esq., pursuant to the report on his Petition.

£62 10s J. L. Tremain

73. *Resolved*, That a Drawback of Seven Shillings and Six Pence, Sterling, per hundred weight, be granted on all Refined Sugar used in the manufacture of Confectionary, made in, and exported from, this Province, direct to the United Kingdom—such amount to be drawn and paid by, and under, and subject to such conditions, limitations, rules, and regulations, as may be from time to time fixed, established, directed, and ordered, by the Board of Revenue.

Drawback on Sugar

74. *Resolved*, That in the event of the Bill, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues," receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to Thomas Bown, Esq., to compensate him for his services as Harbor Master at the Port of Sydney, for the present year, with the distinct understanding that this House will not, in future, vote any sum for such officer.

£100 Harbor Master  
Sydney, C. B.

75. *Resolved*, That the sum of Eleven Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to Thomas James Wood, in conformity with the Report of the Committee on the Fisheries.

£11 10s T. J. Wood

76. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purchase of Seed Potatoes for distressed families among the colored population at Hammond's Plains and Preston—to be applied under the direction of His Excellency to the relief of such individuals as shall be found in circumstances of urgent necessity.

£25 Colored People

77. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Sixteen Pounds be granted and paid to John Ross, in full of certain claims preferred by him against the Post Office Department, as reported by the Committee.

£116 John Ross

The first and second Resolutions were again read and agreed to.

1st and 2d Res. agreed  
to

Motion against Shubenacadie Ferry  
negatived

The third Resolution for granting £20 for a Ferry at the Mouth of the Shubenacadie River, was then again read; and thereupon,

Mr. Whitman moved that the Resolution be not agreed to: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Agreed to

The Resolution was then agreed to.

4th Res. agreed to

The fourth Resolution was again read and agreed to.

Motion against 2d Shubenacadie Ferry  
negatived

The fifth Resolution for granting £10 each to two Ferrymen at the Mouth of the River Shubenacadie, was then again read; and thereupon,

Mr. Whitman moved that the Resolution be not agreed to: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nine; against it, twenty-five.

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

*Mr. Benjamin*  
" *Huntington*  
" *Dickey*  
" *Dewolf*  
" *Comeau*  
*Hon. Atty. General*  
*Mr. Whitman*  
" *Thorne*  
" *Logan*

*Mr. Taylor*  
" *J. B. Uniacke*  
" *Bourneuf*  
" *Clements*  
" *Fleming*  
" *Heckman*  
" *Crove*  
" *Spearwater*  
" *Dimock*

*Mr. Fairbanks*  
" *Ross*  
" *Marshall*  
" *Howe*  
" *DesBarres*  
*Hon. Mr. Dodd*  
*Mr. E. Young*  
" *G. R. Young*

*Mr. Power*  
" *Brenan*  
" *Martell*  
" *McKeagney*  
" *McLelan*  
" *G. Smith*  
" *McNab*  
" *B. Smith*

Agreed to

So it passed in the negative.

The Resolution was then agreed to.

Motion against LaHave Ferry  
negatived

The sixth Resolution, for granting £15 for the Ferry over LaHave River, was then again read; and thereupon,

Mr. Huntington moved that the Resolution be not agreed to: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Agreed to

The Resolution was then agreed to.

Motion against C. Craig's Ferry  
negatived

The seventh Resolution, for granting £10 to Cornelius Craig, for a Ferry, was again read; and thereupon,

Mr. Huntington moved that the Resolution be not agreed to: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Res. agreed to

The Resolution was then agreed to.

Motion against Carter's Ferry, Gut of Canso, negatived

The eighth Resolution, for granting £10 to Richard Carter, for a Ferry at the Gut of Canso, was then again read; and thereupon,

Mr. Dickey moved that the Resolution be not agreed to: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Res. agreed to

The Resolution was then agreed to.

Motion against Ferry East side of Gut of Canso, negatived

The ninth Resolution, for granting £10 to the Ferrymen on the Eastern side of the Gut of Canso, was then again read; and thereupon,

Mr. Dickey moved that the Resolution be not agreed to: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Res. agreed to

The Resolution was then agreed to.

Motion against Port L'Herbert Ferry  
negatived

The tenth Resolution, for granting £10 each, to Ferrymen at Port L'Herbert, was then again read; and thereupon,

Mr. Whitman moved that the Resolution be not agreed to; which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Res. agreed to

The Resolution was then agreed to.

11th to 13th Res. agreed to

The Resolutions from the eleventh to the thirteenth, inclusive, were then again read and agreed to.

Motion against Bay Verte Packet  
negatived

The fourteenth Resolution, for granting £20 for running a Packet between Bay Verte and Prince Edward's Island, was then again read; and thereupon,

Mr. Huntington moved that the Resolution be not agreed to: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Res. agreed to

The Resolution was then agreed to.

15th to 35th agreed to

The Resolutions, from the fifteenth to thirty-fifth, inclusive, were then again read and agreed to.

Mr.

The thirty-sixth Resolution, for granting £150 for the running of a Steam Boat between Pictou, Arichat, and St. Peter's, was then again read; and thereupon, Mr. Dickey moved that the Resolution be not agreed to: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve; against it, twenty-four.

Motion against grant for Pocobontas negatived

For the Motion—

Mr. Benjamin  
 " Bourneuf  
 " B. Smith  
 " Dewolf  
 " Comeau  
 " Dickey  
 Hon. Atty. General  
 Mr. Logan  
 " McLelan  
 " Thorne  
 " Whitman  
 " Beckwith

Against the Motion—

Mr. J. B. Uniacke  
 " Fleming  
 " Taylor  
 " Fairbanks  
 " Clements  
 " Wilson  
 " Budd  
 " Heckman  
 " Crowe  
 " Dimock  
 " Ross  
 " DesBarres

Hon. Mr. Dodd  
 Mr. Holmes  
 " Marshall  
 " A. M. Uniacke  
 " Fraser  
 " Huntington  
 " G. Smith  
 " G. R. Young  
 " McKeagney  
 " Freeman  
 " McNab  
 " Howe

So it passed in the negative.

The Resolution was then agreed to.

Res: agreed to

The Resolutions from the thirty-seventh to the fortieth, inclusive, were then again read and agreed to.

37th to 40th agreed to

The forty-first Resolution, for granting £10 to Dr. Pike, was then again read; and thereupon,

Motion against Grant to Dr. Pike negatived

Mr. Dickey moved that the Resolution be not agreed to: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The Resolution was then agreed to.

Res. agreed to

The Resolutions from the forty-second to the fifty-seventh, inclusive, were then again read and agreed to.

42d to 57th agreed to

The fifty-eighth Resolution, for granting £500 for a Revenue Cutter, was then again read; and thereupon,

Motion against Grant for Revenue Cutter negatived

Mr. McLelan moved that the Resolution be not agreed to: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen; against it, twenty-three.

For the Motion—

Mr. Howe  
 " G. Smith  
 " Benjamin  
 " McLelan  
 " Dimock  
 " Dickey  
 " B. Smith  
 " Fleming  
 " Logan  
 " Whitman  
 " Crowe  
 " Thorne  
 " Beckwith  
 " Clements

Against the Motion—

Mr. Taylor  
 " Martell  
 " Wilson  
 " Heckman  
 " Freeman  
 " E. Young  
 " Bourneuf  
 " Budd  
 " Spearwater  
 Hon. Mr. Dodd  
 Mr. DesBarres  
 " Ross

Hon. Attorney General  
 Mr. Holmes  
 " Marshall  
 " Fairbanks  
 " A. M. Uniacke  
 " Hall  
 " McNab  
 " Dewolf  
 " Comeau  
 " G. R. Young  
 " McKeagney

So it passed in the negative.

The Resolution was then agreed to.

Res. agreed to

The Resolutions from the fifty-ninth to the seventy-third, inclusive, were then again read and agreed to.

59th to 73d agreed to

The seventy-fourth Resolution, for granting £100 to Thomas Bown, as Harbor Master at Sydney, C. B., was then again read; and thereupon,

Motion against Grant to Thos. Bown negatived

Mr. McLelan moved that the Resolution be not agreed to: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The Resolution was then agreed to

The Res. agreed to

Remaining Res. agreed to	The remaining Resolutions, from the seventy-fifth to the seventy-seventh, inclusive, were then again read, and agreed to.
Res. sent to Council	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Clerk do carry the Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence.
Com. Ways and Means	On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
Report 2 Resolutions	The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to two Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his place, and then delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, were they were again read, and are as follow :
1st. Tax on Foreign Wheat Flour	1. <i>Resolved</i> , That a Duty of Two Shillings, Sterling, be imposed on each barrel of Foreign Wheat Flour imported into this Province, which shall not pay the Imperial Duty, until the Act for that object, passed in the present Session, comes into operation.
2d. Tax on Foreign Molasses	2. <i>Resolved</i> , That Three Pence Half-penny, Sterling, be imposed on each gallon of Foreign Molasses imported into this Province, which shall not pay the Imperial Duty until such time as the Act passed in this Session, imposing a Duty on such Molasses, shall come into operation.
Resolutions agreed to	And the said Resolutions being again read, <i>Resolved</i> , That the same be agreed to.
Com. to bring in Bill thereon	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Committee who prepared the former Revenue Bills of this Session, prepare and report to this House a Bill in accordance with the foregoing Resolutions.
Read 1st and 2nd time	The Hon. the Attorney General, from the Committee on the Revenue Laws, reported and presented a Bill for the better securing the Revenue of this Province—and the same was read a first and second time.
and committed	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Com. on Bills	On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee on Bills. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
Revenue Bill reported without amds.	The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for the better securing of the Revenue of this Province, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment; that they had also gone through the Bill to continue the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill.
Inspection of Flour and Meal Bill with amds.	The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—which the House agreed to.
Amnts. agreed to	The amendments to the last mentioned Bill were read a first and second time, and agreed to by the House.
Bills to be engrossed	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Bill reported without amendment be engrossed.
	Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

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Wednesday, 17th April, 1844.

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PRAYERS.

Res. for sale of Schr. Sisters of Sable Island, rescinded

Mr. Spearwater moved, that the Resolution reported yesterday from the Committee of Supply, and agreed to by the House, for the sale of the Schooner Sisters, belonging to the Sable Island establishment, with the order for sending the same to the Council, be rescinded: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative; and accordingly,

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution and Order be rescinded.

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An engrossed Bill for the better securing the Revenue of the Province, was read a third time.

Engrossed Bills read  
3d time, viz—  
Revenue  
Passed

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the better securing the Revenue of the Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, was read a third time.

Inspection of Flour  
and Meal

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal.

Passed

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

Sent to Council

Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Dugald B. McNab; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on Pet. of D.  
B. McMab

(See Appendix, No. 83.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee on the subject of preparing a revised edition of the Province Laws; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on revision of  
Laws

(See Appendix, No. 84.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted

On motion of Mr. J. B. Uniacke, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to correspond with The Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the British Consul and his Deputies, at the various Ports in the United States, being instructed to give to all Vessels trading with that Country, and owned in this Province, Certificates, with corresponding Manifests, of any cargoes laden on board of such Vessels, to shew distinctly the Goods and Merchandize on board of such Vessels at the time of their clearance, and thus check Illicit Trade and Smuggling.

Res. requesting Lt.  
Gov. to obtain  
certificates of Cons-  
uls to Goods ship-  
ped in United  
States for this Pro-  
vince

Mr. Creighton reported from the Select Committee on the Accounts of the late Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on Accounts  
of late Collector of  
Impost, Halifax

(See Appendix, No. 85.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by this House.

Adopted

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Message from Coun-  
cil—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this Honorable House for changing the appropriation of the sum of £26 11s. 7d. of the School Monies granted for the County of Cumberland, and authorizing the payment of the same to William P. Moffat.

Agree to change of  
appropriation Cum-  
berland School  
monies

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia, with an amendment—to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

Agree to Militia Bill  
with amdt.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the Civil List, and the commutation of the Casual and Territorial Revenues, and the draft of the Address, as reported from the Select Committee thereon, being read, is as followeth:

Consideration of Ad-  
dress to Queen on  
Civil List, &c.



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


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

*May it please your Majesty—*

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

Your Majesty's Representative in this Province having tendered to the People of Nova Scotia the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown, in exchange for a Civil List, a Bill was introduced, and after deliberate review, has been passed by both Branches of the Legislature, making the necessary provision for the Public Service, and for the settlement of a question of policy which has been agitated for many years. We trust that your Majesty will perceive in this measure evidence of a desire, on the part of this House, to relieve the Mother Country from any expenditure upon the Civil Government of this Colony, at the same time that they husband the resources of a young and poor Country with a judicious and wise economy.

And the said draft of Address having been read a second time,

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that the said Address be adopted, and do pass ; whereupon,

Mr. G. R. Young moved in amendment of the question, that the words " adopted, and do pass " after the words " Address be " be left out, and that the words following be inserted in place thereof, viz : " amended, by adding at the end of the said proposed Address the following words, viz : "

" In considering this proposal to accept a surrender of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown in lieu of a permanent Civil List, your Majesty's faithful and loyal Commons of Nova Scotia respectfully invite your Majesty's gracious attention to the present incomplete and imperfect title held by the General Mining Association to the reserved Mines of Pictou, and to the Mines of Cape Breton. That this House have been assured that the present title of that Company rests only upon a written proposal made by Rundell, Bridge & Co., to the Right Honorable Wm. Huskisson, Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 28th January, 1828 ; and on another made by Edward W. Rundell, Esq. to R. W. Hay, Esquire, Under Secretary of State, dated 6th June, 1828, offering to lease the said Mines, and the acceptance thereof, as explained in a letter written by the Right Honorable Sir George Murray, as your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, dated 2d December, 1828 ; and that no lease has ever yet been executed. That this House have no desire that the existing obligations, on the part of the Crown to that Company, should be infringed ; but as the terms of that lease—the covenants, breaches, forfeiture, and right of entry, are yet open for adjustment—as it has yet to be settled, so far as is known to this House, whether the Royalty of Two Shillings per Chaldron for Coals is to be paid in future in Currency or Sterling, for the remainder of a long term—as this House has been informed that the extent of the Reserves at Pictou may lead, if not carefully defined, to difficulty or litigation at some future time ;—Your Majesty's faithful Commons earnestly, but most respectfully solicit, that said lease may be submitted to this Legislature before it be finally executed, in order that this House may submit to your Majesty their respectful and humble suggestions thereon.— That this House have every disposition to render to this Company an efficient aid in the legitimate operations of their enterprize ; but it is their duty to the People of this Province to relieve them, as far as is practicable, from the evils necessarily incident to a monopoly of the vast mineral resources of this Colony, created, it is true, in the first instance, by an exercise of the Royal Prerogative, but clearly at variance with the principles of sound public policy : "

Which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative ; and the Address was amended accordingly.

The Address, as amended, being then read, is as followeth :

Draft of Address as reported

Motion to adopt Address

Amdt. moved to add to Address

Amdt. passed Address amended

Read as amended

## TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Address as amended

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*Resolved,* That the Address do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Address be engrossed.

Address passed to be engrossed

On motion of Mr. A. M. Uniacke, *resolved,* as followeth:

*Whereas,* an article was published in the Royal Gazette, Newspaper, of the 29th February, purporting to be an extract from a Despatch of the Right Honorable the Colonial Secretary, as follows: "We understand that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor received by the last Packet a Despatch from Lord Stanley, in which the Secretary of State expresses the strong approbation of Her Majesty's Government of the course pursued by Lord Falkland, in resisting the pretensions of Mr. Howe and his Colleagues."

Resolution passed in relation to Publication in Gazette of extract of Despatch concerning pretensions of Councillors retiring

*And*

*And whereas*, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has thought it inexpedient to furnish the correspondence with the Home Government in relation to the retirement of Messrs. Howe, Uniacke, and McNab :

*Resolved*, That those Gentlemen, in retiring from the Executive Council, exercised a right which this House recognise as part of the Constitution.

Vote of credit of amount to pay for Reports of decisions of Privy Council

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorised and requested to advance such sum as may be necessary, to enable him to remit to the Colonial Office £9 9s. Sterling, in payment for sets of the second volume of the Reports of Cases heard before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and that this House will provide for the same at the ensuing Session.

Sent to Council

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

Motion for Com. to enquire as regards Education, &c.

Mr. G. R. Young moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth :

*Whereas*, it is one of the first duties of the Legislature to promote a general and effective system of Common Schools, so as to extend the rudiments of Education to the children of all classes, and especially of the poor ; and it is desirable also to refine and elevate the Provincial mind, by the introduction of Libraries and Literary Institutions upon some general and effective plan : *Therefore resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to enquire, during the ensuing recess, into the following subjects :

1st. The present condition and statistics of our Common Schools and Academies, and the changes and improvements required in the Laws regulating their management.

2d. The expediency, in the present deficient state of Education in the poorer and scattered settlements, and the exhausted state of the Public Revenue, of maintaining the Common Schools and Academies in the Towns and older and richer Villages of the Province, on a fair and equitable system of assessment.

3d. The improvement of the system of Education in this Province, by founding one or more Schools, to be conducted on the Normal System, with Model Schools attached, for the training of Schoolmasters, and of females for Teaching,—by introducing, under the sanction of Law, an uniform set of School Books, unobjectionable in point of morality, religion, and political principle—Maps, &c. ; and also, by providing for the religious instruction of Pupils in every School supported by Law, or receiving aid from the Public Treasury.

4th. The introduction of Institutes or Lyceums in the Towns, and of Parish and Itinerating Libraries in the Rural Districts, upon the principles now adopted both in the New England States, and in parts of England and Scotland ; and the adoption of practicable measures to engraft these upon any system of Education to be hereafter framed, so as gradually to expand, according to the exigencies of the Province ; and

5th. The number of Deaf and Dumb children in this Province, and whether any practical steps can be adopted, to provide means for educating the same :—so as to be able to report, at an early period next Session, how far it may be expedient to adopt the principles and suggestions above stated, or any of them :

Negatived

Which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Amdt. of Council to Militia Act disagreed to

The amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Militia, was read a first and second time, and is as followeth :

SECOND CLAUSE.

“ Leave out this Clause.”

And the said amendment having been considered by the House, *Resolved*, That this House do not agree to the said amendment.

*Ordered* That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have not agreed to the amendment.

Res. for Tenders, &c. for Printing for House

On motion of Mr. Doyle, *resolved*, that the Clerk of of this House, during the recess, advertize for, and receive Tenders, with the names of Sureties, for executing the Printing that

that may be required for this House during the next two years, in the same manner as it is at present done; and the lowest Tender (taking into consideration the different charges for respective kinds of Printing required,) be accepted.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and Mr. G. R. Young, be a Committee to examine the Tenders, and determine as to which shall be accepted.

Committee thereon

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wilson have leave of absence after this day, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to Mr. Wilson

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

Thursday, 18th April, 1844.

Mr. G. R. Young moved that the decision of yesterday, negating the appointment of a Committee to enquire during the recess, as to Education, &c., be rescinded: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seventeen; against it, seventeen:

Decision of yesterday negating appointment of Sel. Com. on Education, rescinded

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote for the motion; and the said decision of yesterday was accordingly rescinded.

Mr. Dewolf reported from the Select Committee on Agriculture; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Sel. Com. on Agriculture

(See Appendix, No. 86.)

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Power, Mr. G. Smith, and Mr. Benjamin, have leave of absence, respectively, after to-morrow, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to Messrs. Power, G. Smith, and Brennan

On motion of Mr. J. B. Uniacke:

1. *Resolved*, That the extra expense entailed on this Province by the arrival and transmission of the English Mails to the neighbouring Colonies, by the charge for Couriers, and the additional charge created thereby in the Post Office Department at Halifax, ought not to be paid out of the Treasury of this Province; and as the Lords of the Treasury have admitted in their Minute to the Right Honorable Post Master General, dated 23rd September, 1842, and enclosed in Mr. C. E. Trevelyans Letter of the 29th September, 1842, both of which appear in the Appendix to the Journals of last Session, Appendix, No. 19, p. 110, that these charges ought to be paid out of the Packet Postage; and as it appears that the Packet Postage paid into the Department last year, did not meet this expenditure to the extent of £370 19s. 6d., according to an estimate made, this House conceive that they have a right to demand from the Post Office Authorities the repayment of this sum, the excess paid for the year 1842, stated on a similar principle, and also, an arrangement by which any deficiency arising may be made good in future years.

Resolutions passed relative to Post Office Department

2. *Resolved*, That while the postage of a letter, not exceeding the weight of a single rate, transmitted by the Mail Packets from England to any part of these Colonies, Halifax, St. John, New Brunswick, Quebec, or Toronto, Upper Canada, is only 1s. 2d. Sterling; the postage of a single letter mailed at Halifax, for Montreal, is charged at 2s. 0½d. Sterling—Toronto, at 2s. 2d. Currency; and therefore, that the attention of the Post Office Authorities should be directed to the early removal of so unequal a tax, and to the introduction of a more moderate rate of inter-Colonial Postage.

3. *Resolved*, That the experience of the Parent State has clearly established, that the introduction of a uniform rate of Penny Postage has had a beneficial effect upon the social and Commercial interests of the United Kingdom—has largely increased the amount of letters passing through the Post Office—prevented the illicit transmission of letters by private opportunities—and that its effect on the Revenue has been fully counterbalanced

by the other important consequences resulting from it—therefore, that this House, after due enquiry, are satisfied, if an uniform charge of 4d. Sterling, for a single rate, were introduced into this Province, under the same regulations as to Stamps, which prevail in the United Kingdom, it would promote the public interests, not add materially to the labor of management, and ultimately increase, in place of diminishing, the Public Revenue.

4. *Resolved*, That this House are glad to find, that in the course of the past year the cost of carrying the Mails has been diminished, by a revision of the Contracts, to the extent of £403 18s.; and are satisfied, that if all the existing Contracts were reviewed, and thrown open to public competition, by Tender and Contract, a further and important saving in the management of this Establishment could yet be effected.

5. *Resolved*, That this House, while recognizing the necessity of the Post Office Authorities having the sole control of the English Mails passing through this Province, to and from the neighbouring Colonies, or to the United States, are satisfied that the establishment of the Local Post Office would be more effectively and satisfactorily managed, if left to the control of this Legislature; and that if the Post Office Authorities entertain this proposal, this House will be prepared, at it's next Session, to legislate on the subject.

6. *Resolved*, That the complicated forms and delay, and reference to London now required, before a Local or Way Office, or new Line of Communication can be established, are vexatious to the Country, and that some simpler and speedier plan ought to be adopted.

7. *Resolved*, That while this House rejoices that the Postage on Newspapers, in place of being retained as formerly as a perquisite to the Deputy Post Master General, has been added to the general Revenue, they recommend that every Editor of a Newspaper published in this Province, be allowed to transmit and to receive twenty-five exchange papers per week, free of Postage.

8. *Resolved*, That it would be of great advantage to the Literature of these Colonies if some established and economical system were introduced, by which the English Reviews and Periodicals, and New Works, as they issue from the London Press, could be received as parcels by the Mail Packets.

9. *Resolved*, That this House having granted the sum of £1055 5s. 10½d., Currency, to meet the deficiency of the Post Office Revenue to the 5th of January last, will provide at the next Session for such sums as may be found absolutely necessary for keeping up the present Lines of Post Communication in the Province, and the new Lines recommended by the House—and that the same may be drawn out of the Provincial Treasury for that purpose, with the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor. The whole sum required from 5th January, 1843, to 5th January, 1844, is £1367 15s. 10½d., and the charge for Franking £565 4s. 8d., making the whole sum paid from the Treasury last year £1933 0s. 6½d., besides a further sum for Postage of Public Departments.

10. *Resolved*, That copies of the foregoing Resolutions, and of the Reports of the Select Committee on the Post Office Department, of this Session, together with an Address to the Throne, be communicated to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a respectful request that His Excellency would be pleased to transmit the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to take such other measures, as to His Excellency may seem best, for carrying into effect the wishes of this House.

Address to Her Majesty on Post Office Department

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, *resolved*, that the following Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the Post Office Establishment in this Province, do pass:

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

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NOVA-SCOTIA, IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED.

*May it please your Majesty—*

Address

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach your Majesty, and to represent that since the establishment of Steam Packets, the arrival and transmission of English Mails at and from the Post Office

at Halifax, to the neighbouring Colonies; have cost this Province a larger sum than the receipts of the Packet Postage collected at the Post Office here; and as the Right Honorable the Lords of your Majesty's Treasury have decided that the extra expense entailed on this Province, in consequence of such Mails; forms a fair and equitable charge on the Packet Postage, the House respectfully pray that your Majesty may direct such extra expenses to be repaid to the people of this Province, and also to cause provision to be made for the payment of such extra expenses in future.

Your Majesty's faithful Commons, while grateful to your Majesty for the important benefits conferred on this Province by the introduction of Steam Communication, and ready to provide for the due despatch and transmission of the English Mails to and from the sister Colonies, are satisfied that the arrangement of the *internal* Post Office for this Province, could be more satisfactorily and economically conducted, if transferred to the care and controul of this Legislature; and this House therefore respectfully pray that your Majesty may be pleased to yield to this request, the House pledging itself to introduce by Law, all the necessary regulations to secure the regular transmission and despatch of the English Mails, so that the efficiency and harmony of the general system may not be affected.

Your Majesty's faithful Commons also pray that your Majesty may be pleased to introduce a more uniform and cheaper rate of inter-Colonial Postage into the Colonies of B. N. America, this House being satisfied, after due enquiry, that the Post Rates are too expensive, unsuited to the means of the people, and higher than are warranted by the cost of maintaining the Mails.

*Ordered*, That the Address be engrossed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that the Report of the Select Committee to whom were referred the Bill to repeal the Act to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Sea Ports of this Province, and the other papers relating to the running of said Steam Boat during the past year, be adopted, and that a copy of said Report be transmitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a copy of this Resolution thereon.

Res. to adopt Report of Com. on Western Shore Steam Boat and to transmit copy to Lt. Gov.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to seventy-one Resolutions of this Honorable House for granting the following sums of money for certain purposes, as followeth, viz:

Message from Council—

Agree to Res. for granting monies

£0	7	6	Per day, &c. to Waiters of Excise.
50	0	0	For the Guysborough Packet.
20	0	0	For Shubenacadie Ferry.
20	0	0	For Ferry, McMillan's Point, Gut of Canso.
10	0	0	Each, to Ferrymen, Shubenacadie.
15	0	0	To John and Charles Pernette, LaHave Ferry.
10	0	0	To C. Craig, for Ferry, Sable River, County of Shelburne.
10	0	0	To Richard Carter, for Ferry, Gut of Canso.
10	0	0	For Ferry East side of Gut of Canso.
10	0	0	Each, for Ferrymen at Port L'Herbert, County of Shelburne.
20	0	0	To Edmund Crowell, Seal Island Establishment.
600	0	0	To the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax.
105	5	7½	Relief of Shipwrecked Mariners.
20	0	0	To W. Weeks, for Packet, Bay Verte to Prince Edward's Island.
13	1	7	For excess of Duties.
3	17	8	To J. G. Bingay.
8	0	0	To Benjamin Dewolf.
25	16	6	To the Governors of King's College, Windsor.
53	5	0	To C. E. Leonard.
10	0	0	To Thomas Firth.
1	15	10	To Amos Seaman & Co.

£276	8	5	For expenses of Transient Paupers.
3	4	0	To Overseers of Poor, St. Mary's.
25	0	0	For Buoys in Barrington Harbor.
40	0	0	For Revenue Boat, at Sydney, C. B.
455	9	3	To Commissioners of Public Buildings.
490	8	5	To Commissioners of Bridewell or Penitentiary.
1055	5	10	For expenditure of Post Office Department.
565	4	8	For expenses of Franking last Session.
25	0	0	To John Campbell.
7	10	0	To David M. Cummins.
10	0	0	To Lemuel Morehouse.
150	0	0	To James Purves and others, Steamer Pocohontas.
22	0	0	To Andrew Stephens.
104	13	1	To John S. Thompson, for Printing.
109	13	0	To Richard Nugent, for Printing.
40	0	0	For education of Deaf and Dumb Boy, son of James Allison.
10	0	0	To Doctor F. C. Pike.
2	12	0	To Doctor W. L. Bent.
40	0	0	For education of Deaf and Dumb Boy, son of James Stephens.
10	0	0	To Duncan Nicholson, Bounty on Oat Mill.
29	7	0	To Overseers of Poor for Rawdon.
200	0	0	For the Pictou Academy.
14	4	8	To Lieutenant-Governor, advanced to Obadiah Wilson, junr.
6	10	0	To E. Moody and B. Rogers, return of Light Duty.
39	15	0	For Female Teacher, African School, Halifax.
100	0	0	School, Rev. R. F. Uniacke, Halifax.
50	0	0	For the Infant School at Halifax.
100	0	0	For the Methodist School at Halifax.
25	0	0	For the School in the Poor House.
50	0	0	To Doctors Grigor and Sterling, for Halifax Dispensary.
600	0	0	For Printing for Government and Legislature.
200	0	0	For relief of Indians, under Acts of Assembly.
500	0	0	For a Revenue Cutter.
646	3	0	Expenses of the Legislative Council.
60	0	0	For Stationary, &c. for Assembly.
10	0	0	Each, to Chairmen of Committees.
100	0	0	Each, to Clerks of House, for extra services.
238	0	0	For Contingent Expenses of House of Assembly.
15	0	0	To Speaker of House, to purchase Publications.
300	0	0	Drawback on Wines for Military Officers.
1000	0	0	Duties on Live Stock, &c., for Transient Poor.
1000	0	0	For Casualties to Roads and Bridges.
500	0	0	To be paid for Steam Communication to Newfoundland, under condition altered.
6	18	0	To James Whitney, Light Duties on Steamer.
25	0	0	For Infant School, Pictou.
62	10	0	To John L. Tremain.
0	7	6	Sterling, per cwt. on Sugar manufactured into Confectionary.
100	0	0	To Thomas Bown, Harbor Master, Sydney, C. B.
11	10	0	To Thomas James Wood.
25	0	0	For relief of Colored People.

Also agree to certain  
Res. for endorsing  
amounts on Bonds,  
Vote of credit, &c.

The Council have also agreed to the Resolutions for cancelling the Bond of Herbert Huntington, given for Duties on Live Stock imported for Agricultural Society at Yarmouth; for advancing the sum of £9 9s. Sterling, to pay for sets of the Reports of Decisions of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council; for endorsing the sum of £233 9s. on

Bond

Bond of Messrs. W. Pryor & Co. ; for endorsing the sum of £45 10s. on Bond of Messrs. Fairbanks & Allison; and for the advance of a further allowance to Officers employed in regard to the Distilleries.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province, with amendments—to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The amendments of the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province, were read first and second time, and are as follow :

Agree to Registrar's Bill, with amtds.

Amtds. of Council to Registrar's Bill read

THIRD CLAUSE.

5th line.—Leave out the words “by and with the advice of the Executive Council.”

8th line.—After the word “Province” insert the words “Halifax excepted.”

Between the third and fourth clauses insert the following clause :

*And be it enacted,* That when and so soon as this Act shall come into operation, Sir Rupert Denis George, Baronet, the present Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Nova Scotia, shall be and continue Registrar of Deeds and Conveyances in and for the County of Halifax only.

SEVENTH CLAUSE.

1st to 5th line.—Leave out the words “so long as the present principal Registrar of Deeds for this Province, Sir Rupert Denis George, Baronet, shall hold the office of Provincial Secretary.

5th line.—Leave out the word “him” and insert instead the following words: “Sir Rupert Denis George, Baronet, during the term of his natural life.”

EIGHTH CLAUSE.

5th line.—After the word “shall” insert the following words: “during the natural life of the said Sir Rupert Denis George.”

6th line.—After the word “of” insert the word “all.”

7th line.—After the word “them” omit the remainder of the clause.

NINTH CLAUSE.

3d line.—After the word “Act” insert the words “Halifax excepted.”

6th line.—After the word “of” insert the word “all.”

ELEVENTH CLAUSE.

2nd to 6th line.—Leave out the words “when and so soon as the said principal Registrar of Deeds shall cease to hold the office of Provincial Secretary as aforesaid, the said annual payment to him and,” and insert instead the following words: “from and after the decease of the said Sir Rupert Denis George.”

TWELFTH CLAUSE.

3d line.—After the word “Act” insert the words “Halifax included.”

And thereupon,

*Resolved,* That the consideration of said amendments be deferred until this day three months.

Amtds. not agreed to

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds in the County of Halifax, and the other Counties of this Province—and the same was read a first and second time ;

And thereupon, Mr. J. B. Uniacke moved, that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of the Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds in the County of Halifax, and the other Counties of this Province.

Bill presented concerning Registrars of Deeds  
Read 1st and 2nd time  
Committed, on division

Com. of whole on Registrar's Bill



lasses from being imported, and passed into general consumption, without the payment of any Duty; it follows the policy of the Imperial Parliament, by preserving the discrimination intended to be made between these articles, when of British and of Foreign growth.

We assure your Majesty that it is the desire of this House to afford every due encouragement to the Fisheries of the Province; but we are convinced, that under the present system, the benefit effected in favor of this valuable branch of industry is little, compared with the mischiefs that result from its abuse.

After long experience, we are of opinion, that the only effective remedy is to be found in the Enactment, by the Provincial Assembly, of Impost Duties on the articles, with the exemption in favor of the Fisheries, or such of them as may require such interference.

And we humbly trust, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to give the Royal Assent to the two Provincial Acts hereinbefore referred to.

*Ordered,* That the Address be engrossed.

On motion of the Hon. Attorney General, *resolved*, that the following Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, do pass, viz :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

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

*May it please your Excellency—*

The House of Assembly have passed three several Addresses to Her Majesty, on the respective subjects of providing for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and commuting the Casual and Territorial Revenue—of the Post Office Department in this Province—and of a Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly during the present Session, for the better securing of the Revenue, in relation to the Duty on Foreign Wheat Flour and Molasses, in certain cases; and pray that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

*Ordered,* That the Address be engrossed.

*Ordered,* That the Hon. the Attorney General, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and Mr. Huntington, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the Addresses to Her Majesty, which have passed this House, on the subjects of the Civil List and Casual Revenue—the Post Office Department—the Free Ports—and the Duties on Foreign Flour and Molasses; and the two Addresses to His Excellency, praying him to transmit the said Addresses.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council do not adhere to the amendment proposed by them to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia; but agree to the Bill as originally sent up from this Honorable House.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods; the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers in this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder by labor on the Roads; the Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and in addition to, and amendment of, the

Act

Address moved to Lt. Gov. praying transmission of Addresses to Her Majesty on subjects of Civil List, Post Office, and Duties on Foreign Flour and Molasses and passed

To be engrossed

Com. to wait on Lt. Gov. with Addresses

Message from Council—

Do not adhere to smdt. to Militia Bill

But agree to Bill

Agree to Bills, viz—Importation

Poor Settlers

Halifax Assessments

Revenue	Act relating to the Halifax Assessments; and a certain other Act; the Bill, entitled, An Act for the better securing the Revenue of the Province; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal; the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pictou; the Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly; the Bill, entitled, An Act for the preservation of Moose; the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the erecting a new Bridge across the Liverpool River, at Milton, and for the repair of the Road leading from thence to Middlefield; and the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses—severally, without any amendment. And then the Messenger withdrew.
Flour Inspection Pictou Navigation Law of Elections Preservation of Moose Liverpool Bridge And Light Houses	
Message from Council—	A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton: Mr. Speaker,
Agree to Res. for granting monies	The Council have agreed to three Resolutions of this House, for granting the following sums, viz: £170 0 0 To John S. Thompson, for expenses of Reporting for the Legislative Council and House of Assembly. 116 0 0 To John Ross. 697 4 0 To the Commissioners of the Penitentiary.
Do not agree to grant for Col. of Excise	The Council have not agreed to the Resolution for granting £500 as an annual allowance to the Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax, and £125 for his Clerk. And then the Messenger withdrew.
Res. for information in regard to Colleges	On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, <i>resolved</i> , that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to obtain from the proper officers, during the ensuing recess, in order to submit to the House at an early day in its next Session, a statement of the fixed and annual funds, and how derived; and of the expenditures of King's College, Dalhousie College, St. Mary's College, Acadia College, Sackville Academy, and Pictou Academy, the Professors and Masters in each, and Salaries, Fees, Classes, number of Students, and course of study, cost of boarding and education at each, value and condition of Buildings, Libraries, Philosophical Apparatus, belonging to them respectively.
Message from Council—	A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton: Mr. Speaker,
Agreeing to Probate Bill	The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate—without amendment. And then the Messenger withdrew.
Order for Clerk to prepare Appropriation Bill	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Clerk do prepare and present an engrossed Bill for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in the present Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province. Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

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Friday, 19th April, 1844.

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PRAYERS.

Clerk presents Appropriation Bill	The Clerk, pursuant to order, presented an engrossed Bill for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-four, and for other purposes—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. <i>Ordered, nem. con.</i> That the same be now read a second time. And the same was read a second time accordingly.
Read 2d time Passed	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-four, and for other purposes.
Sent to Council	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence. The

The Hon. the Attorney General reported from the Select Committee on the subject of the Laws for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, &c. ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on Election Laws

(See Appendix, No. 87.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds in the County of Halifax, and the other Counties in this Province, without amendment.

Agree to Registrar's Bill

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Message from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-four, and for other purposes, without amendment.

Agree to Bill of Appropriation

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to obtain from the Commissioners and Trustees of Schools, or other proper officers, during the ensuing recess, an accurate return of the number of children in attendance at the Schools and Academies in this Province, whether receiving aid from the Treasury, or supported by Fees, and otherwise—the religious instruction given in Schools or Academies—the School Books in general use, and the cost thereof—the Fees paid by Scholars, and such suggestions as said Commissioners and Trustees can furnish, relating to the defects in the existing Laws for the support of Common Schools or Academies, in order that the same may be laid before the House at an early period next Session.

Res. for obtaining information as to Schools and Academies

Mr. Marshall reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of John Wier and Daniel Chambers, Commissioners for erecting a Bridge over the St. Croix River, at the East Marsh, in Newport, County of Hants; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on Pet. of Wier and Chambers Commissioners St. Croix Bridge

(See Appendix, No. 88.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd,

Ordered, That 150 copies of the Acts for granting Colonial Duties of Impost—to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods—for granting a Duty on Flour and Molasses (with a suspending clause)—to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province, with the Resolution for a further allowance to officers to be appointed under the same—in addition to the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods—and of the Act for the better securing the Revenue of this Province—be printed in Pamphlet form, for distribution among the Members of this House, and the several Collectors of Customs and Colonial Impost Duties, and Seizing Officers, throughout the Province.

Order for printing Revenue Acts in Pamphlet form

Ordered, That the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, be published in the Novascotian, Morning Post, Times, and Acadian Recorder, Newspapers.

Order for publishing Road expenditure Act

The Hon. the Attorney General, from the Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with the Addresses of this House to His Excellency, praying

Report from Com. to wait on Lt. Gov. with Addresses

praying him to transmit the several Addresses of this House to Her Majesty, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say to the Committee, in reply to the Addresses to him, that he would comply with the wishes of the House, as expressed in those Addresses.

Message from His  
Excellency—

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod :

Mr. Speaker,

Commanding attend-  
ance of House

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately, in the Council Chamber.

House attend His  
Excellency, who  
assent to Bills

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills, entitled as followeth :

Offences against Per-  
son  
Sessions, Guysboro'

An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to Offences against the Person.

An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace, at Guysborough.

Fishermen's Nets  
Chedabucto Bay  
Highways Arichat

An Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen, in Chedabucto Bay.

An Act to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.

Lock-up House In-  
verness  
Civil List

An Act to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness.

An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues.

Court House and Jail  
Arichat

An Act to authorize the sale of the old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes.

Passengers

An Act to amend the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province.

Annapolis Sessions

An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis.

Pictou Poor Districts

An Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor.

Summary Trials

An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.

Wickwire Dike

An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates for the New or Wickwire Dike in Horton.

Distilleries

An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.

Sessions Inverness

An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness.

Roads and Bridges

An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

Indians

An Act to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians.

Juries

An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the regulation of Juries.

Guysboro' Streets

An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough.

Town Officers

An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same.

Sewers

An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.

Pickled Fish Inspec-  
tion

An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.

Statute Labor

An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.

Gas Light

An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and an Act passed in amendment thereof.

Shad Fishery King's  
County

An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County.

Sea Manure Halifax

An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County.

Halifax Highways

An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act.

An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company.	Water Company
An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia.	Militia
An Act to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses.	Light Houses
An Act to provide for the erecting a new Bridge across the Liverpool River at Milton, and for the repair of the Road leading from thence to Middlefield.	Liverpool Bridge
An Act to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers in this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder by labor on the Roads.	Poor Settlers
An Act in addition to the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods.	Importation of Goods
An Act for the preservation of Moose.	Moose
An Act further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.	Election of Members
An Act to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pictou.	Pictou Harbor
An Act to continue and amend the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal.	Inspection of Flour and Meal
An Act for the better securing the Revenue of the Province.	Securing Revenue
An Act further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to the Halifax Assessments, and a certain other Act.	Halifax Assessment
An Act in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate.	Probate
An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds in the County of Halifax, and the other Counties in this Province.	Registrars of Deeds

After which, Mr. Speaker spake as followeth :

*May it please your Excellency—*

Your Excellency having been graciously pleased to give your assent to all the Bills passed in this present Session, it becomes my agreeable duty, on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, Her faithful Commons of Nova Scotia, to present to your Excellency a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in this present Session, for the support of Her Majesty's Government, during this present year, and to request your Excellency's assent to the same.

Speaker presents Appropriation Bill

His Excellency was then pleased to give his assent to the Bill following, viz :

An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-four, and for other purposes.

Gov. assents to Appropriation Bill

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following

### S P E E C H.

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

Speech of Gov. on closing Session

The Public Business having arrived at a stage which admits of my releasing you from further attendance on your Parliamentary duties;—I gladly do so at a season when your various avocations render your presence in your several Counties essentially necessary.

I shall take the earliest opportunity of submitting, for the consideration of Her Majesty, your deliberations on the Civil List.

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

I thank you for the Supplies you have granted for the current year, and I shall take due care that the monies you have placed at the disposal of the Executive, are judiciously and economically expended.

It is gratifying to me to observe on your Journals, a Resolution expressive of implicit confidence in me, and in the desire I have always entertained and acted upon to do justice to all classes of Her Majesty's subjects; and I am firmly determined to continue a course of conduct by which I have secured the approbation you have so kindly expressed.

*Mr.*

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

In bidding you farewell for a time, I feel assured that you will employ the legitimate influence you possess, in strengthening that attachment to the Person and Government of our most gracious Sovereign, which now happily pervades every portion of the Province.

After which, the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council, by His Excellency's command, said—

*Gentlemen—*

Prorogation of Assembly

It is His Excellency's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday, the Twentieth day of June next, then to be here held.

And this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the Twentieth day of June next.

JOHN WHIDDEN, }  
Clerk of the House of Assembly. }

**APPENDIX**

TO THE

**JOURNAL**

OF

**THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,**

OF THE

**PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.**

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**FOR THE SESSION,**

**Commencing the 8th February, 1844, and ending the 19th April, 1844.**





# APPENDIX.

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No. 1.

(See Page 41.)

## THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA, Dr.

*For Payments made by the Treasurer, between 1st January and 31st December, 1843.*

### MARCH QUARTER.

<b>March 31.—To</b> paid the Salaries of Officers of Government, Puisne			
Judges, &c., per Abstract and Warrant,	1	£1436	5 0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2 2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10 0
Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters,	4	162	15 0
Respective Stockholders, for one year's interest on Funded Debt,	5	146	5 0
Stockholders of the Funded Debt, for the Quarter ending this day,	6	250	0 0
The Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings Bank, for Interest,	7	322	10 0
The Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay Salaries to Officers of Customs,	8	1786	4 8½
The Commissioners of the Poor,	9	150	0 0
President and Directors of Pictou Academy,	10	50	0 0
Secretary of Dalhousie College,	11	100	0 0
President and Directors of Acadia College,	12	111	0 0
President and Directors of St. Mary's College,	13	111	0 0
Clerk of Central Board of Education,	14	37	10 0
A. LeBlanc, completing Breakwater at Montegan,	15	60	0 0
J. P. Brown, keeping Ferry at Shubenacadie,	16	10	0 0
Israel Daniels, erecting Oat Mill, Dalhousie,	17	20	0 0
Commissioners of Schools at Port Hood, being one half for building School House,	18	50	0 0
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat,	19	25	0 0
Commissioners of Public Buildings,	20	1519	18 9
Commissioners for superintending Revenue Cutters,	21	505	3 11
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat, Coastways,	22	500	0 0
Commissioner for Indian Affairs,	23	300	0 0
Paid the Members of the Assembly,	24	2618	0 0
The Clerk of the House of Assembly,	25	380	0 0
The Clerk Assistant of ditto,	26	200	0 0
The Clerk of Assembly, to pay Chaplains,	27	25	0 0
Matthew Forrester, Sergeant at Arms to Assembly,	28	50	0 0
John Jennings, Assistant ditto,	29	30	0 0
John Gibbs, Messenger ditto,	30	30	0 0
			March,

March 31.—To paid Thompson and Croskill, Reporting for the Legislature,	31	£125	0	0
J. J. Sawyer, opening and closing Assembly,	32	10	0	0
Clerk of Assembly, to pay Proprietors of Newspapers,	33	30	0	0
Clerk of the Legislative Council,	34	807	6	4
J. & C. Pernette, for keeping LaHave Ferry,	35	15	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	36	750	0	0
Dy. Secretary, Printing for the Legislature,	37	500	0	0
Acting Dy. Post Master General, to defray expense of Post Office,	38	982	4	9
Ditto, for Post Communication,	39	122	14	2
Ditto ditto,	40	565	4	8
President and Directors of Central Board of Agriculture,	41	1225	19	4
Commissioners of Bridewell, balance of 1840,	42	1000	0	0
Herbert Huntington, as granted to him,	43	10	0	0
John McKay, to pay a sum incurred in a Law Suit,	44	14	0	0
James B. Hadley, as granted to him,	45	104	5	6
The Board of Health at Pictou,	46	12	17	0
George Eastwood, as granted to him,	47	300	0	0
Dr. Hoffman, services as Health Officer,	48	23	1	8
George McKenzie, as granted to him,	49	16	18	6
Daniel Owen, for services in making a seizure,	50	4	0	0
James Turnbull, as granted to him,	51	7	0	0
Dr. Buskirk, services attending a Transient Pauper,	52	12	10	0
Trustees of the Liverpool Academy,	53	25	0	0
Trustees of Port Hood Academy,	54	25	0	0
Trustees of Yarmouth Academy,	55	33	15	0
Trustees of Annapolis Academy,	56	18	15	0
Trustees of Digby Academy,	57	100	0	0
Paid Amos Seaman and others excess of Duties,	58	227	10	2
James Wilkie, being a return of Duties,	59	6	19	3
John Stiles, Duty on a Printing Press,	60	6	4	11
John T. Chamberlain, as granted to him,	61	8	19	2
		£18225	10	0

*JUNE QUARTER.*

June 30.—To paid the Salaries of Officers of Government, Puisne Judges, &c., per Abstract and Warrant,	1	£1336	5	0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2	2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10	0
The Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters,	4	237	17	6
The respective Stockholders, for one year's Interest on Funded Debt,	5	96	11	3
Ditto, for the half year ending this day,	6	200	0	0
Ditto, for the quarter ditto,	7	250	0	0
Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings Bank, for Interest,	8	255	0	0
The Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay Salaries to Officers of Customs,	9	1786	4	8½
Commissioners of the Poor,	10	150	0	0
Ditto, for support of a School,	11	12	10	0
				June

June 30.—To paid the Trustees of the Acadian School,	12	£50	0	0
The Trustees of the National School,	13	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Catholic School,	14	50	0	0
The Secretary of Dalhousie College,	15	100	0	0
The President and Directors of Acadia College,	16	111	0	0
The President and Directors of St. Mary's College,	17	111	0	0
Rev. Mr. Uniack's School, North Suburbs,	18	50	0	0
Rev. Dr. Willis, support of African School,	19	50	0	0
President and Directors of Methodist School,	20	50	0	0
Secretary of Central Board of Education,	21	37	10	0
Adjutant General of Militia,	22	40	0	0
Qr. Mr. General of Militia,	23	20	0	0
Commissioners for erection of a Bridewell, on acct.,	24	1000	0	0
John Fuller, expenses attending Committee of Assembly,	25	15	0	0
Dougald McNab, ditto,	26	10	0	0
James Chandley, expense of erecting a fence,	27	6	18	0
Doctor Bell, for services as Health Officer,	28	5	6	0
Margaret Nickerson, accommodation to Travellers,	29	15	0	0
The Overseers of the Poor at Annapolis,	30	15	10	0
Commissioners for support of Revenue Cutters,	31	800	0	0
Secretary of Province, to pay Clerks of Peace,	32	63	0	0
The Overseers of the Poor at Cape Breton,	33	4	2	0
James Carline, as granted to him,	34	69	7	6
James Seaman, for services in carrying Mails,	35	7	10	0
Dy. Secretary, to defray expenses of a deaf and dumb Boy,	36	30	0	0
Dy. Secretary, relief to distressed Negroes,	37	30	0	0
Simon Gallant, as granted to him,	38	15	0	0
High Sheriff, expenses in case of George Hiscock,	39	19	4	0
Edward Leonard, services as Signal Man at Digby,	40	5	0	0
Judge Hill, for Travelling Expenses,	41	38	10	0
Judge Haliburton, for ditto,	42	52	10	0
Lemuel Morchouse, for payment of Ferriages,	43	10	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	44	750	0	0
Ladies, Managers of Infant School,	45	50	0	0
Trustees of the Inverness Academy,	46	25	0	0
Trustees of the Sydney Academy,	47	25	0	0
Trustees of the Liverpool Academy,	48	25	0	0
Trustees of the Lunenburg Academy,	49	50	0	0
Trustees of the Annapolis Academy,	50	18	15	0
Trustees of the Guysboro' Academy,	51	50	0	0
Trustees of the Shelburne Academy,	52	50	0	0
Trustees of the Truro Academy,	53	50	0	0
Andrew Henderson, Master of Grammar School, Annapolis,	54	12	10	0
Richard Bryden, Duties on Carding Machinery,	55	4	7	3
Stephen Binney & Co., for Duties overpaid at Customs,	56	57	19	0
McDonald & Richardson, keeping a Ferry at Port LeBear,	57	20	0	0
		£8592	19	5

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 SEPTEMBER QUARTER.

Sept. 30.—To paid the Salaries of Officers of Government, Puisne Judges, &c., per Warrant and Abstract,	1	£1336	5	0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2	2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10	0
Collector of Excise, to pay Waiters,	4	236	0	0
The respective Stockholders, for one year's Interest on Funded Debt,	5	72	10	0
Stockholders of the Funded Debt, for the quarter ending this day,	6	250	0	0
Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings Bank for Interest,	7	350	0	0
The Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay the Salaries to Officers of Customs,	8	1786	4	8½
Commissioners of the Poor,	9	150	0	0
Clerk of the Central Board of Education,	10	37	10	0
Secretary of Dalhousie College,	11	100	0	0
Trustees of Acadia College,	12	111	0	0
Trustees of Saint Mary's Seminary,	13	111	0	0
Trustees of the Pictou Academy,	14	50	0	0
Judge Bliss, for Travelling Expenses,	15	45	10	0
The Hon. Chief Justice, for Travelling Expenses,	16	39	13	4
Commissioners of Light Houses,	17	1070	16	0
C. Craig, keeping Ferry at Sable River,	18	10	0	0
John Campbell, to enable him to send his children to a Deaf and Dumb Asylum,	19	45	0	0
James Whitney, for carrying Mails,	20	25	0	0
James S. Thomson, for repairing Store House for Militia Arms, &c., at Chester,	21	20	0	0
Drs. Grigor & Sterling, in aid of Halifax Dispensary,	22	50	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	23	173	7	2
Trustees and Managers of the Wesleyan Methodist Academy, at Sackville,	24	200	0	0
Edmund Crowell, keeping Establishment at Seal Island,	25	20	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	26	350	0	0
Trustees of Sydney Academy,	27	50	0	0
Trustees of Cape Breton Academy,	28	25	0	0
Trustees of Lunenburg Academy,	29	50	0	0
Trustees of Port Hood Academy,	30	25	0	0
Trustees of Yarmouth Academy,	31	67	10	0
Trustees of Digby Academy,	32	25	0	0
Trustees of Arichat Academy,	33	25	0	0
Trustees of Port Hood Academy, balance of Grant for erecting School House,	34	50	0	0
Trustees of Digby Academy,	35	25	0	0
Trustees of the Annapolis Academy,	36	18	15	0
		£7149	13	5

## DECEMBER QUARTER.

Decr. 31.—To paid Salaries of Officers of Government, Puisne Judges, &c., per Warrant and Abstract,	1	£1336	5	0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2	2½
				Decr.

Decr. 31.—To paid Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	£37	10	0
Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters,	4	250	15	0
Respective Stockholders, for one year's Interest on Funded Debt,	5	72	10	0
Ditto, for half year ending this day,	6	200	0	0
Ditto, for quarter ending this day,	6	250	0	0
The Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings Bank, for Interest,	7	275	0	0
The Commissioners of the Poor,	8	150	0	0
The Commissioners of Poor, for support of School,	9	12	10	0
Clerk to Central Board of Education,	10	37	10	0
The Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay the Sala- ries of Officers of Customs,	11	1786	4	8½
Secretary of Dalhousie College,	12	100	0	0
President and Directors of Acadia College,	13	111	0	0
President and Directors of St. Mary's Seminary,	14	111	0	0
Trustees of Acadian School,	15	50	0	0
Trustees of National School,	16	50	0	0
Trustees of Catholic School,	17	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Pictou Academy,	18	50	0	0
Rev. Mr. Uniack's School, in North Suburbs,	19	50	0	0
Rev. Dr. Willis, support of African School,	20	50	0	0
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat,	21	25	0	0
The Hon. Chief Justice, for Travelling Expenses,	22	39	13	4
Judge Bliss, for ditto,	23	39	13	4
Judge Hill, for ditto,	24	35	0	0
David McPherson, keeping a Ferry at Gut of Canso,	25	20	0	0
P. Primrose and others, for Seal Bounty,	26	748	5	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	27	300	0	0
High Sheriff of Yarmouth, returning Members,	28	4	10	0
Owners of Parrsboro' Packet,	29	50	0	0
Isaiah Smith, keeping Ferry at Shubenacadie,	30	40	0	0
Wm. Pryor & Sons, for Drawback on Refined Sugar,	31	74	5	11
John C. Mais, for ditto,	32	88	12	11
Secretary of the Province, for issuing Writs,	33	59	10	0
High Sheriff of Guysboro', returning Members,	34	3	0	0
High Sheriff of Halifax, ditto,	35	6	0	0
Trustees of Cape Breton Academy,	36	25	0	0
Trustees of Liverpool Academy,	37	25	0	0
Trustees of Arichat Academy,	38	25	0	0
Andrew Henderson, Master of Annapolis Academy,	39	12	10	0
Trustees of Guysboro' Academy,	40	50	0	0
Trustees of Truro Academy,	41	33	6	8
Commissioners of Light Houses,	42	400	0	0
The Salary of the Lieutenant-Governor,	43	2500	0	0
Adjutant General of Militia,	44	40	0	0
Qr. Mr. General of Militia,	45	20	0	0
Trustees of the Shelburne Academy,	46	50	0	0
A. G. McKay, services of a Revenue Boat,	47	30	0	0
Robert Roberts, returning Members to Assembly,	48	4	10	0
High Sheriff of Sydney, ditto,	49	3	0	0
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat,	50	25	0	0
Directors of the Methodist School,	51	50	0	0
Trustees of the Digby Academy,	52	25	0	0
Trustees of the Sydney Academy,	53	25	0	0

Decr.

Decr. 31.—To paid Commissioners of Light Houses;	54	£300	0	0
Speaker of the Assembly, for procuring various Works and Publications,	55	15	0	0
The Trustees of the Sydney Academy,	56	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Yarmouth Academy,	57	67	10	0
The Proprietors of the Steamer St. George,	58	200	0	0
The Proprietors of the Guysboro' Packet,	59	50	0	0
Messrs. John Howe & Son, for Printing,	60	52	15	6
The Commissioner of Sydney, C. B., for a Revenue Boat,	61	40	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	62	902	16	7
Judge Haliburton, for Travelling Expenses,	63	49	0	0
George Wightman, on account for making a Road from Scott's to Sackville,	64	1063	19	11
Dy. Post Master General, for Post Office deficiency,	65	455	13	3
William Weeks, for running a Packet,	66	20	0	0
John Copeland, for keeping a Ferry,	67	10	0	0
Alexander Auld, for keeping a Ferry,	68	10	0	0
Alexander McMillan, for keeping a Ferry,	69	10	0	0
For Rations to Troops on Route, per Abstract and Warrant,		226	17	6
Drawback of Duties,		139	10	0
Adjutants of Militia, per Abstract and Warrant,		537	0	0
Militia Arms, ditto,		135	1	8
Coroners, ditto,		152	10	0
Criminal Prosecutions, ditto,		383	19	11
Schools, ditto,		8085	0	7
Road Alterations, ditto,		321	15	2
Casualty Road Vote, ditto,		547	9	7
Old Road and Balances, ditto,		1558	14	11
For making and repairing Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, per Abstract and Warrants,		14948	14	0
Remitted a Bill of Exchange for £539 15s. 8d. Sterling, at 13 per cent., to pay for Copper Tokens,		677	15	5
This sum paid off with money received into the Savings Bank,		2500	0	0
Acting Dy. Post Master General, for Postages,		11	18	0½
		£77509	8	11½
Balance,		188	16	9
		£77698	5	8½
By Balance,		£188	16	9
Overcharged to Pictou Academy,		150	0	0
Cash from Mr. Owen, for Marshall's Justice,		0	16	1½
Overcharge in Road Appropriation,		92	5	7½
Paid Wightman, not yet expended on Roads,		38	7	6
Amount received for Annapolis Loan Office,		18	12	2
This sum being excess of Interest,		261	11	3
		£750	9	5
To less charged for Members' Pay,	£54	0	0	
Interest paid Bank of B. N. America,	232	14	9	—286 14 9
Balance,		£463	14	8
				In

**In Account Current with Charles W. Wallace, Treasurer. Cr.**

Decr. 31, 1842.—By Balance of Account rendered at this date,		£2832	1	11
1843.—Received from the Collector of Halifax :				
March Quarter,	£5000	0	0	
June Quarter,	8000	0	0	
September Quarter,	7000	0	0	
December Quarter,	8680	0	0	
			28680	0 0
By received from the Collectors at the Out Ports between 1st January and 31st December, 1843 :				
Liverpool,	£575	16	8	
Pictou,	552	10	0	
Lunenburg,	620	18	9	
Yarmouth,	965	17	8	
Digby,	134	15	0	
Shelburne,	289	10	8	
Barrington,	0	17	0	
Colchester, (Londonderry)	63	19	7	
Cumberland,	110	0	8	
Windsor,	114	10	0	
Argyle,	0	16	10½	
Sydney,	38	11	4	
King's County,	90	9	10	
Annapolis,	55	13	0	
Weymouth,	17	9	4	
Sydney, C. B.,	727	1	2	
Arichat,	282	11	5	
Port Hood,	8	2	8	
Pugwash,	10	0	0	
Brier Island,	0	17	6	
Antigonish,	10	5	3	
Chester,	0	0	0	
Tatamagouche,	70	0	0	
Parrsboro',	0	0	0	
Wilmot,	4	11	7	
			4745	15 11½
By received from the Collector of H. M. Customs, on account of Du- ties, between 1st Jany., and 31st Decr., 1843,	£25468	6	7	
By Premium received on Dollars,	872	3	9	
			26340	10 4

**LIGHT DUTY.**

By received from the Collector of Halifax :				
March Quarter,	£120	18	6	
June Quarter,	439	4	3	
September Quarter,	412	6	1	
December Quarter,	363	19	8	
By received from the Collectors at the Out Ports, between 1st Jany. and 31st Decr., 1843 :				
Liverpool,	120	13	0	

Shelburne,	£45	3	4	
Yarmouth,	248	0	6	
Annapolis,	15	14	6	
Pictou,	94	13	6	
Argyle,	30	0	0	
Weymouth,	18	10	0	
Digby,	74	1	0	
Sydney, 1842 and 1843,	17	2	3½	
Arichat,	43	12	8	
Hants County,	71	14	5	
Colchester,	5	0	0	
Amherst,	11	15	10½	
Barrington,	48	7	3½	
Lunenburg,	42	16	5	
Chester,	0	0	0	
Tatamagouche,	23	17	8	
Parrsboro',	12	9	0	
Brier Island,	26	2	6	
Pugwash,	40	0	0	
Sydney, C. B.,	514	17	9	
Antigonish,	4	3	3	
King's County,	10	7	2½	
Gut of Canso,	227	18	8	
Ditto,	54	9	0	
Wilmot,	1	17	0	
Port Hood, 1842 and 1843,	16	16	5	
				3156 11 9
By received from the Commissioner and Treasurer of the Halifax Savings Bank,				2500 0 0
By received from Edward Binney, Esq., late Acting Collector of Excise				205. 6 0
By received from T. C. Tobias, on account of a Seizure made at Annapolis,				2 7 10
By received from Asa Torrey, late Collector of Windsor, on account,				120 13 0
By received from the Bank of British North America,				8000 0 0
By received from Liverpool, G. B., 38 casks of Copper Tokens, as per Statement,				872 15 3
By this sum received on account of Marshall's Justice, per Abstract,				167 15 8
By received on account of Loan to Poor Settlers,				74 8 0
				<hr/> £77698 5 8½

[Errors excepted.]

Treasurer's Office, Halifax, 31st Decr., 1843.

CHARLES W. WALLACE, Treasurer.



No. 2.

(See Page 42.)

**ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1844.****ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.**

	Currency.
Four Assistant Justices of Supreme Court,	£2500 0 0
Traveling Expenses of ditto, on Circuit,	
Hire of Vessel to convey Judges to Cape Breton,	
Master of the Rolls,	600 0 0
Counsel conducting Criminal Prosecutions,	
Allowance to Coroners,	
Keeper of Law Library,	10 0 0
Pensions to late Judges of Common Pleas,	900 0 0

**LEGISLATURE.**

Speaker of the House of Assembly,	
Pay and Travelling Expenses of Members,	
Clerk of Legislative Council,	
Law Clerk of ditto,	
Chaplain of ditto,	
Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod,	
Clerk of the House of Assembly,	
Clerk Assistant of ditto,	
Chaplains of ditto,	
Sergeant at Arms of ditto,	
Assistant ditto of ditto,	
Messenger of Legislative Council,	
Assistant ditto of ditto,	
Messengers of the Assembly,	
Stationary, Fuel, Contingencies of Legislative Council and Assembly.	

**REVENUE.**

Treasurer,	600 0 0
Custom House Establishment,	7144 18 9
Guager and Weigher,	235 0 0
Excise Waiters,	500 0 0
Clerk to Commissioners of Revenue,	45 0 0
Revenue Boats.	

**MILITIA.**

Adjutant General,  
 Quarter Master General,  
 Adjutants of Battalions,  
 Cleaning Militia Arms.

**EDUCATION.**

Common, and Combined Common and Grammar Schools,	444 8 8
King's College,	400 0 0
Pictou Academy and Dalhousie College,	150 0 0
Halifax Grammar School,	

Horton

Horton Academy,	£300	0	0
Other Academies in various parts of the Province, National, Acadian, Catholic, African, and Rev. Mr. Uniack's Schools, Halifax, Infant School, and School in Poor House,	460	0	0
	75	0	0

## MISCELLANEOUS.

For maintaining Light Houses			
For Establishment on Sable Island,	400	0	0
Expense of keeping up Post Communication, Encouragement for Steam Boats, Sailing Packets, and Ferries, Commissioners of Asylum for Poor,	600	0	0
Towards support of Bridewell, Interest of Funded Debt, Interest of deposits in Savings Bank, For improving main lines of Communication between Halifax and Pictou, between Truro and the New Brunswick Boundary, and between Halifax and Digby,			
For opening and repairing other Roads, and building and repairing Bridges, For Casualties to Roads and Bridges, To Clerks of the Peace, for distributing Road Commissions, Drawback on Wine imported for the Army,	300	0	0
Repairs of Public Buildings, For assisting Indians, For purchasing Seed Potatoes for Blacks at Preston, Hammond's Plains, &c.	100	0	0
Towards the support of the Halifax Dispensary,	50	0	0
Towards the support of the Mechanics' Institute,	50	0	0
Rations to Troops on route, Drawbacks, Keeping of Gunpowder at Halifax Magazine,	20	0	0
Hire of Vessels to protect Fisheries.			

## FALKLAND.

Government House, February 26th, 1844.

No. 3.

(See Page 44.)

[COPY.]

No. 109.

Downing Street, 10th March, 1843.

MY LORD—

My predecessor having acquainted your Lordship on the 12th of July, 1841, that the Address, enclosed in your Lordship's Despatch of the 17th June preceding, from the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia to the Queen, praying for the appointment of Officers of Customs at the Out Ports of Antigonish and Douglas, had been referred by the command of Her Majesty to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for their opinion; I have now to inform you that their Lordships have, on the 6th of this month, stated, that from the information then before them, it would appear very desirable, with a view to the due collection of the Revenue under the revised Law for the regulation of the Trade of the British Possessions abroad, and to the protection and furtherance, in other respects, of the interests of the Government and inhabitants of the Province, that Officers should be stationed at the Ports in question. Their Lordships have further added, that as the Duties heretofore received in Nova Scotia under the British Statutes, antecedent

to the Act of 18, Geo. 3, c. 12, which were available for defraying any excess of the expense of the Customs Establishment beyond the fixed annual appropriation from the Colonial Funds, have been repealed, they presumed that the Provincial Legislature would not object to make the requisite provision for maintaining the proposed Officers at Antigonish and Douglas; and that the Board would defer adding to the existing Customs Establishment in Nova Scotia, until it shall have been ascertained whether the House of Assembly would make the requisite provision for the payment of the salaries of these Officers.

Under these circumstances, I am to instruct your Lordship to bring this subject under the consideration of the House of Assembly, and acquaint me with the result of their deliberations upon it.

Your Lordship will be pleased to inform the House of Assembly that the Lords of the Treasury, having had in view, when the Address reached them, the contemplated revision of the Imperial Laws regulating the Trade of the British Possessions abroad, have been under the necessity of postponing the expression of their opinion upon this application, until Parliament had definitively fixed the Duties which were to regulate that Trade.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

No. 4.

(See Page 44.)

[COPY.]

CIRCULAR.

*Downing Street, 24th April, 1843.*

SIR—

It has become my melancholy duty to communicate to you the intelligence of the decease of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, which took place at Kensington Palace, on Friday the 21st instant.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
Humble Servant,

STANLEY.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

No. 5.

(See Page 44.)

CIRCULAR.

*Downing Street, 26th April, 1843.*

SIR—

It is my pleasing duty to announce to you that on the morning of the 25th instant, at five minutes past 4 o'clock, the Queen was happily delivered of a Princess, to the great joy of the Nation, and of all the Royal Family. Her Majesty and the Infant Princess have, through Divine mercy, continued to do well up to the present time.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
Humble Servant,

(Signed) STANLEY.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

## No. 6.

(See Page 44.)

CIRCULAR.

*Downing Street, 12th June, 1843.*

SIR—

With reference to Lord J. Russell's Despatch of 4th September, 1840, I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, six copies of the 2d volume of Reports of the Cases heard before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, in continuation of the series of Reports which accompanied Lord J. Russell's Despatch, above referred to.

I have to desire, that you will deliver this volume to the same Officers, in the Colony under your Government, as received the previous volume; and that you will obtain from the Colonial Revenue, and remit to Mr. Peter Smith, the Chief Clerk of this office, the sum of Nine Pounds and Nine Shillings, Sterling, being the price of the work.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

## No. 7.

(See Page 44.)

[COPY.]

CIRCULAR.

*Downing Street, 23th June, 1843.*

SIR—

I have to desire that you will call the attention of the Legislature of the Colony under your Government, to the following statement and suggestions.

The imposition of discriminating Duties on Goods imported into the British Colonies, when the discrimination is made for the protection of some branch of British or Colonial industry, is an office of great difficulty. To the right discharge of it, an intimate acquaintance with the Commercial Treaties and Political Relations between this Kingdom and Foreign States, is indispensable. To legislate on such a subject in ignorance of those Treaties and Relations, would be to render inevitable much serious practical error.

But in the nature of the case, it is impossible that this knowledge should be possessed, in the requisite degree, by the various local Legislatures of the Colonies of this Kingdom. They have no means of knowing the state or the objects of the pending negotiations, nor even of ascertaining with absolute precision, the terms of the Treaties actually concluded. If they legislate at all on these subjects, they must do so in ignorance of some facts which cannot be safely excluded from consideration. Neither is it possible that forty distinct Legislatures, having no means of mutual communication and concert, should act consistently with each other on such subjects. The local opinions or interests of each Colony, must dictate the Laws of each, and the general code of the Empire, compiled from so many different sources, must be at the utmost variance with itself on a subject on which unanimity and consistency is indispensable. In such a state of the Law, Her Majesty's Government could not negotiate, or treat with confidence, with any Foreign State for Commercial purposes; nor could they fulfil such Treaties as might be made. Painful and injurious discussions with those States must arise, and perhaps indemnities and compensations must have to be paid.

For these reasons, Her Majesty's Government decidedly object, in principle, to the assumption by the local Legislatures of the office of imposing differential Duties on Goods imported into the respective Colonies—Parliament having already prescribed the rules by which such Duties are to be discriminated with reference to the place of origin or of export—to Parliament alone the power of altering those rules must be reserved. The single exception

exception to this general rule will occur in any cases in which Her Majesty's Government may have suggested to any local Legislature the enactment of any such discriminating Duties. If such cases should arise, the Ministers of the Crown would be able to take the necessary measures for obtaining the subsequent sanction of Parliament for any such innovation.

You will therefore exercise all the legitimate influence of your office, to prevent the introduction into the Legislature of the Colony under your Government, of any Law by which Duties may be imposed on Goods in reference to their place of production, or to the place from which they may be exported. In the same way you will exert yourself to prevent the introduction of any Law imposing on refined Sugar imported into the Colony, higher Duties in the case of Sugar refined in this Country, in bond, from Foreign Sugar, than in the case of Sugar refined here from British Colonial Sugar.

If, unfortunately, your efforts should be unsuccessful, and if any such Law should be presented for your acceptance, your duty will be to withhold your assent to it. From the discharge of that duty, however unpopular it may be, you will not shrink, for by declining to undertake it, you would only subject Her Majesty's Government, and the Colony itself, to a still more serious inconvenience.

Her Majesty could not be advised to sanction any Colonial Law imposing discriminating Duties, which Her Majesty's Government had not previously recommended, or which Parliament has not expressly established, or enacting such Duties on any terms which Parliament has not prescribed.

The disallowance of any such enactments would therefore be inevitable, and that measure would be attended with far more serious inconveniences than any which could result from your own refusal to accept them.

I trust, however, that there is no good reason to anticipate, or to provide against such a contingency.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

No. 8.

(See Page 44.)

[COPY.]

No. 125.

Downing Street 18th July, 1843.

MY LORD—

I have received your Lordship's Despatch, No. 166, of the 18th May, transmitting a series of Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia during their late Session.

I inclose an Order passed by Her Majesty, in Council, on the 15th instant, leaving sixty-five Acts of this series to their operation.

The remainder, with the exception of those to which I am about to call your attention, are under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

The Act No. 2387, relating to Assessments in the Town of Halifax, provides by the 6th clause that an Assessment shall be made on the Inhabitants, by an equal rate, on the Real Estate of which they shall be in possession; and further, according to the ability or capacity of any such Inhabitant to pay towards such Assessment. By the 9th section it is provided, that if a Bank, an Insurance, or a Joint Stock Company, is to be assessed, the Assessors are to have regard to the amount of the profits made by the Company in the preceding year, as well as the value of their Real Estate. Although it does not appear that any person has objected to these rules, yet they nevertheless seem to have been framed with so little regard to any definite principle, that it is scarcely possible to suppose that objections will not be raised.

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The ability of a man to pay an Assessment is a fact which, unless it be ascertained according to some prescribed rule, may present itself under every possible variety of aspect to different judges. And upon no equitable principle can Incorporated Commercial Partnerships be rated on their profits, as well as on their Real Estate, while Partnerships not Incorporated are to be rated on their Real Estate only.

As this Act has been passed for one year only, Her Majesty, in Council, will not be advised to interfere with its operation; but should there be any intention manifested of reviving it, your Lordship will use your influence to prevent the re-enactment of the clauses to which I have referred.

The Acts Nos. 2402 and 2403, granting certain privileges to the Congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis, and of the Baptist Meeting House at Bridgetown, are defective, inasmuch as they do not contain the usual clauses for saving the interests of the Crown, and of all private persons who are not parties to these Enactments.

This is, I presume, an accidental omission, which will readily be supplied by the Legislative Council and Assembly, if brought to their notice; but until it is so supplied, Her Majesty's decision on these Acts will be suspended.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

No. 9.

(See Page 44.)

[COPY.]

No. 131.

*Downing Street, 24th August, 1843.*

MY LORD—

Her Majesty's Government having had under their consideration the Act No. 2371, passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and transmitted in your Despatch, No. 166, of the 18th of May last, intituled, "An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof," I have to convey to you the following observations and instructions:

Although the present Enactment has been passed subsequently, and in special reference to the Possessions Amendment Act of last Session; and after your receipt of my Circular Despatch of the 19th August, 1842, in explanation of that Act, and of the views of Her Majesty's Government in respect of the imposition of differential Duties by Colonial Legislatures, I find that it imposes, nevertheless, a considerable number of differential Duties beyond those which Parliament has enacted. Having regard to the decided expression of the views of Her Majesty's Government, of which you are already in possession, I entertain some doubt whether the circumstances of the case do not call for the actual disallowance of this Act, notwithstanding the serious inconvenience which such a course would entail on the Province.

Observing, however, that all the differential Duties in question are imposed in further protection of the Manufactures and Produce of Her Majesty's Dominions, and considering that they may have been adopted by the Legislature not in opposition to, but under an erroneous impression of the intentions of Her Majesty's Government, I have deemed it right to recommend, that Her Majesty's decision on this Act should be suspended until the Legislature shall have had an opportunity of amending it. You will therefore take the earliest opportunity of bringing the subject under their consideration, with a view to the amendment of the Act in the particulars to which I have referred; and you will, at the same time, cause it to be understood, that if the Revenue Act of the Province for the

next

next year should contain similar objectionable Enactments, Her Majesty's advisers would feel it their duty to recommend Her Majesty to disallow such Act.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

No. 10.

(See Page 44.)

[COPY.]

No. 130.

*Downing Street, 24th August, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have had under consideration an Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia in March last, No. 2404, for amending the Act to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands within the Province. I have the honor herewith to enclose an Order passed by Her Majesty in Council, on the 23d instant, leaving this Act to its operation.

With reference to the fourth clause of this Act, which leaves to the discretion of the Lieutenant-Governor and Council the price at which they may award Crown Lands to unauthorised occupants by whom they have been improved, I would recommend, in conformity with the practice observed in other Colonies where the case of squatters has been considered, that the general fixed price of the Colony be taken as the minimum, below which such parties should not be permitted to purchase the title to their lands.

I have likewise had under my consideration the regulations for the sale and disposal of these Lands, passed by your Lordship, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, under the authority of the before mentioned Act.

Having referred your Lordship's former Report on this subject to the Commissioners for Colonial Lands and Emigration, I have thought it desirable also to obtain their opinion upon these regulations.

They still adhere to their former opinion, that the maximum price for the sale of the Crown Lands should not be One Shilling and Nine-pence, but Two Shillings per acre, a point which I would leave for the future consideration of yourself and your Council.

With respect to the 7th regulation, founded on the fifth clause of the Act, on the subject of Military settlers, as no privileges are any longer granted to the same class in any other part of British North America, there seems reason to apprehend that the indulgence of free Grants to Officers in Nova Scotia, may possibly lead to an inconvenient influx of this class of settlers, but finding the rule made, I have not stopped its publication, and in case experience should hereafter lead you to think that it requires modification, I have to request that ample notice may be given, to admit of the necessary announcement to Officers, and prevent disappointment. With regard, however, to the last clause of the regulations, admitting of free Grants to Private Soldiers and Sailors, I have to observe, that this practice has been abolished in the Colonies in which it has been most extensively tried, on account of its not being consistent with the general interests of the Colonies themselves, nor yet with real advantage to the class to which it applied—I think, therefore, that this clause of the regulations should be rescinded.

I have, &c.

STANLEY.

VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

No. 11.

(See Page 45.)

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 1st September, 1843.

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, an Order made by Her Majesty in Council, on the 23rd ult., exempting from Duty specimens illustrative of Natural History on their importation into Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

I have to desire that you will give publicity to this Order, in the Colony under your Government, and will take the necessary steps to ensure its being carried into effect.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23rd day of August, 1843.*

PRESENT:

## THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament, held in the 5th and 6th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws for the regulation of the Trade of the British Possessions abroad," it was enacted that there should be raised, levied, collected, and paid to Her Majesty, the several Duties of Customs, as the same are respectively set forth in figures in the Table of Duties thereafter contained, upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, not being the growth, production, or manufacture of the United Kingdom, or of any of the British Possessions in America, or of the Mauritius, or of any of the British Possessions within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, or the produce of any of the British Fisheries, imported or brought into any of the British Possessions in America, or the Mauritius, by sea or inland carriage or navigation: *And whereas*, divers articles are enumerated in the said Table of Duties, and certain Duties therein mentioned are therein made payable upon such articles respectively; and the Duty of four per centum, ad valorem, is made payable on articles not enumerated, except such as are comprised or referred to in the Table of Exemptions subjoined to the said Table of Duties: *And whereas*, it is also enacted by the said Act now in recital, that it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, by any Order or Orders in Council, to be issued from time to time, to direct that any article described in such Order, being an article chargeable under this Act as an unenumerated article, with a Duty of four per centum ad valorem, shall be added to the list of exemptions thereinbefore set forth, and shall be free from such Duty; and from and after the time mentioned in such Orders for the commencement of such exemptions, not being less than six months from the date thereof, such exemption shall take effect, and such article shall thenceforth, while such Order shall continue in force, be free from such Duty accordingly; and any such Order may at any time be suspended or revoked by Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, by any other Order in Council.

*And whereas*, specimens illustrative of Natural History are not enumerated in the said Table of Duties, neither are they comprised or referred to in the said Table of Exemptions: *And whereas*, Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, hath thought fit, for the encouragement of the study of Natural History, that specimens illustrative of Natural History should be exempted from the Duties imposed by the said recited Act:

Now therefore, under and by virtue of the said Act of Parliament, and in the exercise of the powers thereby in Her Majesty, in Council in that behalf vested, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered accordingly, that specimens illustrative of Natural History, being articles chargeable under the said Act with a Duty of four per centum ad valorem, shall be, and the same are hereby added



added to the list of exemptions in the said recited Act set forth; and that from and after the 1st day of February, 1844, the said articles shall be free from the said Duty as fully and effectually as if such articles had been inserted and enumerated in the said Table, at the time of passing the said Act.

And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honorable the Lord Stanley, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

## No. 12.

(See Page 45.)

CIRCULAR.

*Downing Street, 2nd October, 1843.*

MY LORD—

As the important changes which were made in the Duties upon the Importation of Goods into the British Possessions in America, by the Imperial Act of 1842, (5 and 6 Victoria, c. 49, Colonial Customs Act,) have led, and may continue to lead, to various modifications of the Import Duties imposed by the Colonial Legislatures themselves, I am anxious to be supplied with all such information as may facilitate the consideration, on the part of the Home Government, of the Tariffs of the several Colonies in which these modifications are taking place.

I therefore request that your Lordship will give the necessary directions for transmitting to me, simultaneously with the next Act which may be passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, imposing Import Duties, a carefully revised list of all other Import and Export Duties then in force in that Colony, by virtue of any Colonial Act, together with a reference to the Acts by which such Duties are respectively established.

I am desirous also to be furnished, at the same time, with a statement, containing the actual or estimated average prices of those commodities which are charged with rated Import Duties, as contradistinguished from ad valorem Duties.

I think it advisable, likewise, with a view to the more accurate appreciation of the effect of the Colonial Import Duties of the Trade of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies, that, to the above mentioned statement, should be added an account of the principal articles liable to Import Duties, imported during the previous financial year, distinguishing British from Foreign articles; and as regards those articles on which the rate of Import Duty is increased or diminished by the Act which may be transmitted, such account should be accompanied by an Estimate of the probable produce of the Duty so modified for the ensuing year.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Right Honorable VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

## No. 13.

(See Page 45.)

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No. 143.

*Downing Street, 10th November, 1843.*

MY LORD—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 160, of the 2nd May last, enclosing copies of two Reports of a Committee of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, on Post Office Affairs, together with a series of Resolutions on the same subject, passed by that House during its last Session.

I have to acquaint you, in answer, that as the important changes which have been lately made in the Post Office arrangements of Nova Scotia, and generally in British North America, were not known to them when those Resolutions were adopted by the House of Assembly; and as it is desirable that no further alterations should be made until the effect of the late measures have been ascertained, Her Majesty's Government will not at present enter upon the consideration of the topics to which their attention is more particularly called in these papers. They will, however, hereafter be ready to consider any further amendments in the Post Office arrangements of Nova Scotia, which may appear to be requisite and practicable, with reference to the state of the Revenue; but sufficient time must be allowed to test the effect of the recent alterations.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor the VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

No. 14.

(See Page 45.)

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No. 142.

*Downing Street 4th November, 1843.*

MY LORD—

I have had under consideration an Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia on the 29th March last, No. 2400, to continue and amend the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses.

The first section of this Act enacts, "that hereafter every Ship or Vessel passing through the Strait or Gut of Canso, from any Port or Place out of this Province, save and except such Ships and Vessels as are exempted, or upon which specific Duties are imposed by the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of his said late Majesty King William the Fourth, shall pay a Duty of 4d. per ton, for each and every ton of the registered burthen of such Ship or Vessel liable to pay the same, after entrance, and before departure from said Strait of Canso."

In making the following observations, I have construed this Act as not imposing any Duty upon any Vessel passing through the Strait from any Port or Place within the Province of Nova Scotia.

The wording of the clause, however, is somewhat unusual, and this, together with the existence in it of a Printer's error, makes me feel doubtful whether this is the right construction, or whether the Vessels charged are those only which come from Ports or Places within the Province. Assuming, however, the first mentioned construction, I do not perceive any sufficient ground for exempting from the charge of Light Duty, in respect to the Lights in the Straits of Canso, Vessels coming from Ports or Places within the Province; and in the absence of such grounds, the operation of this exemption is objectionable, inasmuch as it throws an excessive charge upon United States and British Vessels, which merely use the passage through the Strait, and are not trading with the Colony. I may, however, have misinterpreted this clause. At all events it would be desirable to make it more explicit, should the Act be renewed during the next Session.

I have further to observe, with reference to this class of Vessels, that it seems particularly desirable that the Light Dues charged upon them should only be just sufficient to defray the cost of the maintenance of the Lights, and the interest and sinking fund incidental to the expense of their construction, and should not operate in the nature of a tax upon such Vessels, with a view to increase the Revenue of the Colony.

I feel, therefore, unable to express an opinion as to the propriety of the proposed Duty of 4d. per ton, on Vessels passing through the Strait, until I am in possession of information with respect to the cost and expenses alluded to. Your Lordship will therefore have the goodness to furnish me with this information.

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There are other exemptions in the Nova Scotia Acts, 4 Wm. 4, cap. 25, 1st Vic. cap. 21, continued by the Act now under consideration, which require to be noticed.

By 1 Victoria, cap. 21, sec. 1, it is enacted, that "every Vessel owned and registered in the Province, of the registered burthen of seventy-five tons, or less than seventy-five tons, which shall be partly employed in the Coasting Trade of the Province, or in the Fishery, and partly in the Trade between the Province and the Island of Newfoundland; and every Vessel so owned and registered in the Province, and of the burthen of seventy-five tons, or less than seventy-five tons; as aforesaid, and which shall be partly engaged in such Coasting Trade or Fishery, and partly in the Trade from the Province to any Port or Ports in the United States of America, between Mount Desert and Cape Cod, or which may be wholly engaged in such last mentioned Trade, shall pay an annual Duty of Forty Shillings, and no more."

This section is open to a double objection, first, as giving partial relief from Light Duties to Vessels owned and registered in the Province, and which are not strictly Coasters or Droghers, an exemption which is contrary to the 14th section of the British Possessions Act, 3 and 4, Wm. 4, c. 59; secondly, as giving a preference to a class of British Vessels trading with the United States, without providing that the like privilege should be enjoyed by United States Vessels under similar circumstances.

A similar objection may also be made to the 6th and 7th sections of the Act 4, Wm. 4, cap. 25, which also give partial relief from Light Duties to Vessels owned in the Province, not being merely Coasters or Droghers.

Your Lordship will have the goodness to explain this apparent inconsistency; and until I shall have received your further Report, Her Majesty's decision upon this Act will be suspended.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor the VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

No. 15.

(See Page 45.)

[COPY.]

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of July, 1843.*

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c.

&c.

&c.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1843, pass an Act which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:

No. 2370. An Act to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.

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 to whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

WM. L. BATHURST.

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*At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of July, 1843.*

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1843, pass sixty-five Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2360. An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three, and for other purposes.

No. 2367. An Act to continue and amend the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax.

No. 2368. An Act to alter the Act, entitled, An Act to improve the administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice within this Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary therein.

No. 2372. An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province.

No. 2373. An Act to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in King's County.

No. 2374. An Act to authorize the Proprietors of Meeting Houses or Churches to raise money from the Pews of the same, for the repairing and upholding thereof.

No. 2375. An Act to authorize the Grand Jury and Court of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Lunenburg, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Chester.

No. 2376. An Act to authorize the sale of the old Court House, at Truro.

No. 2377. An Act to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine Men of the Town of Halifax.

No. 2378. An Act for making regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose.

No. 2379. An Act to amend the Act to provide for a Lock-up House and Town House at Barrington, in the County of Shelburne.

No. 2380. An Act to make perpetual the Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act to prevent Nuisances, by hedges, wears, and other incumbrances, obstructing the passage of Fish in the Rivers of this Province.

No. 2382. An Act to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors.

No. 2383. An Act for disposing of old Roads.

No. 2384. An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons.

No. 2385. An Act to divide the Township of Digby into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor.

No. 2388. An Act to extend to the Town of Sydney the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and to repeal a certain Act in relation thereto.

No. 2389. An Act to extend to the Town of New Glasgow certain Acts respecting Firewards and Fires.

No. 2390. An Act relative to the appropriation of the License Duties in the Town of Sydney.

No. 2392. An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province.

No. 2394. An Act further to amend the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.

No. 2396. An Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District for the support of the Poor.

No.

No. 2397. An Act to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Sea Ports of the Province.

No. 2398. An Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.

No. 2399. An Act to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Academy, in the County of Cape Breton, to raise money for the completion of the same.

No. 2401. An Act for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the Counties of Digby, Yarmouth, and Colchester, respectively.

No. 2405. An Act continuing and amending the Acts for granting Duties on Licensed Houses.

No. 2406. An Act to amend the Act for establishing a Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth.

No. 2407. An Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

No. 2410. An Act further concerning Fires and Firewards in Halifax.

No. 2411. An Act to continue the Acts for appointing Supervisors to take charge of Public Grounds, and for other purposes.

No. 2412. An Act to continue the Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Diseases; and for the performance of Quarantine, and the Act in amendment thereof.

No. 2413. An Act to continue the Act more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Province, and the Act in amendment thereof.

No. 2414. An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof.

No. 2415. An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Acts relating to the Commissioners of Sewers.

No. 2416. An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.

No. 2417. An Act to continue the Act for the suppression of Lotteries.

No. 2418. An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges.

No. 2419. An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same.

No. 2420. An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.

No. 2421. An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

No. 2422. An Act to continue the Act to authorize the sale of Coals by weight,

No. 2423. An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton.

No. 2424. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

No. 2425. An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.

No. 2426. An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton.

No. 2427. An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

No. 2428. An Act to continue the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of King's County.

No. 2429. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Public Landing in Windsor, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.

No. 2430. An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels.

No. 2431. An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.

No.

No. 2432. An Act to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses.

No. 2433. An Act to continue the Act in further amendment of, and additional to, the Acts relating to Trespasses.

No. 2434. An Act to continue the Acts in force to prevent Disorderly Riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of this Province.

No. 2435. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

No. 2436. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and the several Acts in amendment thereof, and additional thereto.

No. 2437. An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Militia.

No. 2438. An Act to continue the Act further to amend the Act relating to Trespasses.

No. 2439. An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.

No. 2440. An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.

No. 2441. An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Fishery in the River Shubenacadie.

No. 2442. An Act to continue the Act to suspend the operation of Acts to prevent Forestalling, Re-grating, and Monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax.

No. 2443. An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Act in amendment thereof.

No. 2444. An Act to continue and amend an Act to provide for the Accommodation and Billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, and also the Acts in amendment thereof.

No. 2445. An Act to continue the Act to prevent injuries to the Fisheries within the County of Lunenburg, by Mill Dams, or any other obstructions.

And whereas, the said Acts have been referred to 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.

(Signed)

WM. L. BATHURST.

[COPY.]

L. S.

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23rd day of August, 1843.*

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c.

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&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, 1843, pass four Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:

No. 2381. An Act respecting the measuring of Grindstones in the County of Cumberland.

No. 2386. An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Whaling Association.

No. 2393. An Act to continue and amend the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber, and to repeal certain Acts now in force.

No.

No. 2408. An Act relative to the recovery of Debts due on Policies of Insurance.

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.

(Signed) C. GREVILLE.

[COPY.]

L. S.

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23d of August, 1843.*

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 two Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2395. An Act in further addition to, and amendment of, the several Acts now in force concerning Cemeteries or Burial Grounds in the Town of Halifax.

No. 2409. An Act relating to certain Lands belonging to Her Majesty, and for vesting the Title to the same in the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department.

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 Majesty's Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) C. GREVILLE.

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L. S.

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23rd August, 1843.*

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March last, pass five Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2362. An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.

No. 2363. An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

No. 2364. An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.

No. 2365. An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.

No. 2366. An Act to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.

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.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

[COPY.]

E. S.

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23d August, 1843.*

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March last, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2404. An Act to continue and amend the Act to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands within the Province of Nova Scotia.

And whereas, the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Act should be left to its operation; Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

[COPY.]

*At the Court at Windsor, the 2d October, 1843.*

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March last, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2369. An Act repealing an Act for settling Titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton, called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.

And whereas, the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Act should be left to its operation; Her Majesty was

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was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) C. GREVILLE.

No. 16.

(See Page 52.)

PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA.

An Abstract Account of the Articles chargeable with Duty, and the amount received thereon, at this Port and Out Bays, for the Quarter ended 5th April, 1843.

Articles.	Weight or Gauge.	Value of Goods paying Advalorem Duty.	Rate of Duty.	Duties received under Acts.		Total.
				Prior to 18, Geo. 3, c. 12.	Sub. to 18, Geo. 3, c. 12.	
Brandy, Gin, & Cordials.	9695 gallons,		2s. 4d. $\frac{3}{4}$ gallon,		£1068 12 8	
Rum, .....	273 gallons.		1s. 9d. $\frac{3}{4}$ gallon,		32 7 7	
Sugar, .....	2807 cwt. 4 lb.		7s. $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.		982 9 3	
Molasses for Duty, .....	{ 8009 $\frac{1}{4}$ gallons, or 14 lb }		1d. $\frac{3}{4}$ gal. 3s. $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	£333 14 6	851 10 3	
Do. for the Fisheries, ...	38746 gallons,		1d. $\frac{3}{4}$ gallon,	161 8 10		
Wine, .....	2663 gallons,	573 6 10		22 14 5	27 0 6	
Flour for the Fisheries, ...	3719 bbls.					
Coffee, .....	464 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb		5s. $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.		116 1 6	
Cocoa, .....	25 cwt.		1s. $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.		1 5 0	
Pimento, .....	208 lb		3d. $\frac{3}{4}$ lb	0 8 8		
Clocks and Watches,						
Linen, Wire, Musical Instrmts. Books, Paper, Silk Manufactures, &c.		140 0 0	30 $\frac{3}{4}$ cent.		42 0 3	
Glass, Soap, Refined Sugar, Man. Tobacco, Cotton Manufrs.		1136 10 5	20 $\frac{3}{4}$ cent.		227 6 1	
All Goods not otherwise charged with Duty,		1400 0 0	15 $\frac{3}{4}$ cent.		210 0 2	
Raisins, Pickles, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, &c. &c.		536 1 2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ cent.		40 4 1	
				£518 6 5	£3598 17 4	£4117 3 9
<b>Out Ports.</b>						
Liverpool, ...					14 5 8	14 5 8
Lunenburg, ...					4 11 0	4 11 0
Shelburne, ...				36 17 7	12 6 5	49 4 0
Barrington, ...				Nil		
Argyle, ...				Nil		
Yarmouth, ...				24 12 1	40 19 9	65 11 10
New Edinboro', ...				Nil		
Digby, ...					6 1 3	6 1 3
Annapolis, ...				Nil		
Cornwallis, ...				Nil		
Windsor, ...					2 2 7	2 2 7
Parrsboro', ...					8 9 10	8 9 10
Pictou, ...					11 14 9	11 14 9
Cumberland, ...				Nil		
Guysboro', ...				Nil		
Wallace, ...				Nil		
Cape Breton, ...					18 4 7	18 4 7
Total.....				£579 16 1	£3717 13 2	£4297 9 3

THOS. N. JEFFERY, Collector.

Custom House, Halifax, N. S., February 14th, 1844.

PORT

## PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA.

*An Abstract Account of the Articles chargeable with Duty, and the amount received thereon, for this Port and Out Bays, for the Quarter ended 5th July, 1843.*

Articles.	Weight or Gauge.	Value of Goods paying Advan- lorem Duty.	Rate of Duty.	Duties received under Acts.		Total.
				Prior to 18, Geo. 3, c. 12.	Sub. to 18, Geo. 3, c. 12.	
Brandy, Gin, & Cordials.	1999 1/2 gallons,		2s. 4d. 3/4 gallon,		£2241 10 7	
Rum, .....	1560 gallons,		1s. 9d. 3/4 gallon,		136 3 8	
Sugar, .....	4116 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb		7s. 3/4 cwt.		1440 17 5	
Molasses for Duty,	{ 88776 gallons, or }		1d. 3/4 gal. 3s. 3/4 cwt	£369 18 0	978 3 2	
Do. for Fisheries, ...	18367 gallons,		1d. 3/4 gallon,	76 10 7		
Wine, .....	17943 gallons,	£3330 12 10		78 14 10	212 15 5	
Flour for the Fisheries, ...	6610 1/2 bbls.					
Coffee, .....	1518 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb		5s. 3/4 cwt.		379 13 10	
Beef and Pork, .....	4 cwt. 2 lb		12s. 3/4 cwt.		2 8 2	
Hams, .....	23 cwt 2 qr. 15 lb		12s. 3/4 cwt.		14 3 6	
Pimento, .....	1136 lb		1/2 d. 3/4 lb	2 7 4		
Clocks and Watches, Linen, Wire, Musi- cal Instrmts. Books, Paper, Silk Manu- factures,		217 9 8	30 3/4 cent.		65 4 11	
Glass, Soap, Refined Sugar, Man. Tobac- co, Cotton Manufrs.		1109 0 10	20 3/4 cent.		221 16 2	
All Goods not other- wise charged with Duty,		3876 11 8	15 3/4 cent.		581 9 9	
Raisins, Pickles, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, &c. &c. &c.		1064 8 10	7 1/2 3/4 cent.		79 16 8	
				£527 10 9	£6154 3 3	£6681 14 0
<b>Out Ports.</b>						
Liverpool, ...				24 6 8	78 19 0	103 5 8
Lunenburg, ...				18 9 0	39 9 4	57 18 4
Shelburne, ...					4 4 9	4 4 9
Barrington, ...				Nil		
Argyle, ...				Nil		
Yarmouth, ...				18 5 6	176 16 11	195 12 5
New Edinboro', ...				Nil		
Digby, ...				3 5 5	37 7 11	40 13 4
Annapolis, ...					13 6 8	13 6 8
Cornwallis, ...				0 9 7	1 4 4	1 13 11
Windsor, ...				0 19 7	34 14 10	35 14 5
Parrsboro', ...					3 18 1	3 18 1
Pictou, ...				0 8 2	141 4 8	141 12 10
Cumberland,				1 5 6	36 6 6	37 12 0
Guysboro', ...				Nil		
Wallace, ...				3 11 2	31 15 6	35 6 8
Cape Breton, ...					118 1 1	118 1 1
				£599 1 4	£6871 12 10	£7470 14 2

THOS. N. JEFFERY, Collector.

Custom House, Halifax, February 14th, 1844.

PORT

PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA.

An Abstract Account of the Articles chargeable with Duty, and the amount received thereon, at this Port and Out Bays, in the Quarter ended 10th October, 1843.

Articles.	Weight or Gauge.	Value of Goods paying advalorem Duty.	Rate of Duty.	Duties under Act 5 and 6 Victoria, c. 49.
Brandy, Gin, & Cordials,.....	10305 gallons,		1s. pr gallon,	£391 1 7
Rum,.....	4040 gallons,		6d. pr gallon,	101 0 0
Sugar, (unrefined) .....	4405 cwt. 2 qr.		5s. pr cwt.	1101 7 6
Molasses for Duty, .....	5525 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb		3s. pr cwt.	828 16 4
Flour (Wheat).....	9116½ bbls.		2s. pr bbl.	911 13 0
Cheese, .....	9 cwt. 11 lb		5s. pr cwt.	2 5 6
Coffee, .....	228 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb		5s. pr cwt.	57 1 6
Cocoa, .....	29 cwt. 2 qr.		1s. pr cwt.	1 9 6
Tea, .....	2441 lb		1d. pr lb.	10 3 5
Glass Manufactures, Silk ditto, } and Spermaceti,		£364 16 0	15 pr cent.	54 14 5
Wine, Cotton, Linen, Woollen, Leather, and Paper Manu- factures, Hardware, Clocks & Watches, Manufactured To- bacco, Soap, Candles, Corks, Cordage and Oakum,		4855 9 6	7 pr cent.	339 17 8
All Goods not otherwise charg- ed with Duty,		3333 15 0	4 pr cent.	133 8 8
Molasses entered for the Fisheries,	587 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.			
				£3932 19 1
<b>Out Ports.</b>				
Liverpool, ... ..				181 8 7
Lunenburg, ... ..				16 8 3
Shelburne, ... ..				56 6 3
Barrington, ... ..				Nil
Argyle, ... ..				Nil
Yarmouth, ... ..				275 5 1
New Edinboro', ... ..				Nil
Digby, ... ..				40 18 9
Annapolis, ... ..				Nil
Cornwallis, ... ..				Nil
Windsor, ... ..				37 1 0
Parrsboro', ... ..				15 13 7
Pietou, ... ..				80 8 8
Cumberland, ... ..				16 12 3
Guysboro', ... ..				Nil
Wallace, ... ..				20 15 6
Cape Breton, ... ..				332 2 0
				£5005 19 0

THOS. N. JEFFERY, Collector.

Custom House, Halifax, February 14th, 1844.

## PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA.

*An Abstract Account of the Articles chargeable with Duty, and the amount received thereon, at this Port and Out Bays, in the Quarter ended 5th January, 1844.*

Articles.	Weight or Gauge.	Value of Goods paying Advalorem Duty.	Rate of Duty.	Duties under Act 5 and 6 Victoria, c 49
Brandy, Gin, & Cordials, .....	9117½ gallons,		1d. 7⁄8 gallon,	£346 10 9
Rum, .....	6042 gallons,		6d. 7⁄8 gallon,	151 1 0
Sugar, (unrefined) .....	4123 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb		5s. 7⁄8 cwt.	1030 17 8
Ditto, (refined).....		£1834 11 8	10 7⁄8 cent. advalorem,	183 9 2
Molasses, .....	10313 cwt. 3 qr.		3s. 7⁄8 cwt.	1547 1 3
Flour, (Wheat) .....	10897½ bbls.		2s. 7⁄8 bbl.	1089 15 0
Cheese, .....	84 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb		5s. 7⁄8 cwt.	21 1 9
Coffee, .....	136 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb		5s. 7⁄8 cwt.	34 2 9
Cocoa, .....	30 cwt.		1s. 7⁄8 cwt.	1 10 0
Tea, .....	26199 lb		1d. 7⁄8 lb	109 3 3
Hams, .....	18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb		3s. 7⁄8 cwt.	2 16 2
Glass Manufactures, Silk Manu- factures, and Spermaceti,		320 19 5	15 7⁄8 cent.	2 16 2
Wine, Cotton, Linen, Woollen, Leather, and Paper Manu- factures, Hardware, Clocks & Watches, Manufactured To- bacco, Soap, Candles, Corks, Cordage and Oakum,		5240 15 6	7 7⁄8 cent.	366 17 1
All Goods not otherwise charg- ed with Duty,		5393 15 0	4 7⁄8 cent.	215 15 0
				£5148 3 9
<b>Out Ports.</b>				
Liverpool, ... ..				68 0 10
Lunenburg, ... ..				3 4 4
Shelburne, ... ..				39 3 7
Barrington, ... ..				Nil
Argyle, ... ..				Nil
Yarmouth, ... ..				353 13 3
New Edinboro', ... ..				Nil
Digby, ... ..				29 4 1
Annapolis, ... ..				Nil
Cornwallis, ... ..				Nil
Windsor, ... ..				33 8 7
Parrsboro', ... ..				5 7 4
Pictou, ... ..				78 15 10
Cumberland, ... ..				5 10 9
Guysboro', ... ..				0 3 6
Wallace, ... ..				5 3 11
Cape Breton, ... ..				144 12 0
				£5914 11 9

THOS. N. JEFFERY, Collector.

Custom House, Halifax, February 14th, 1844.

No. 17.

(See Page 52.)

[COPY.]

No. 155.

Downing Street, 3d February, 1844.

MY LORD—

I have had under consideration an Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, on the 29th March, 1843, entitled, "An Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province," and I have to call your Lordship's attention to the following observations upon it:

The 4th clause declares "that it shall not be lawful for the Collector or other principal Officer or Officers of the Customs within this Province, to grant any clearance to any such Ship or Vessel so bringing any Passenger or Passengers into this Province, as afore-said,

said, until the said sum of 5s. for each and every Passenger, shall be paid, as hereinbefore directed.

The provision is highly objectionable, inasmuch as it interferes with the entry or clearance of Vessels, as prescribed by the Act of Parliament, 3 and 4, William 4, cap. 59.

The proper mode of carrying out the wishes of the Provincial Legislature in this respect, would be to make the tax payable to some Officer nominated by the Lieutenant-Governor to collect it, with power for the recovery of the same by summary process before a Magistrate, and by subjecting Masters of Vessels to penalties, in default of making such declaration as is provided for in the 1st clause of the Act, or for departing, or attempting to depart, from any Port of the Colony, without obtaining a certificate from the Officer appointed to collect the tax, that it had been duly paid. There would be no objection to the nomination, by the Lieutenant-Governor, of the Officers of Customs at the different Ports of the Province, to collect the tax and grant the certificate in question, with the understanding that provision be made by the Provincial Legislature for the performance of these duties, in such manner as shall not interfere with any which they may be required to execute under the provisions of the Act of Parliament. The 11th clause provides that if any Passenger landed from any Vessel which shall not have cleared out for a Port in Nova Scotia, shall have required aid, either from the Public Treasury, or from the Poor fund, or from any Overseer of the Poor of any Township or Settlement in the Province, and such public aid shall have been provided for the support and sustenance of such Passenger, the Master of the Vessel, and the Vessel, shall be responsible to the extent of the money advanced, and the Vessel shall not be cleared out or suffered to depart until the money shall be repaid. Now various circumstances might arise, under which a Passenger might become chargeable to the Colony; which are entirely independent of the obligations of the Master or Owner of the Ship, towards the Passenger. If the Passenger become chargeable through default or neglect of the Master, or if the Colony be put to any expense for necessities supplied to a Passenger, which the Master or Owner of the Vessel is bound to provide, it would be very reasonable that the expense incurred by the Colony should be charged on the Master or on the Vessel, but it would be unjust to render the Master or Owner liable beyond this. To go further might make them responsible for consequences arising from the imprudence or misconduct of the Passenger on shore, which the Master can neither prevent nor control.

Again, the 12th clause enacts, "that if any Vessel having Passengers on board, shall be wrecked on the Coasts of the Province, and such Passengers are likely to become chargeable, and any part of the Vessel, or her furniture or appurtenances be saved, and the Owner or Master shall not provide for the maintenance of such Passengers, and their transport to the place of destination, the Collector of Customs at the Port nearest to the wreck, or other person appointed by the Governor, is to take charge of the wreck, furniture, and appurtenances, to sell the same, and to pay monies due for salvage, and wages of seamen; to deduct sums necessary to defray the sustenance and transport of Passengers; and to pay the balance to the Owner or the Master."

This provision is objectionable, inasmuch as it might, in cases where it is enforced, operate, not on the Owner or Master, but upon the Insurer. In such a case of wreck as that contemplated, the Master or Owner might abandon the Vessel to the Insurers, and would thus not be affected by the sale of the wreck and appurtenances; on the contrary, it would be to the advantage of the Owner, and probably to the convenience of the Master, if the proceeds of the wreck and appurtenances could be so applied, through the intervention of the local authorities of the Colony, whilst the loss sustained by the Owners, would be compensated by the Insurers.

It is probable that the Courts of Law or Equity would find some mode of preventing this unjust and anomalous result, but I cannot advise Her Majesty to sanction an enactment which would produce it.

Moreover, if the Ship be uninsured, it would be unjust towards the Ship Owner, who may not have entered into any engagement with the Emigrants, but who may merely have let his Ship to hire; that his property in the wreck should be confiscated for the payment

payment of the maintenance and conveyance of the Emigrants, for which he had been in no respect liable.

Your Lordship will take the necessary means for bringing the preceding objections to this Act, under the notice of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province. In the meantime, and until I shall have been informed of their views on the subject, Her Majesty's decision on the Act will be suspended.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

No. 18.

(See Page 52.)

*Government House, Kingston, 2d January, 1844.*

MY LORD—

With reference to my Letter of the 24th November last, relative to the Light Houses of St. Paul and Scattarie, I have the honor to inform your Excellency, that I have given instructions for the payment of the amount due to the Government of Nova Scotia, for the years 1841 and 1842; and that there will be no delay in acquitting the charge for 1843, as soon as the amount be known.

With respect to making a permanent provision for this payment, by an Act of the Legislature, that desirable object shall be kept in view; but it may be apprehended, that, as there are several similar items of expenditure which are annually provided for, there would be an objection to making an exception of this one; and if due regularity be in future observed with regard to this payment, the necessity for such a course will be obviated.

I have the honor to be,  
My Lord, &c. &c.

(Signed)

C. T. METCALF.

His Excellency VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

No. 19.

(See Page 53.)

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*Illustrious, Halifax, 23d October, 1843.*

MY LORD—

During the time Captain Owen was lately here in Her Majesty's Steam Ship Columbia, in which he is employed on the Survey of the Shores of the Bay of Fundy, I took the opportunity of conversing with him on many points connected with the Navigation on the Coasts of this Province, as well as on the other parts of the Coasts on which he is employed; and I invited him to commit to paper what occurred to him to be necessary to improve the Navigation by the erection of Light Houses. He has, in consequence, addressed a Letter to me, of which I have inclosed a copy, for your Excellency's information.

I am fully aware that much has been done by the Legislature of this Province, of late years, to improve the Navigation on its Coasts by means of Light Houses, but there is still much to be done; and I consider it very useful to have the opinion of an officer, who, like Captain Owen, has so much ability, as well as experience, upon the subject.

Your Lordship is aware that I entirely agree with him as to the paramount necessity of having a Light House on Cape Haute; and I fully concur with him in opinion as to the

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the propriety of erecting one as soon as may be on the Coast between this Harbor and Cape Canso, which, I believe is already in contemplation ; but I consider it, for the reasons so ably stated in Captain Owen's Letter, essential that time should not be lost in erecting a Light House on Cape Latour.

From the manner in which your Lordship has communicated with me on this important subject of lighting the Coasts of the Province, and from the personal interest you take in what relates to the benefit of the Province, I am certain that I need not apologise for drawing your attention to what I now bring to your notice.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

CHARLES ADAM,

Vice Admiral and Commander in Chief.

His Excellency VISCOUNT FALKLAND, Lieutenant-Governor, &c. &c., Nova Scotia.

[COPY.]

*H. M. Steam Surveying Vessel Columbia,  
Halifax, 9th October, 1843.*

SIR—

I am obliged, by your permission, to offer my views on Light House Establishments, and on subjects which concern the interests of these Provinces as to their Commerce and Navigation ; and take advantage of your condescension to draw your attention to the fact, that by a liberal and truly enlightened view of their best interests, which are involved in Commercial exchanges, the United States have placed Light Houses on all their Coasts wherever they can be required, so that in the whole range of their Coast from East to West, a Vessel will never be out of sight of a Light to direct them—to which, I believe, is mainly to be attributed the extraordinary increase of their Coasting Trade within a very few years, and which renders the approach to their Coasts, otherwise of a dangerous character, perfectly safe and commodious for Foreign as well as Domestic Commerce.

Adopting this principle, involving as it does so many of the seeds of National prosperity, that to encourage Commercial enterprise by Navigation on every part of the Coast, safe Navigation must be rendered as easy as possible, even to the unlettered and ignorant, and therefore, that Light Houses should be established on every point where they can be useful for this end.

The Coasts of New Brunswick, in the Bay of Fundy, are now pretty well lighted ; nor does any spot immediately suggest itself thereon, where an additional Light could be advantageously placed, for the system of the United States has been there well carried out, principally, I believe, by the great attention of Laughlan Donaldson, Esq., now Mayor of St. John, N. B.

The Coasts of Nova Scotia, within the Bay of Fundy, are very insufficiently lighted. Nova Scotia has not one Light House Eastward of Digby Light ; and no provision is made for the approaches to the Basin of Mines, or to Cumberland Basin, by night.

It appears to me that a Light on the summit of Isle Haute, belonging to Nova Scotia, would effect all that could be immediately done for the safety of the Navigation of the head of the Bay of Fundy. This would be an excellent mark for Quaco Ledge, the principal, and, indeed, the only danger which seems necessary to guard against by such means, North and East of Grand Manan ; and it would be a Beacon that would make the approaches to Cumberland and Windsor Basins as easy and simple by night as by day, when seen.

Of the Light Houses for particular Ports, there does not, in the present state of the population of the Shores of the Bay of Fundy, appear to be an immediate occasion for any Light House, except for Windsor, which is a place of rising importance, and a Tide Light there would be very advantageous. On this subject I had the honor to address a letter to His Excellency Lord Falkland, which does not appear to have fallen under His Lordship's notice, being as yet unacknowledged. The point of Cape Sable, extending

from Cape Sable, Seal Island, on the West, to Cape Negro on the East, ten leagues, is a point of land very important indeed to the Bay of Fundy, and to the Trade of Nova Scotia, both Foreign and Domestic, for that point must be rounded by all Vessels entering the Bay of Fundy. But Ships from the Ocean, or from this Coast, dare not now approach that portion of the Coast by night, but pass it far to the Southward, particularly if the weather be boisterous, and sometimes at very great inconvenience by loss of time, and becoming subject to other dangers on the Coast of the United States; for if they depend on the Light House on the Southern Seal Island, they are, in coming from the Eastward, past every danger before they can see it; and the Brazil Rock, two leagues off shore, though small, is a serious danger, for which there exists no good mark by night or by day—all which renders this part a feverish point for Navigators, and the numerous wrecks there attest its dangers.

If there were a Light House on Cape Latour, the next point Eastward of Cape Sable, and about five miles distant from the Brazil Rock, that part of the Coast might be approached fearlessly by day or night, and the Western extremity of Nova Scotia be rounded with perfect safety at all times, which would be an incalculable benefit, and encouragement to the Navigation and Commerce of these Colonies.

The parts I have taken leave to mention are within those limits assigned to me by my Lords of the Admiralty for critical survey; but if I may be permitted to extend my views to the whole range of the S. E. part of Nova Scotia—it is lamentable to see a Coast situated in the midst of an inexhaustible Fishery, affording shelter almost at every league, with these advantages for the most part locked up, and excluded from full intercourse with the world at large, and from the use of its own native inhabitants, by having so few Light Houses to give confidence and security to Navigators. Were this Country in the hands of the United States, it is not too much to aver, from what they have done in this particular, that it would, most probably, be very soon studded with Light Houses—and that, with the Commerce and Fisheries thus facilitated, population would increase in a manifold progression. But it appears very extraordinary indeed, that in the whole distance from Cape Sambro to Cranberry Island, a distance of about fifty-five leagues of Coast, studded with ledges and dangers, there is not now one intervening Light House—and the frequent occurrence of wrecks bears sufficient testimony of their need. If our poverty prevents their erection, it is deplorable—if our negligence, it is reprehensible. My knowledge of this Coast, in detail, is too limited to justify my mentioning any particular point as the most appropriate for a Light House between these extreme points; but it suggests itself, naturally, that the most projecting Islands, and Points, and Rocks, are most proper to be first lighted, as affording the greatest facility and best security for general Navigation.

If these subjects were brought under the notice of the different Legislatures in these Provinces, and of the Colonial Office, by the Commander in Chief on this Naval Station, and recommended, as he would be able to do, by his own professional judgment, we might hope to see measures very speedily in operation for the satisfactory progress of these invaluable aids to safe Navigation and enlarged Commerce.

I beg your indulgence for presuming to call your attention to these subjects, and remain,

With great respect, &c.

(Signed)

W. F. W. OWEN,

Captain, R. N. and Naval Surveyor.

Vice Admiral SIR CHARLES ADAM, K. C. B., Commander in Chief, &c. &c.



[COPY.]

*H. M. S. Columbia, Halifax Harbor, 28th July, 1843.*

MY LORD—

I have deferred addressing your Excellency on the subject of the Survey entrusted to my direction by the Lords of the Admiralty, because I have already, in person, reported the same to your Lordship, and because I had not, until very lately, in person examined the Basin of Mines, so as to enable me to offer a decisive opinion on the subject which your Lordship was then pleased to refer to me, viz: the most appropriate position for a Light House for that part of the Bay of Fundy. I have now seen the places among which one is to be chosen, and have well considered their comparative merits.

The Light Houses at St. John, Quaco, and Cape Enragè, seem to have provided all that can be immediately required on the Coast of New Brunswick. But for the general Navigation of the head of the Bay of Fundy, which only contains one serious danger, (Quaco Ledge) a Light House on Isle Haute, would be of the greatest service to Navigation and Commerce, and be a sure guide to enter the Basin of Mines, as well as to avoid Quaco Ledge.

The Northern Shores of the Basin of Mines present no dangerous obstacles to free Navigation, and the races or rips off Cape D'Or, and Cape Split, the only inconveniences, for avoiding which, a Light on Isle Haute would offer a very convenient means. But if the object of the Legislature of Nova Scotia be limited to the rendering the Navigation to Windsor and its River more safe and simple, a position should be chosen expressly for this object, which must either be on the Parrsborough Shore or Horton Bluff, and the former seems to me too remote from the dangers to be avoided, and the latter site appears well calculated to enable Vessels to pass safely in and out of the Avon, or Windsor River, in the night, which is very desirable indeed in some circumstances of heavy winds. A Light House on Partridge Island appears to promise no useful resource, either for general Navigation, or for the River of Windsor and its dangers; but a Light House on Horton Bluff, would, as it appears to me, be very useful for the whole Bay of Cornwallis, between Cape Blomidon and Windsor.

I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordship's information, an extract from my orders, which make the Coasts of Nova Scotia a scene of my future operations, and request your Excellency will please to give directions to Magistrates and Officers generally, to aid the Officers under my orders in the execution of this service as much as we may reasonably hope.

I can only add, that I shall be proud at all times to receive your Excellency's commands, and will, so far as my orders permit, meet any expressed wishes with which your Excellency may honor me,

Who am, My Lord,

Your Lordship's humble Servant,

W. F. W. OWEN,

Captain, R. N., and Naval Surveyor.

To His Excellency LORD FALKLAND, Lieutenant-Governor, Nova Scotia.

*Extract from Captain Owen's Instructions, dated 5th August, 1842,*

“WHEREAS, the Charts of the Bay of Fundy, with its Islands, Rivers and Roadsteads, as well as those of the several parts of the adjacent Coasts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, are in various places exceedingly erroneous: *And whereas*, the extraordinary fluctuation of the tides in that Bay renders an exact delineation of its banks, shoals, and depths, most essentially necessary: *And whereas*, the population along its Coasts, and the consequent intercourse between its Ports, have much increased of late years, and therefore a fuller acquaintance with its maritime resources is required, in order to lead to a still further development of its Commerce and industry: we have determined to have an elaborate

elaborate Survey made of the whole of that District, and we have thought fit to appoint you to conduct this Survey, not only from the skill and experience you have shown on former Surveys, but from the local knowledge you have acquired during your long residence in its vicinity.

We have therefore placed Her Majesty's Steam Vessel *Columbia*, commanded by Lieutenant Alfred Kortright, at your disposal for those purposes. We have supplied her with every instrument and implement requisite for an extensive Survey—we have given strict orders to her Commander, and to her several Officers, Petty Officers, and Crew, to follow your directions, and to obey your orders, as strictly and minutely to all intents and purposes, as if you were yourself her immediate Captain; and we authorize you to engage two additional Vessels, provided the cost of both does not exceed the sum of £500 Sterling, in order to afford the means of extensive triangulation, and to expedite, by the division of labor, the various and closely connected lines of soundings.

And you are hereby required and directed, from the moment that Lieutenant Kortright delivers to you these orders, to take the whole charge and direction of the Survey into your own hands, and to pursue it with your usual energy.

We leave entirely to your discretion, the order in which you may find it expedient to undertake the several divisions of the Survey, and the means which you may think proper to adopt in combining them; but we desire that every part of the work may be executed with that fullness and precision which will admit of no future doubt, and which will leave no room for repetition.

The outline of the Coast is to be traced with scrupulous accuracy; the soundings are to be so reasonably close that there can be no probability of intervening rocks and shallows; the Rivers and Creeks are to be examined and laid down up to the first Bridge, or if there be no Bridge, up to that point where they cease to be navigable by boats, either for the purpose of War or Commerce; and the features of the Country in the neighbourhood of the shore, together with its general character, and the position of all Towns, Hamlets, and remarkable Houses, or other objects, are to be included in the Survey, as well as the situations of Mills or Factories, of Quarries or Coal Beds, and of the large Timber, and convenient watering places.

You will also take a suitable opportunity of measuring the actual breadth of the Isthmus, and of determining the corresponding levels of the high and low water marks at the head of the Bay of Fundy, as compared with those of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

A complete account of the prodigious tides in the Bay of Fundy, with the times at which the stream turns at different distances from the Shores, will be of great use to the Navigators, but it will also furnish data of considerable value to those Philosophers who are now investigating the general principles of that important and interesting subject, and as a constant half hourly register of the rise and fall of the tides at one or two places, will be absolutely necessary for your sounding operations, and as it will not materially increase the expense, if by Tide Gauges at one or two additional stations, you can combine the phenomena of the whole Bay, and show the progress and inclinations of the Tidal wave on both its shores, we desire that you will consider the best means of effecting this object, with a due regard to economy."

No. 20.

(See Page 53.)

[COPY.]

*Government House, Prince Edward Island, 15th May, 1843.*

MY LORD—

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship the Memorial of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company, in which it is prayed by that body to be remunerated for the services performed by their Steamer, the *St. George*, from the time of that Vessel succeeding the *Pocohontas*, up to the period of the closing of the Navigation last year.

I feel it unnecessary to do more than present this subject to your Lordship, fully satisfied that it will be considered with perfect impartiality, and all the liberality which can fairly be extended to it.

I have, &c.

H. V. HUNTLEY,  
Lieutenant-Governor.

His Excellency LORD FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

*Charlotte Town, P. E. Island, May 15, 1843.*

To His Excellency LORD FALKLAND,  
Lieutenant-Governor, &c., Nova Scotia,

*The Memorial of the Directors of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company,*

SHEWETH:

That whilst the Memorialists desire most thankfully to acknowledge the favorable Grant which the Legislature of Nova Scotia has been pleased to make to the Proprietors of the St. George for the ensuing season, they are constrained, by the absence of all notice or information of its intentions, with respect to that part of their Memorial of February last, which adverted to the services performed by the St. George during the last year, again to solicit attention to the following representation:

That the St. George commenced her operations for the season on the 18th of August, 1842, and continued to run weekly between Pictou and Miramichi; and as often as the weather, and other circumstances, permitted, touching at Pictou twice in the week until the end of the month of November. That the St. George was employed on this service at a very great expense to the Proprietors, in the expectation that the Company would be entitled thereby to the remuneration proffered by the Legislature of Nova Scotia for such services. It is true that the Grant was made to Pocohontas, she being on the station at the time, (as the present Grant is made to St. George,) but it may be presumed, that if the St. George should be withdrawn, and a more powerful Steam Boat substituted, that the Legislature would not object to the claim on that account.

The Memorialists do therefore, with great respect, beg to submit to your Excellency's consideration their present application, with a view to the obtaining payment to them, on account of the St. George, of such surplus of the Grant ordered to Pocohontas, as she failed to acquire title to by lapse of service; and also, of the sum of Fifty Pounds offered in addition, to effect a communication between Pictou and Miramichi once in two weeks, but which the St. George accomplished weekly.

(Signed)

CHARLES HENSLEY,  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

No. 21.

(See Page 53.)

[COPY.]

*General Post Office, Halifax, February 9th, 1844.*

SIR—

I would respectfully beg to request that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor will be pleased to bring under the notice of the Legislature, that provision may be made to cover any deficiency which may arise in the Post Office Revenue for the present year. As I am unable to form any estimate of the probable amount which would be required for such deficiency, owing to a want of information respecting the practical result of the alter-

ration recently introduced into the Department, consequent upon the Treasury Warrant, dated 11th October, 1843, yet I am in hopes the deficiency will not be so great as in the preceding year, in consequence of the total abolition of the Franking privilege enjoyed by the Deputy Post Masters, &c., and the tax charged upon Newspapers, and other printed sheets, passing through the Post Office—the sums derivable from which were formerly the perquisite of the Deputy Post Master General, but which will now be merged into the general Revenue of the Department.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

A. WOODGATE.

SIR RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart. &c. &c. &c.

No. 22.

(See Page 53.)

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

*The Petition of John Murray and Tracy G. Harding, both of Yarmouth, in the Province of Nova Scotia, Merchants.*

HUMBLY SHEWETH—

That by an Act passed during the last Session of the Legislature, the sum of Five Hundred Pounds in each year, for the present and the next ensuing year, was granted to be paid to any person or persons as should, in each year, first establish and run *Weekly*, a suitable Steam Boat between Yarmouth and Halifax, touching at the intermediate Ports of Liverpool and Lunenburg, to be drawn by warrant from the Treasury, when it should be certified to the satisfaction of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, that such Boat had plied between the several Ports, as hereinbefore mentioned, for seven months in each year.

That James Whitney, of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, the Proprietor of a Steam Boat called the "Saxe Gotha," has placed said Boat on the line between Yarmouth and Halifax, and induced the Public to believe that she would afford that regularity of communication between the Western Ports, contemplated by the Act.

That your Petitioners, from the numerous complaints they have heard, together with the disappointments which they have personally experienced, are perfectly satisfied, that the running of the Saxe Gotha and North America, the latter Boat having been also on the line, has been so very irregular, and so little disposition shown to accommodate or promote the public interest, with regard to punctuality, that the Proprietor of said Boats ought not to receive any part of the said Bounty or Grant.

That your Petitioner, John Murray, has been detained eighteen days in Halifax, in bad health, and to the great injury of his private business, waiting for a passage to Yarmouth by the Saxe Gotha, during which time she has lost one entire trip, notwithstanding which she has been turned off the line on her proper sailing day, by Mr. Binney, the Proprietor's Agent at Halifax, to accommodate private views, and will only perform two trips in four weeks, instead of one in each week, as required by the Act, and causing three weeks detention to your Petitioner before he can reach Yarmouth—in consequence of which, with a previous disappointment, also occasioned by their irregularity, your Petitioner can show that he has sustained a direct loss of more than Fifty Pounds.

That your Petitioner, Tracy G. Harding, came Passenger from Yarmouth in the Saxe Gotha, and arrived at Halifax on last Thursday morning, when he was informed by Captain Brown, the master, that he would sail on his return to Yarmouth, at eleven o'clock on the following day, Friday.

That

That being particularly anxious to get home, at this late time of the Season, your Petitioner, the said Tracy G. Harding, with much trouble and disadvantage, succeeded in selecting the various articles which he came to purchase, and was ready to sail at the time appointed, but to his great disappointment, was told that the Boat had been engaged to proceed to Margaret's Bay, on Electioneering purposes, and would not start for Yarmouth before next Wednesday, thereby detaining your Petitioner nearly one week.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly and respectfully pray your Excellency not to sanction the drawing from the Treasury any part of the Five Hundred Pounds, granted to encourage the running a Steamboat between Halifax and the Western Sea Ports of this Province, until the matter be submitted to the Legislature, as it is evident that the conditions of the Act have not been complied with, and instead of the public receiving any benefit from the running of said Boats, individuals have suffered serious loss and disappointment through such irregularity, and to which they would not otherwise have been liable.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray, &c. &c.

JOHN MURRAY,  
T. G. HARDING.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, 21st November, 1843,

To His Excellency the Right Honorable LUCIUS BENTINCK VISCOUNT FALKLAND,  
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, &c. &c. &c

*The Petition of James Whitney.*

HUMBLY SHEWETH—

That your Petitioner has seen with no small surprise the copy of a Petition from John Murray and T. G. Harding, two persons residing at Yarmouth, praying your Excellency not to sanction the drawing from the Treasury any part of the £500 granted by the Legislature, for running a Steamer between Halifax and the Western Ports of this Province, in consequence of the irregularity of the said Steamer. That the said John Murray states he was detained 18 days in Halifax, in bad health, seriously affecting his private business, whereby, together with a former disappointment, he sustained a loss of £50. Mr. Harding also states he was kept from Friday till the following Wednesday.

Your Petitioner would state to your Excellency a few facts relative to this asserted irregularity, as well as the withdrawal of the Steamer from her rout to suit private views, as complained of; and no Boats could possibly be more regular than the Saxe Gotha and North America was on the rout, till the period referred to in these two persons Petitions. That on the North America's voyage between Boston and Yarmouth, immediately preceding, she was run into by a Ship bound into the Bay of Fundy, which so much disabled her, that, on a survey held at Yarmouth, she was considered incompetent to proceed to this Port, and recommended in that survey to proceed to Saint John, the nearest Port where such damage could be repaired. That on the North America's arrival at St. John, the Saxe Gotha was absent on a trip—that as soon as she returned, she was cleared instantly for Yarmouth, Liverpool, Lunenburg, and Halifax, which was on Friday, the 10th day of November—that a gale sprang up on that day, which rendered it impossible for her to go to sea until the following Monday evening—that she then started, and arrived at Halifax on Thursday. That the Agent of your Petitioner, at this Port, knowing the Steamer had done but small business throughout the season, and being offered two or three days of profitable employment for her, and considering he was consulting the owner's interest, after getting the consent of *all* the Passengers, and which was most cheerfully given, (those two persons not being known as Passengers, having never booked,) accepted the offer, and sent her to Margaret's Bay, of course without the owner's knowledge, he being in St. John.

That your Petitioner does most solemnly assert, and assures your Excellency, that no person could have strove more than he has done the whole season to insure punctuality, and which your Excellency will agree with him is for *his* interest to do, to insure travel; and

and but for the collision at sea, which no foresight or prudence of *his* could avert, there would have been no interruption the whole season, save and except this trip to Margaret's Bay, which have given such offence to those persons. As to Messrs. Murray and Harding, had they have booked themselves, as all other Passengers did, they would have been consulted with those other Passengers, and in case of demur, she would have gone to Yarmouth with them. As to the former disappointment mentioned in Mr. Murray's Petition, that, I understand, originated with himself, the Steamer on that occasion being kept a full hour; and Mr. Murray came down in a state of intoxication about ten minutes after she had left. Your Petitioner's Agent is accused of sending the Boat to accommodate private views—this is erroneous, as the Boat was up for profit, and would have been equally open to any party who would have made application, and tendered larger pay.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JAMES WHITNEY.

Halifax, 24th November, 1843.

No. 23.

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*Province of Nova Scotia,*

To THOMAS JOST,

For Sundries furnished to Master, Mate, and nine distressed Seamen, the Crew of the Brig "William Rippon," Henry Brown, Master, which Vessel was sunk off Cape North on the 29th April last, at 6 o'clock, A. M., the Crew having reached Sydney in a most destitute situation, were, by order of the Magistrates, supplied with necessary clothing, and furnished with Board and Lodging, until they were sufficiently recovered to be employed.

Amount supplied by Thomas Jost, per Bill,	No. 1.	£15	10	0
Amount supplied by Messrs. Archibald & Co.,	No. 2.	10	8	0
Board and Lodging furnished by W. Bath,	No. 3.	2	12	6
		£28 10 6		

THOMAS JOST.

Sydney, Cape Breton, 10th May, 1843.

We, the undersigned Magistrates, do certify that the Master, Mate, and Crew of the Brig "William Rippon," Henry Brown, Master, sunk off Cape North, arrived at this place, after having experienced great suffering, and in extreme distress. We authorised the above articles to be supplied, and Board and Lodging to be furnished, to relieve the unfortunate sufferers from their very destitute and distressed situation, and therefore recommend to the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that the sum incurred, amounting to Twenty Eight Pounds Ten Shillings and Six-pence, be paid to the order of Mr. Thomas Jost.

CHARLES E. LEONARD, J. P.  
 P. H. CLARKE, J. P.  
 S. G. ARCHIBALD, J. P.  
 W. OUSELEY, J. P.  
 J. BOURINOT, J. P.  
 CHARLES F. BARRINGTON, J. P.  
 P. L. DODD, J. P.  
 N. H. MARTIN, J. P.

Sydney, Cape Breton, 30th May, 1843.

*The Magistrates of Sydney, for Crew of Brig "William Rippon,"*

## BOUGHT OF THOMAS JOST,

7 Shirts, at 3s. 6d.,	£1 4 6
3 pair Shoes, at 8s. 6d.	1 5 6
2 pair do. at 9s. 6d.,	0 19 0
4 Jackets, at 20s.,	4 0 0
1 do. at 14s. 6d.,	0 14 6
2 pair Drawers, at 5s. 9.,	0 11 6
1 " Trowsers, at 10s. 9d.,	0 10 9
2 " Socks, at 1s. 6d.,	0 3 0
1 " Drawers, 5s. 6d., 1 Lambs Wool Shirt, 7s. 6d.,	0 13 0
1 Vest, 7s. 6d., 1 Handkerchief, 1s. 3d.,	0 8 9
1 Hat, 13s., 1 pair Blankets, 22s. 6d.,	1 15 6
4 pair Trowsers, at 8s. 9d.,	1 15 0
3 " Drawers, at 5s. 6d.,	0 16 6
5 Hats, at 2s. 6d.	0 12 6
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	£15 10 0

The above articles were supplied by Mr. Thomas Jost, at the request of the Magistrates.

Certified,

HY. BROWN.

Sydney, 9th March, 1843.

*Account of Sundries furnished by Archibald & Co., to destitute Seamen, the Crew of the Brig "William Rippon," Captain Brown, wrecked on the 27th ult., off Cape North.*

1843.

May 6.—To Captain Brown—1 pair Shoes, 12s. 6d., 2 pair Socks, 2s. 6d., 1 pair Slippers, 5s.,	£1 0 0
" " Robert Dryden—1 pair Shoes, 12s. 6d., 1 pair Drawers, 4s. 6d., 1 pair Socks, 1s. 3d., 1 pair Trowsers, 9s., 1 Cap, 3s. 4d.,	1 10 7
" " William Fuester—1 pair Shoes, 12s. 6d., 1 pair Drawers, 4s. 6d., 1 pair Socks, 1s. 3d., 1 pair Trowsers, 9s., 1 Cap, 3s. 4d.,	1 10 7
" " Gilbert Slayter—1 pair Shoes, 12s. 6d., 1 pair Drawers, 4s. 6d. 1 pair Trowsers, 9s., 1 pair Socks, 1s. 3d., 1 Cap, 3s. 4d., 1 pair Braces, 10d.,	1 11 5
" " James Avendon—1 pair Shoes, 12s. 6d., 1 pair Drawers, 4s. 6d., 1 pair Trowsers, 9s., 1 pair Socks, 1s. 3d., 1 Cap, 3s. 4d., 1 pair Braces, 10d.,	1 11 5
" " William Harrington—1 pair Shoes, 12s. 6d., 1 pair Drawers, 4s. 6d., 1 pair Trowsers, 9s., 1 pair Socks, 1s. 3d., 1 Cap, 3s. 4d., 1 Jacket, 15s., 1 pair Braces, 10d.,	2 6 5
" 9 Robert Dryden—1 Jacket, 15s., 1 Shirt, 3s.,	0 18 0
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	£10 8 5

I hereby certify to all whom it may concern, that the above articles, amounting to Ten Pounds Eight Shillings and Five Pence, Currency, were furnished by Messrs. Archibald & Co., to myself and the above named Seamen, part of the Crew of the Brig William Rippon, of Sunderland, bound to Quebec, and wrecked off Cape North, on the 27th ult., which Crew reached this with myself, on the 5th instant, in a very destitute situation.

HY. BROWN.

*The Magistrates of Sydney, Cape Breton,*

To WILLIAM BATH,

For Board and Lodging furnished, of Captain, Mate, and nine Seamen of Brig "William Rippon," Henry Brown, Master, by order of the Magistrates.

Captain Brown and Mate, 3 days each, at 12s. 6d.,	£0 12 6
9 Sailors, for 3 days, at 10s. per week,	2 0 0
	£2 12 6

WILLIAM BATH.

Sydney, 9th May, 1843.

*Sydney, Cape Breton, 10th October, 1843.*

SIR—

We have the honor to state, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that on the 22d day of the month now last past, the Barque "Africaine," John Riddle, Master, from Dublin, to Quebec, was wreck'd in a violent gale of wind upon an uninhabited part of this Island, between Cape North and Cheticamp—the Vessel went on shore at a small ravine, between two perpendicular cliffs, which enabled ten of the crew, with great difficulty, to save themselves, one being drowned, and another killed by falling from the cliff. The Ship breaking up immediately, they were unable to save any clothing or provisions whatever. The survivors were consequently compelled to undertake a journey through the forest in their destitute condition, and travelled four days without any food, except the wild fruit they gathered in the woods. They, however, happily succeeded in reaching the Settlement of Aspy Bay, whence they were brought to Sydney by the Schooner "Greyhound," James Munn, Master.

A meeting of Magistrates was called, to consider the application of these destitute men for assistance; and upon hearing their melancholy statement, and viewing their forlorn condition, (the clothes in which they reached the shore having been torn from their backs in travelling through the woods,) the case was deemed one urgently calling for immediate relief—several of them being severely injured, and all much exhausted from fatigue, we placed them in lodgings for a few days, and furnished them with the necessary clothing. An Account of the expenditure is herewith forwarded, for the approval of His Excellency.

In the Accounts we submitted in June last, for expenses incurred in furnishing Clothing, &c. to the unfortunate Crew of the Brig "William Rippon," which Vessel sunk off Cape North, in consequence of striking ice, we omitted to include the Account of Patrick Moore, for services rendered to these people, which we now beg leave to enclose, for the consideration of His Excellency. The conduct of Patrick Moore was praiseworthy on the occasion, as he rescued the unfortunate people from the ice, by which they were surrounded; and had it not been for his exertions, they must have all inevitably perished.—In justice to Moore, we beg to recommend his claim to the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

C. E. LEONARD, J. P.

P. H. CLARKE, J. P.

J. BOURINOT, J. P.

The Hon. Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart., Provincial Secretary, &c. &c. &c.



*Account of Expenses incurred for the relief of the Master and Crew of the Barque "Africaine," wrecked between Cape North and Cheticamp.*

Voucher No. 1	To amount due	Jas. Munn, for conveyance of Crew,	£10	0	0
2	" do.	" Thos. Jost, " Clothing, &c.,	12	15	3
3	" do.	" Jas. Leady, for do.,	11	7	6
4	" do.	" Henry McKeagney, for Shoes,	4	4	9
5	" do.	" Lewis W. Marshall, for Clothing,	3	14	5
6	" do.	" James Spencer, for do.	0	15	0
7	" do.	" Hugh Munro, for do.	0	12	6
8	" do.	" Wm. Bath, for Board and Lodging,	6	10	8½
9	" do.	" Dr. B. Forman, for Medicine and attendance,	3	0	0
Fifty-three Pounds and Three Half-Pence.			£53	0	1½

Sydney, Cape Breton, 10th October 1843.

I hereby certify, that I have examined the several Accounts enumerated above, and that the several articles therein charged have been furnished for my use, as well as for the Crew of the Barque "Africaine."

JOHN RIDDLE,  
Late Master of the Barque "Africaine."

Certified, { C. E. LEONARD, J. P.  
P. H. CLARKE, J. P.  
J. BOURINOT, J. P.

*Amount of Expenses incurred by Patrick Moore, in maintaining and conveying the Master and Crew of the Brig "William Rippon," Henry Brown, Master, of Sunderland, lost off Cape North on the 29th April, 1843.*

Conveyance of Captain and Crew, 11 in number, from Cape North to Sydney,	£11	0	0
4 days Board for 11 men, at 15s., including the time at Cape North, and coming to Sydney,	8	5	0
Boots and Shoes furnished,	4	10	0
	£23	15	0

Sydney, 8th May, 1843.

HY. BROWN.

Certified, { P. H. CLARKE, J. P.  
J. BOURINOT, J. P.

No. 24.

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*Provincial Secretary's Department,*

To JOHN S. THOMPSON, DR.

1843,

March 9.—To publishing in the Royal Gazette, Notices of Appointments, dated Feb. 27, 1½ squares,	£0	7	6
Ditto, dated September 23,	0	5	0
" 16.—To Ditto, Notice of Appointments, dated March 11,	0	5	0
" 23.—To Ditto, Treaty with the United States, 2½ Columns, at £1 10s.	3	15	0
			March

March 30.—To publishing Notice of Appointments, dated March 25,	£0 5 0
Ditto, Notice of Bonded Warehouse, dated March 27,	0 5 0
Ditto, Notice to Mariners, 2 squares,	0 10 0
Ditto, Titles of Acts passed in Legislative Session of 1843, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ columns,	2 12 6
April 13.—To Ditto, Notice of Appointments, dated April 10, 3 squares,	0 15 0
Ditto, Corporation Ordinance, 3 squares,	0 15 0
“ 20.—To Ditto, Despatches, dated March 7, 9, and 22, and Order in Council, dated Feb. 24,	1 5 0
May 4.—To Ditto, Notice of Appointments, dated April 29,	0 7 6
“ 18.—To Ditto, Notice of Bye Road Commissioners, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ columns,	3 7 6
“ 25.—To Ditto, Form of Prayer, 2 squares,	0 10 0
Ditto, Notice of Appointments, dated May 20, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ squares,	0 7 6
June 1.—To Ditto, Notice of New Warehouse, Liverpool,	0 5 0
Ditto, Prorogation of Legislature, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ squares,	0 7 6
Continuing do. 7 weeks,	0 13 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
“ 8.—To Publishing Notice of Appointments,	0 5 0
“ 12.—To Ditto, Orders and Regulations respecting Crown Lands, 5 squares,	1 5 0
Ditto, Notice of Appointments, dated June 10,	0 5 0
“ 21.—To Ditto, Circular from Lord Stanley,	0 5 0
“ 29.—To Ditto, Notice of Appointments,	0 5 0
July 7.—To Ditto, do. do., dated July, 3 squares,	0 15 0
“ 13.—To Ditto, Ordinance respecting City Property, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ squares,	0 17 0
Ditto, Notice of Appointments,	0 5 0
“ 20.—To Ditto, Prorogation of Legislature, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ squares—11 week's continuance,	1 0 0
Ditto, Notice of Appointments, dated July 20,	0 5 0
Aug. 10.—To Ditto, List of Acts assented to by Her Majesty, 2 columns,	3 0 0
Sep. 6.—To Ditto, Commercial Treaty between England and Russia, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ columns,	3 7 0
Ditto, Notice of Appointments, dated Sept. 2,	0 5 0
Ditto, Circular and Form respecting Collectors of Excise, 5 squares,	1 5 0
“ 28.—To Ditto, (4 columns) Treaty with the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, and Orders in Council,	6 0 0
Oct. 5.—To Ditto, Notice of Appointments,	0 5 0
“ 12.—To Ditto, Orders in Council, 7 squares,	1 10 0
“ 26.—To Ditto, Proclamation dissolving Assembly, 2 squares,	0 10 0
Ditto, do. 7 week's continuance,	0 17 6
Nov. 2.—To Ditto, Orders in Council, dated Oct. 2, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ squares,	0 7 6
“ 9.—To Ditto, Notice to Mariners,	0 5 0
Dec. 13.—To Ditto, Notice of Appointments, dated Dec. 13,	0 5 0
“ 21.—To Ditto, do. do. do. “ 21,	0 5 0
Ditto, Proclamation calling Legislature for Despatch of Business, 2 squares,	0 10 0
Ditto, do. do. do. do. 5 weeks,	0 12 6
	£41 9 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

*Secretary's Office, Province of Nova Scotia,*

To JOHN S. THOMPSON, DR.

1843.

June.—To 560 copies of the Laws of 1843, at £3 12s. 6d. per sheet	£42 11 0
240 additional copies,	14 0 0
To two copies of each, of 86 Laws, on superior paper, with endorsement, &c., for transmission to England,	15 0 0
To publication of Laws of 1843, in Royal Gazette, 90 columns, (large type) at 15s. per column,	67 10 0
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(The above is for publication of Laws only, including 240 copies in addition to number heretofore published.)	
To folding, stitching, &c. &c. copies of the Laws, as per Book Binder's Account,	12 11 3
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	£151 12 3

*Secretary's Office, Province of Nova Scotia,*

To JOHN S. THOMPSON, DR.

1843.

June 23.—To printing 12½ Sheets of Journals of Legislative Council, at 70s.,	£43 15 0
“ To 14 Sheets Appendix, at 75s.,	52 10 0
“ Extra Sheets, daily,	10 0 0
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	£106 5 0

*Provincial Secretary's Department,*

To JOHN S. THOMPSON,

To amount of Account rendered in June, 1843, for printing Laws of Session, publishing same in Gazette, &c. &c.,	£151 12 3
To do. do. for printing Journals of Legislative Council, Appendix, &c.,	106 5 0
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	£257 17 3
By cash received from John Whidden, Esq.,	£150 0 0
By Ditto Ditto,	44 14 2
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	194 14 2
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Balance,	£63 3 6

No. 25.

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*Office of City Clerk, Halifax, 5th February, 1844.*

SIR—

In answer to the Communication of the 22d May last, transmitting a Resolution of the Honorable the House of Assembly, requesting certain Returns in regard to Chimney Sweeps in the City of Halifax, I beg leave to forward you the accompanying documents,

from the Chairman of Board of Firewards, (who have the regulation of that Department,) which is the best information I can obtain, there being no other documents to be found on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed't. servant,

JAMES S. CLARKE,

City Clerk.

HON. SIR RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart., &c. &c.

*Halifax, Nova Scotia.*

JAMES S. CLARKE, Esq.,

DEAR SIR—

When I take into consideration the numerous questions for His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to Sweeps, for the information of His Worship, I beg leave to suggest, that in February, 1843, I was appointed Chairman of the Board of Fire Wards—conscious of the negligence and imperfections attending that duty, I brought fully before the Board the existing evils.

The case was argued, and a Resolution passed, that it was expedient to appoint a Supervisor to attend expressly to that service. Mr. Moses Dry was recommended; he obtained a License, I took his Bond, with two sureties, for the faithful discharge of the duty. Mr. Dry has been acting eight months. He employs from six to eight colored boys, from nine to fifteen years of age, the parents of which are residents in the City. The rate of charge for each Flue was established by the Fire Wards; the parents and boys receive from Mr. Dry a compensation for each Flue. I know of no one instance where a boy is bound.

The former Chairman, the late John Howe, Esq., generally gave a Letter of License to those who sought the occupation, who are as follows:

Joe Battast,	has 1 son,	about 13 years of age,
Tobias Williams,	2	“ 12 to 14,
Sep. Clarke,	1	“ 10
Mrs. Lay,	1	“ 9
Mrs. Young,	1	“ 12
Isaac Cullum,	1	“ 14
Moses Dry,	1 boy	11

The above, with the exception of Dry, for many years assumed the occupation, making it obligatory on their children to do the duty; generally speaking, those class of persons are poor, and unable to contribute to the comforts of their boys; and I have no doubt their education and morals have been neglected—their parents have had the whole control, and the boys altogether subject to their directions; and, from appearances, I think they undergo many privations during the inclement season. As to the number of deaths for those last three years, I can give no information.

The boys employed are all colored, and natives of Halifax. After a few years, from the best information I can obtain, they quit their occupation and seek whatever employment they can most readily obtain, become Farmers, Sailors, or labor about the City. I enclose you the Bond I took from Dry; and as respects the rules and regulations for Sweeping, I beg leave to refer you to the Statute of the General Assembly, passed 28th year of the reign of His late Majesty George the Third, chapter 8th, also the 2nd section of said Act, relative thereto.

I have the honor to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

JOS. LEE,

Chairman of Firewards.

Halifax, 18th January, 1844.

KNOW

KNOW ALL MEN, by these presents, that we, Moses Dry, of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, Blacksmith, as principal, and Charles Roan and Charles Morris, of the same place, Yeomen, as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto Joshua Lee, of the same place, Esquire, in his capacity as Chairman of the Firewards in the City of Halifax, in the sum of One Hundred Pounds, of Lawful money of said Province, to be paid to the said Joshua Lee, his lawful Attorney, Successor, or Assigns, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, and every of us respectively by himself, our, and every of our respective Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals, and dated the Twelfth day of May, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three.

Whereas, by an Act of the General Assembly of the said Province, made and passed in the Twenty-eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King George the Third, Chapter eight, entitled "An Act in further addition to An Act passed in the Second Year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, an Act for appointing Firewards, and punishing thefts and disorders at the time of Fire," it was, among other things, enacted, that from and after the publication thereof, it should and might be lawful for the Firewards in the Town of Halifax, to nominate and license fit and proper persons to be Sweepers of Chimnies; and that no person or persons should presume to follow such occupation or employment, unless he should be appointed and licensed for that purpose by the Firewards, on pain of being sent to the House of Correction, and there punished as a vagabond. And, by the second Section of said Act, it was enacted that it should and might be lawful for the Firewards in the said Town to make orders and regulations respecting the Sweeping of Chimnies in each Ward, and to direct the same to be done once a month at farthest, and oftener if they should think proper, as by reference to the said Act will more fully appear. And whereas, at a Meeting of the Firewards held on the Ninth day of May, instant, certain rules, orders, and regulations, were made and passed in pursuance of said in part recited Act; and at such Meeting the above bounden Moses Dry, was nominated, appointed, and licensed, a Superintendant and Sweeper of Chimnies and Stove-Pipes for the City of Halifax, and upon such appointment, the said Moses Dry agreed to enter into a bond, with two sureties, in a sufficient penalty for ensuring to the said Firewards and their Successors, the faithful discharge of his duties in the said office, and in pursuance of such agreement hath executed the above written bond, subject to the condition hereinafter contained.

Now the condition of this obligation is such, that if the said Moses Dry do and shall from time to time, whilst he shall continue Superintendant and Sweeper of Chimnies and Stove-Pipes for the City of Halifax, in all things, and in all respects, well and faithfully execute and perform the duties of the said office, and do and shall in all things well and truly abide by, perform, fulfil, and keep, all and singular such rules, orders and regulations, as the said Firewards and their successors in office may from time to time make and pass, respecting the sweeping of Chimnies and Stove-Pipes, as aforesaid, then this obligation be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

(Signed)

MOSES DRY, (L. S.)  
CHARLES ROAN, (L. S.)  
CHARLES MORRIS, (L. S.)

Signed, Sealed, and delivered, in presence of W. H. LEE.

A true Copy,

JAMES S. CLARKE, City Clerk.

No. 26.

(See Page 53.)

Halifax, February 13th, 1844.

SIR—

In obedience to the commands of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, I caused copies of the Resolution of the last House of Assembly, requiring a return of Fees by the Masters

Masters in Chancery at Halifax, for the last five years, to be communicated to them severally, and I now have the honor to enclose, for His Excellency's information, the returns from these Officers.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most humble Servant,  
S. G. W. ARCHIBALD.

Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

*Return of Fees taken by James W. Nutting, Senior Master in Chancery, in Halifax, for the years, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, and 1842.*

In obedience to the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Gover, whereby I am directed "to furnish for the information of the House of Assembly, a Return of the Fees and Emoluments of Master in Chancery in Halifax, within the last five years," I do hereby return and certify that the whole of the Fees received and taken by me, as such Master, during the five years previous to the last Session of the Assembly, are as follows, viz :

For 1838 received,	£140	7	2
1839 "	131	0	6
1840 "	136	9	4
1841 "	97	14	0
1842 "	135	15	3

Annual average, £128. £641 6 3

Being the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds per annum, and no more.

J. W. NUTTING,  
Master in Chancery.

Halifax, 8th February, 1844.

*Office of Master in Chancery, Halifax, 21st June, 1843.*

SIR—

In reference to a communication of the 1st instant, addressed to me by the Registrar of the Court of Chancery, I have the honor to inform you, that since my appointment as Master in that Court, I have received no Fees or Emoluments whatever from the office.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
Humble Servant,

JOHN WHIDDEN.

The Honorable S. G. W. ARCHIBALD, Master of the Rolls, &c. &c.

No. 27.

(See Page 53.)

*Impost Office, Sydney, Cape Breton, February 4th, 1844.*

SIR—

In compliance with the commands of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, I have the honor to report the measures adopted for the protection of the Revenue, by the employment of the Colonial Revenue Boat at this Port. The Accounts and Vouchers for the expenditure of £40, which sum was granted by the Legislature for that service, have been transmitted to the Provincial Treasurer. Having in former Reports stated the very extensive range of Coast, as well as the numerous Harbors in the Bras d'Or Lake, which require

require the services of a vigilant Water Guard, and the nature of the Trade then carried on, it may be necessary for me now to make known, that the Trade within those Harbors, as well as from the large Settlements of St. Ann's, Ingonish, and Cape North, has much increased, there having been upwards of 750 head of Horned Cattle, Horses, Sheep, and Agricultural Produce in proportion, exported from those Settlements in 1843—this Trade is principally with the French Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, since the late Tariff has come into operation, from the ready market which is there to be found, and for the most part of these exports, Foreign articles are taken in return.

There being no Revenue Officer stationed at the Bras d'Or, or any of the other Settlements above named, I deemed it necessary to confine the services of the Boat to that part of the station. At St. Ann's a seizure was made—this, together with the watch kept in the Lake, compelled the Importers of Goods from St. Pierre and Newfoundland, either to call into Sydney and pay the Imperial and Colonial Duties, or to do so immediately on their arrival at the other Ports.

It was observable, during the season, that a visit from the Boat invariably caused entries to be made at the Custom House. It is much to be feared that frauds upon the Revenue, to some extent, are annually committed in the Eastern part of the Province, by Vessels on Trading Voyages, clearing out dutiable articles from the several Bonded Warehouses to Out Ports on the Western Shore of Newfoundland, where no Officer is stationed—part is there sold, and the remainder brought back, and re-landed without entry, thus escaping the Duties. The seizure of Goods made by the Boat at St. Ann's, was of that description.

I beg leave further to state, that from the circumstances of the Boat requiring a complete new suit of sails, which will be seen by the Vouchers, so much of the Grant was taken up, that her useful services could not be continued later than the middle of September. The Excise and Light Duty Returns, from this Port (under the depressed state of Trade) will, I trust, be some proof of the vigilance used in the protection of any clandestine Trade within the jurisdiction of the Port.

I have, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

C. E. LEONARD, Collector.

The Honorable Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

No. 28.

(See Page 53.)

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LORD VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

*May it please your Excellency.—*

Deeming it a duty I owe your Excellency, in consideration of the trust reposed in me, as Commander of one of the Vessels for the protection of the Coast Fisheries, I beg leave to lay before your Excellency the following particulars, compiled from information collected whilst cruising along the Eastern Section of the Province :

The Mackerel Fishery at the opening of the Season was such as to discourage the operations of the Fishermen, who expected to draw succour from it after a long and severe Winter; before the close, however, it proved most prosperous, the catch having exceeded that of any of several preceding years. If continued by your Lordship's Government to be protected, this branch may enable a class to emerge from the difficulties that seem incidental to the mode of life they are engaged in. The past year has shewn an increase of 52,727½ barrels over the year 1839, which was immediately previous to the Cruising Vessels being put in Commission.

On the causes which led to the decline of this important branch of industry, many are the opinions that prevail—to one cause may be ascribed many of the privations endured: The United States Fishermen's inroads made on the well defined rights of the people

of the Province—they not only entered the Harbours at pleasure, destroying the people's Nets, but trailed the Fish from the shore. This obliged many to seek employment in the United States. In some Instances persons who were obliged to abandon Nova Scotia, entered their Vessels, and conducted them back to carry on a contraband trade on the shores of the Province.

In the year 1815 the United States Fishing tonage did not exceed 15,000 tons, in 1835 it amounted to 113,817 tons. These encroachments could not be repressed by the bulky Ships of War at first employed for that purpose—their lofty canvas gave early warning of their approach, and the intruders escaped.

In the year 1840 the complaints of the people of the Province were heard in the Legislature, and Vessels of suitable size and force were appointed for the protection of the Coast. At this period, American Fishermen mustered in fleets in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, placing themselves on the shores of Cape Breton, and intercepting the Fish, whose habits are to skirt the shores, and drop into the Bays on their migration West.

In the year 1839, the exports out of the Port of Halifax was only 19,127½ barrels, in the year 1843 it amounted to 71,857 barrels. This increase may be fairly ascribed to the decrease of the visits of the United States Fishermen. Mackerel, when in full season, are seldom taken much distance from the shore.

This Fishery was, at one period, very profitable to the people of the United States; in one year 308,000 barrels were inspected in Boston; but the checks they have received obliged them to reduce their Shipping tonnage to 47,147 tons, as appears by a return from the Treasury Department, Washington, dated June, 1843.

This Fishery commences with the Americans in May, at the Capes of the Delaware, where the Fish is supposed to bed themselves during the Winter, and ends in October, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; but it continues with the Fishermen of the Province while the Season continues open and the Fish are going West.

Of the quantity exported, about £50,000 worth were taken to the United States, where a market can be had for all the "Fall Fish" that are caught. The West Indies take those caught at an earlier season, so that this branch alone is capable of giving profitable employment to the shore population of the Province, and may be effectually preserved by the joint co-operation of Canada and Prince Edward's Island with Nova Scotia. The keeping of the United States Fishermen from the shores would oblige them to abandon their Fishing operations in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

From the success experienced last year, and the belief that the protection will be continued by your Excellency's Government, preparations on a large scale are making in the purchase of Nets, Boats, &c. &c.—several Farmer's sons also, from the back Settlements, intend, it is said, engaging in the business, and many expectations are entertained respecting the approaching season, which will be verified, no doubt, should Providence be as merciful as heretofore.

The present Provincial capital employed in Nets alone, falls little short of £75,000, and this belongs to the poorer class of Fishermen who cannot engage in the Deep Sea Fishing.

The annexed returns exhibit the progressive increase since the appointment of the Government Schooners referred to:

*Export of Mackerel out of the Port of Halifax during the years—*

1839,	1840,	1841,	1842,	1843,
Barrels—19,127½	25,010¼,	35,917,	54,118½,	71,854.

Markets for Herring being latterly very difficult to be had, owing, it is said, to the United States being enabled to furnish to the West Indies animal food at low rates, the shipment of this article at present does not exceed twenty thousand barrels; and with the exception of ten thousand barrels put up in prime order for the Canada Market, it is hardly worth shipping. Herring are chiefly brought in bulk from Newfoundland, and often remain three weeks unpacked, with merely a little salt strewed amongst them. They should be cured from the net, according to the Dutch mode—those taken in Holland are highly prized from the care taken in putting them up for market.

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To the Cod Fishery I cannot advert with any degree of satisfaction from its inoperative state, owing to long continued causes.

Much has been said about the prolific Fishing Banks, which gave such extensive employment to the French during their occupation of Louisburg. History tells us there were in the trade 564 Ships, besides other class Vessels, and 27,000 Seamen, and its exports amounted to near One Million, Sterling. The tonnage and labour of Nova Scotia now does not, in this department, produce much over £400,000, Currency.

When the French left Louisburg, a few Merchants from the Channel Islands followed the trade in a limited way—their mode of action amongst the Acadian French did not tend to foster the business. Having little disinterested concern in the welfare of the Settlers, they obtained control over their labour by means of high prices, and the credit system, and thus ruin to many resulted—paternal inheritances became mortgaged, and they were left the option of continuing in protracted thralldom, or of seeking relief on a more friendly shore. This, then, may be deemed one of the causes why this Fishery is so limited, although the Province has an advantage of an earlier Market each year than Newfoundland. The Fisherman being, in many instances, unable to catch what will pay for his proper supplies, is obliged to confine his operations to what he can take in a Boat, whose diminutive size confines him to the limits of the shore.

A short time since, in order to trace this evil to its source, I applied myself to the taking of the Fishing Census, including the number of Shallops and Boats employed in the Districts on which I cruised. After the labour of two seasons I was in possession of some important facts, which will plainly shew the unprofitable manner this Fishery is carried on, and the amount of labour thereby lost to the Province.

East of Canso, in this Province, and around Cape Breton, there are 400 miles of Seaboard, having only 4,700 Fishermen—now these are capable of manning 870 Shallops, while the Fishermen only possess 120. The Fishery is chiefly carried on in Boats, which number 1660. The Shallops catch about 250 quintals each, the Boats about 35 in the season, making about 85,000 quintals—whereas the 870 Shallops, if properly appointed, are capable of catching at least 358,000 quintals, showing a loss to the Province of 273,000 quintals. From the experience of five years I draw these conclusions.

A better state of things exists in the Western Section of the Province, as appeared to me on a visit to that part before the close of last Season. This visit did not, however, extend beyond Liverpool, as I was prevented by the weather from prosecuting an enquiry that would enable me to report more at large on this important branch of Provincial industry.

The proximity of parts of the Province to Markets, where supplies can be had on advantageous terms, makes a great difference in favour of this locality, which has added energy to industry. A clog is attached to the Eastern Fishermen, by the comparatively poor requital for labour. Thus do the Western Inhabitants appear more industrious, and they may be fairly put down as a valuable class of Settlers, particularly those of La-Have.

The past season has been one of unprecedented success to the Fishermen of the Province—many have been raised to a comparative state of comfort. The Merchants of Halifax say they have not been better paid by their Fish supplies for many years, than during the one just passed. Two circumstances have added much to their good fortune—an advance of twenty per cent. in the price of Fish this year over that of last year, and a reduction of Five Shillings per hogshead in salt. The quantity of salt supposed to be consumed is about 40,000 hogsheads. From the savings thus effected they are enabled to lay in supplies on better terms than heretofore.

As Boat Fishing is the chief mode the Fishery is carried on, it may be well to remark how it is interfered with by subjects of the United States. Early in the Spring, the Vessels belonging to that Country are placed on the banks of the Coast, from Cape Sable to Cape Causeau, and there the Fish are kept from coming into shoal water, where the native Fishermen await them. They also make it a practice, under various pretexts, to come into the Harbours East of Halifax for bait. By these early operations, they return

with

with their first fare before the Coast Fishermen have commenced. It is worthy, however, of remark, that from some unexplained cause, since the year previous to the Coast Rights being protected, their Foreign exports of Fish is less, by 270,000 dollars, than at some former periods.

On the Seal Fishery I would further beg leave to make a few closing observations to your Excellency :

This business is at present carried on by persons in Cape Breton, aided by a small Provincial Bounty, and was conducted in Vessels of not over forty tons, and eight men each. In Newfoundland Vessels double that size, with crews of forty men each, are employed in the business—it seems to add an important item to the Trade of that Colony.

About twenty sail went to the ice from Margariete and Cheticamp, and returned with near ten thousand Seals, which seems to have well paid those engaged in the business—their outfit being on a very limited scale. A Vessel owned by an enterprising Merchant of Sydney, was fitted out on the Newfoundland principle, and in the short space of three weeks it had cleared the round sum of Fourteen Hundred Pounds. This may encourage others to embark in the business during the coming Spring.

The foregoing remarks on the Fisheries are humbly submitted to your Excellency, as an endeavour to contribute all the information I can collect respecting the service in which I am employed.

I have the honor to be  
Your Excellency's very ob'dt.  
And humble servant,  
ANDW. STEPHENS.

Halifax, 3d February, 1844.

No. 29.

(See Page 54.)

Halifax, 12th May, 1843.

My Lord—

In obedience to your Lordship's directions, we have considered the amount to which the late Honorable Hibbert N. Binney, Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax, and Mr. Edward Binney, his son, were severally entitled for commission on monies collected and paid into the Treasury for Duties.

Our opinion on this question being requested to be taken, in a Report of a Committee of the House of Assembly, adopted by the House on a Petition of Stephen Binney, and Edward Binney, Esquires, Executors of the late Collector, at the last Session.

Before the passing of the 7, Geo. 4, c. 4, the Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax, was remunerated by a commission on all Duties collected and paid into the Treasury. That Act made no alteration in the mode of remuneration, but provided that the commission should never exceed £700 in any one year. So the Law now stands, and although the intention of the Legislature may have been to pay the Collector by a Salary of £700 for the services of the whole year, and so in proportion for any lesser period, yet, as the Collector, under the terms of the Law, is not entitled to retain for his services for any part of the year, the proportion for such period of an annual allowance of £700, if the whole sum collected and paid in does not then realize commission of equal amount—so on the other hand, we think the Law entitles him to retain commission on the Duties as paid in from the commencement of the year, until they produce £700, without any regard to the period of the year when the amount may be realized. We therefore, are of opinion, that as in the late Collector's life time a larger amount of Duties was collected than was sufficient to produce a commission, at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., of £700, his Executors are legally entitled to retain as much money, as with the commissions received in his life time, will amount to £700. We are further of opinion, that this remuneration covers the whole services

services of the late Collector, to his death, as it would have done to the end of the year, had he lived so long; and that there is no pretence for any charge whatever, by either the Executors or Mr. Edward Binney, for paying into the Treasury Duties collected in the life-time of the late Collector, although beyond the amount which produced commissions to £700, and that the Executors and Sureties of the late Collector are answerable for money retained on claim of commission, by Mr. Edward Binney, on Duties previously received, but not paid in till after the late Collector's death. As to the amount of remuneration to which Mr. Edward Binney is entitled for his services, between the death of the late, and accession to the office of the present, Collector, we can give no precise opinion. We are of opinion he is not entitled to charge commission on the money received by him in this interval, as his employment resulted from the circumstance of his being a Clerk in the Office under the late Collector, which was continued in common with another Clerk, and no pecuniary responsibility was necessarily incurred, directions having been given in the Office by the Deputy Provincial Secretary and Attorney General, in the Lieutenant-Governor's absence, for the payment daily into the Treasury of the Duties as received. The Law having determined £700 to be a just remuneration for the Duties of the Office for a year, we know of no scale by which to determine the amount of his claim more conformably with Law, than by allowing him for this period at the rate of £700 a year, being about £36. We are further of opinion, that the Cash Book mentioned in the Petition and Report before referred to, is a public Document, which ought to have been delivered over with the other Books of the Office, and for the delivery of which the Executors and Sureties of the late Collector are bound, under that Officer's official Bond. If these views should be adopted, and assuming the correctness of the Accounts rendered, and the accuracy of the calculations in the Report of the Committee of the Assembly, the statement of monies in the hands of Mr. Edward Binney, will stand thus:

Sum retained by Mr. Edward Binney, for commission on monies paid into the Treasury after the death of the late Collector, a large part of it having been collected in his life time,	£302 14 4
Less 18 days service, at £700 per annum, say,	36 14 4
Leaving the sum to be paid by Mr. Edward Binney,	£266 0 0

We have &c. &c.

(Signed)

J. W. JOHNSTON,  
JAMES B. UNIACKE.

His Excellency the Right Honorable VISCOUNT FALKLAND.

No. 30.

(See Page 55.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Lewis Tremain, Collector of Her Majesty's Customs at Port Hood, in the Island of Cape Breton, praying this House to grant him some further compensation for performing the duties of that office, beg leave to report as follows:

That in the year 1829, there was granted by the Legislature, out of the Revenues of the Province, towards the support of the Customs Establishment, in lieu of the Fees formerly collected upon the entry and clearance of Vessels, and their cargoes, £6434 9s. Sterling, equal to £7144 18s. 9d. Currency, annually, as the full proportion which this Province ought to pay towards the support of the Customs—which sum, the Committee think, if fairly proportioned, according to the duties required to be done, would still be sufficient to keep up the Establishment, and enforce the Navigation Laws.

The whole of the above Grant was immediately applied to the payment of the Salaries of the Officers then employed; and there still being a deficiency to pay the Salaries, as affixed by the Imperial Authorities, the old Crown Duties, averaging about £2000 annually, were also applied to that purpose—up to the time of passing the new Colonial Tariff in 1842, when the Act imposing the old Crown Duties was repealed.

The Committee are strongly of an opinion that the Grant of £7144 18s. 9d. is all that this Province ought to be called upon to pay for the support of the Customs Establishment; but considering the peculiar hardship of Mr. Tremain's case, would suggest the propriety of his being granted the amount of the Duties he has secured, and paid into the Treasury, since his appointment; and, for the future, that he be allowed the amount of Duties he may collect, providing the sum do not exceed £100 annually—and if this remuneration shall be found insufficient to induce any person to perform the duties, that then the office be abolished.

Halifax, 1st March, 1844.

HT. HUNTINGTON,  
ELKANAH YOUNG.

No. 31.

(See Page 61.)

General Post Office, Halifax,  
March 2d, 1844.

SIR—

I have the honor to enclose the Accounts of this Department for the three Quarters ended 5th October last, as also the Original Contract entered into with Mr. Cunard, for the conveyance of the Mails from Halifax, to New Brunswick and Canada, as requested by your Letter of the 22d ultimo. Copies of the Instructions regulating the new Rates of Postage, which came into operation on the 5th January last, consequent upon the Treasury Warrant of the 11th October last, are also enclosed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient,  
Humble Servant,

A. WOODGATE.

The Honble. SIR RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart.

&c. &c. &c.

*An Account of the Gross and Net Produce of the Post Office Revenue of Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended 5th January, 1843.*

	Army Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.
PACKET POSTAGE.	
To amount of Unpaid Letters for the whole of Nova Scotia, and for New Brunswick, from the 15th November, 1843, received from England,	£367 4 9
To amount of Paid Letters sent to England from the General Post Office at Halifax, only,	82 14 6
To amount of Paid Letters sent to England, from Offices in the Interior of Nova Scotia,	22 13 8
To amount of Unpaid Letters received from the West Indies,	2 6 2
To amount of Unpaid Letters received from, and Paid Letters sent to, Boston, Newfoundland, and Bermuda,	134 7 10
INLAND POSTAGE.	
To amount of Postage of Towns in Nova Scotia, accountable to Halifax,	735 15 10½
To amount of Unpaid Letters, inwards, and Paid Letters, outwards, at the General Post Office, Halifax,	932 7 9
To amount of Way and Ship Letters at the General Post Office, Halifax,	23 12 9
	£2301 3 3½
Deduct Postage of Returned, Refused, Missent, and Forward Letters, from General Post Office Halifax, and Offices in the Interior of Nova Scotia,	1000 7 6½
	£1300 15 9

*An Account of the Charges of Management of the Post Office Revenue of Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended 5th January, 1843.*

	Army Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.	Army Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES.		
The Deputy Post Master General,	£100 0 0	
Clerks, &c. at Halifax,	165 0 0	
Post Masters in Nova Scotia,	112 7 10	
Letters Carriers in ditto,	0 0 0	
		£377 7 10
ALLOWANCES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES AND TRAVELLING CHARGES.		
Allowances to Surveyor for Travelling Expenses,		82 3 6

CONVEYANCE

	Army Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.	Army Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.
<b>CONVEYANCE OF MAILS, TRANSIT POSTAGE, AND PAYMENT OF SHIP LETTERS.</b>		
Sums paid for Riding Work and Couriers, Foot Messengers, &c.,	£987 3 4	
Conveyance of Mails by Stage Coaches,	156 11 1½	
Conveyance of Mails by Steam Boats,	0 0 0	
		£1143 14 5½
Local Tolls,		0 0 0
Ship Letter Payments,		17 14 10½
Rents, Taxes, &c.,		9 5 2½
Tradesmen's Bills, Buildings and Repairs,		0 0 0
Stationary, Printing, and Postage,		18 17 11
Allowances for offices abolished, and compensation to Officers for loss of Fees,		0 0 0
<b>OTHER PAYMENTS.</b>		
Loss by Exchange,		0 0 0
Miscellaneous expenses,		40 0 1
Total expenditure,		£1689 3 10½
Deduct amount of Revenue,		1300 15 9
Deficiency on the Quarter,		£388 8 1½

E. E.  
JNO. ADAMS, *Clerk, Account Branch Department.*

A. WOODGATE, D. P. M. G.

*An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Post Office Department in Nova Scotia, for three quarters of a Year, ending the 5th day of October, 1843.*

RECEIPTS.	Currency.	Sterling. \$ 4s. 2d.
<b>PACKET POSTAGE.</b>		
To amount of Unpaid Letters received from England,		£1768 8 10½
To amount of Paid Letters sent to England, from the General Post Office at Halifax, only,		249 4 8½
To amount of Paid Letters sent to England, from Offices in the interior of Nova Scotia,		60 8 9
To amount of Unpaid Letters received from the West Indies,		4 13 10½
To amount of Unpaid Letters received from, and Paid Letters sent to, Bermuda, Newfoundland, and Boston,		368 9 1
<b>INLAND POSTAGE.</b>		
To amount of Postage collected at the several under-mentioned Towns in Nova Scotia, viz :		
Amherst,	£365 9 3	
Annapolis,	170 1 9	
Arichat,	95 17 1	
Antigonishe,	321 13 8	
Bridgetown,	53 8 0	
Barrington,	8 11 3	

Chester

RECEIPTS.	Currency.	Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.
Chester,	£5 17 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Digby,	94 7 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Gay's River,	18 9 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Guysborough,	71 19 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Kentville,	75 12 11	
Liverpool,	134 5 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Lawrencetown,	4 4 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Lunenburg,	53 8 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Londonderry,	8 3 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Merigomishe,	7 8 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
New Glasgow,	84 9 7	
Newport,	28 2 5	
Parrshoro',	28 13 8	
Port Hood,	72 3 5	
Pictou,	634 14 3	
Pugwash,	8 10 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Sydney,	294 17 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Shelburne,	56 19 0	
Truro,	82 13 2	
Wallace,	46 0 9	
Windsor,	192 19 10	
Weymouth,	5 18 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Wolfville,	50 10 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Yarmouth,	224 12 0	
	£3300 3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Less 1-6th,	550 0 6	£2750 2 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
To net amount of Revenue collected on Unpaid Letters, inwards, and Paid Letters, outwards, at the General Post Office, Halifax,		3184 9 11
To amount of Way and Ship Letters at the General Post Office, Halifax,		75 17 9
		£8461 15 8
Deduct Postage of Returned, Refused, Missent, and Forward Letters, from General Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in the interior of N. S.,		4223 1 0
Net Revenue—		£4238 14 8

DISBURSEMENTS.	Currency.	Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES.		
The Deputy Post Master General,		£300 0 0
Clerks, Messenger, &c., at Halifax,		437 14 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Deputy Post Masters in Nova Scotia, viz:—		
Amherst,	£22 2 11	
Annapolis,	13 1 4	
Arichat,	16 7 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		Antigonish,

DISBURSEMENTS.	Currency.	Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.
Antigonish,	£26 2 10½	
Bridgetown,	9 17 6	
Barrington,	1 10 6	
Chester,	£0 15 0½	
Digby,	10 8 2	
Gay's River,	3 4 6½	
Guysborough,	12 14 1	
Kentville,	13 9 5	
Liverpool,	16 11 2½	
Lawrencetown,	0 12 8	
Lunenburg,	8 4 0½	
Londonderry,	0 19 8	
Merigomishe,	1 0 11	
New Glasgow,	16 4 9	
Newport,	5 0 0	
Parrsboro',	4 7 5½	
Port Hood,	9 12 7	
Pictou,	50 17 5	
Pugwash,	1 10 2½	
Sydney,	51 13 0½	
Shelburne,	9 0 11	
Truro,	13 11 6½	
Wallace,	8 6 0½	
Windsor,	20 10 3½	
Weymouth,	1 2 4	
Wolfville,	8 11 6	
Yarmouth,	42 13 10½	
	£400 4 8½	
Less 1-6th,	66 14 1	
		£333 10 7½
Allowance to A. O. Creighton, Clerk in the Halifax Post Office, whilst in charge of the Office at Sus- sex Vale,		80 4 2
Allowance to H. M. Watson, Surveyor, for Travelling expenses,		109 10 4
Conveyance of Mails,		3202 11 1½
Ship Letter payments,		58 3 10½
Office Rent at Halifax,		27 15 7½
Law Charges,		1 6 8
Stationary and Printing,		5 7 9
Miscellaneous expenses,		145 18 2½
		£4702 2 7
Deduct amount of Net Revenue,		4238 14 8
Deficiency on the three Quarters,		£463 7 11

A. WOODGATE, D. P. M. G.

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JNO. ADAMS, Clerk, Account Branch Department.

General



*General Post Office, Halifax,  
December 5, 1843.*

On and from the *5th January next*, the present mode of charging Letters conveyed by the Post in British North America, according to the number of Enclosures, will be abolished, and all Letters will be chargeable by weight, the scale being that now in operation as regards Letters to and from the United Kingdom,—that is to say:—

For a Letter not exceeding half an ounce,	1 Rate,
“ “ one do.	2 do.
“ “ two do.	4 do.
“ “ three do.	6 do.
“ “ four do.	8 do.

and so on, adding two Rates for every additional ounce.

The following new regulations will also take effect from that date, by the authority of a warrant issued by the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 11th of October last.

#### NEWSPAPERS, &c.

The regulations by which Colonial Newspapers and printed Sheets have hitherto been forwarded through the Post under the Deputy Post Master General's franking privilege, will cease, and such Newspapers and printed Sheets will be chargeable with the under-mentioned reduced rates of Inland Postage, in addition to any Sea Postage to which they may be liable.

#### 1st. COLONIAL NEWSPAPERS,

not exceeding *two* ounces in weight, sent by Post

To any Town in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Canada or Prince Edward Island,	}	<i>One Half-Penny per Sheet.</i>
To any Foreign Country, (the United States excepted,) whether intended to pass through the United Kingdom or not,	}	<i>Ditto.</i>
To the United States, by the Land Post, <i>via</i> St. Andrew's or Woodstock,	}	<i>One Penny Do.</i>

This *Inland* Postage, except on such Newspapers as are addressed to Towns in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, or Canada, must be prepaid by the Senders, or the Newspapers cannot be forwarded.

The *Sea* Postage on Newspapers transmitted by Post to parts abroad, remains as heretofore.

Newspapers forwarded to the United Kingdom, or to any British Colony, by way of the United Kingdom; when conveyed by her Majesty's Packets, will not be liable to any Inland or Packet Postage.

The limitation as to weight does not apply to Newspapers addressed to the United Kingdom: but any Colonial Newspaper sent by Post to any other place, and *exceeding* the weight of two ounces, will be liable to Postage as a Pamphlet.

#### 2. VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF PARLIAMENT.

not exceeding six pounds in weight, sent by Post to the United Kingdom by Packet, to the British West Indies, or to any part of British North America, whether intended to be conveyed by Land or by Sea, will be chargeable as follows:

If not exceeding 4 ounces in weight,	1d.
“ 8 “ “	2d.
“ 12 “ “	3d.
“ 16 “ “	4d.

and so on, adding one penny for every additional *four* ounces,

Such Printed Publications, when forwarded to the United Kingdom *by private Ship*, will be liable to double the above rates.

No Packet containing Votes, and exceeding the weight of six pounds, can be forwarded through the Post.

## 3. PAMPHLETS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS,

printed in the United Kingdom, in British North America, or in the British West Indies, not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, sent by Post to any place in British North America, or in the United States, or in the British West Indies, without passing through the United Kingdom, will be liable to an Inland Postage of One Penny per ounce, in addition to any charge for Sea Postage.

No Pamphlets or Printed Publications, *exceeding* the weight of sixteen ounces, can be forwarded through the Post.

ARTHUR WOODGATE,  
Deputy Post Master General.

THIS INDENTURE, made the Fourteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-one, between the Honorable Samuel Cunard, of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, of the one part, and John Howe, of the same place, Esquire, the Deputy Post Master General of the said Province, of the other part:

Whereas, the said Samuel Cunard hath agreed to establish and maintain a line of Mail Coaches between the Towns of Halifax and Pictou, in Nova Scotia, for the Conveyance of the Mails and Bags of Letters, upon the terms hereinafter mentioned: Now this Indenture witnesseth, that in pursuance of the said agreement, and in consideration of the said covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, on the part of the said John Howe, he, the said Samuel Cunard, doth hereby, for himself, his Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, covenant, promise, and agree, with and to the said John Howe, his Successors, Executors, and Administrators, in manner following, (that is to say) that he, the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors, or Administrators, from henceforth, and until the determination of this present Contract, as hereinafter provided, shall and will three times in each and every week, between the 1st day of May and 1st day of November, in each year, and twice in every week, during the remainder of each year, and also twice in every month during the time in each and every year at which the Mails shall be conveyed between Quebec and Pictou, by Steam Boats, convey all such of Her Majesty's Mails or Bags of Letters, as the said John Howe, or other the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, or any of his Agents or Servants, shall from time to time require, from the Post Office at Halifax, and from the several Post Towns situate between the said Post Office at Halifax and the Town of Pictou, to the Post Office for the time being in the said Town of Pictou; and from the Post Office for the time being, in the said Town of Pictou, and the several Post Towns between that place and the Post Office at Halifax, to such Post Office at Halifax, and from and to any of such intermediate Post Towns, by Coaches, to be drawn by four horses each, and shall and will convey, in, or upon such Mail Coaches, all Bags of Bye or Cross Road Letters, or of any other description that may be delivered to him, or them, or his or their Agents or Servants, for Conveyance, by, or on behalf of the said Deputy Post Master General, his Agents or Servants.

That the said Mail Coaches shall leave the said Post Office at Halifax, and Post Office at Pictou, on such days, and at such hours or times, as the said John Howe, or other the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, shall direct, and shall receive and deliver Mails and Bags of Letters at all such intermediate Post Towns and places, situate between Halifax and Pictou, as shall be directed by such Deputy Post Master General, his Agents or Servants, and the said Coaches shall perform the whole distance between Halifax, and Pictou, each Journey, within 17 hours.

That if from any accident or cause whatever, any Packet Boats or Vessels, employed in conveying the Mails and Bags of Letters, shall not have reached Halifax or Pictou, before the hours and times which shall be appointed and fixed for the departure from thence of the said Mail Coaches, the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors and Administrators, Servants, and Agents, shall, in order to prevent the correspondence of the Public from being interrupted

interrupted, detain any such Mail Coaches, for such space or time as the said Deputy Post Master General, or any of his Agents or Servants, shall from time to time require.

That the person or persons to be, for the time being, employed by the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, as the Coachman, or Guard Coachmen, or Guards, of any such Coaches, shall have and take the custody, charge, and care, of such Mails or Bags of Letters, and shall and will safely and punctually leave or deliver the same at their respective places of destination, at such times or hours, in the day or night, as shall, for such purpose, be fixed or appointed by the said John Howe, or other the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, without any delay, neglect, or omission whatsoever; and shall and will, in the mean time, faithfully and securely keep the same in his or their respective custody or charge; and every such Coachman or Guard shall, upon being required so to do by such Deputy Post Master General, or any of his Agents, duly make and subscribe the Declaration required by Law from Officers of the Post Office.

That the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, shall and will, at his or their own costs and charges, and to the satisfaction of the said Deputy Post Master General, or other the person or persons to be by him appointed in that behalf, cause a fit and convenient box, with lock and key, to be affixed to some convenient part of every Coach to be employed under this present Contract, for the purpose of safely depositing and placing therein the Mails and Bags of Letters to be conveyed by every such Coach.

That the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, shall and will at all times use and employ steady, able, and sufficient Horses, for the conveyance of the said Mails and Bags of Letters by such Mail Coaches, as aforesaid; and also, good, sound, and sufficient Harness and Equipments for the said Horses, to the satisfaction of the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province; and shall and will, from time to time, if required so to do by such Deputy Post Master General, or any of his Agents, remove any of the Horses so to be employed in the conveyance of the Mails and Bags of Letters, and any of the Harness or Equipments of the said Horses, and substitute Horses, Harness, or Equipments, in the stead or place of the Horses, Harness, and Equipments, so to be removed, to the good liking of the said Deputy Post Master General.

That in case by reason of the viciousness, unsoundness, or faultiness of any of the Horses to be employed, as aforesaid, or through any default of the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, or his or their Servants, the said Deputy Post Master General, or any of his Agents or Servants, shall at any time or times be obliged to forward any of the said Mails or Bags at the public expence, over any part of the distance between Halifax and Pictou, then, and in every such case, it shall be lawful for the said Deputy Post Master General to retain out of the payments hereinafter agreed to be made, all such sums as shall be so paid or expended in forwarding any such Mails or Bags; or in case the same shall not be sufficient for such purpose, then the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, shall and will pay and reimburse the amount of such deficiency unto the said Deputy Post Master General, out of his or their proper monies.

That the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors and Administrators, shall and will convey from Halifax to Pictou, and from Pictou to Halifax, in and by the said Mail Coaches, all such Passengers as may from time to time be desirous of travelling by the same, arriving at Halifax by Steam Packets from the United Kingdom, and at Pictou by Steam Packets from Canada, at the rate of fare of £2 10s. Sterling, each, to be charged to, and paid for, by each such Passenger.

That the want of Passengers shall not at any time be an excuse for the said Mail Coaches not being worked with all regularity and dispatch at all seasons of the year, and under all circumstances, except when the Roads shall be impassable by floods, or other events, which may render it impossible for Carriages of any description to travel.

That the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, shall and will bear and pay all and all manner of Tolls for Turnpikes, Bridges, or Ferries, which may be legally demanded or payable, in respect of the said Coaches and Horses, Coachmen and Guards,

when employed in the aforesaid service. And generally, that the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors and Administrators, shall and will, to the utmost of his and their power, promote Her Majesty's Service, and the benefit of the Revenue, in and about the premises, and obey all such orders as he or they shall receive, either from Her Majesty's Post Master General for the time being, or from the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, in respect thereof; and also, shall and will keep indemnified the Post Master General for the time being, and the said Deputy Post Master General, and their respective Executors and Administrators, from all forfeitures, penalties, and demands whatsoever, which may happen or occur by reason of any neglect or transgression of the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators.

And this Indenture further witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises, the said John Howe doth hereby for himself, his Successors, Executors, and Administrators, covenant and agree to and with the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors and Administrators, that the said John Howe, or other the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, shall and will, out of the Revenue of the Post Office, pay unto the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, the sum of £1550 Sterling, per annum, by equal quarterly payments—the first quarterly payment thereof to be made on the 5th day of January, 1842, which it is hereby declared shall be received by the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, in full satisfaction and discharge of all claims and demands which he or they may have on either Her Majesty's Post Master General for the time being, or the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of Nova Scotia, or any other person or persons, for or on account of the conveyance of the Mails or Bags of Letters as aforesaid, or for or on account of any other of the stipulations and agreements hereinbefore contained.

And it is hereby mutually agreed and declared between and by the said parties to these Presents, that this present Contract or Agreement shall remain and continue in force for the term or space of eight years, to be computed from the 5th day of January 1841, and for such further term as hereinafter mentioned, subject nevertheless to the Proviso for determining the same, hereinafter contained.

Provided always, and it is hereby further agreed and declared between and by the said parties to these presents, that in case the said John Howe, or other the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, shall be minded and desirous that this present Contract or Agreement shall cease and determine, at any time during the said term of eight years, or at the expiration of such term, or at any time afterwards, and of such his mind and intention shall give twelve Calendar Months notice in writing, signed by the said John Howe, or other the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, to the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, or shall leave or cause the same to be left at the usual or last known place of abode or residence of the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, or with any of his or their Servants or Agents, then, and in such case, and from and immediately after the expiration of any such Notice, this Contract shall (subject and without prejudice to any right of action, or other proceeding, for breach of any of the Covenants herein contained, which shall have occurred to either of the said parties against the other of them) absolutely cease and determine.

Provided always, and it is hereby declared, that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be deemed or construed to authorize the said John Howe, or other the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, by such notice as aforesaid, to determine this Contract before the thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three.

And it is hereby further provided, agreed and declared, that in case the said John Howe, or other the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, shall, by giving Twelve Calendar Months Notice as aforesaid, put an end to this present Contract on the said 31st day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three, or at any time afterwards, before the expiration of the said term of eight years, the said John Howe, or other the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, shall pay or cause to be paid unto the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators,

ministrators, over and above any sum or sums that may be due and payable to him or them for the performance of the aforesaid service, the sum of Seven Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds, Sterling, by way of compensation and satisfaction for any loss or injury he or they may thereby sustain; but if this present Contract shall continue in force for the whole of the said term of eight years, no compensation shall be payable on the determination thereof at that or any subsequent period.

And it is hereby further agreed and declared, that notwithstanding any thing hereinbefore contained, in case the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, or any of the Coachmen, Guards, or Servants, employed by, or acting under him or them, shall at any time, during the continuance of this present Contract, make breach or default in any of the Covenants or Agreements hereinbefore contained, and on the part and behalf of the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, Coachmen, Guards, or Servants, to be observed and performed, then, and in every such case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, at any time thereafter, and without any previous notice to be given to the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, by writing under his hand, absolutely to revoke, determine, and make void this present Contract, and all and every the Covenants Agreements, Matters, and Things, herein contained, and thereupon the same (subject and without prejudice to any right of action or other proceeding for breach of any of the Covenants herein contained, which shall then have occurred to the said Deputy Post Master General) shall be and become absolutely null and void—any thing to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And it is hereby further agreed and declared, that in case any dispute or difference shall arise between the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors or Administrators, and the said John Howe, or other the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, in respect of, or in respect to any of the Covenants, Agreements, Matters, and Things, herein contained, or the true meaning and construction thereof, the same shall be referred to the determination of Her Majesty's Post Master General for the time being, whose decision therein shall be final.

And for the due performance of all and singular the Covenants and Agreements hereinbefore contained, which, on the part of the said Samuel Cunard, his Executors and Administrators, are and ought to be performed, he, the said Samuel Cunard, doth hereby bind himself, his Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, unto Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, in the sum of £2000 Sterling, to be recovered as liquidated damages, and not by way of penalty, and to be recoverable, notwithstanding the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, of the said Province, may put an end to this Contract in manner hereinbefore mentioned.

In witness, &c., we have hereunto affixed our Seals and Signatures this 14th day of December, 1841.

S. CUNARD, (L. S.)

J. HOWE, D. P. M. G., (L. S.)

Witness { JAMES LESSEL,  
          { FREDERICK R. PASSOW.

No. 32.

(See Page 66.)

Falmouth, 21st June, 1843.

SIR—

In pursuance to the instructions I received from you, by His Excellency's command, respecting a loan of money to Poor Settlers in the County of Hants, in 1837—in the County Treasurer's Office, there are obligations from a number of persons, and a small sum of money paid in, an abstract of which I obtained from the Treasurer, and herewith inclose it to you, for His Excellency's information.

I have no knowledge of what sum of money was allotted for this County, or by whom divided.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. SHEY.

JOHN WHIDDEN, Esq., Provincial Secretary.

*Memorandum of Notes of Hand left in my hands, as County Treasurer, by the Commissioners of Province Loan, in the year 1837, viz:—*

By William Bowman. Esq. of Windsor, 23 Notes, amounting to	£40 0 0
Out of which 4ls. in money, has been paid into my hands,	2 1 0
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	£37 19 0
By S. S. Blackburn, of Rawdon, 7 Notes, amounting to	10 0 0
By Charles Boggs, of Douglas, 19 Notes,	£17 0 0
One of which paid Treasurer,	1 0 0
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	16 0 0
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Due on Notes,	£63 19 0
Amount paid Treasurer, as above,	3 1 0
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	£67 0 0

B. DEWOLF, County Treasurer.

Windsor, County of Hants, 15th June, 1843.

*Shelburne, June 20, 1843.*

SIR—

Enclosed, we hand you for the information of Lord Falkland, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Report to us, agreeably to the Act of Assembly of 1837, respecting Poor Settlers in this County.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your humble Servants,

THOMAS CROWELL,

G. MCKENNA.

JOHN WHIDDEN, Esq., &c. &c., Halifax.

*Shelburne, 12th June, 1843.*

GENTLEMEN—

In answer to your communication of this date, in reference to the Resolution of the Honorable the House of Assembly, of the 6th March last, respecting the monies appropriated in the year 1837, under "An Act to afford relief to the Poor Settlers in this Province," I have to inform you that the Board of Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, under that Act, did not think the wants of the people of this County so urgent as to require assistance, and therefore did not draw from the Treasury any part of the funds so appropriated.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

CORNELIUS WHITE,

Chairman of Board.

To THOMAS CROWELL, and GILBERT MCKENNA, Esqrs. Shelburne.

*Queen's*

*Queen's County, Liverpool, September 1, 1843.*

Agreeably to the directions of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, we have inquired into the expenditure and application of money granted for the relief of Poor Settlers, under an Act of the Assembly passed in 1837, and find that £50 was drawn from the Treasury of this Province, by the Commissioners for this County, and expended in the purchase of Seed Potatoes, which were distributed to Poor Settlers; that the sum of £43 6s. 8d., has been paid to the Treasurer on account thereof; that although the Commissioners did not make any charge for their services in purchasing and distributing, there was a fall short on the Potatoes and expenses, of £1 9s. 10d.; and that there remains in the hands of Mr. Justice Campbell, Notes and demands to the amount of £5 3s. 6d. against several persons who are utterly unable to pay anything. All which is respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA NEWTON, }  
JAMES R. DEWOLF, } Commissioners.

To SIR RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart., &c., Halifax.

*Sydney, Cape Breton, December 7, 1843.*

SIR—

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Letter from your Office, dated the 17th May last, giving the information that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor had been pleased to appoint us Commissioners for the County of Cape Breton, to inquire into, and report upon, the expenditure of monies advanced for the relief of Poor Settlers, under the Act of the General Assembly, passed in the year 1837.

And we now beg leave, for the information of His Excellency, to report as follows: That the sum of (£250) Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds was allotted by the Act referred to, for the County of Cape Breton, and that the whole sum was absorbed in affording the relief the Act contemplated. That in the distribution, which extended to almost every part of the County, and in many parts among the poorest description of Settlers, and where public monies had never been expended for the Road service, it may readily be supposed that some deficiency would arise in the repayment of the sums advanced, yet the amount of such deficiency is but small, as the parties themselves made every exertion, and in some cases great personal sacrifices, to redeem their Notes, feeling that it was an act that more than common justice required them to do, having been relieved at a time of great distress, and when, from no other quarter than the Legislature, could they have obtained assistance. There has been no amount repaid in money, but the sum of (£232 10d.) Two Hundred and Thirty-two Pounds and Ten Pence has been repaid by labor on the Roads in the years 1837 and 1838, under the commission for the expenditure of the Road money, leaving a balance still due by the County of Seventeen Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Two Pence, but this sum is principally due by very indigent persons, who are residing in remote parts of the County, and to call upon them or their sureties, would only have the effect of involving them in unnecessary expense and trouble, without obtaining the object sought for, and we therefore recommend that their Notes may be given up and cancelled. All which we respectfully submit.

We have the honor to be,

Your obedient Servants,

EDMUND M. DODD,  
C. E. LEONARD.

The Hon. Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart., &c. &c., Halifax.

Guysborough, January 8, 1844.

SIR—

We, the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to enquire as to the expenditure of monies advanced to the County of Guysborough, under the Act of the Legislature of 1837, for the relief of Poor Settlers; and also, as to the amount and application of monies recovered from the several persons to whom such advances were made, and the ability of the defaulters to make payment—beg leave to report as follows:

That Wentworth Taylor, Francis Cook, and William Walsh, the Commissioners appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor to carry into effect the purposes of this Act in this County, received from the Treasury the sum of £300, which was applied in manner following, viz:

For the purchase of Seed Potatoes, &c., for St. Mary's,	£43	8	1½
“ “ of Corn Meal and Potatoes for Guysborough,	223	7	6
“ “ of Seed Potatoes for Country Harbor,	10	0	0
Paid Wm. Walsh for Storage,	0	15	0
Robert Kenny, Road Commissioner, balance of his Account, as per his Account of expenditure of 1837,	0	15	6
Wentworth Taylor, for distribution, &c.,	21	13	10½
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	£300	0	0

The Corn Meal and Potatoes purchased for Guysborough, was distributed in the Spring of 1837, by Wentworth Taylor, Esq. in small quantities, to about 300 persons, who, with the exception of some to whom gratuitous supplies were given, to the amount of £7 8s. 6d. gave their Promissory Notes therefor, with sureties, payable on demand. For this and other services incidental to such distribution, Mr. Taylor has charged or retained from the amount of loan received from the Treasury, £21 13s. 10½d. as above stated—a charge for which the Act alluded to has made no provision, but which, in our opinion, is not more than a reasonable remuneration for the labor performed. That such of the Notes so taken as remained unpaid, were in January, 1838, placed by the County Treasurer, into the hands of Wentworth Taylor, Esquire, J. P., for collection, who shortly afterwards commenced 71 suits against the makers thereof, against whom judgments were respectively obtained, amounting in the aggregate to £95 9s. debts, and £18 17s. costs. That the sum of £88 8s. 1d. yet remains due upon these judgments, and as no Executions have been issued thereupon, payments cannot, in our opinion, now be enforced, without subjecting the parties, who are generally in poor circumstances, to additional costs, and occasioning many of them much injury, if not distress. The Promissory Notes not sued for, and yet unpaid, made for the most part by the most indigent people in this County, whose sureties are equally poor, are not, in our opinion, recoverable; certainly not without doing the parties an injury not at all compensated by the relief extended to them. It appears, from a statement furnished us by Wentworth Taylor, Esq., that he received in 1837—38, from the makers of the Notes placed in his hands, £73 6s. 2d.; of which, after deducting £14 1s. paid by him to the Provincial Treasurer, £17 17s. to the County Treasurer, and £18 17s. for Justices and Constables Fees, on the suits instituted as before mentioned, there remains £22 11s. 2d., in his hands, to be paid over to the proper Officer. The County Treasurer has paid to the Provincial Treasurer all the monies he has received on account of the sum advanced to the County, with the exception of small sums recently paid him, amounting to £12 5s. 7½d. for which he is accountable. We subjoin what we believe to be a correct statement of the several sums paid into the Provincial Treasury on account of the sum advanced to this County under the Act of 1837, shewing a balance due to the Province of £154 17s. 2d. And in conclusion, beg leave to remark, that our investigation has been protracted much beyond the time desired, by the necessity we have felt of entering into correspondence with Commissioners of Roads, and others,



others, to obtain information essential to a proper discharge of the duty assigned to us. All which is respectfully submitted.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,  
JOSEPH MARSHALL,  
W. F. DESBARRES.

To Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

Amount received from Provincial Treasury, for the County of Guysboro',  
under the Act of 1837, for relief of Poor Settlers, £300 0 0

Amount paid or left undrawn by Commissioners of Roads, and others, in the  
Provincial Treasury, for the District of Guysborough:

1837. Myers & Manning,	£4 19 9		
Elias Cook,	2 7 6		
Taylor & Lyons,	5 9 9		
Taylor & Lawlor,	5 15 3		
Robert Kenny,	5 0 0		
Moses Cook,	2 4 9		
Wentworth Taylor,	14 5 1		
David Scramtum,	8 0 10 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Abner Atwater,	3 3 11		
Charles Archibald,	10 0 0		
		£61 6 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1838. David Dobson,		2 8 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1842.			
Feb. 16.—R. M. Cutler, County Treasurer,	£12 17 9 $\frac{1}{2}$		
“ “ Francis Cook, Esq.,	3 10 0		
		16 7 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1843.			
Mar. 6.—R. M. Cutler, County Treasurer,		21 11 6	
Amounts paid or left undrawn by Commrs. of Roads, in the Prov. Treasury, for the Dis- trict of St. Mary's:			
1837.			
July.—Paid by Wm. Bent,	£5 4 9		
“ Thomas Glencross,	11 12 6		
“ Alexr. Archibald,	2 2 0		
“ Henry Cummingier,	7 7 0		
“ Wm. McKeen, per the hands of Hugh McDonald, Esq.,	9 0 0		
“ Hugh McDonald, Esq.,	8 1 10 $\frac{1}{2}$		
		43 8 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
			145 2 10
	Balance due the Province,		£154 17 2
Amount in Went. Taylor's hands,	£22 11 2		
“ in County Treasurer's hands	12 5 7 $\frac{1}{2}$		
“ distributed gratuitously,	7 8 6		

Wallace,

Wallace, 18th October, 1843.

SIR—

For the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, I beg leave to mention, that a Commission some time since addressed to Mr. Lewis and myself, in conformity with a Resolution of the House of Assembly, requiring information relative to the expenditure and application of monies advanced for the relief of Poor Settlers in 1837, has not yet been satisfactorily acted upon.

For the convenience of myself and all the parties, I had notified them to meet at the June Court at Amherst, but few, however, then attended. The October Term of the Supreme Court, then, was allowed to be a time most likely to be attended with the least inconvenience to all the parties, but one or two even then were absent, the want of whose information rendered it impossible for the Commissioners to make their report complete. We are thus compelled to put off until the Sessions in January, at which time I trust it will be in our power to report in sufficient time for His Excellency to lay before the Assembly.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
D. MACFARLANE.

Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

Cumberland, Amherst, 5th January, 1844.

SIR—

We beg leave, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and the House of Assembly, to state, that we have minutely investigated all the accounts and documents relative to the appropriation and expenditure of monies advanced by the Province for the relief of Poor Settlers in this County, under an Act of Assembly passed in 1837; and on the result of such investigation thus report:

Cash drawn from Provincial Treasury,		£250 0 0
Paid into the Treasury in Halifax,	£50 0 0	
Cash in hands of the County Treasurer,	29 10 0	
Irrecoverable Notes of Hand in hands of the County Treasurer,	101 0 0	
Damaged Potatoes, Freight, Insurance, Commissions, and other incidental expenses,	69 10 0	
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		250 0 0

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
D. MACFARLANE,  
GAIUS LEWIS.

The Hon. Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart., &c. &c. &c. Halifax.

Halifax, February 20th, 1844.

SIR—

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having been pleased to appoint Mr. Edmund Zwicker and myself Commissioners to inquire and report as to the expenditure, and otherwise in relation to monies advanced for the relief of Poor Settlers in the County of Lunenburg, under an Act of the Assembly passed in 1837,—that after a strict and tedious inquiry do report as follows, viz: That the sum of £125 has been drawn from the Provincial Treasury by Commissioners thus appointed for that purpose, and that there has since

since been paid in £46 17s. 1½d., and now still in the hands of James Wells, Esq., £11 13s., also in the hands of Edward Ross, Esq., £2 11s., which two latter sums will shortly be remitted and paid in the Treasury, leaving then a balance of £63 18s. 10½d. due and unpaid, due by very poor persons, and the quarter part of them unable to pay.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

JOHN HECKMAN.

SIR RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

Amount drawn from the Provincial Treasury, for the Relief of Poor Settlers in the County of Lunenburg, under the Act of the Assembly, passed in 1837, say

		£125 0 0
To paid in the Provincial Treasury	£46 17 1½	
In the hands of James Wells, Esq.,	11 13 0	
In do. Edward Ross, Esq.,	2 11 0	
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		61 1 1½
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Balance still due,		£63 18 10½

JOHN HECKMAN,  
One of the Commissioners.

*Antigonish, 18th December, 1843.*

SIR RUPERT D. GEORGE,

SIR—

I am extremely sorry this business has been delayed so long—it arose from circumstances over which I had no controul. I now enclose you the Report, which I hope will be satisfactory.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient Servant,

JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

We, the undersigned, Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to investigate and report upon the Accounts of the Commissioners appointed to superintend the distribution of the Provisions granted by the Legislature in the Session of 1837, to Poor Settlers, in obedience to the request of His Excellency relative thereto, beg leave to report as follows:

That they received the following Account from R. N. Henry, Esquire, one of the Commissioners, viz: The nett amount received to be distributed, was as follows:—

From John Young, Esq. 30 bbls. Meal, 29s.,	£43 10 0	
“ “ 30 do. Flour, 37s. 6d.	52 10 0	
	<hr/>	£96 0 0
Cash, &c., from J. H. Reynolds,		197 0 0
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		£293 0 0
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Mr. Young drew £100 from the Treasury.

Mr. Reynolds drew £200, and charged Commissions £3.

The nett amount of Sales for which Notes of Hand were taken, was

£288 1 0

Amonnt of Debts due on Judgments,	£123 13 5	
Amount of Notes of Hand,	133 16 9	
Freight, and other charges,	11 4 0	
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	£268 14 2	
Amount collected, and in R. N. Henry's hands,	19 6 10	
	<hr/>	£288 1 0

ROBERT N. HENRY.

Mr. Harrington expended on the Highways the sum of £10 10s. in the Fall of 1839, after a severe Gale.

The sum of £87 13s. 1d. paid into the Treasury, we presume, forms part of the Notes and Judgments, as appears by a Letter from the Provincial Treasurer to A. D. Harrington, dated the 9th day of February, 1842.

We find that some of the parties have left the Country, some have died, and the majority are a poor class of persons.

The amount received was distributed amongst 219 individuals; a deficiency occurs in the amount received, and proceeds, occasioned by loss of weight in distributing, and in four Barrels of Flour and 1½ Barrels of Meal not accounted for, and for which no Notes of Hand (owing to the great crowd and confusion) were taken.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM,  
RICH. J. FORRESTALL,  
H. McDONALD,

Antigonish, 18th December, 1843.

*Arichat, 23th February, 1844.*

SIR—

I have not answered the Letter I had the honor to receive from you, under date the 27th May, 1843, as I was unable to procure the assistance and advice of William C. Delaney, Esq., the other Commissioner, (from his sickness), appointed to act with me, to ascertain the disposal of the money voted in aid of the Poor of this County, in procuring Seeds.

On applying to Dr. Madden, one of the Commissioners appointed to distribute the assistance of the Honorable House, I find that the sum of £28 5s. 6d. has been paid and expended under different Road Commissioners in the County, and that a balance of £29 14s. 6d. appears to be due, by different persons, on their Notes of Hand. These parties are poor, but are willing, if allowed, to work out their respective debts on the Roads, during the ensuing Summer. I have only been able to procure the above particulars within this week, although I used every exertion to elicit the necessary information at an earlier day.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

JNO. JEAN, Custos Rotulorum.

The Provincial Secretary, Halifax.

*Halifax, 16th March, 1844.*

SIR—

Having received instructions from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to enquire and report as to the expenditure, and otherwise in relation to monies advanced for the relief of Poor Settlers, under an Act of the Assembly, passed in the year 1837,

We beg leave to state, that the sum allotted for the County of Halifax was expended in

in the purchase of Seed Oats and Potatoes, which were distributed to Poor Settlers, under the direction of Messrs. Joseph Howe, William Annand, and Edward H. Lowe.

It appears that Notes of Hand have been taken and deposited with the County Treasurer to the amount of Two Hundred and Eleven Pounds, out of which he has received Twenty-two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Three Pence, and acknowledges a sum in and of Nineteen Pounds Twelve Shillings—particulars of all which will be shown per statement submitted herewith.

We are of opinion that the collection of the amount of these Notes would now be very difficult, so much time having elapsed since they were taken. They are all for small sums under Twenty Shillings, and much trouble and expense would arise in enforcing payment; many of the parties could not perhaps be found, and from various other causes, we think but little, if anything, would be realised in the end.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

EDW. H. LOWE.  
WM. STAIRS.

To the Hon. Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, Provincial Secretary.

*Statement of Monies received from persons furnished with Seed Oats and Potatoes, under the Act to afford relief to Poor Settlers in this Province.*

James Ferguson, 13s. 4d., Mrs. Morland, 7s. 9d..	£1	-	1
Mrs. Moore, 15s. 5d., John Barnstead, 13s. 4d.,	1	8	9
Rich. Hanigan, 13s. 4d., J. Dechman, 8s. 9d.,	1	2	1
Sam. Benvie, 8s. 9d., And. Benvie, 7s. 6d.,	0	16	3
Will. Holland, 13s. 4d., Charles Dunbrack, 15s. 5d.,	1	8	9
Christ. Hines, 13s. 4d., Will. Walsh, 15s. 5d.,	1	8	9
Barbara Myers, 16s., Mary Holland, 13s. 4d.,	1	9	4
Phil. DeYoung, 15s. 5d., James Cleary, 16s.,	1	11	5
George Lowands, 15s. 5d., D. Drady, 12s.,	1	7	5
R. Farnel, 12s., Alexander Murray, 7s. 7d.	0	19	7
Paid by William Annand, Esq.,	9	4	5
Titus Carter,	0	15	5
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	£22	13	3
Paid Gossip & Coade for advertising for payment of Notes,	£0	7	6
“ “ “ Handbills,	0	8	6
“ English & Blackadar, Advertising,	0	11	3
“ Joseph Howe, do.	0	11	3
County Treasurer's Comissions, 5 per cent.,	1	2	8
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	3	1	2
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	£19	12-	1

L. HARTSHORNE, County Treasurer.

Halifax, 13th September, 1843.

Annapolis Royal, 29th May, 1843.

SIR—

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 20th of the month, relating to the Commissioners of the Loan Office for this County.

I beg leave to state, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that at the last sales of Land there were two defaulters, one of them has since paid his purchase

purchase money ; the other, a poor widow of the name of Broadcreek, whose husband had purchased the mortgaged premises of the mortgagor, on which there was due £13 9d., has yet been unable to make good her purchase. I have repeatedly called upon her, but without effect. I was in expectation she would have been able to make the payment ; I have been waiting in hopes she would do so, that the balance might be remitted to the Treasurer, and the whole closed. I am fearful if the Government of the Province desire it, the land will have again to be sold ; the result will be distressing to her. As the Province has gained upwards of £2,000 by the loan, I think it would not be asking too much to have her relieved altogether. I send to the Treasurer of the Province, a check on the Bank of Nova Scotia for £18 12s. 2d., balance in the hands of the Commissioners.

There is yet due from Joseph Bass 6s. 8d., and from David Marshall £2 6s. 9d., these sums were so small, the Commissioners were in hopes would have been paid without making sales of the lands.

I have acted as Commissioner since the passing of the Act ; the Loan has been a source of trouble to me, and some anxiety. I should be most happy to be relieved from the trust. Will you be pleased to solicit His Excellency to receive my resignation.

I have the honor to be,

Your very humble Servant,

THOMAS RITCHIE.

To JOHN WHIDDEN, Esq.

No. 33.

(See Page 77.)

*Return of the quantity of Coal raised, sold, and exported, at Her Majesty's Coal Mines, in Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton, in the year ending 31st December, 1843.*

Newcastle Measure —	Total quantity of Coal raised and sold, in Chaldrons, Newcastle Measure.		Number of Chaldrons sold for Home consumption.		Number of Chaldrons exported to the United States.		Number of Chaldrons exported to the Neighbouring Colonies, &c.				
	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack.	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack.	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack.	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack.			
	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.			
23432	27	839	13½	9813	27	454	13½	6561	223	7048	162

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I do hereby certify, that the above is a true and correct Account of the Coal shipped from the Sydney Mines, in the year 1843, as charged in the Books at this Office.

(Signed)

ROBERT BRIDGE, Accountant.

Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, 1st January, 1844.

(Signed)

CHARLES BARRINGTON, J. P.

Return

*Return of the quantity of Coal raised, sold, and exported, at Her Majesty's Coal Mines, at Little Bras d'Or, in the Island of Cape Breton, in the year ending 31st December, 1843.*

Newcastle Measure—	Total quantity of Coals raised and sold, in Chaldrons, Newcastle Measure.		Number of Chaldrons sold for Home consumption.		Number of Chaldrons exported to the United States.		Number of Chaldrons exported to the Neighbouring Colonies, &c.		
	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack.	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack.	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack.	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack.	
	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	
35	10	19	16½	11	28	19	16½	23	18

I do hereby certify, that the above is a true and correct Account of the Coal shipped from the Little Bras d'Or Mines, in the year 1843, as charged in the Books at this Office.

Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, 1st January, 1844.

Sworn before me, (Signed)

CHARLES BARRINGTON, J. P.

(Signed)

ROBERT BRIDGE, Accountant.

*Return of the quantity of Coal raised, sold, and exported, at Her Majesty's Coal Mines, in the County of Pictou, in the year ending the 31st December, 1843.*

Year.	Total quantity raised and sold, in Chaldrons, Newcastle Measure.		Number of Chaldrons sold for Home consumption.		Number of Chaldrons exported to the United States.		Number of Chaldrons exported to the Neighbouring Colonies.			
	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack Coal.	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack Coal.	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack Coal.	Large Coal.	Siftings or Slack Coal.		
	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.		
1843.	10093	21	2224	1287	21	836	7905	678	901	710

Return

Sworn to at Albion Mines, this 4th Jan'y., 1844, before me, (Signed)

(Signed)

HENRY POOLE; D. A. DICKSON, Accountant.

(Signed)

N. MCKAY, J. P.



*Return of the quantity of Coal raised, sold, and exported, at Her Majesty's Coal Mines at Sydney, and at Little Bras d'Or, in the Island of Cape Breton, and at the Albion Mines, in the County of Pictou, in the year ending the 31st December, 1843.*

	Total quantity of Coal raised and sold, in Chaldrons, Newcastle Measure.				Number of Chaldrons sold for Home consumption.				Number of Chaldrons exported to the United States.				Number of Chaldrons exported to the Neighbouring Colonies.			
	Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack Coal.		Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack Coal.		Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack Coal.		Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack Coal.	
	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.	Chalds.	Bush.
From Sydney Mines—	23432	27	839	13½	9813	27	454	13½	6561		223	7048		162		
From Little Bras d'Or Mines—	35	10	19	16½	11	28	19	16½				23	18			
From Albion Mines—	10093	21	2224		1287	21	836		7905		678	901		710		
<b>Total,</b>	<b>33560</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>3082</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11111</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1309</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14466</b>		<b>901</b>	<b>7972</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>872</b>		

**Coals raised and sold from the Mines :**

1842.—Sydney Mines,  
 “ Bras d'Or “  
 “ Albion “

Newcastle Measure.  
 24246 Chaldrons.  
 62 “  
 15025 “  
 —————  
 39333

Newcastle Measure.  
 23422 Chaldrons.  
 35 “  
 10093 “  
 —————  
 33550—Decrease, 5783 Ch.

*Abstract of the Accounts of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for Nova Scotia Proper, 1843.*

No. of Grantees, 49.—Acres granted, 4235.—Gross proceeds, Currency,	£583 3 2½
Received on account of Sales in preceding years,	75 11 5½
Amount of Receipts in 1843,	£658 14 8

## DEDUCTIONS.

For Surveying,	£140 14 9	
For Advertising,	13 19 0	
	<u>154 4 9</u>	
Net proceeds,		£504 9 11

## PAYMENTS.

Commissioners Salary 5-6th of net proceeds,	420 8 3
Clerk and Contingent expenses, 1-6th of ditto,	84 1 8
	<u>£504 9 11</u>

*Abstract of the Accounts of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Cape Breton, for the year 1843.*

No. of applicants, 102.—Acres applied for, 12037¼.—Sum deposited,	£900 1 6
Received on account of Sales in former years,	191 16 9
Gross proceeds in 1843,	£1091 18 3

## DEDUCTIONS.

Advertising,	£15 12 0	
Surveying,	61 14 3	
Percentage to Deputies for conducting Sales,	10 15 9½	
	<u>88 2 0½</u>	
Net proceeds,		£1003 16 2½

## PAYMENTS.

Commissioners Salary,	£625 0 0	
5 per cent. on surplus,	9 0 5	
Clerk and Contingencies,	60 1 7½	
	<u>£694 2 0½</u>	
Sums returned to applicants,	138 6 3	
	<u>832 8 3</u>	
To be remitted by Mr. Crawley,		* £171 7 11
Halifax, 25th Feby., 1844.		

\* Since received, R. D. G.

DR. *Account of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue in Nova Scotia, for the half year ended 30th June, 1843.*

1843.	Sterling.	Currency.
June 30.—Paid His Excellency the Lieutetenant-Governor, four-fifths of arrears due to him on 31st Decr. last, on acc't of his Salary,	£300 0 0	£375 0 0
Amount due to His Excellency for Contingencies, to date,	150 0 0	187 10 0
The Count de Barruel, Private Secretary to His Excellency, the amount due him for arrears and Salary to date,	176 13 1	220 16 3½
Four-fifths of arrears of Chief Justice's Salary to 31st December last,	200 0 0	250 0 0
Four-fifths of arrears due Secretary of Province, and Deputy, for Salary to to 31st December last,	200 0 0	250 0 0
Judges Wilkins, Hill, and Bliss, four-fifths each of the arrears due them 31st December last,	102 0 0	127 10 0
Master of the Rolls four-fifths of the arrears due him for allowance, to 31st December last,	34 0 0	42 10 0
Ditto for Contingencies,	6 0 0	7 10 0
Attorney General, four-fifths of arrears of his Salary, due 31st December last,	120 0 0	150 0 0
Solicitor General, ditto,	20 0 0	25 0 0
Clerk of the Crown, ditto,	20 0 0	25 0 0
Surveyor General of Nova Scotia Proper, ditto,	30 0 0	37 10 0
Surveyor General of Cape Breton, ditto,	20 0 0	25 0 0
Ditto, four-fifths arrears of Office Rent,	3 4 0	4 0 0
Superintendant of Mines at Sydney, four-fifths arrears of Salary, due 31st December last,	20 0 0	25 0 0
Harbor Master at Sydney, four-fifths arrears of Salary due 31st December last,	20 0 0	25 0 0
Miss Cox, her pension,	50 0 0	62 10 0
Mr. James, Clerk, Secretary's Office,	125 0 0	156 5 0
Mr. Keating, ditto,	80 0 0	100 0 0
Mr. Pyke, ditto,	50 0 0	62 10 0
Messenger, and on account of Stationery and other Contingencies of Office,	21 19 0	27 8 9
	£1748 5 0	£2185 6 2

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1843.		
Jany. 1 to June 30.—Balance,	£1 9 8	£1 17 1
Received Rent of H. M. Mines in Nova Scotia Proper, and Cape Breton, for the half year ending this day,	1333 6 8	1666 13 4
Premium on Dollars,	55 11 1	69 8 10
Received Fees taken at the Secretary's Office,	247 17 7	309 16 11
	£1638 5 0	£2047 16 2
Balance due to the Treasurer,	110 0 0	137 10 0
	£1748 5 0	£2185 6 2

DR. *Account of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue in Nova Scotia, for the half year, ending 31st December, 1843.*

PAID.	Currency.	Currency.
1843.		
Decr. 31.—Amount advanced to the Treasurer in July, 1843,		£137 10 0
His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, his allowance for contingencies for the half year ending this day,	£125 0 0	
The Count Barruel, Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor, his Salary for the same period,	156 5 0	
Miss Cox, her pension for the same period,	62 15 0	
Her Majesty's annual gift to the Turf Club, for 1843,	62 10 0	
Mr. James, Chief Clerk Secretary's Office, Salary for half year,	156 5 0	
Mr. Keating, Clerk in ditto, ditto,	100 0 0	
Mr. Pyke, ditto, ditto,	62 10 0	
Mr. Belcher, for Stationery of Lieutenant-Governor and Secretary,	35 6 9	
Messenger, Fuel, &c., for Secretary's Office,	11 18 3	
Mr. Thompson, for Printing for Government,	56 1 5	
		828 11 5
<i>Paid His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and the undermentioned Officers, the sums against their names respectively set, namely :</i>		
	Arrears of Salaries due 31st December, 1842.	Four-fifteenths of Salaries due 30th June, 1843.
Lieutenant-Governor,	£93 15 0	£250 0 0
Chief Justice,	62 10 0	166 13 4
Deputy Provin. Secretary,	62 10 0	Nil
Judge Wilkins†	10 12 6	23 6 8
Judge Hill,	10 12 6	23 6 8
Judge Bliss,	10 12 6	23 6 8
Master of the Rolls,	10 12 6	23 6 8
Ditto, for Fuel and Crier,	1 17 6	5 0 0
Attorney General,	37 10 0	100 0 0
Solicitor General,	6 5 0	16 13 4
Clerk of the Crown,	6 5 0	16 13 4
Surveyor General N. Scotia,	9 7 6	25 0 0
Surveyor General C. Breton,	6 5 0	16 13 4
Ditto, for Office Rent,	1 0 0	2 13 4
Superintendent of Mines,	6 5 0	16 13 4
Harbor Master,	Nil	16 13 4
	£336 0 0	£746 0 0
Balance,		1082 0 0
		0 0 9
		£2048 2 2
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Decr. 31.—From the General Mining Association, Rent of Her Majesty's Mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, for the half year ending this day,	£1666 13 4		
From ditto, Rent of H. M. Mines under the late Duke of York's Lease, for the year ended 24th June last,	1 5 0		
Premium on the two preceding sums, payable in Dollars, but paid in Provincial Paper Money, 2½d. per Dollar,	69 9 10	£1737 8 2	
Fees collected at the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the half year ended this day,		310 14 0	
		£2048 2 2	

Halifax, January, 1844.

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

*Statement of the arrears of Salaries and Allowances borne upon the Queen's Casual Revenue, in Nova Scotia, remaining unpaid 1st January, 1844.*

OFFICE.	Period and Portion of Salary or Allowance.		
	For half year ending 30th June, 1843. Eleven fifteenths of Salary. &c	For half year ending 31st Dec., 1843. Whole amount of Salary. &c.	Total.
	Currency.	Currency.	Currency.
Lieutenant-Governor,	£687 10 0	£937 10 0	£1625 0 0
Chief Justice,	458 6 8	625 0 0	1083 6 8
Provincial Secretary,	Nil	625 0 0	625 0 0
Judge Wilkins,	77 18 4	106 5 0	184 3 4
Judge Hill,	77 18 4	106 5 0	184 3 4
Judge Bliss,	77 18 4	106 5 0	184 3 4
Master of the Rolls,	77 18 4	106 5 0	184 3 4
Ditto, for Fuel and Crier of Courts,	13 15 0	18 15 0	32 10 0
Attorney General,	275 0 0	375 0 0	650 0 0
Solicitor General,	45 16 8	62 10 0	108 6 8
Clerk of the Crown,	45 16 8	62 10 0	108 6 8
Surveyor General Nova Scotia,	68 15 0	93 15 0	162 10 0
“ “ Cape Breton,	45 16 8	62 10 0	108 6 8
And for Office Rent,	7 6 8	10 0 0	17 6 8
Superintendent of Mines,	45 16 8	62 10 0	108 6 8
Harbor Master, (Sydney,)	45 16 8	62 10 0	108 6 8
	£2051 10 0	£3422 10 0	£5474 0 0

Halifax, January, 1844.

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

NOTE.—The sum of £171 7s. 11d. having been since received from the Commissioner of Crown Lands in Cape Breton, the arrears of Office Rent due to the Surveyor General of Cape Breton, amounting to £17 6s. 8d., and of the Salary due to the Harbor Master at Sydney, amounting to £108 6s. 8d., have been paid by the Lieutenant-Governor's direction; and the whole amount of the arrears is thus reduced to £5348 6s. 8d.

7th March, 1844.

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

No.

No. 128.

*Government House, Halifax, January 1, 1843.*

MY LORD—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the copy of a Memorial from Mr. Cunard, on behalf of the General Mining Association.

I have submitted this Memorial to the Executive Council, the Members of which are, with myself, unanimously of opinion, that if your Lordship shall have already decided on offering to cede the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown to the House of Assembly on the terms proposed in my Despatch, No. 123, dated 2nd December, 1842, it will be expedient that the consideration of Mr. Cunard's application should be deferred until after the termination of the negotiation.

The next Packet will probably make me acquainted with your Lordship's intentions as regards this matter.

It must be borne in mind, that unless the question of the Civil List be satisfactorily settled, it will shortly be necessary to apply to the Provincial Legislature to pay the arrears of Salaries due to the Public Officers of the Colony, as it has been found that the Crown Revenues for the year just ended have not been sufficient in amount to meet the charges upon them, and the statements contained in the enclosed Memorial make it apparent, that there is but little likelihood of their becoming more productive.

Should your Lordship authorize me to communicate with the Assembly on this subject, it will be but fair that the House should be informed of the condition and prospects of the Mining Association; I shall therefore submit to the Legislature a copy of their Memorial, with regard to which I will at present merely observe, that the facts therein set forth would probably induce a private individual, standing in the situation of the Government, to meet, as far as possible, the views of the Association, since whether the sum now paid on account of royalty be diminished or not, the annual income derived from the Mines will certainly be reduced to the amount of the fixed rent, the only difference being, that if the abatement solicited be refused, no probability will exist of any augmentation taking place for a considerable length of time; whereas the Association entertain the hope (in which, since the passing of the American Tariff now in operation, I confess I do not by any means participate), that were the indulgence they seek accorded to them, it would enable them to compete with American Coal in the markets of the United States.

Should my endeavours to effect a satisfactory arrangement with the Assembly turn out unsuccessful, which, however, I do not anticipate, or should you deem it inadvisable for me to make such an attempt, it will then rest with your Lordship to determine the course to be pursued, both as to the extent of the relief to be granted to the Association, and the manner in which it shall be afforded.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's ob'dt. humble servant,

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The LORD STANLEY, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

[COPY.]

*Halifax, N. S., 22d December, 1842.*

MY LORD—

I have, as Agent of the General Mining Association, to bring under your Lordship's notice the great decrease which has taken place in the shipments of the Coal made from the Mines of the Province this year, compared with those of last year; and I beg to call your Lordship's particular attention to the causes which have produced this decrease, and to state my conviction of the positive certainty which at present exists, that our Trade with the United States will be entirely destroyed, and the Coals of this Province excluded from

from that market, unless we can, by a reduction in the cost of the Coal, counteract the heavy Duties which we have to contend against.

Your Lordship is aware that the Government of the United States have lately imposed a Duty of one dollar and seventy-five cents per Ton, or two dollars and twenty cents per Chaldron, upon all Coal imported into the United States. This Duty alone (imposed for the purpose of protecting the Mines of Pennsylvania and Virginia) would have been almost prohibitory; but, in addition to this, the Mines in Pennsylvania have been able to effect a very great reduction in the cost of their Coals, by the completion of the Reading Rail Road, by which means they can afford to sell their Coals this year at one dollar and fifty cents per Ton less than last year; and they have now completed a Rail Road from Cumberland to Baltimore, which will tend to reduce the price of Coals still further.

The Duty upon Coals imported into the United States this year, until the month of July, when the new Tariff came into operation, was a little more than one dollar per Chaldron, but, by the new Tariff, the Duty levied is very nearly two dollars and one quarter per Winchester Chaldron. Your Lordship will at once see the effect which this additional Duty had upon the importation of Pictou Coal into the United States, when I inform you that twenty-one thousand and seventy-six Chaldrons were shipped from the Pictou Mines in the months of May, June, and July, and only eight thousand four hundred and four Chaldrons since that period.

Mr. E. Cunard has just returned from a visit to the principal Cities and Manufacturing Districts of the United States, and has in every instance been informed, by the Manufacturing Companies, who have been the principal consumers of our Coal, that they will be forced, in consequence of the enormous Duty which they have to pay on the importation of Coal from Nova Scotia, and the low price at which Anthracite Coal is now offered to them, to make use of the latter instead of Pictou Coal, unless we can afford to sell the Coal at a much less price than we have hitherto done.

It is necessary, before changing from the consumption of Bituminous to Anthracite Coal, to make an alteration in the construction of the furnaces; and I cannot conceal from your Lordship the hopelessness of inducing Manufacturers to return to the consumption of Bituminous Coal, after they have once adapted their furnaces for the use of the Anthracite.

The establishments at the Mines have been reduced to the lowest possible point, consistent with any degree of effectiveness, and the strictest economy prevails in every branch of the service. The price of the Coals put on board of the vessel at the Mines, free of all charge to the purchaser, is at present Eighteen Shillings, Currency, per Chaldron, equivalent to about Nine Shillings and Six Pence, Sterling, per Ton.

This price has left no profit to the Association for the large capital embarked in the working of the Mines, on which no interest or return has ever yet been paid; but as it is quite evident that a great reduction must still be made in the price of the Coal, to enable the Association to compete in the United States market with American Coal, protected by a heavy Duty, by the freight from Nova Scotia, and by the strong feeling which exists to encourage the productions of their own Country, in preference to those of Great Britain or her Colonies. I have given my best attention to the only means of effecting this reduction, and am now preparing a reduced scale of wages, which I will endeavor to arrange with the Colliers, although your Lordship is well aware of the difficulty which attends a measure of this nature.

After effecting a reduction of the Colliers' wages, it only remains for me to bring again under your Lordship's consideration the absolute necessity of assistance from the Government, by a modification of the Royalty.

I need not call your Lordship's attention to the great benefits which the Province has derived, from the vast expenditure which the General Mining Association have incurred, or repeat the many arguments which were made use of on former applications to your Lordship, and to Lord John Russell and Lord Stanley.

It is not, at the present moment, of any importance, whether the large expenditure incurred by the Association was injudicious (as has been imputed) or not. Few undertakings

ings of a similar magnitude, even in England, have been accomplished within the estimated expense. The difficulties with which the Association had to contend, and the expenses to which they were subject in opening Mines in a new Country, with the season for active operations limited to the short period of six or seven months, are totally unknown in England. Their works are now, and have been for some time, carried on upon the most economical scale; and after having continued their operations without the smallest return, for a period of sixteen years, in the hope of obtaining an increased Trade with the United States, they now find themselves, after an enormous outlay in the construction of Rail Roads to increase the facilities of shipment, and with Mines in a state capable of supplying an almost unlimited quantity of Coal, threatened with a total destruction of their Foreign Trade, and with every prospect of the consumption being narrowed to the trifling supply of the Province. I have, therefore, earnestly to entreat your Lordship to take the subject into consideration; and I beg to request, that your Lordship will be pleased to report to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies the unfavourable position, and the still more discouraging prospects, which await the Trade of the Mines, with a request that a very great modification may be made in the amount of Royalty now paid. Without this aid the Association will be compelled to close the Pictou Mines, and to dismiss the Colliers, and others employed there, as the Sydney Mines alone can furnish twice the quantity which will be required by the Province for many years. The Association would resort to this ultimate measure with great reluctance, as it would involve the loss of all their expensive Engines and Machinery; but they will have no alternative left, if the Government refuse to grant them the assistance prayed for. No one can be better aware than your Lordship of the injury which would result from such a step to the general Trade and Revenue of the Province.

The fixed annual Rent of £3000 Sterling, for the privilege of raising 20,000 Newcastle Chaldrons, equivalent to a Duty of 3s. Sterling, per Newcastle Chaldron, is a much larger Duty than the Association, under existing circumstances, can continue to pay. As they are, however, aware, that this amount has been appropriated by the Government for specific purposes, and it may be inconvenient to Government to reduce it, or interfere with its regular payment, the Association would be willing to pay this amount annually, but would pray that your Lordship would be pleased to recommend that the number of Chaldrons which may be disposed of on the payment of this sum, be extended from 20,000 to 50,000 Newcastle Chaldrons; upon any excess shipped beyond that quantity, the present Royalty of 2s. Currency, per Newcastle Chaldron, be continued.

Should the Government be pleased to accede to this proposition, the Association may be enabled to offer Coals to the manufacturers and consumers in the United States at such a price as to induce them to continue their use, and, I hope, to introduce them also into new markets abroad.

If, however, the Government decline complying with this Petition, all Foreign Trade will be totally destroyed, the Association confined to the trifling supply of the Province, and the Revenue limited to the fixed Rent of £3000 Sterling.

I inclose for your Lordship's information, a statement extracted from the Returns in the Miners' Journal, showing the immense increase which has taken place in the production and consumption of Anthracite Coal.

In the year 1820 there were only 365 tons of Anthracite Coal sent to market in the United States. In the year 1840 the consumption was estimated at one million of tons; and in the present year the quantity is estimated at nearly one million and a quarter.

The Shipments from Nova Scotia in the year 1841, to the United States, were 51,690 Winchester Chaldrons; this year the shipments will be about 33,000 Winchester Chaldrons, a decrease of 18,000 Chaldrons, and since the operation of the new Tariff the shipments have nearly ceased.

I think your Lordship will do me the justice to believe that I have not made this application without a pressing necessity. From the knowledge which your Lordship possesses of the subject, and the interest which you have always evinced in the welfare of the Province, which is so intimately connected with the prosperity of the Mines, I am induced to hope that



that your Lordship will be pleased to recommend Her Majesty's Government to grant the assistance prayed for.

As we must now either enter into new agreements with the Colliers, or dismiss them, and also endeavour to make arrangements for the supply of the manufacturers in the United States for the next season, I take the liberty of begging that your Lordship will be pleased to request an early reply to this communication.

I have the honor to be,  
My Lord,  
Your Lordship's most obedient Servant,  
(Signed) S. CUNARD.

His Excellency the Right Honorable VISCOUNT FALKLAND, Lieutenant-Governor, &c.

### Anthracite Coal Trade of the United States.

A TABLE exhibiting the quantity of Anthracite Coal sent to Market from the different Regions, from the commencement of the Trade, in 1820, to 1841—together with the annual increase and consumption, as derived from the Miners' Journal.

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Year.	Schuylkill.	Maeach Chunck.	Beaver Meadow.	Hazleton.	Pail Grove.	Lacka- wauna.	Aggregate.	Annual increase.	Con- sumption.
		Tons.					Tons.		
1820		365					365		
1821		1073					1073	608	
1822		2240					2240	1167	
1823		5823					5823	3583	
1824		9541					9541	3718	
1825	5306	28393					33699	23852	
1826	16836	31280					48115	14644	
1827	29493	32074					61567	13681	
1828	47181	30232					77413	15730	
1829	78293	25110				7000	110403	27688	
1830	89984	41750				43000	174734	85917	
1831	81854	40966				54000	176820	2086	177000
1832	209271	75000				84600	368871	192051	318000
1833	250588	123000				111777	485365	116494	425000
1834	226692	106244				43700	376636	de.	456000
1835	335685	131250				90000	556835	180199	556000
1836	443754	146502				106000	696526	139699	635000
1837	535250	192595	33617		18000	115387	874539	178013	680000
1838	434684	152699	44966	16221	13000	76321	723836	de.	788000
1839	442608	140651	38429	34066	20639	122300	817659	61717	867000
1840	452291	102164	43619	50366	23860	148470	865414	47775	
	3779769	1473473	160631	100653	75499	1002125	6487172		

From the Sugar Loaf there were sent in 1839, 7,350; in 1840, 29,039. Total—36,389. From Shamokin, in 1839, 11,930; in 1840, 15,505. Total, 27,435.

The above Table includes the shipments from all the Anthracite regions in the State, except the Wilkesbanc Basin, from which we have no returns. This supply, however, does not effect the Atlantic Market, as the whole quantity, which in 1837, was 17,492 tons, is consumed in the interior. The new impetus given to the Coal Trade by the erection of Anthracite Iron Works on the Susquehanna, will greatly increase the supplies from the Wilkesbanc region hereafter.

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The consumption of Anthracite Coal in 1830, in the United States, was only about 150,000 tons; in 1840, taking the quantity consumed in the Coal Regions into consideration, we can date the consumption 1,000,000 tons.

The increased demand for Coal, for Iron Works, Steam Boats, &c., will probably create a market in the next five years for 2,000,000 tons.

*Extracted from the Miners' Journal, United States.*

[COPY.]

No. 103.

*Downing Street, 18th February, 1843.*

MY LORD—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 1st January, No. 128, in which you inclose a Memorial from Mr. Cunard, renewing the application of the General Mining Association for some relaxation of their engagement with Her Majesty's Government, in respect to the Royalty required to be paid on the Coal raised in their Mines in Nova Scotia; and I have to transmit to your Lordship, for your information, a copy of the correspondence which has passed on the subject, between this Office and the Treasury, from which you will learn that the Lords Commissioners have consented to relieve the Company from the payment for the next year of the Royalty chargeable on Coal raised by them to the extent of 20,000 Chaldrons, Newcastle Measure, beyond the amount covered by their present rent.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c.

[COPY.]

*Downing Street, 16th January, 1843.*

SIR—

I am directed by Lord Stanley to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 5th inst. communicating the decision of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury upon the recent application of the General Mining Association, for a reduction in the amount of the Rent and Royalty which they are required to pay to the Crown upon the Coal raised in their Mines in Nova Scotia; and I have to transmit to you the copy of a Letter from the Association, containing a further representation of their inability to work the Mines upon the terms of the existing Lease, and to request that you would submit this letter to the consideration of the Lords of the Treasury, and inform their Lordships that Lord Stanley will suspend the communication of his answer to the former application of the Company until he shall be apprised whether their Lordships desire to modify the decision conveyed in your letter of the 5th inst.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. STEPHEN.

C. E. TREVYLYAN, Esquire.

*Treasury Chambers, 8th February, 1843.*

SIR—

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having had under consideration your Letters of the 16th and 30th ultimo, relating to the engagements entered into with the Crown by the General Mining Association of Nova Scotia, as to Rent and Royalty on Coal raised by them, I am to request you will state to Lord Stanley that their Lordships see no reason, on account of a temporary difficulty occasioned by the altered Tariff of the United States, which has been counteracted, to a certain extent, by the recent increase

crease of Coal Export Duty in England, to make a permanent reduction of the amounts paid by the Company, or to alter the principle on which the payment is regulated.

Their Lordships, however, see no objection to forbearing to demand for the next year, the amount of Royalty chargeable on Coal raised to the extent of 20,000 chaldrons, Newcastle measure, above that covered by the Rent. But the parties must be cautioned that this is only a temporary reduction, arising out of the peculiar circumstances of the present year, and is not to be considered as abrogating the provisions of their agreement; nor to be renewed, unless under circumstances which their Lordships do not now anticipate.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

C. E. TREVYLYAN.

J. STEPHEN, Esquire.

*Downing Street, 30th January, 1843.*

SIR—

With reference to my Letter of the 16th instant, and to the previous correspondence which has passed, relating to the application of the General Mining Association of Nova Scotia, for a reduction of the Rent and Royalty paid to the Crown upon the Coal raised at their Mines, I am directed by Lord Stanley to transmit to you the copy of a Despatch from Viscount Falkland, enclosing a further representation, by Mr. S. Cunard, of the inability of the Association to work the Mines, under their present engagements to Her Majesty's Government, and with the disadvantage of the high Duty imposed by the American Tariff on Foreign Coal; and I am to request that you would communicate this representation to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and move their Lordships to give it their immediate attention, and favour Lord Stanley with their decision upon it, in time to enable His Lordship to answer Lord Falkland's Despatch by the North American Mail of the 3d proximo.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. STEPHEN.

C. E. TREVYLYAN, Esquire.

No. 108.

*Downing Street, 3d March, 1843.*

MY LORD—

With reference to my Despatch of the 18th ultimo, I inclose, for your Lordship's information, the accompanying copy of a Letter which has been received from the Chairman of the General Mining Association, in reply to the communication made to him by my direction, on the subject of the relief which has been conceded to the Association, in respect of the Royalty to be paid on the Coal raised by them in Nova Scotia, during the present year.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c.

*General Mining Association, 52, Old Broad Street,  
25th February, 1843.*

SIR—

I have had the honor of receiving your Letter of the 23d instant, transmitting, for the information of the General Mining Association, the copy of a Letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, conveying their Lordships decision, to remit, but for the present year only, the Royalty payable by the Association

on the Coal raised from the Mines leased to them in Nova Scotia, to the extent of 20,000 Chaldrons, Newcastle measure, beyond the quantity covered by the Rent paid by the Association.

Having laid your Letter before the Board of Directors, I have been requested to beg that you will express to Lord Stanley their best thanks for the relief thus afforded, but, at the same time, to observe, that it is a very inadequate reduction from the heavy payment to the Crown; and the Directors confidently trust, that if, when the result of the present year's operations shall be ascertained, it shall be seen that the reductions made in the selling price at the Mines, consequent upon the modification in the charge of Royalty now granted, and the allowances made to parties in the United States to induce them to become purchasers, have resulted in an increased sale, Lord Stanley will be willing, on a fair exposition of these facts, to recommend the continuance for a longer period, of the reduction in the Roalty allowed for the present year only.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT MOSER, Chairman.

G. W. HOPE, Esquire.

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No. 152.

*Downing Street, 31st January, 1844.*

MY LORD—

I have received your Lordship's Despatch of the 17th December, No. 199, enclosing a Letter addressed to yourself by the Agent of the General Mining Association, requesting that the yearly Rent, payable under the Company's lease, might be remitted.

In deference to your Lordship's opinion, I declined to recommend this request to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for their sanction. But, on the 5th instant, I received from the Association a Letter, of which I enclose a copy, soliciting permission to raise and sell annually, 50,000 Newcastle Chaldrons of Coal, instead of 20,000, on account of the Rent payable by them, and without the exaction of any Royalty in respect of this increased produce. To this proposal there appears to be no valid objection, provided that the proposed concession should not continue in force for more than some definite period, varying from a minimum of five, to a maximum of ten years. But, although such is the opinion which, in concurrence with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, I have adopted on this subject, I have not thought it right that any step should be taken, or assurance given, on the subject, binding in any degree on Her Majesty's Government, until your Lordship shall have first maturely weighed the proposal. Should you think it unobjectionable, you will consider and report to me what should be the corresponding modification of the terms of the Lease; and it will be in your power at once to apprise the Company's Agent in the Province, that such a change in the terms of the arrangement is to take effect. If, on the other hand, your Lordship should see good reason to dissuade the adoption of this course, you will inform the Agent that such is the conclusion which you are about to report to me; and that in the mean time the question must remain on its present footing.

The Company in this Country have been informed of the discretionary power thus vested in your Lordship, to give, or to decline giving, effect to the views of Her Majesty's Government on this subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor the VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

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No. 218.

*Government House, Halifax, 2nd March, 1844.*

MY LORD—

In your Lordship's Despatch, No. 152, of the 31st January, my opinion is requested as to the expediency of acceding to the application of the General Mining Association, for permission to raise and sell, annually, 50,000 Newcastle chaldrons of Coal, instead of 20,000, on account of the Rent payable by them, and without the exaction of any Royalty in respect of this increased produce.

I have accordingly maturely weighed this proposal, and it is with much regret I find that I cannot recommend its adoption; first, because a compliance with it would certainly embarrass, and probably prevent, the adjustment of the Civil List question, which, in connexion with the conditional surrender of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown, I am about to bring under the consideration of the Provincial Parliament; and, secondly, because the indulgence extended to the Association last year, by the remission, as an experiment for one year only, of the Royalty payable on Coal raised by them in Nova Scotia, to the extent of 20,000 chaldrons, Newcastle measure, beyond the quantity covered by the Rent, has not been productive of the anticipated results, namely, increased sales of Coal, and an improved Revenue; the former having been considerably less than those in the preceding year—while the latter did not exceed the amount of the fixed *annual* rent.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honorable the LORD STANLEY, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

*Extract of a Despatch to Lord Stanley, from Lord Falkland, dated, Government House, Halifax, 2d December, 1842.*

“I have had the honor to receive your Despatch, No. 79, date 22d October, 1842, and having a second time consulted the Executive Council of Nova Scotia as to the probability of a proposition, having for its object the granting to Her Majesty a permanent Civil List in exchange for the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown, being accepted by the Legislature, I am assured by those Members of the Council who have seats in the House of Assembly, that they believe it likely that a proposal which I have submitted to them, a copy of which I herewith transmit for your Lordship's consideration, would be carried without much difficulty, and they express themselves desirous of making the attempt.

On referring to column No. 1, in the inclosed paper, your Lordship will see the amount of Salary now received by each of the Provincial functionaries. In columns 2 and 3 will be found respectively, the portions of such Salaries now drawn from the Casual Revenue and Provincial Treasury.

In column 4, the scale of Salaries proposed by Lord Glenelg, in which no charge appears, on account of the Judges, as their fees had not then been commuted for the sums now received by them from the Crown Revenues.

In 5, the portion of each of these Salaries which would, under that proposal, have been drawn from the Provincial Treasury. The total of these sums, constituting, in fact, the amount which would have been paid in exchange for the Casual and Territorial Revenue.

In 6, the proposition of 1840, so nearly agreed to in both branches of the Provincial Legislature.

In 7, the several sums thereby offered to be paid in exchange for the Revenue, and their total amount.

In 8, my proposition.

In 9, the sums demanded according to it in lieu of Crown Revenues.

On looking to columns 4, 7, and 9, you will at once perceive where and in what degree I have modified the offer of Lord Glenelg, or dissented from the views of the Colonial Legislature,

gislature, and I will now proceed to discuss the various points of difference successively, merely repeating, what I have formerly stated, that I regard the stipulation that the Salaries of none of the present holders of office shall be interfered with, as indispensable, more especially so, because, as the cession of the Territorial Revenues of the Crown to the Assembly will probably be followed by a total change of system in the management of the waste Lands of the Province, the two gentlemen now at the head of that Department Messrs. Morris and Crawley, the former of whom is Commissioner of Crown Lands as well as Surveyor General, might, (unless some such condition were insisted on) be deprived of their incomes without compensation.

The first item in the list is the Salary of the Lieutenant-Governor, and as no alteration in the amount of that Salary is contemplated during my own tenure of office, I feel myself relieved from all embarrassment, in stating my opinion on a subject of personal importance to my successors, premising, that while the society of Halifax has been gradually increasing, and the expense of the Governor becoming greater in consequence, the amount of the Salary to enable him to meet those expenses, has been diminished.

From the termination of the Government of Sir John Wentworth, who retired from the administration of affairs in 1803, up to the year 1841, the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova Scotia have been Military men, who, in addition to £3,000, the Salary then attached to the Civil Office of Lieutenant-Governor, have enjoyed the pay and allowances of the Officer commanding the Troops, which, up to the time of Sir James Kempt, amounted to about £3,000 yearly, making altogether about £6,000 per annum. During Sir James Kempt's administration the allowance of £1,000 a year, as Governor of Annapolis Royal, was discontinued, and the emoluments of a Military Governor consequently reduced by that amount.

My immediate predecessor, who combined the two offices, received, notwithstanding, £1825 10s. 3d. annually, from the Military Chest, as the inclosed return will show, (see paper No. 2) was allowed two Aides de Camp and a Military Secretary, and enjoyed in his Military capacity various other advantages, to which a Civil Governor is not entitled.

On my appointment as Lieutenant-Governor, Lord John Russell considering £3,000 as inadequate to the maintenance of the dignity of the office, raised the Salary attached to it to £3,500. Sir Colin Campbell, however, considered even that amount so unequal to the expenses which he knew my position would necessarily entail, that I am aware, he, of his own accord, and totally uninstigated by me, represented the case to Mr. Vernon Smith, (at that time one of the under Secretaries of State,) and begged he would bring it under the notice of Lord John Russell.

I have found Sir Colin Campbell to be right in his conjecture, as I have never yet been able to make my official income cover my expenses.

The residence of the Lieutenant-Governor is a large one, and requires a certain establishment merely to keep it in order, while its size necessitates a great consumption of fuel during the long and severe winter. If, therefore, my successor is to depend on his Salary as Lieutenant-Governor, and that Salary is to be reduced, common prudence will dictate that he should not inhabit the Government House; and I therefore cannot recommend that the emoluments of an officer, certainly not now overpaid, and filling a situation, the discharge of the duties of which is accompanied by both anxiety and labor, should be any further decreased.

Lord John Russell, at my request, allowed me an Aid de Camp, or Private Secretary, whichever I might choose, to be paid by the Province; and for some time after my assumption to the Government, I had *both*, the Secretary being remunerated from my private resources, and my Aid de Camp receiving the usual amount of pay and allowances of an Aid de Camp, viz.: £291 11s. 10d.

On finding at the end of my first year of office, that my expenses exceeded the income attached to it, I dispensed with my Aid de Camp, and since that time my Private Secretary has been paid at the rate of £250 per annum, (being what I had previously paid him) under the authority of Lord John Russell's Despatch, No. 3, date 5th September, 1840. I think £250 is as little as can be given to a gentleman qualified to fill a post necessarily extremely

extremely confidential, and it would in my opinion be inexpedient that a Civil Governor who has no Aid de Camp or Military Secretary, should be without some individual, on whom he can rely, and whom he can employ as a medium of communication with a number of persons by whom he is addressed on topics of various kinds, which do not come within the range of duties of the Secretary of the Province, whose Salary is the next to be considered.

The sum of £560 offered by the House of Assembly in 1840, and which I have affixed to the office in my Schedule, is certainly too small if that officer is to be brought from England, as it would be difficult to find persons adequately qualified by ability and position in society, who would be willing to quit their country, perhaps for ever, for a permanent situation of so small an amount, but, taking for granted that which appears to be the natural result of the present system, (the Governor having his Private Secretary,) that the Provincial Secretary is to be a Nova Scotian, there would seem no reason why the Provincial Secretary should be more highly paid than one of the Puisne Judges of the Supreme Court.

The incomes proposed for the future Chief Justice and Puisne Judges, may be deemed small by your Lordship, and I confess they appear so to me, these sums are, however, certainly looked upon in this country as a fair remuneration for the performance of the duties of either Chief Justice or Puisne Judges, and at present command the services of the first men at the Bar. So long as this is the case there is no apparent necessity why they should be increased, and when they cease to do so, the discontent of the constituency, keenly alive to any defects in the administration of Justice, will speedily induce the House of Assembly to remedy the evil.

I conceive that the Attorney General would be well paid with £500 a year, and agree with the House of Assembly that the Solicitor General should not receive less than £150.

The £200 allowed the Lieutenant-Governor for contingencies, should not be taken away, as his yearly subscription to public charities and other institutions, fully equal that sum. The Clerk of the Crown and Miss Cox's pension being provided for, I think all the other items in the list may be safely left to the annual vote of the House of Assembly.

From the concluding paragraph of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 79, date 22d October, I am led to infer that you believe all agitation on the Civil List question to have ceased in Nova Scotia, and are apprehensive that any action taken by the Government in regard to it, might revive those feelings of irritation which the discussion of it formerly induced.

I assure your Lordship that agitation on this subject never has ceased, nor has the local Government the power to prevent its being frequently mooted in the elective branch of the Legislature, and at very inconvenient seasons, hence my desire, and the anxiety of the members of the Executive Council, that it should be finally determined.

Should your Lordship decide on allowing me to exercise my discretion in this matter, I shall endeavour, by every means in my power, to ascertain the reception my proposition will be likely to meet with, before submitting it to the Provincial Parliament.

The conviction entertained by the leaders of both Houses, members of the Executive Council, that a measure introduced by the Government with a view to bring about a satisfactory arrangement, would probably be successful, forms the ground on which I now anticipate a favourable issue to my attempt."





[COPY.]

*Downing Street, 26th January, 1843.*

MY LORD—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 2nd December, No. 123, in which you explain, in detail, your views respecting the proposition for exchanging the Crown Revenues in Nova Scotia, for a Civil List, and requesting to be allowed a discretionary power of communicating with the House of Assembly on the subject.

I beg to assure your Lordship, that I have renewed the consideration of the proposal with a sincere wish to contribute to the adjustment of a question, which you describe as still agitating the Province. But after the most ample consideration that I can give the subject, I am of opinion, that, in order to effect a satisfactory arrangement, it will not be advisable to make any offer to the Assembly on the part of the Crown. If the Legislature shall make an offer, Her Majesty's Government will be ready to consider it; but in that case, the offer should be of a round sum to provide for all the charges now on the Casual Revenue, and I think, that including the permanent grants, £9,000 is a fair amount to take. With these views, it appears to me that it will be most advisable that your Lordship should not send any message to the House of Assembly on this subject.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

TO VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

*Extract of a Despatch, dated 9th May, 1843, from Viscount Falkland to Lord Stanley.*

"I had the honor to receive, by the Packet which left England on the 4th February, your Lordship's Despatch, No. 97, date 26th January, and I learned, with much regret, the conclusion at which you had arrived with respect to the inexpediency of my sending a Message to the House of Assembly on the subject of a Civil List, as well as the opinion that you entertain with regard to the amount of the sum which ought to be granted to Her Majesty, in exchange for the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown, in Nova Scotia.

"Had time allowed, I should have addressed your Lordship again on this topic, but, as it was impossible for any Letter to reach you soon enough to admit of your replying to it before the termination of the Session of the Legislature then in progress, no course remained to me but to obey, without further reference to your Lordship's instructions. I accordingly apprised the members of the local Government, that it was not my intention to submit to Parliament any proposition relating to the Casual and Territorial Revenue, and directed the Solicitor General, should the matter be adverted to in debate, (as it shortly afterwards was) to explain your Lordship's views to the House.

"The knowledge of your sentiments, I am sorry to say, was productive of no good result. I had not indeed ventured to anticipate that it would have led to any step of a satisfactory nature on the part of the Representative branch, because when Lord Glenelg, in a Despatch, dated 31st October, 1837, No. 101, addressed to Sir Colin Campbell, offered to surrender the Crown Revenues for a round sum of £8000, Sterling, including the permanent grants already obtained, and being £4,560 in addition to them (the increase in the Master of the Roll's Salary not then being made) which is £4,440 less than your Lordship requires, if the £9,000 is intended *in addition to the permanent appropriations*, otherwise it would be £40 more, leaving, however, £2337 15s. 11d. to be provided for annually, by the Assembly; Mr. James B. Uniacke, the present Solicitor General, was the only Member who, after a long debate, voted for the grant; even the gentleman who seconded the motion, voting against it.

"Public opinion on this subject has undergone no material change since 1838, and I should therefore have thought myself extremely fortunate, had the proposal which I wished to

to make to the Legislature been acceded to, as I conceive it would have been (modified perhaps in a very slight degree) had it met with your Lordship's concurrence.

"I infer from your Lordship's communication, that one of your objections to my scheme is that it involves the consideration, by the Legislature, of the Salaries of the several public Officers of the Colony, and that you would prefer a grant of a round sum, the distribution of which should be left to be regulated by the Imperial Government.

"I very much lament the invincible disinclination of the Provincial Parliament to act in conformity with your Lordship's judgment in this particular, but I am convinced that the House of Assembly will never grant money in exchange for the Crown Revenues, to be applied to the payment of the Salaries of the Government Officers, without its being made quite apparent that the whole sum asked for is indispensably necessary, according to their views, to the carrying on of the Government, and that they will not be satisfied on this head, without knowing the several items to the discharge of which the aggregate is to be appropriated.

"Acting under this impression, and in accordance with the advice of the Executive Council, as likewise with the course adopted by my predecessors in their attempts to settle this embarrassing question, I drew up the best scale of Salaries I was able to devise, in order that it might, with your Lordship's sanction, be laid before the Local Legislature."

[COPY.]

*Downing Street, 4th September, 1843.*

MY LORD—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two Despatches of the 3d and 18th ultimo, Nos. 179 and 180, reporting the increasing deficiency in the Casual and Territorial Revenue of the Crown, in Nova Scotia. I regret to find that this Revenue continues so much below the charges of the Public Service, which are placed upon it; but I see no reason, from anything which your Lordship has stated in those Despatches, to change the views expressed on this subject in my private letters, dated 31st July and 22d August; nor can I consent to apply to Parliament to pay the arrears due on account of the Public Service of the Province of Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

TO VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

*STATEMENT shewing in Sterling Money the amounts now respectively borne upon the Casual Revenue, with the additions of allowances to Officers from the Provincial Treasury, in connexion therewith; and also, the several Salaries proposed by the Bill of 1840 and 1844.*

DESIGNATION OF OFFICE.	Total amount of present Salaries in Sterling.	Portion of Salaries now paid under permitt. Grants from Prov. Treasry.	Portion of same now paid from the Casual Revenue.	Salaries proposed by Bill of 1840.		Deductions proposed by Bill of 1840.		Increase proposed by Bill of 1840.	Permanent sums proposed to be filled up in the Bill of 1844, for future Incumbents.	Remarks.
				For present Incumbents.	For future Incumbents.	From present Incumbents.	From future Incumbents.			
Lieutenant-Governor,	£3500	2000	1500	3000	2500	500	2500	2500		
Ditto, for Contingencies,	200		200							
Priv. Sec. of Lt. Gov. (or if Aid de Camp £291 11 8,)	250		250	880	560	440	560	560		
Provincial Secretary,	1000		1000	880	750	250	750	750		
Chief Justice of Sup. Court,	650	480	170	560	560	90	560	560		
First Assistant Justice,	650	480	170	560	560	90	560	560		
Second do.	650	480	170	560	560	90	560	560		
Third do.	650	480	170	560	560	90	560	560		
Master of the Rolls,	600		600	500 anl.	500		500	400		
Attorney General,	100		100	150 anl.	150		150	100		
Solicitor General,	100		100	100 anl.	100		100	50		
Miss Cox, her pension, with premium of Exchange,	101 10		101 10	101 10						
Sup. of Mines, C. B.	100		100	100 anl.	100		100			
Surveyor General, N. S.	150		150							
Surveyor General, C. B.	100		100							
Ditto, for Office Rent,	16		16							
Har. Master, Sydney, C. B.	100		100							
First Clerk Secy's Office,	250		250							
Second do.	160		160							
Third do.	100		100							
Master of Rolls, for Fuel & Crier of Courts, &c.	30		30							
Messenger of Lt. Gov. and Executive Council, Stationary and Printing for Secy's Office, in relation to Casual Revenue, and incidental expenses,	200		200							
H. M. gift to the Turf Club, Contingencies,	50		50							
	78 5 11		78 5 11	200	200					
	£10785 15 11	3920	6865 15 11	8151 10	7100	1550	6550	6550		Permanent Civil List.
	3920 0 0					50 s. g.	3920	3920		Provincial Grants by permanent Act.
	£6865 15 11					1500	2630	2630		Permanent settlement voted by the present Bill.

The other services to be provided for by annual votes, or other arrangement.

## No. 34.

*(See Page 81.)*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Edward Bulger, praying compensation for damages in opening a new Road through his Farm at Saint Peter's, Cape Breton—beg leave to Report: That on investigation, they find that by a vote of this Honorable House, made in the Session of 1837, the sum of Thirty-five Pounds was granted "for the Road from the River Bourgeoise to Saint Peter's, and to compensate for altering the Road," and that the said sum was subsequently drawn from the Treasury by Mr. Kavanagh, and that in his account there appears a charge of £10 paid by him for altering the Road, although it is not stated to whom this payment was made.

As this Road is one of the Cross Roads in the County, the Committee conceive that this House is not called upon to make any further grant to compensate the Petitioner for the damages, as alleged in his Petition, but that he should apply to the General Sessions in his County, who, no doubt, will afford to him that justice which his case demands.

JAMES D. FRASER, Chairman.  
BENJ. SMITH,  
JOHN ROSS.

Halifax, 12th March, 1844.

## No. 35.

*(See Page 81.)*

Whereas, a Commission directed to William Allen Chipman, and Thomas A. S. Dewolf, of King's County, by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for them to enquire and make report as to the expenditure, and otherwise in relation to the monies advanced for the relief of Poor Settlers, under an Act of the Assembly, passed in 1837, report as follows—many unexpected circumstances have interfered to prevent their making a report together.

When William Allen Chipman received the Commission in June last, the County Treasurer, James D. Harris, Esq. was then gone, or went very soon after to Boston, and other places in the United States. Soon after his return he went to inquire of him, Mr. Harris informed him that when his Store was burnt, his Books, Notes of Hand, and other papers was all burnt. That he had not collected any of the Notes of Hand he had received from him, and that he paid to the Province Treasurer, Mr. Wallace, he believed, Eleven Pounds Ten Shillings, about the time he received it from him; and that the Notes he received from him are burnt, except a small part given back to him; that he received some money about that time from Samuel Beckwith, but could not say how much, that he did not receive any Notes of Hand from Mr. Beckwith on that account.

That he never received any Notes of Hand or money from the late Henry V. Buskirk on that account, but he believes he received a few Pounds by way of Road work. That was all the information I could get from him.

William A. Chipman, Henry V. Buskirk, and Samuel Beckwith, had Fifty Pounds each, in the Spring of 1837, to expend, or get Seed for Poor Settlers in Cornwallis and Aylesford, under the Act of the Assembly.

William Allen Chipman, with the £50, bought Seed Wheat, Oats, and Potatoes, and issued it out to different persons in Cornwallis, and took their Notes of Hand, as the Law directed, and delivered to the County Treasurer, J. D. Harris, Esq.—

Notes to the amount of	£44 7 0
And kept a list of them all, and afterwards in Road work, and other ways collected, and received back, or had endorsed on them, collected,	5 17 0

Leaving still with Mr. Harris,

£38 10 0

Brought

	Brought forward,	£38 10 0
And give him cash, or drafts on Mr. Wallace, to the full amount received,		11 10 0
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		£50 0 0

I wrote to the Rev. Mr. Owen, at Aylesford, one of the Executors of the late Henry V. Buskirk, Esq., and he informed me that looking over the papers of the late Mr. Buskirk, he found a list of names of those persons that had the whole amount of the money, but cannot find any Notes of Hand, or accounts of money received in payment, but that the family inform him that the Note was sent to Mr. Harris, and believes some part was paid in work on the Roads.

I also wrote to Samuel Beckwith, who had £50 to expend in the Western part of Cornwallis, soon after I had the conversation with Mr. Harris, Mr. Beckwith came in, and saw Mr. Harris, and come to me and brought a number of Notes of Hand with him, which he said he offered to Mr. Harris at the time, he gave him money shortly after he took the Notes, that Mr. Harris advised him at that time to take them back and endeavour to collect them, but has collected very little.

That he paid Mr. Harris at that time,	£13 0 0
And that Mr. Harris has collected one small Note since they were brought to me, of,	0 15 0
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	£13 15 0
Mr. Beckwith left with me Notes to amount, beside those collected,	28 7 11
And has to account for,	7 17 1
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	£50 0 0

At the time William A. Chipman delivered the Note to the Treasurer, J. D. Harris, in May, 1837, payable in six months, the persons that signed the Notes, with their bondsmen, was good; but now some are gone away, some dead, and some of those that are here are not worth anything—and those taken by Mr. Beckwith are in the same state.

This is all the information I can give.

WILLIAM A. CHIPMAN.

January, 1844.

I was informed by Letter from W. A. Chipman, Esq., of my appointment, jointly with him, to investigate the foregoing subject—but was never called upon by Mr. Chipman, to co-operate with him in pursuing any enquiries.

One Hundred Pounds of the above loan was given to Parrsborough, (then a portion of King's County) and Fifty Pounds to the Township of Horton, which two sums, with the exception of Fifteen Pounds, were paid in less than 18 months from the time the loan was given, and that balance was fully paid up in December last.

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

January, 1844.

Halifax, February, 1844.

SIR—

I have enclosed the papers received from the County Treasurer of Colchester, for His Excellency's information, by which it appears there is, on account of the Relief Grant to Poor Settlers—

In the hands of Charles Wallace, Provincial Treasurer,	£101 0 0
“ “ John Goudge, Colchester Treasurer,	36 18 0
Due from the Township of Truro, as per Notes of sundry persons,	3 9 2½
Ditto, in Londonderry,	1 5 0
These Notes are mostly good, and can be collected.	
Due in Tatmagouche,	35 13 8

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The Notes for the last sum is in the hands of Charles McCurdy, Esq. of Tatmagouche, who I have wrote twice to for an account of the names of the parties to the Notes, and his opinion as to their ability to pay, but have received no answer.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. W. McLELLAN.

Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, &c. &c. &c.

*An Account of payments received from sundry persons, on account of Notes lodged in my hands by the Commissioners for the distribution of the Provincial Loan Money, in 1837.*

Notes received from E. Blanchard, Esq., Truro :

John Clifford, and others,	£1	10	0
Ralph Johnson, and others,	1	10	0
George Wilson, and others, on account,	0	14	0
James Archibald, and others,	1	10	0
Robert Pratt, and others, on account,	0	15	0
Peter Hamilton, and others,	1	10	0
Robert Bryson, and others,	1	10	0
John Cox, and others,	1	10	0
John Nolan, and others,	1	10	0
Robert Archibald, and others,	1	4	4½
William Walter, and others, on account,	0	15	0
Job Fields, and others,	1	10	0
James Mitchell, and others,	1	10	0
James Cousins, and others,	1	10	0
James Smith, and others,	0	15	0
John Pierson, and others,	1	10	0
Charles Pierson, and others,	1	10	0
George Paxton, and others,	1	10	0
Samuel Henderson, and others,	1	10	0
John Cummings, and others,	1	0	0
David Archibald, and others,	1	10	0
Robert McNutt, and others,	1	10	0
Edward McCallum, and others,	1	10	0
William Welsh, and others,	1	10	0
William McLane, and others,	1	10	0
Richard Brineck, and others,	1	10	0
Robert Nicoll, and others,	0	18	0
Robert McCallum, and others,	1	5	0
Ebenezer Upham, and others,	1	0	0
John Whidden, and others,	1	0	0
James Whidden, and others,	1	0	0
James Wright, and others,	1	0	0
David Whipper, and others,	1	0	0
Kenneth McLain, and others,	0	7	6
William Wall, and others,	1	0	0
Cash received from E. Blanchard, Esq.,	4	9	0

£48 2 10½

Notes received of Mr. E. D. Dickson, Onslow :

Peter Blackmore, and others,	£0	10	0
Jabish Rude,	1	0	0

Thomas

Thomas McCallum, and others,	£1	0	0
John McNutt, and others,	0	10	0
Thomas McCallum, and others,	0	15	0
John McNutt, and others,	1	0	0
William Jardine, and others,	0	10	0
Samuel C. Weatherbie, and others,	1	0	0
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	£54	7	10½

## Notes received of William Rutherford, Esq., Stewiacke :

Daniel Fisher, and others,	£1	0	0
Thomas Higgins, and others,	1	10	0
William Johnson, and others,	1	10	0
James Tupper, and others,	1	10	0
Joseph Pratt, and others,	1	10	0
Harris Blackie, and others,	1	10	0
David Bently, and others,	1	10	0
James McCulloch, and others,	1	0	0
John Brinton, and others,	1	10	0
James Fleck, and others,	1	10	0
David Fisher, and others,	1	10	0
John Pratt, and others,	1	10	0
Samuel Pratt, and others,	1	10	0
John Jeffers, and others,	1	10	0
Alexander Fisher, and others,	1	10	0
George Cox, and others,	1	0	0
Robinson Cox, and others,	1	10	0
Solomon Wright, and others,	1	10	0
Margaret Bentley, and others,	1	10	0
Cash by William Rutherford, Esq.,	1	10	0
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	£82	17	10½

## Notes received from James Flemming, Esq., Londonderry :

James M. Spencer, and others,	£2	0	0
Daniel Cumings, and others,	1	5	0
Lawrence Peppard, and others,	0	16	3
Peter Tiltan, and others,	1	17	6
George Spencer, and others,	0	12	6
David Crow, and others,	1	0	0
John Graham, and others,	1	5	0
William Peppard, and others,	1	5	0
James Miller, and others,	1	5	0
William McNutt, and others,	1	0	0
John B. McNutt, and others,	1	5	0
David Vance, and others,	1	17	6
Joshua Thompson, and others,	2	10	0
Daniel Chisholm, and others, on account,	0	12	6
James Smith, and others,	1	5	0
George Tiltan, and others,	2	16	3
Alexander Flemming, and others,	1	5	0
Robert Dill, and others,	1	5	0
James Cotham, and others,	1	5	0
Samuel McLain, and others,	1	5	0
David Flemming, and others,	1	5	0
John Robinson, and others,	1	15	0

William McCully, and others,	£1 5 0
Cash of Jas. Flemming, for 2 bushels Potatoes,	0 5 0
	<u>£115 0 4½</u>

## Notes received of Samuel Moore, Esq., Gay's River :

David Corbett, and others,	£1 10 0
James Faulkner, and others,	1 10 0
Ezekiel Pollock, and others,	1 10 0
Abner Polly, and others,	1 10 0
Joseph Taise, and others,	1 0 0
Elisha Godfrey, and others,	1 10 0
Adam Rankin, and others,	1 10 0
William Elliot, and others,	1 10 0
Joseph Andrews, and others,	0 10 6
Ephraim Wright, and others,	1 10 0
James C. Ellis, and others,	1 10 0
Received of the Hon. A. Campbell, on acct. of Tatamagouche Notes,	0 16 9
Received of Charles McCurdy, Esquire, on acct. of ditto,	15 0 0
	<u>£145 17 7½</u>

## Credits.

1839. Jany.—Cash paid C. W. Wallace, Esq.,	£20 0 0
Do. do.	50 0 0
Augt.—Do. do.	30 0 0
Cash paid by Wm. Morrison some time back,	1 0 0
Commissions 5 per cent. on £145 17 7½,	7 5 10½
Sundry expenses incurred in collecting,	0 13 9
	<u>£108 19 7½</u>
Balance due the Treasury,	£36 18 0

NOTE.—There remain due on the Truro and Onslow  
Notes,

Amount of Tatamagouche Notes, £51 10 5	£3 9 2½
Less paid, 15 16 9	
	<u>* 45 13 8</u>
Due on Londonderry Notes,	1 5 0
	<u>£50 7 10½</u>

I forward a statement of the Hon. Alexander Campbell, of Tatamagouche, which will show that the distribution was made in very small sums; I therefore forwarded them to Charles McCurdy, Esq. for collection, soon after they were due.

The above is all that has been paid.

JOHN GOUDGE, County Treasurer.

Truro, 10th Jany., 1844.

\* This appears to be a mistake.



## No. 36.

*(See Page 81.)*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Samuel Archibald, H. Hyde, and James Purvis and others, relative to a new line of Road, leading from Blanchard's, in Truro, towards Pictou, on the Northern side of Salmon River, and an over-expenditure thereon—beg leave to report as follows :

That in the Summer of 1842, the said line of Road was opened at an expense, as stated by Mr. Archibald, of £487 14s. 3d., One Hundred Pounds of which was contributed by the Inhabitants of Colchester, and One Hundred Pounds by the then Members for Colchester, out of the monies assigned to that County. That the balance of £287 14s. 3d., was expended by Mr. Archibald, without the sanction of this Honorable House, but with the consent and approbation of Messrs. Dickson and Archibald, two of the Members then representing Colchester. That the whole amount expended did not complete the said new line of Road, nor is it yet completed, and will still require an additional expenditure of £70, to make it available for travelling in the Summer Season.

That the old Road across Salmon River is more generally travelled, in consequence of the incomplete state of the new line, and a difference of opinion exists among the Inhabitants which of the two Roads is the most beneficial for the public. The old Road, if completed in the way proposed by the Petitioners, would require to be opened for the distance of one mile, until it meets the Pictou Road, and a new Bridge would require to be built across the Salmon River, which expenditure would exceed the amount required to complete the new line.

Without expressing any decided opinion which of the two Roads ought to be preferred, your Committee are inclined to believe it would be the most prudent course to complete the new line ; but your Committee cannot sanction the payment of the over-expenditure out of the Provincial funds, and recommend that the amount should be provided for out of the monies assigned to the County of Colchester the present Session.

R. McG. DICKEY,  
BENJ. SMITH,  
JOHN CREIGHTON.

Committee Room, 12th March, 1844.

## No. 37.

*(See Page 81.)*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George Mitchel, for over-expenditure in building a Bridge over the East River of Pictou, at new Glasgow, having examined the proofs adduced in support of the over-expenditure, as well as the accounts submitted before your Committee, are satisfied that the work has been faithfully performed—that the charges therefor are reasonable—and that the said George Mitchel is justly entitled to the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty Pounds Seven Shilling and Four Pence Half-penny, being the full amount of his account for over-expenditure on said Bridge.

Your Committee therefore recommend, that the sum above named be provided for by the Members of the County and Township of Pictou, in three equal and yearly instalments, out of such sums of money as may be granted to the County of Pictou for the service of Roads and Bridges, the present Session of 1844, and the ensuing Sessions of 1845 and 1846.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

THOMAS LOGAN, Chairman.  
R. CLEMENTS,  
S. P. FREEMAN.

Committee Room, 13th March, 1844.

## No. 38.

(See Page 82.)

The Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts, report as follows :

**TREASURER OF THE PROVINCE.**

His Accounts to 31st December last, have been received. Balance in hands  
to that date, £463 14 8

**COLLECTORS OF IMPOST AND EXCISE.**

## HALIFAX.

His Accounts received to 31st December last.  
Amount Bonds, £29173 17 9  
Balance due, (since paid,) 662 9 3  

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29836 7 0

## LUNENBURG.

His Accounts received. Balance Bonds in hand, per statement furnished, 1173 19 9

## LIVERPOOL.

His Accounts received. Balance Bonds in hand, per statement, 283 18 6

## SHELburnE.

His Accounts received. Balance Bonds in hand, per statement, 117 5 5

## BARRINGTON.

His Accounts received. Balance due, 0 5 7½

## ARGYLE.

His Accounts received—paid in full. 0 0 0

## YARMOUTH.

His Accounts received. Balance Bonds in hand, per statement, 279 16 0

## WEYMOUTH.

His Accounts received. Balance Bonds in hand, per statement, 28 8 2

## BRIER ISLAND.

His Account received—paid in full. 0 0 0

## DIGBY.

His Account received. Balance due, 280 11 6

The greater part of this balance remains over from last year, and the Committee think ought to be paid up. There is no Return Bonds since 1841.

## ANNAPOLIS.

His Account received—paid in full. 0 0 0

## WILMOT.

His Account received—paid in full. 0 0 0

## CORNWALLIS.

His Account received. Balance due, 2 17 0

## WINDSOR.

His Account received. Balance Bonds in hands, 141 2 9

The balance due from the former Collector, as reported last year, was Bonds in hand,

Amount for which there appeared to be no Bonds or Sureties, 582 1 7

£291 6 7

582 1 7

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£873 8 2

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He handed over Bonds to the new Collector,	£198	3	2
Paid the Treasurer of the Province, 1843,	120	0	0
Leaving yet due a balance of	555	5	0
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	£873	8	2

Against which balance he charges £472 8s. 3d. for expense of Revenue Boat, as reported last year.

The Committee are not aware that any settlement or arrangement has been entered into with this individual, but suggests the propriety of having his Accounts closed at once; and recommend, if necessary, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to appoint a Commission for that purpose.

## COLCHESTER.

His Account received. Bonds in hand, £44 1 1

## AMHERST.

His Account received. Balance Bonds in hand, 70 15 1

## PUGWASH AND WALLACE.

His Account received. Balance Bonds in hand, 74 9 0

## TATAMAGOUCHE.

His Account received—no return of Bonds. Balance, 82 11 5½

## PICTOU.

His Account received. Balance due from the Collector,  
as reported last year, secured, he says, by a Judgment  
Confession, £1707 11 5  
Bonds in hand, (Sureties names not given), 511 17 6

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2219 8 11.

## ANTIGONISH.

His Account received—paid in full. 0 0 0

## GUYSBOROUGH.

His Account received. Balance due, including an error of short cast of  
Duty on 194 lb. Tobacco, 16s. 2d., 17 17 11

## ARICHAT.

His Account received. Bonds in hand, 503 18 10

## PORT HOOD.

His Account received. Collected 1843, and paid, £8 2s. 8d. Balance  
due as reported last year, 1 19 1

## SYDNEY, C. B.

His Account received. Balance Bonds in hand, 400 8 2

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£35560 1 3

## LIGHT DUTY COLLECTORS.

## HALIFAX.

Collected 1843, and paid in, £1336 8 6

## LUNENBURG.

Collected 1843, and paid, 42 16 5

## LIVERPOOL.

Collected 1843, and paid, 120 13 0

Collected 1843, and paid,	SHELBURNE.	£45 3 4	
No Accounts for 1841.	BARRINGTON.		
Collected 1843, and paid,		48 7 3½	
Collected 1843, and paid,	YARMOUTH.	248 0 6	
Due Collector for error in casting, 15s. 9d.			
Collected 1843, and paid,	ARGYLE.	30 0 0	
Collected 1843, and paid,	WEYMOUTH.	18 10 9	
Due in 1842, £15 0 0.	BRIER ISLAND.		
Collected 1843, 23 16 2—38 16 2—Paid,		26 2 6 due £12 13 8	
Collected 1843, and paid,	DIGBY.	74 1 0	
Collected 1843, and paid,	ANNAPOLIS.	15 14 6	
Collected 1843, and paid,	WILMOT.	1 17 0	
Collected 1843, and paid,	CORNWALLIS.	10 7 2½	
Collected by the present Collector, and paid,	WINDSOR.	71 14 5	
Balance due from former Collector, as reported last year,			53 1 1
Collected 1843, and paid,	PARRSBOROUGH.	12 9 0	
Collected 1843, and paid,	AMHERST.	11 15 10½	
Collected 1843, and paid,	LONDONDERRY.	5 0 0	
Collected 1843, and paid,	TATAMAGOUCHE.	23 17 8	
Collected 1843, £50 11 4—Paid,	PUGWASH.	40 0 0 due 10 11 4	
Collected 1843, and paid,	PICTOU.	94 13 6	
Collected 1843, and paid,	ANTIGONISH.	4 3 3	
No Account or remittance for 1842.			
Collected 1842, £9 3 2½	GUYSBOROUGH.		
“ 1843, 7 19 1½—17 2 4—Paid,		17 2 4	
Balance due 1842, £22 4 10.	GUT OF CANSO.		
Collected, 1843, 314 19 4—337 4 2—Paid,		227 18 8 due 109 5 6	
The Collector has charged no commission for collecting.			

Collected 1843, and paid,	LITTLE CANSO.	£54 9 0
Balance due, 1842,	SYDNEY, C. B.	49 6 3
Collected 1843, and paid,		465 11 6
Collected, and paid,	ARICHAT.	43 12 8
Collected 1843, and paid,	PORT HOOD.	11 16 1
“ 1842,		5 0 4
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		£3156 12 3

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF LIGHT HOUSES.**

Their Accounts to the 31st December have been received, amount,		£5336 16 9
They received from the Provincial Treasurer,	£4996 19 9	
From New Brunswick half expenses Seal Island, 1842,	190 13 2	
From ditto, for Brier Island,	100 0 0	
Premium on two last named sums,	7 5 4	
A. Pedlar, error in Account,	7 0 0	
Sales Casks, &c.	34 18 6	
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Amounts received for Light Duties, by Collectors,	£3156 11 9	
Contribution of Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, for 1843,	1197 18 4	
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Expense of Light Houses exceeds receipts from that source in 1843,		£982 6 8
<i>There is due from Canada towards support of St. Paul's and Scattarie Lights:</i>		
Annual contribution, 1843,	£500 0 0	
Proportion surplus expense, ditto,	103 10 4	
	<hr/>	£603 10 4
<i>New Brunswick, for ditto:</i>		
Balance as reported last year,	£690 9 9	
Annual contribution, 1843,	250 0 0	
Proportion of surplus expense, ditto,	51 15 2	
Half expense Seal Island, 1843,	156 8 8	
Allowance for Brier Island, 1843,	100 0 0	
	<hr/>	1248 13 7
<i>Prince Edward's Island:</i>		
Due last year, £112 17 2,		
Paid Jan., 1844, 82 17 2—balance,	£30 0 0	
Annual contribution, 1843,	30 0 0	
Proportion surplus expenses,	6 4 2	
	<hr/>	66 4 2
Due from Light Duty Collectors, exclusive of the balance against the former Collector at Windsor, and the balance of — Hadly's Account, Canso,		23 5 0
	<hr/>	£1941 13 1

**CUSTOM HOUSE.**

There has been paid in from that Department to 31st December, 1843,	£25468	6	7	
Premium on Dollars,	872	3	9	
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**ANNAPOLIS LOAN OFFICE.**

There has been paid in to the Treasurer £18 12 2, leaving still due,	£16	13	0
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**SABLE ISLAND.**

The Commissioners Account to 31st December last have been received. Balance in Treasurer's hands,	£1450	9	10
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**PUBLIC BUILDINGS.**

By the Commissioners Account, submitted, it appears there has been expended the past year,				
On Government House,	£303	14	1	
On Province House,	130	1	4½	
Commissions,	21	13	9½	
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**FUNDED DEBT.**

Balance of amounts funded in 1834, 35, & 36, at 5 pr ct.	£20026	0	0	
“ Funded in 1836, at 4 per cent.,	10000	0	0	
“ “ in Savings Bank, at 5 per cent.,	20000	0	0	
“ “ in do. at 4½ per cent.,	7000	0	0	
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**PROVINCE NOTES.**

Amount in circulation 31st December, 1843,	59864	10	0
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**LOAN TO POOR SETTLERS.**

Balance, as reported last year,	£2190	5	2
Paid into the Treasury, 1843,	74	8	0
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Due,	£2115	17	2

There was due for the Book entitled Marshall's Justice, per Report of Committee, 1843,	£312	12	4
The Treasurer credits paid on this Account, 1843,	168	12	0
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Leaving due,	£144	0	4

**PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA, Dr.**

To this sum undrawn, on account of Roads and Bridges, and other services, per Abstract,	6406	7	9
Loan Certificates due sundry persons, including the amount funded in Savings Bank,	57026	0	0
Province Notes in circulation,	59864	10	0
Due to Commissioners of Public Buildings,	455	9	3
Annual Vote to Sable Island,	400	0	0
Due for Loan from Bank British North America,	8000	0	0
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	£132154	7	0

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By balance in the hands of the Treasurer,		£463 14 8
Balance in the Treasurer's hands on account of Sable Island,		1450 9 10
Ditto, ditto, on account Passengers Act,		217 14 3
Due by Collectors of Light Duty,		23 5 0
Balance due from late Collector of Excise, Halifax,		662 9 3
Amt. of Bonds at Excise Office, Halifax, 31st Dec.,	£29173 17 9	
Balances due from, and Bonds in hands of, Out Port Collectors, 31st Dec., 1843,	5723 14 3	
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	£34897 12 0	
Deduct probable drawbacks,	1897 12 0	
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		33000 0 0
Due from Canada, for support Light Houses, 1843,	£603 10 4	
Due from New Brunswick, ditto, and for balance due last year,	1248 13 7	
Due from Prince Edward's Island, for 1843, and remainder of last year's balance,	66 4 2	
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		1918 8 1
Balance due on Loan to Poor Settlers,		2115 17 2
Balance due for the Book, entitled, Marshall's Justice,		144 0 4
Loan to Dalhousie College,		5000 0 0
Loan to Annapolis County,		16 13 0
	Balance,	87139 15 5
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		£132154 7 0

The Committee have noticed with much satisfaction the more regular returns of Accounts, and the more punctual remittance of Monies, as well for former balances as for recent collections, from the Out Port Collectors, both of Impost and Excise, and of Light Duty, than in former years, and especially of the latter; of the former there are yet some exceptions, which the Committee feel bound to notice, such as the omission of the return of Bonds, as stated in the remarks under the head of the respective offices. In some instances the statement of Bonds in hand, as from Arichat, is without dates; and in others, as from Pictou, the names of Sureties are not given. In the returns of Bonds in hands of Out Port Collectors, the Committee discover several large amounts that have been some time over-due, and recommend that the Collectors be instructed to urge, and if necessary, to enforce early payment of balances of this nature; and where, as appears in some cases, old balances have been long standing, and are continued in the amounts reported from year to year, with but little, if any prospect, of ever being realised. The Committee suggest the propriety of having them submitted to the investigation of persons, authorised for the purpose, to report upon the utility of continuing or abandoning them.

The Committee would again urge the necessity of enforcing payment of amounts long due, where the Collectors, or their Sureties, are alone liable.

The distillery of Ardent Spirits in and about the City of Halifax, has been under the consideration of your Committee, who are induced to believe that a more thorough and effective supervision of this branch of business would insure such an additional amount of Revenue from this source, as would warrant the employment of one or more of the Excise Waiters for that particular service.

The very small sums paid from, or secured at, many of the Out Ports, lead the Committee to conclude that there must have been a great want of vigilance or efficiency on the part of the officers, or extensive evasion of the Duties by the Importers of Merchandize. These remarks will especially apply to Brier Island, Argyle, and Barrington, at

either of which places the sum paid or secured has not amounted to Twenty Shillings in the past year.

In many other places, of which Digby, Annapolis, King's County, and Parrsboro', may be named, the amount paid or secured is, in the opinion of this Committee, very far below what it should be, especially as an extensive Trade is known to be carried on at these respective Ports.

The Committee in closing their Report, have to observe, that they find it altogether impracticable, in the limited time allowed for the purpose, to give that close and satisfactory examination to the several Accounts and Papers submitted to them, that the public interest demands; and are fully of opinion that this duty can never be well and properly performed, unless some person of suitable qualification is appointed to inspect and audit all Accounts and Papers connected with, or coming from, the respective departments of the Public Service, who could devote his time and attention to a minute and thorough investigation of all these several Accounts and Papers as they come to hand; such an appointment, the Committee believe, would effect a saving probably far exceeding any expense it might involve—would facilitate the business of the Legislature, when convened—and, it is hoped, would exhibit a much more satisfactory state of the Public Accounts.

The Committee therefore strongly recommend this subject to the favorable consideration of the House.

Committee Room, 13th March, 1844.

MICHAEL TOBIN,	} Committee of Legislative Council.	THOS. A. S. DEWOLF,	} Committee of the House of Assembly.
R. M. CUTLER,		JAMES McNAB,	
STAYLEY BROWN,		GEORGE SMITH,	
		W. B. TAYLOR,	
	G. W. McLELAN,		

*Abstract of undrawn Monies voted in 1843, and former years.*

Bridewell,	£2261	9	2
Road from Scott's to Sackville,	474	7	7
Steam Boat,	500	0	0
Sable Island,	400	0	0
Balance of Casualty Vote,	452	10	5
Canso Ferry,	10	0	0
Breakwater at Specht's Cove,	50	0	0
Judges expences to Cape Breton,	25	17	6
Obadiah Wilson,	14	4	8
Wine to Military Messes,	272	2	9
Boudrot & Fahan, for damage created by the construction of an Aboiteau,	40	0	0
Balance of Whale Bounty, (vote 1838),	1158	0	0
	£5658	12	1

*Abstract of Monies granted for Road and Bridge Service in the following Counties, undrawn on 31st December, 1843.*

	KING'S.	Undrawn.	Unappropriated.
No. 32. Willam McKittrick,	£30	0	0
51. George D. Pineo,	5	0	0
	£35	0	0



Undrawn. Unappropriated.

		HANTS.			
No. 109.	Nathaniel Jenkins,	£10	0 0		
158.	Thomas Ainsley	5	0 0		
159.	Robert McDonald,	5	0 0		
170.	Caleb Lake,	10	0 0		
100.	George Wightman,	15	7 7		
	“ “	2	7 9		
				£48	5 4
LUNENBURG.					
No. 239.	George Young,			5	0 0
CUMBERLAND.					
No. 305.	William Donkin,			20	0 0
COLCHESTER.					
No. 621.	James Urquhart,	£2	10 0		
641.	Levi Cavi,	4	0 0		
647.	McDormand Road,	5	8 8½		
				11	18 8½
PICTOU.					
No. 745.	John Campbell,			5	0 0
GUYSBOROUGH.					
No. 787.	Moses Cook,	£5	0 0		
802.	William Simpson,	10	0 0		
				15	0 0
SYDNEY.					
No. 841.	Mathew McNair	£5	0 0		
802.	Ronald Gillis,	4	0 0		
				9	0 0
CAPE BRETON.					
No. 909.	John Ferguson,	£10	0 0		
911.	Michael McKeen,	10	0 0		
953.	——— Watson,	10	0 0		
				30	0 0
					£85 0 0
INVERNESS.					
No. 956.	John McEachern,	£10	0 0		
973.	Donald McLean,	7	10 0		
974.	John G. McLean,	7	10 0		
981.	John McLean,	7	10 0		
983.	Allan McDonald,	10	0 0		
984.	John McFarlane,	7	10 0		
986.	Hugh Gillis,	5	0 0		
989.	John Munro,	5	0 0		
994.	Hector McLean,	7	10 0		
996.	“ “	5	0 0		
997.	J. G. McKenzie,	10	0 0		
1002.	Duncan McDonald,	5	0 0		
1003.	Allan Cameron,	10	0 0		
				97	10 0
					227 10 0

HALIFAX.

				Undrawn.	Unappropriated.
HALIFAX.					
No. 1010.	William Fraser,	£10	0	0	
1011.	Thomas Potts,	10	0	0	
1014.	William Fultz,	10	0	0	
1036.	William Faulkner,	24	0	0	
1037.	Antonie Fouche,	10	0	0	
				64	0 0
RICHMOND.					
No. 1045.	Lauchlin McLean,	£25	0	0	
1050.	Joseph Wilson,	6	6	8	
1074.	John Proctor,	8	0	0	
				39	6 8
				£380	0 8½
					£326 15 0
INVERNESS.					
No. 961.	Don. Cameron, for grant of 1841, 42, & 43,	41	0	0	
					421 0 8½
					£747 15 8

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 13th March, 1844.

MICHAEL TOBIN,	}	Committee of Legislative Council.	THOS. A. S. DEWOLF,	}	Committee of the House of Assembly.
R. M. CUTLER,			JAMES McNAB,		
STAYLEY BROWN,			GEO. SMITH,		
			W. B. TAYLOR,		
	G. W. McLELAN,				

No. 39.

(See Page 82.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel James Blair, beg leave to report :

That Petitioner was appointed an Overseer of Roads for the Village of Truro, in the year 1840, and, in discharge of his duty as such, commenced an action against one John Dunlap, for non-performance of Statute Labor, before a Justice of the Peace for the County of Colchester, who gave judgment against Petitioner, from which decision Petitioner appealed to the Supreme Court—which Court, at a subsequent period, and after much delay, occasioned by the non-attendance of Plaintiff's witnesses, reversed the decision of the Justice, and gave judgment in favor of Petitioner for the amount claimed.

That the costs incurred in said Prosecution and Appeals amounted to the sum of £29 3s. 9d., including £19 2s. 5d. for witnesses Fees, and service of Subpœnas, but was taxed at £9 19s. only—£19 4s. 5d. having been deducted, in consequence of the expense having been incurred at three of the Terms of the Supreme Court, when the witnesses did not attend.

That Petitioner afterwards applied to the Court of Sessions to reimburse him the balance of costs, and he received from the County Funds the sum of £9 12s. 2½d., a moiety of the deficiency claimed, and he now wishes this House to refund him the other moiety.

Under this statement of facts, your Committee are of opinion that Petitioner has no valid claim upon this Honorable House, but must seek redress from the County where the labor

labor was to be performed; and although the Grand Jury have refused to allow him more than one half of the deficiency, your Committee are of opinion, that such refusal affords him no claim to be paid from the funds of the Province.

Committee Room, 13th March, 1844.

JNO. CREIGHTON, Chairman.  
JOHN HOLMES,  
BENJ. SMITH.

No. 40.

(See Page 82.)

The Committee to whom were referred the several Petitions from the Overseers of the Poor of the different Townships, praying to be reimbursed certain sums expended by them in relieving Transient Paupers—beg leave to Report thereon, and to recommend the House to grant the following sums, viz :

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of New Glasgow,	£7	2	8
Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Granville,	18	18	3
Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Yarmouth,	43	13	3½
Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Digby,	15	11	1
Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Newport,	12	15	1
Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Amherst,	8	7	6
Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Horton,	6	10	6
Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Aylesford.	18	0	0
Doctor John Fox, of Egerton,	4	0	0
The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Wilmot, County of Annapolis,	11	7	6
Doctor Edward Carritt, Guysborough,	2	10	0
The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Dorchester, County of Sydney,	8	9	7
Doctor Ebenezer Annan, Liverpool,	20	0	0
Doctor George Garraty, Liverpool,	8	0	0
The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Pictou,	78	11	2
Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Clare,	5	0	1
Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Weymouth,	7	11	9

The Committee have agreed to reject the following Petitions :

The Petition of John Bradley, North Sydney—the claim not being for a Transient Pauper.

The Petition from the Overseers of the Poor from Musquodoboit—no Accounts or Vouchers.

The Petition of John Janvrin—not being for a Transient Pauper.

The Petition of William Bent, Guysborough—no proof of being for a Transient Pauper.

The Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Douglas—the expense incurred is for a person born in Preston, County of Halifax, and not a Transient Pauper.

The Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Rawdon—no examination or account of expenses.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, March 14, 1844.

R. CLEMENTS, Chairman.  
R. McG. DICKEY,  
JOHN C. HALL.

## No. 41.

*(See Page 82.)*

The Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of Roderick McNeil, of the Middle Cape, in the County of Cape Breton, praying aid for completing and finishing a Public House; of Margaret Nickerson, of Beaver Dam, in the Township of Shelburne, praying a continuance of aid to keep up an establishment for the accommodation of Travellers; of Charles Archibald and others, for aid in the establishing a Public House between St. Mary's and Guysborough; of Ann McIntyre, of Boysdale, in the County of Cape Breton, praying aid to enable her to erect a commodious habitation for Travellers; of Henry Wier and others, inhabitants of Stewiacke and Musquedoboit, praying aid to enable one Moses Langley to settle on the Road between the Upper Settlement of Musquedoboit and St. Mary's; and of John Adams, praying aid to himself for the same purpose—beg leave to make the following Report:

That in the present depressed and embarrassed state of the Revenue of this Province, your Committee do not feel themselves justified in recommending to this Honorable House the propriety of granting any sums of money for the purposes specified in the foregoing Petitions; but that the Justices of the Peace, at their discretion, on the recommendation of the Grand Jury of the respective Counties or Districts in which such Petitioners reside, should grant a License or Licenses gratis to those persons making the applications above referred to.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 14th March, 1844.

JOHN C. HALL, Chairman.

## No. 42.

*(See Page 83.)*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Ross, one of the Members of this Honorable House, praying the investigation of certain claims connected with the transmission of the Provincial Mails from Halifax to Pictou, and between Truro and Amherst—beg leave to Report as follows:

That these claims embrace—

*First.* A charge of £116, balance due Petitioner for Ferriage paid the Dartmouth Steamer, and for advances to former Couriers, upon entering into Contract for conveying the Mails between Halifax and Pictou.

*Second.* A charge of £110, for loss sustained upon the sudden termination, without reasonable notice, of his Contract for conveying the Mail between Truro and Amherst.

That with reference to the first charge, it appears from statements made to your Committee, and from Reports of Committees of former Sessions, that in the year 1830, Petitioner paid to former Couriers, upon their ceasing to carry the Mail from Halifax to Pictou, £166 5s., that this claim was in the year 1833 brought before the Legislature, and reported by a Committee to be a reasonable claim upon the Legislature, which subsequently granted him the sum of £83 2s. 6d., being the one half; that Petitioner renewed his claim to the Legislature for the remaining half, in 1837, and at the same time made application for a further sum of £130 14s. 10d., for amount of Ferriage paid the Dartmouth Ferry Boat—which application was submitted to the Committee on Post Office Affairs, who recognized the same as exhibiting a strong claim against the Post Office Department, and stated that Petitioner should receive compensation therefor from the Revenues of the Post Office; declining, however, to pay the same out of the Provincial Revenues. That Petitioner upon this Report, urged his claim upon the Post Office Department, and received the sum of £97 17s. 4d. on account, leaving Petitioner minus the sum of £116, now submitted for the further consideration of the House.

*Second.*

*Second.* Your Committee further Report, that it appears, from examination into the particulars of the second claim upon the consideration of this House, that in the year 1837, Petitioner contracted to convey a monthly Express Mail from Halifax to Fredericton, commencing on the arrival of the Star Packet, expected in the month of January of that year, and accordingly made the requisite preparations for that purpose, but the loss of the Packet led to a dissolution of the Contract, entailing a loss upon Petitioner of about £80; that with a view to lessen the consequences of such dissolution, new Contracts were entered into between the Deputy Post Master General, and Petitioner, first, for conveyance of Mail to Dorchester, and afterwards to Amherst, which latter Contract was faithfully fulfilled, and subsequently called forth the approbation of the Deputy Post Master General. That in consequence of suggestions made by a Committee of this House in the year , for a change in the mode of conveying the Mail on this latter route, Petitioner was, without reasonable notice, superseded by another Courier, and thus left with a considerable Establishment on hand, and subjected to some loss; although the Committee referred to, do not appear to have contemplated so sudden a termination—from their reference to the rights of existing Couriers, which it might not be justifiable to disturb—this Contract was not permitted to run out to the end of the year, but was closed in July, having originally commenced in January. Your Committee further state, that the right of Petitioner to some compensation is recognised in his correspondence with the Deputy Post Master General, who recommends his application to the Legislature; and as Petitioner appears to have no prospect of relief from the Post Office Department, who have likewise referred him to the Legislature, your Committee, with the foregoing facts, submit the said claims to the consideration of this House, under the impression that a portion of the same should be favourably regarded.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.  
 JAMES D. FRASER,  
 THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

No. 43.

(See Page 83.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Richard Nugent, now confined in the Jail at Halifax, under a Judgment of the Supreme Court, for damages and costs, and praying that either the Laws relating to Insolvent Debtors may be amended, so as to enable him to obtain his discharge, or that a special Act may be passed for his relief, have agreed to report as follows, that is to say: That they have carefully considered the matter of the said Petition, but that referring to the circumstances of the case of the Petitioner, and particularly to the allegation contained in the Petition, that the Petitioner has been remanded to prison by two Justices of the Supreme Court, to whom he applied for his discharge, until the next Term of the Court, your Committee see no ground or reason, at present, for the special interposition of the Legislature in the matter of the said Petition.

Committee Room, House of Assembly.

L. M. WILKINS, Chairman.  
 JAMES B. UNIACKE,  
 W. F. DESBARRES.

No. 44.

(See Page 83.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of His Worship the Mayor, concerning the mode of Assessment in the City of Halifax, and other matters in said Petition specified, respectfully Report:

That

That they herewith submit a Bill defining the principles upon which City Assessments shall and may be made, and extending to the City, by another Bill, certain powers in such Act enumerated.

That this Honorable House will observe, that by said proposed Act the principle of Assessment is based, (as far as Personal Estate is affected,) upon the income, profits, and gains, accruing from certain sources of income, in the now proposed Act enumerated.

That in reference to the Despatch of Lord Stanley, dated 18th July last, the Committee further submit, that although the principle of ability of a person to pay an Assessment, is a fact, which, unless it be ascertained according to some prescribed rule, may present itself under various aspects to different judges, yet that they have endeavored to render the principle as definite as possible; and that further strong reasons exist against the disallowance of such principle in this Province.

That first, the principle of liability to pay Rates by *general ability*, has so long formed a leading principle of Assessments in this Province, that it would seem part of our Municipal Constitution. Situate as are the people of Nova Scotia, your Committee fear that the restraint of this would tend to much practical inconvenience and injustice.

That secondly, this principle of ability is similarly applied by the English Poor Laws; and so far back as the time of Queen Elizabeth, (when that system originated,) the term "*according to the ability of the Parish*," formed the ground-work of the Statutes; and the English Courts have confirmed the principle, notwithstanding the apparent need of a rule more definite and prescribed.

That the Committee further submit, that the principle of Taxation introduced into the proposed Bill, does not contravene the spirit of the Despatch of Lord Stanley; and that they have heard the views and opinions of various City Officers, and of Shareholders and Officers of several Banking and other Corporated Institutions of the City of Halifax.

All which this Committee respectfully submit.

Halifax, 13th March, 1844.

CHARLES B. OWEN, Chairman.

No. 45.

(See Page 90.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John McLean and others, of the County of Inverness, praying aid from the Legislature for three hundred poor persons in that County, who have arrived there from Scotland during the past year, and are now in a distressed and destitute condition—having investigated the circumstances referred to in the said Petition, have ascertained that the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds was collected at the Port of Arichat last year, upon Passengers arriving at the Strait of Canso, in the Island of Cape Breton, and they have little or no doubt that the poor persons for whom aid is now required, were among the number who paid that amount; and your Committee would have no difficulty in recommending that a proportion of that sum should be appropriated for the relief of these poor people; but on reference to the Act of the last Session, relating to Passengers arriving in the Province, they find this fund is placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended by him for the relief of persons similarly situated with those for whom the present application is made; and therefore, your Committee recommend that a copy of the Petition now referred to them, together with a copy of this Report, be brought to the notice of the Lieutenant-Governor, under the conviction that His Excellency will immediately take the necessary steps to afford the relief required.

Committee Room, 19th March, 1844.

EDMD. M. DODD, Chairman.  
JAMES McKEAGNEY,  
ICHABOD DIMOCK.

## No 46.

*(See Page:103.)*

The Committee on Navigation Securities report as follows :

**LIGHT HOUSES.**

That they have considered the Report of J. W. Owen, Captain of Her Majesty's Royal Navy, and Naval Surveyor, on the subject of Light Houses; also, Petitions praying the erection of one at Apple River, one at the Southern entrance of Grand Passage, and one at Baccaro Point, Port Latour; and regret that the diminution of the fund arising from Light Duty precludes the Committee from recommending the building of any additional Light Houses at present. The Petition of Benjamin Henry has again been considered, and on which the Committee of last year reported that his claim should be made against the Commissioners with whom he contracted, and, in the absence of their Report, the Committee cannot recommend the grant of any sum of money to Petitioner.

**BREAKWATERS.**

The Committee, in consequence of the falling off of the Revenue, have agreed to report, that no Grant shall be made for Breakwaters, Wharves, or Slips, as applied for by Petitions referred to them.

**PACKETS.**

The Committee have also considered the Petitions of Wm. Weeks, Arthur Wier, Felix Lavache, Peter DeCartaret and others, praying aid to the Packet Service, and the Petition of John Woodill, asking assistance towards plying a Steam Boat between Sydney and North Sydney, and for the reasons before assigned, regret that they must report unfavourably to Petitioners.

**FERRIES.**

The Committee have also considered the Petition of John Copeland, H. G. Pineo, Peter Mason, Richard Carter, and Alexander McMillan and others, on the subject of Ferries, and decline recommending any grant of money to Petitioners.

**LIGHT DUTIES.**

The Committee have agreed to recommend to the House, to grant the sum of £6. 10s. to E. Moody and Benjamin Rogers, it having been paid by them at Yarmouth, to the Collector of Light Duties, under a strict construction of the Law, which the Committee have agreed so to modify as to prevent a recurrence of the evil complained of.

The Committee have given mature consideration to the Despatch of the Right Honorable Lord Stanley, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and by him submitted to the Assembly, pointing out the unequal operation of the Law imposing Duties for the support of Light Houses, on British and Foreign Shipping, and have agreed to equalize the Duties, and impose Six-pence for every ton registered burthen, of all Ships, British and Foreign; and will report a Bill for the consideration of the House, to carry out the foregoing view.

JAMES B. UNIACKE,  
G. W. McLELAN,  
HENRY MARTELL,  
R. CLEMENTS,  
ELKANAH YOUNG,  
PATRICK POWER.

Halifax, Committee Room, 22d March, 1844.

## No. 47.

(See Page 104.)

Halifax, March 13th, 1844.

As Commissioners for issuing and cancelling of Province Notes, we beg leave to make the following Report, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor:

The amount of Notes in circulation on the 1st of January, 1843, was, £59,917 10 0

Since which there has been cancelled Notes, torn and defaced, amount,

£5000 0 0

Notes lost by Shipwreck, allowed by the House of Assembly,

26 0 0

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 £5026 0 0

And there has been issued in lieu of those cancelled

5000 0 0

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 26 0 0

Which leaves in circulation on the 31st December, 1843,

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 £59,891 10 0

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

JAMES FOREMAN, }  
L. HARTSHORNE, } Commissioners.

Sir RUPERT GEORGE, Bart.

## No. 48.

(See Page 107.)

*Aggregate List of Articles purchased for the use of the Halifax Asylum for the Poor, during the year 1843.*

Arrow Root, 42 lbs.	per voucher,		£2 16 0
Barley, 13 cwt. 13 lbs.	"	£58 16 11	
Beer, 5872 gallons,	"	48 18 8	
Beef, 18305 lbs,	"	149 2 5	
Butter, 1008 lbs.	"	33 11 0	
		<hr/>	290 9 0
Candles, 99½ lbs.,	"	3 17 8	
Coals, 107 chaldrons,	"	131 4 0	
Contingencies expended by the Matron, whose Account is audited monthly by the Acting Commissioner,		82 16 6	
Clothing, Blankets, Sheets, Bedticking, &c., per voucher,		110 11 2	
Chocolate, 1008 lbs.,	"	29 8 0	
Coffee, 207 lbs.,	"	6 0 9	
		<hr/>	363 18 1
Flour—Superfine, 189 bbls.; Rye, 151 bbls.,	"		438 5 3
Oatmeal, 108 cwt. 2 qtrs. 19 lbs.,	"	£69 4 6	
Molasses, 192 gallons,	"	66 5 4	

Milk,



Milk, 750 quarts,	per voucher,	£9 7 6	
Oil, 323 gallons,	"	32 8 7	
Pork, 9 barrels,	"	24 0 0	
Potatoes, 567½ bushels,	"	36 11 10	
Peas, 23 bushels,	"	16 10 0	
		<hr/>	£254 7 9

Sugar, 13 cwt. 2 qtrs. 22lbs.,	"	£24 0 8	
Salt, 6 hogsheads,	"	3 2 6	
Tea, 687 lbs.,	"	84 15 5	
Wine, 93 gallons,	"	22 6 6	
Wood, 87½ cord,	"	49 11 7	
Wool, 239½ lbs.,	"	20 4 10	
		<hr/>	204 1 6

Fish—Fresh Fish, 28s. ; 12 qtls. Codfish, 90s. ; 2 bbls. Pickled Fish, 60s.,	"	£8 18 0	
Glazing and Painting,	"	0 6 0	
Ironmongery, Nails, &c.,	"	12 17 5	
Lumber for Coffins, and repairs to Buildings, 16,400 feet,	"	39 7 5	
Leather for shoes, and repairing ditto,	"	38 5 9	
		<hr/>	99 14 7

Miscellaneous expenses, articles required for the Establishment not of ordinary consumption, purchased by the Commissioners, which do not come under other heads, 66 18 3

Repairs to the Buildings,	per voucher,	£25 17 3	
Stationary and Printing,	"	10 12 9	
Straw, 122 cwt. 1 qtr.,	"	12 9 11	
Soap—soft, 202 cwt. 23 lbs. ; hard, 2086 lbs.	"	83 16 1	
		<hr/>	132 16 0

Salaries, including Medicines and Medical attendance,			310 0 0
Truckages,	per voucher,	£16 4 4	
Tin Ware, and repairs for ditto,	"	11 2 9	
Old Junk, 51 cwt.,	"	22 19 0	
		<hr/>	50 6 1

## COWS AND HORSE.

Paid for 15 tons, 3 qtrs. hay, £56 2s. 11d. ; 180 bushels bran and pollen, £11 8s. 4½d.,	per voucher,	£67 11 3½	
" for shoeing Horse, &c.,	"	2 6 9	
" for 3 Cows and Calves,	"	17 5 0	
		<hr/>	87 3 0½

## BAKE HOUSE.

Paid P. Holden, for stones for the foundation,	"	£2 10 10	
M. Lownds, for building Bake House, per contract,	"	62 2 6	
Boyer & Murphy, for building the Oven,	"	33 17 0	
Thos. Boggs, jr., for sundries,	per voucher,	5 9 6½	
Benjamin Smithers, for sundries,	"	7 2 5	

Paid T. & E. Kenny, 1 piece Duck,	per voucher,	£1 6 2	
Black & Brothes, 1 Stove,	"	3 5 0	
		<hr/>	115 13 5½
WATERLOO FARM.			
Paid one year's rent,	"	£27 10 0	
For Ploughing and Manure,	"	17 0 9	
For Farming Utensils,	"	14 7 6	
For 40 bushels seed Potatoes,	"	2 13 4½	
		<hr/>	61 11 7½
LOTS ON THE COMMON.			
Paid for seed Wheat, 70s., Grass seed, 39s. 9d.,			5 9 9
STRAW HAT MANUFACTORY.			
Paid passage of Hat Maker from Boston and back,		4 0 6	
For Stove, 22s., Pipe, &c., 31s. 3d.,		2 13 3	
For Hat Blocks, 12s.; Clothes to Hat Maker, 72s. 3d.,		4 4 3½	
		<hr/>	10 18 0½
Cooperage for making Fish Barrels, Tubs, and Buckets, Paid for Staves and Hoops,			9 4 1
Paid M. Power, for loss of his Horse, caused by a Cow belonging to the Poor House,		5 0 0	
Doctor Hume, consultation with Dr. Almon, dur- ing Mrs. Shield's illness,		10 0 0	
For removal of Paupers,		21 5 0	
		<hr/>	36 8 3
To Balance remaining in the Bank,			295 2 9
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			£2835 3 6

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ROBERT PHELAN,  
Clerk to Commissioners.

THOS. WILLIAMSON, } Committee to examine  
WM. M. ALLAN, } general Abstract.

Halifax, N. S., December, 1843.

*Account of the Funds received for the use of the Halifax Asylum for the Poor, during the year 1843, and from whence received.*

	Commissioners.	Treasury, Transient Poor.	Treasury, 10 per cent.	City and County Treasurer.	Casual.	Total.
			Balance in Bank 31st December, 1842,			£97 5 2
January,	Edward Allison, Esquire,		£100 0 0			100 0 0
February,	Hon. M. B. Almon,		100 0 0		£13 10 0	113 10 0
March,	Hon. Hugh Bell,	£150 0 0	£50 0 0	50 0 0		250 0 0
April,	William M. Allan, Esquire,			20 0 0	70 0 0	70 0 0
May,	Thos. Williamson,	150 0 0	200 0 0		101 17 9	121 17 9
June,	Thos. S. Tobin,			250 0 0	18 10 0	368 10 0
July,	Geo. N. Russell,			200 0 0	42 11 3	292 11 3
August,	Henry Pryor,	150 0 0		100 0 0	42 0 0	242 0 0
September,	Charles Twining,		100 0 0	100 0 0	26 5 10	276 5 10
October,	J. W. Nutting,			100 0 0		200 0 0
November,	Wm. Lawson, Jr.	150 0 0	250 0 0	100 0 0	27 19 10	127 19 10
December,	Edward Kenny,			100 0 0	50 3 8	550 3 8
		£600 0 0	£600 0 0	£1120 0 0	£392 18 4	
						25 0 0

Received from the Treasury Legislative Grant for the Asylum School, 1 year,

There will be no funds other than this balance of £295 2s. 9d. at the disposal of the Commissioners, until April, 1844.

£2835 3 6

By balance in the Bank, brought down,

CHARLES TWINING,

Chairman of Commissioners of Poor, 1843.

£295 2 9

*Account of Paupers admitted into the Halifax Asylum for the Poor - during the past year, 1843, distinguishing Halifax from the Transient.*

Halifax Men,	39	
Transient "	170	
	—	209 Total.
Halifax Women,	63	
Transient "	180	
	—	243 Total.
Halifax Children,	121	of which 3 are foundlings.
Transient "	43	
	—	164 Total.
		616

*Deaths in the Asylum during the past year.*

Men,	37
Women,	19
Children,	19
	— 75 Total.

*Number of Paupers in the Asylum on the 31st Dec. 1843.*

Men,	124,	of which 20 are Lunatics.
Women,	101,	of which 13 are Lunatics.
Children,	70,	of which 2 are Lunatics.
Total,	295	Total, 35

No. 49.

(See Page 107)

The Committee of Trade and Manufactures beg leave to Report:

First.—That the usual Drawback of Three Shillings, Sterling, per Barrel, on Foreign Flour, not admitted to entry for the use of the Fisheries, be allowed to the following persons, whose claims appear to be properly vouched:

Peter McCallam 1 Barrel, John Couch, 3 do., Francis Carroll, 4 do., Patrick Blake, 3 do., John Pettis 2 do., A. G. Howard 1 do., Amos Seaman 10 do., Richard W. Card 2 do., John Davidson 10 do., Read & Seaman 9 do., Titus Anderson 8 do., James O'Brien 20 do.—Amounting, in all, to 73 Barrels, at 3s. 7d. Currency, per Barrel, making £13 1s. 7d. Currency.

The Petition of Amos Seaman, contains an application for the return of Duties on a further quantity of ten Barrels of Flour, which appears to have been entered on the 5th July last, and consequently not entitled to any Drawback.

Second.—That the prayers of the Petitions of George Eastwood, Mill Owner, for aid to his Factory; of Edward L. Brown, for the repayment of Province Notes consumed by Fire; of S. Forsyth, and J. G. Boggs, for compensation for services; of Gas Light and Water Company, for the return of Duties paid, and of J. C. Mais, for drawback on Confectionary to be manufactured, be not granted.

Third.—That there be granted to—

J. G. Bingay, Duties paid on articles from the United States,	Currency.
Wm. Pryor & Sons, Drawback on Bastard Sugars, to be endorsed on their Bond,	£3 17 8
Fairbanks & Allison's, Drawback on Bastard Sugars, to be endorsed on their Bond,	233 9 0
	45 10 0
	Benjn.

Benjn. Dewolf, Drawback on articles imported from the United States,	£8 0 0
The Governors of King's College, Drawback on ditto,	25 16 6
Charles E. Leonard, for return of Duties paid by him into the Excise in 1842,	53 5 0
Thomas Firth, Duties on Liquor lost at Sea,	10 0 0

Fourth.—That the Prayer of the Petition of James Purves and others, for aid to run the Steamer Pocoliantas, be not complied with.

Fifth.—That the Prayer of the Petition of Michl. Rudolf and others, praying that a Duty be imposed upon persons selling Goods by Auction, be not complied with.

Sixth.—In answer to the prayer of the Petition of W. B. Sargent and others, relative to Free Ports, the Committee recommend that an Address of this Assembly be sent to the proper Authorities, praying that the Ports of Barrington and Argyle may be constituted Free Ports.

Seventh.—The Committee beg to Report on the Petitions of Robert Murray and George C. Corbett, that the Prayer of these Petitions have been considered in the Revenue Law.

Eighth.—The Committee have had under consideration the Petition of C. Hubert and others, respecting the collection of the Revenue at Arichat, and are of opinion that the Laws of this Province, now in force for the collection of the Colonial Revenue, are sufficient, if duly enforced, to protect the Trade of Arichat, and the Provincial Revenue.

Ninth.—The Committee have had under consideration, the Petitions of Clement Hubert and David Barry, praying the return of Duties on Foreign Flour imported from Quebec, and cannot recommend that the prayer of these Petitions be granted.

This Flour was imported from Quebec, and the Imperial Duty paid at that Port; on its entry at Arichat, the Collector of Excise there demanded (as the Committee think, justly) the Excise Duty payable under the Provincial Statute, passed in 1843, of 2s. Sterling, per Barrel, on all Foreign Wheat Flour—and if he had neglected to do so, no Revenue would have been collected on this article. If Foreign Flour is to be imported from Canada, it should be purchased in Bond, and then the Revenue will derive the benefit of the 2s. Sterling, per Barrel, contemplated by our Provincial Statute.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 25th March, 1844.

JAMES McNAB, Chairman,  
 JAMES D. FRASER,  
 HT. HUNTINGTON,  
 JOSEPH HOWE,  
 GEO. R. YOUNG,  
 JOHN J. MARSHALL,  
 W. B. TAYLOR.

No. 50.

(See Page 108.)

### REPORT ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

MY LORD—

In submitting the Report on Indian Affairs, for 1843, I have to regret that the constant occupation of my time, by official and other duties, throughout the year, prevented me from giving to this branch of public service, the personal inspection and superintendance so very desirable on the part of the Commissioner, if success, even to a moderate extent, is to result from his labors. It was my intention to have visited the extensive Reserves of Cape Breton during the Summer, but other duties interfered—I have, however, completed the examination of the principal Indian Settlements in Nova Scotia Proper, and by means of an active Correspondence with gentlemen who have voluntarily lent me their aid, have

carried

carried forward the plans of the previous year, and collected some information, which, I trust, will be useful to the Government hereafter, in guiding the Indians into the paths of industry and civilization.

Your Excellency will perceive, by reference to the annexed Account, that the amount disbursed in small sums, to indigent applicants, has been kept rather below that of last year. This has been done, by adhering strictly to the rule of rejecting the importunate demands of those who were able bodied, and fit to earn their own living. To reject these claims—to reason with and advise the parties applying, has been the most painful and troublesome part of my duty. All are so poor, that to draw a line between those who should, and those who should not be relieved, is not always easy—to give to a third of those who demand aid, would be to exhaust the grant; but yet it is so difficult to remove false impressions, that the great majority of those who apply, go away dissatisfied, if their claims are rejected.

The expenditure upon Buildings has not exceeded the estimate of last year, and amounts to £51 4s. 6d. A comfortable house has been erected for John Jeremy, the leading man, and most industrious settler, at the Fairy Lake. Charles Glode, of Annapolis, whose improvements were noticed in my Report for 1842, has been judiciously aided, under the superintendance of Mr. Henderson, in completing a house for himself. A small log house, for a very aged couple, has been built at Merigomishe, and John Penall's house, at Gold River, has been repaired, under the superintendance of Mr. Dimock.

The sum of £40 4s. 8d. has been expended for Seed, Implements, and Cattle. The nature and value of these supplies will be gathered from Mr. Dawson's Letter, and an extract from one received from Mr. Nicholls:

HON. JOSEPH HOWE—

Sir—It affords me no small satisfaction in being able to report that the Pictou Indians, notwithstanding that they are still without any Land of their own, have made some considerable progress in the art of Husbandry, during the past season; and that they have manifested increased desire to be further acquainted with its details.

In May last, I succeeded in persuading two of them to sow one bushel of Wheat each, with Grass Seeds, on the Island they hold in Merigomishe Harbor, for which purpose I procured them seed of that sort called *Black Sea Wheat*; and I got almost every family to plant some Potatoes, either at the above Island, or at Boat Harbor, where they procured the use of a piece of Land from Mr. Arch. McArthur. At the former place they have secured a fair crop, both of Wheat and Potatoes; but at the latter, I am sorry to say, the cattle got into the enclosure and destroyed much of the Potatoes.

I had to procure Seed Potatoes for the most of them; and in order to make sure that they would plant and carefully cultivate them, I told the Indians that I would visit their Settlements some time in August, which I accordingly did, and the following is the result:

August 13th.—Visited the Indian Settlement at Boat Harbor—none of the Indians were there at the time—examined the log fences, which were high, and strongly made—the Potatoes, of which there were from one to two acres, on Land which they had chopped and cleared up for the purpose, were planted in *hills*—well hoed, and looking remarkably healthy. Some Indian Corn, and French Beans, of which I had given them the seed, were growing in neat little patches—the former was in *ear*—the latter was well hoed and polled, and in *pod*.

On the 14th August, I went to Merigomishe, and, together with Mr. Wm. Lippincott, and Mr. John McDonald, visited the Settlement on Indian Island—none of the Indians were present, I was told they were all out fishing—examined the Wheat, which had been sowed rather thin, but was tall and strong, and nearly ready for cutting down. The Potatoes, of which there were some acres, were well hoed, and indicated a good crop.—Patches of Beans and Indian Corn were here and there to be seen, neatly hoed and polled, as at Boat Harbor—the whole was well fenced, and, taking into account their limited knowledge of rural pursuits, everything we saw did great credit to them.

I cannot close this Report, without again reminding you of the necessity of immediately procuring

procuring the Indians of this County a piece of Land on the Tide Waters, to operate upon. At present they are driven from place to place, without a resting place for their feet—their game is gone—firewood is denied them, and the very sanctuaries of their dead, are in some instances desecrated and ploughed over.

A more favourable time, in my opinion, has not occurred since I came to the Country, to do something for them—as the most of them have become *temperate*.

There is a Mr. McArthur at Boat Harbor, already mentioned in this Report, who would sell the lot of Land, which he allowed them the use of last year, it is suitable for them—is well wooded and contains from 70 to 80 acres—he asks 40s. per acre for it, and would take it in two yearly payments. I hope the House will grant the necessary fund to purchase it, as some years hence it will be worth much more money.

You promised Maltau Sapier £6, to assist him with nails, boards, windows, &c., for making a Log House on the Island. I have agreed with John McDonald to erect the house, and to pay him £6 when the work is done—and it is included in the present account.

I am yours truly,

JAMES DAWSON.

Pictou, 3d December, 1843.

Mr. Nicholls, of Bear River, writes me, “The Indians are very thankful for the assistance you have directed me to give them, as they have sufficient land cleared, (should the season prove favourable) for raising a large crop, and were much put to it to get Seed, but now they will be able to do well, as I shall be careful to see what they get from me is applied to the purpose intended. I have not leisure to visit the Settlement this week, but when I was last there, they were getting on well with their work, and I think that Francis Glode, whom you may remember was getting the stumps out when you were here, will soon have a good farm, as he is very industrious, and sets the rest a good example.”

The expenditure, under the head of Education, is £58 10s. 6d. A School has been maintained at Bear River throughout the year—at this there were 12 Indian children in the Quarter ending 28th Feb., 1843—the same number in the Quarter ending in May. In Nov. Mr. Nicholls wrote me to this effect: “From the beginning of June to the latter end of August, I had none of the children at School, as they were away with their Parents, since then I have had but four, and at present but two, owing, I believe, to the Abbé Segogne having forbidden it.” On receipt of this, I wrote to Abbé Segogne, stating that I apprehended Mr. Nicholls must have been mistaken in the fact of his interference, or that, if he had done so, there must have been some reason for it. The Abbé, in reply, made no complaint against Mr. N., but expressed a wish that persons of his own communion might be employed to teach the Indians, whenever practicable. This has been done in every instance, but two. The boys taught in Halifax were sent to the Seminary—the Sunday School at Dartmouth was taught in the Chapel—the Teacher employed there was a Catholic, as were also those at Gold River and Liverpool. At Bear River and Napan, the only other places where an attempt has been made to impart the rudiments of knowledge, no Catholic Teacher was within my reach. I notice these facts to prevent any misrepresentation on this point.

The progress made by the children at Bear River, may be judged of by the copy books handed in with this Report.

A very respectable Indian, named Thomas, then residing at Napan, applied to me in the Autumn of 1842, for leave to send his children to School. I authorized the nearest Teacher to instruct them. Mr. Cruikshanks, in a letter received from him in April last, informed me that he had some difficulty at first in introducing the Indian children to his School, in consequence of the repugnance evinced by the parents of some of his scholars to such a step, but that he had overcome the difficulty. “It affords me much pleasure,” he writes, “to be able to report favourably of my Indian scholars, both as regards their improvement and behaviour. I have had less trouble with them, than with others, (except

in overcoming the difficulty of teaching them sounds to which their ears are not accustomed.) They were docile, obedient, and respectful—cleanly in their persons and clothing. They mixed freely with the other children in their amusements, and seemed remarkably good natured and obliging to their schoolmates.” The copy books of these children accompany the Report, and show, that in writing they made quite as much progress as could have been expected in a single Winter. Thomas has since moved to Horton.—I visited his camp this Summer, and heard his children spell short sentences in Murray’s First Book. As Winter approached, he pitched his camp in the neighborhood of Mr. Andrew Fuller’s School, and requested permission for his children to attend it. I have not yet received any report of their progress, but have no doubt that they are conducting themselves with as much satisfaction to the Teacher as they did at Napan.

Some specimens of writing, by the Indian children of Mr. Gough’s School near Liverpool, are also handed to your Excellency with the Report. Mr. Gough writes me in May—“I enclose you a few specimens, to show my Indian pupil’s progress in writing, and hope they will prove satisfactory to you. The poor creatures seem very desirous of obtaining a knowledge of reading and writing, but they cannot afford to spend their whole time at it. I have had fifteen of them pretty regularly during the Winter. Since the beginning of April they have been reduced to nine, but, to-morrow, they will take their departure for Mill Village, to attend the River Fishery, which will give them occupation for four or five weeks.”

At Gold River but little has been done. The Teacher employed was not very efficient, and not liked by the Indians. He has since removed, and I am not aware that there is any other within a moderate distance of the Settlement,

The propriety of withdrawing Cope’s boys from the Seminary, in Halifax, or of continuing them there, was submitted to the Government in my Report for 1842. The Committee of the Assembly which considered the subject, recommended that they should be withdrawn. Having informed the boys and their parents that they were to leave at the close of the quarter, I did not think it necessary to communicate formally with the Rev. Principal, under whose care they remained until midsummer.—A bill has been rendered for this last quarter, which I did not feel myself at liberty to pay, until the circumstance was explained, but which I have included as a debt still due by the Commissioner.

Under the head of Plans and Surveys, the expense has been rather heavy, amounting to £51 16s. 3d.; but as all the Reserves in Nova Scotia Proper have now been examined, and laid off for settlement, but little expense will be necessary hereafter. Your Excellency will perceive by Mr. Faulkner’s Plan, which accompanies this Report, that the Lands in the County of Hants, near the Subenacadie, have been divided into eighteen lots of 100 acres each. On one of these, Goreham Paul, referred to in the “Rough Notes,” handed in with last year’s Report, still lives.\* Lewis Charles, a very industrious young Indian, has  
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\* For several years Goreham Paul and his family lived in a framed house, but having let his place during a visit which he paid to his wife’s relations, in New Brunswick, the house got out of repair—his stock was destroyed—and his farm much injured. On his return he abandoned the house, which has been turned into a barn, and has since resided in a wigwam near to it. His habitation was more spacious than Indian camps generally are, having an entrance at each end. To my surprise, I found a white girl living in the camp. On enquiring into her history, it appeared that her father was an Irishman, and her mother a Scotchwoman, who, from intemperance, or other causes, had neglected or abandoned her in infancy. Goreham, having no children, was induced to take her. She had been brought up as his own, and although subsequently visited by her mother, refused to abandon those to whom she owed everything but existence, to unite her fortunes with one who merely brought her into the world to cast her off to perish, or sink in the scale of being to the level of the savage. A kick from a horse about a year ago, had injured her jaw, and changed the expression of her mouth, but she had been very good looking,



been induced to settle on another. He chopped several acres last Winter. I supplied him with Seed and Tools in the Spring, and he reaped 100 stooks of Wheat this Autumn, and raised some Potatoes. He is now building a Barn, and will, I have no doubt, from the energy he exhibits, make his family comfortable and independent in a very few years.

The Reserve at Brookfield, in the County of Queen's, has been carefully surveyed by Whitman Freeman, Esq., and a Road marked off, leading from the Main Road, through each lot. There are yet no settlers on this tract, but, as the Land is good, and near the head-waters of the Port Medway, in which fish abound, and by which there is an easy communication with the sea coast, it is much to be desired that some of the families that are now wandering in comparative poverty about the Western Counties, could be attracted to it for permanent settlement. (See Plan marked No. 1.) The Burial Ground on the Port Medway has been fenced and secured. A Deed has been taken of the small lot purchased from Barnabus Miles, in its immediate neighbourhood. Another lot, below the Ponthook Bridge, which it is very desirable that the Indians should possess, has been surveyed by Mr. Freeman. It is shown on the annexed Plan, marked No. 2; and if the suggestion is approved, directions should be given to the Surveyor General to enter it as a Reserve, that it may be placed in charge of the Commissioner.

Mr. Freeman has also laid off four hundred acre lots, for four Indians who have settled and improved upon the Liverpool River. These are shown on the Plan marked No. 3, and ought to be secured by formal reservation. A careful Survey has been made, under my instructions, of the Lands now in the occupation of the Indians at the Fairy Lake, with some patches of wild meadow, which, for the prosperity of the Settlement, it is very desirable should be secured to them. The nature and extent of this service will be seen by reference to the Plan marked No. 4. By that your Excellency will perceive that there are ten lots in actual possession of Indians, most of whom have chopped and improved to some extent. The position of Jeremy's house, erected last year at the public expense, to reward him for his industry, and stimulate his neighbours, is shown upon this plan. If your Excellency would direct the whole of Mr. Freeman's Surveys to be copied at the Surveyor General's office, and regarded as official, it would be a great encouragement and security to the Indians at the Fairy Lake. To recall to your Excellency's mind the circumstances under which this settlement was commenced, and the state in which I found it in 1842, I have placed an extract from my Notes at the foot of the page. Seed was supplied this Spring, and I have every reason to believe that, ultimately, my most sanguine expectations will, in this quarter, be realized.\*

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looking, and seemed healthy and cheerful. She spoke both Indian and English fluently, and the rapidity with which she changed her language, and her manner and expression of countenance, was singular, interesting, but often painful. One could not but regret that a young creature, who might have been the honored mistress of the best farm house in the neighbourhood, had her parents done their duty, was the mere tenant at will of an Indian's wigwam; and yet I could not shut my eyes to the fact that the civilization of which we boast so much, cannot always preserve the whites from abandoning their offspring, and that within the humble wigwams upon which we look with so much contempt, there may often be found the higher feelings of benevolence and steadfast fidelity, which, in the dwellings of our own race, are sometimes wanting. Mary Ann Paul, (her former name I do not know) is now about 22, still unmarried, probably hesitating between her pale face and tawny admirers, but bears the reputation of being a good girl, and very dutiful to her parents.

Goreham has a horse and two cows—some implements of Agriculture, and more of household stuff about him than any of the Indians near Halifax.—*Rough Notes*, 1842.

\* Early in the Spring, two Indians from Queen's County had visited me in Halifax, representing their anxiety to settle and become Farmers, if they could get land. The more

The cost of Blankets, Coats, and other clothing, sent to Sydney, Pictou, Clare, and supplied in cases of actual necessity, to the aged, maimed, or sick, only, has been kept within the amount expended in 1842. The distribution of these, or rather the necessity for positively refusing to give, to the applicants who beset my dwelling almost every day, has been the most troublesome and painful part of my duty. I have wished many times either that I had nothing to bestow, or that I could give more.

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more intelligent, John Jeremy, informed me that he had selected a spot on the Fairy Lake, but was afraid to improve or build, until he was assured that he would not be disturbed. Ascertaining that the Crown owned the tract to which he referred, I advised him to return, proceed with his improvements, and if he appeared to evince a desire to become a proprietor, by his perseverance and industry, I would take the necessary steps to obtain a title for him. It was to visit this man, and some others, who, it appeared, had joined him in founding a Settlement, that led me to the Fairy Lake. The excursion was rendered exceedingly unpleasant by the state of the weather, and the lateness of the season.—After riding for several hours over a very bad road, we approached the last house on the line of settlement, wet with the drizzling rain. Having stabled our horses—got some refreshment—obtained the necessary information—and accepted the offer of the proprietor and his brother to join our party, we struck into the woods, and following rather blind paths, but familiar to our guides, through the forest and over swamps and wild marshes. for about five miles, we arrived on the margin of the Lake, completely drenched, about an hour before dark. After rowing a mile, we turned a jutting point, and found ourselves in front of Jeremy's clearing, and were sufficiently uncomfortable to rejoice in the evidences of occupancy afforded by the smoke. He was from home, having gone through to Annapolis for nails. His Squaw received us hospitably, although some of her children were ill. A message despatched to the neighbouring camps, brought half a dozen swarthy men, of various ages and sizes, and a kettle of Moose meat. This was soon cut into small pieces, fried in Carriboo fat, and with good potatoes, and a cup of tea, enabled us to refresh ourselves, and resist the effects of wet clothing. The camp was square, built of logs and slabs, obtained at a Sawmill near the foot of the Lake—scarcely wind or water tight, but, with a good fire in the centre, it contrasted rather favourably with our wet walk through the woods; and after exhausting the topics supplied by the novelty of our situation, we went to sleep, inwardly thanking Providence for the comforts of home, and gathering from the condition of the simple creatures beside us, our inferiors in no one grace of form, or quality of head or heart, save only what cultivation had supplied, additional incitements to persevere in the good work the Government had commenced.

Jeremy's family consisted of his wife Sally, and 6 children. His oldest daughter, Molly *Oceola*, married to Jem Lewis, who was away. The other settlers on the Lake were—Joe Peter, wife, and child; Francis Charles, wife, and 5 children; Francis Meuse, wife, and 5 children; Abraham Peter, wife, and child; John Pictou, and wife; Peter Glode, (or Piel) wife, and two children; and Lewis Alexis, from Shelburne, and another Indian, who were anxious to join the Settlement.

Here, then, were 40 souls, in a situation remote from the vices and temptations of Towns—with a good soil, abundance of wood, enough of hunting and fishing to eke out a living till Farms could be made; and I saw at once that there were many elements here which might be combined to form a little community. Indeed the Fairy Lake seemed to offer a fairer promise of improvement and civilization among the Aborigines, than any place I had yet seen.

In the morning we visited nearly all the camps—paddled round much of the Lake, to look at the wild meadows which skirt its shores, and inspected the capabilities of the place, and the improvements already made. The latter were quite as encouraging as the former.

Jeremy had chopped about 6 acres of excellent land, burnt, cleared, and fit for the harrow, about two acres—and had raised a crop of potatoes, corn and pumpkins—he had  
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The amount I was authorized by the Legislature to pay to Mr. Jean, for his services in taking a census of the Cape Breton Indians, has been paid, and charged in my account.

The expenses of management amount to £27 10s., less than half the sum charged last year. As this covers Travel, Postage, Stationary, Freight, and copying Plans and Correspondence, I trust it will not be considered extravagant.

Two applications were made to me, one by Dr. Annan, and another by the Rev. Mr. Garraty, both residing in Queen's County, for services performed in supplying medicines and attendance to the sick, but, at my suggestion, they have applied through the usual channels to the Legislature. Both have, I have reason to believe, been useful, and appear to have fair claims to some compensation.

During a visit to the County of Sydney, this Summer, I had an opportunity of inspecting the improvements made on the small remnants of the formerly extensive Reserve which still remain in possession of the Indians at Pomket and Little River. On one portion of this land, at Little River, an Indian named Peter Baptist has been improving for fourteen years—he has cleared a good deal, and erected a comfortable frame house and barn. This man is very desirous to obtain a title to the lot he lives on, and is well deserving of the special protection of the Government. His stock consists of 2 oxen, 2 cows, 4 young cattle, and 10 sheep, and he raises a crop of hay, grain, and potatoes, every year.

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procured stuff for a barn, 25 feet by 33. As he had set so creditable an example—as he appeared to stand so high among the Indians, and bore an excellent character among the whites, and as the site he had selected, shewed much taste and judgment, I thought it best, in order to encourage and reward him—to give an example to his neighbours, and a character of permanence to the settlement—to go to the extent of the liberality authorized by the Act, and build him a house. Before leaving the neighbourhood, I entered into a contract with John Minard to build him a small frame house, 14 by 16, with a cellar 6 feet deep, logged and mossed, with a stone chimney, two windows, a door, with two tables and two benches. The work is to be done by July, 1843, and is to cost £25. I also agreed to furnish nails and hinges for his barn, 25 feet by 33, when every thing else was ready, half to be paid as the work advances.

Joe Peter had also made a very good beginning—he had chopped 4 acres—burnt one, and raised some potatoes and corn. He had a fowl house, some hens, and a slab camp. He was anxious to have two spades—to have his land secured to him—and promised to build a barn if he could get hinges and nails.

Abraham, who was a very intelligent person, had chopped about 4½ acres, and raised potatoes—his Squaw was from Eastport—her camp was cleaner than any of the others, and there were some blue plates, and a small tea set on the shelf, looking more perfect, and in better order than any we saw elsewhere. Abraham and Peter live on a point, which they want to have divided between them.

Francis Meuse had chopped about an acre and a half on an Island, but had made no further improvement. There are many Islands in this Lake, some of them fertile and very beautiful—but, though an Island farm requires but little fencing, and is less exposed, than one on the main land, still, it is attended with other inconveniences, which make it rather desirable that Meuse should settle where he can have more of the society and co-operation of his neighbors.

There were two or three other clearings, or rather choppings, which we did not visit, as there was nothing new to observe, and I had got nearly all the information I required. I arranged with the Indians to send Whitman Freeman, Esq. to lay off 100 acres for each, and referred them to Zenas Waterman, and Capt. Smith, through whom we could correspond in future. The poor people appeared very anxious to better their condition, and grateful for the attention paid to them; and I left them strongly impressed with the conviction that there is more promise of realizing the hopes and designs of the Government and Legislature in this neighbourhood, than any where else in the Western Counties.—

*Rough Notes.*

On the Pomket River there are about 200 acres, still in possession of the Indians. This lot is prettily situated, a portion of it being intervale, skirting the River, and the whole worth about £300. It is held in common by the Indians, who cut some grass, and raise potatoes, but have only a log hut or two upon it. I endeavoured to obtain a census of the Indians in this quarter, and, on my return to Town, was favored with the desired information, in a letter from the Rev. Mr. McKinnon, by which it appears that there are about 23 families, including one hundred and three souls, in the County of Sydney. Little or nothing has been done for these poor people, for the last ten or twelve years. To their condition—to the Pictou Indians, whose wants are faithfully stated in Mr. Dawson's Letter, and to the Indians at Cape Breton, who have yet participated but slightly in the bounty of the Legislature, the attention of the Commissioner should, for the next year or two, be chiefly directed.

I have been much interested with two Indians during the past year—one named John Stephens, a Shoemaker, living in Newport, and who supports himself, a wife and three children, by his trade. He was neatly dressed, spoke English fluently, asked for nothing for himself, and seemed only solicitous for the welfare of his people. Another, Michel, a youth reared and educated by Péré Vincent, at Tracadie, appeared very intelligent and ingenious—he spoke English, French and Micmac fluently, was an excellent Carpenter and Turner, and had built the waggon in which the Péré and himself rode to Town. These, and other examples that have come under my observation, prove that the Micmacs may have their attention turned to other employments than those in which they have of late been so unprofitably engaged. To give full effect to the bounty of the Legislature, and the wishes of your Excellency, the Commissioner should have a more complete command of his time than I have ever had, and should spend much of it in visiting the Settlements, conversing with the Indians, directing their industry, and seeking out occupations for them. Many of the young people might, if pains were taken to provide them with judicious masters, be brought up to mechanical employments, for which most of them appear peculiarly adapted.

I regret that it was not in my power to visit the Indians of Cape Breton last Summer, and fear that some disappointment was felt in consequence. I would gladly have inspected the condition of the whole tribe, before withdrawing from this department of public labor. I should be happy, were it in my power, to carry forward the work, to engage in which I was originally stimulated by the solicitude for the welfare of the Aborigines, expressed by your Excellency, and by a sincere desire to improve and elevate a people, whose high qualities, and unfortunate destiny, have often occupied my thoughts. I have given to them, gratuitously, the leisure of two years: I regret that it is all I can afford. As my time will henceforth be engrossed by other avocations, I shall be glad if your Excellency will, so soon as a suitable person can be selected, relieve me from the duties of the Commission. It will give me pleasure, at all times, to furnish my successor with any information he may require, and to aid the Government in the improvement of a people in whose welfare I shall ever take a lively interest.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient

Very humble Servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

His Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, &c. &c. &c.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS. ACCOUNT CURRENT.

## Miscellaneous Charities.

Poor Squaw, 2s. 3d. ; Indian, swelled arm, 5s. ; Peter Wilmot, (River John) 5s. ; Madeline Paul, (old Chief's wife) 5s. ; Lame man, 3s. 1½d. ; Peter Paul, (old) 6s. 6d. ; old Squaw, 1s. 10d. ; Peter Toney, 2s. 6d. ; J. Thomas, (medicine) 2s. 6d. ; Andre Julienne, (New Brunswick Chief) 5s. 3d. ; C. Lewis, 1s. 3d. ; F. Sapier, 5s. 3d. ; Lewis Charles, (for nails) 10s. ; Lame Indian, 1s. 3d. ; Old men at Merrigomishe, 20s. ; Pomket Indians, 15s. ; Francis Paul, (loan) 20s. ; Lame Indian, 2s. 6d. ; Peter Baptist, (of Tracadie) 10s. ; Peter Toney, (Pictou) 10s. ; Expenses of election of Chiefs, &c., at Halifax—Francis Paul, Chief, £3 6s. ; Goreham Paul, (Colonel) 20s. ; Joe Cope, (Colonel) 20s.,	£12 0 0
Cash sent to Abbé Segogne,	4 0 0

## Buildings.

Building House for John Jeremy, at Fairy Lake, Voucher No. 1	£25 0 0
Do. do. for Charles Glode, Annapolis, "	2 10 0 0
Do. do. for Maltie Sapier, Merrigomishe, "	3 6 0 0
Repairing and improving John Penall's House, at Gold River, "	4 10 4 6
	<u>£51 4 6</u>

## Seed---Implements---Cattle.

Potatoes and Grass Seed supplied to Indians at Fairy Lake, Voucher No. 1	£6 10 0
Seed and Implements supplied to Indians at Pictou, "	2 6 15 6
Do. do. supplied to Indians at Bear River, "	3 18 2 2
Potatoes, at Gold River, "	4 0 12 6
Spades, Hoes, &c., Shubenacadie Indians, "	5 3 3 9
Seed for ditto, "	6 3 17 11
Greenwood's Bill for Implements, (omitted in 1842) "	7 1 2 9
	<u>40 4 7</u>

## Education.

Copy Books, Voucher No. 1	£0 4 6
Books, Slates, &c., "	2 0 9 9
Bear River School, "	3 12 10 0
Liverpool School, "	4 18 15 0
School at Napan, "	5 3 1 3
Gold River School, "	6 7 0 0
Cope's boys, Seminary, "	7 16 10 0
	<u>58 10 6</u>

## Plans and Surveys.

William Faulkner, Surveying Shubenacadie Reserves, Voucher No. 1	£15 5 9
William Faulkner, Surveying Reserve at Ingraham's River, "	2 2 17 6
Whitman Freeman, Surveys at Brookfield, Fairy Lake, and Port Medway, "	3 29 0 0
Donald McKay, Surveys at Long Island and Port LeBear, "	4 4 13 0
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	Clothing.

**Clothing.**

Murdoch's Bill, for Blankets, &c.,	Voucher No. 1	£3	1	6	
Bolton's do.	"	2	0	12	6
Laughlin's do.	"	3	1	0	6
Evans & Co's. do.	"	4	15	2	6
Mignowitz, do.	"	5	24	15	0
					£44 12 0
Paid John Jean, by order of Legislature, for taking Census in Cape Breton,					15 0 0

**Expenses.**

Travelling, Postage, Stationary, Freight, &c.,	£15	0	0	
Copying Plans and Correspondence,	12	10	0	
				27 10 0
	Total paid,			£304 17 10
	Cash on hand,			43 12 0
				£348 9 10
Balance of Grant in 1842,				£48 9 10
Grant in 1843,				300 0 0
				£348 9 10

The Balance on hand will probably be sufficient to pay the amount due the Seminary, and to cover any other expenses already authorized.

**No. 51.**

(See Page 110)

The Committee on Education have agreed to the following Report :

In discharging the duty assigned to them, your Committee have in the first instance, proceeded to the consideration of the various Private Petitions submitted to them, and have disposed of them in the following order :

1st.—The Petition of James Campbell, late Teacher of the Arichat Academy, praying compensation for two years services, as a Teacher in this Institution, which he alleges has been withheld from him by the Trustees. This Petition has already been laid before the Central Board of Education, and they have recommended Petitioner should receive compensation out of the funds of the Academy, undrawn from the Treasury, which recommendation is annexed to his Petition.

Your Committee cannot, however, concur in the recommendation, as it appears from the evidence of the Clerk to the Board of Trustees, at Arichat, as also by the testimony of Mr. Martell, that Mr. Campbell taught the Academy for two years only, at the end of which period he received notice that his services were no longer required, and subsequently received payment for his services, in full, for the period he taught in the Institution. That he subsequently taught a Common School without License, for which he received no Provincial aid, the funds appropriated for the County being insufficient for the purpose—your Committee therefore recommend, that the Commissioners of Schools, for the County of Richmond, make such allowance to Mr. Campbell for his services, as he is fairly entitled, out of the Common School Monies to be drawn from the Treasury, for that County, this present year.

2nd.—The Petition of the Ladies of Halifax and Pictou, praying for aid to Infant Schools established at those places, your Committee regret they cannot sanction. They are

are fully impressed with the usefulness of these Institutions, and of the laudable exertions of those engaged in the management of them, and regret that the low state of the Provincial funds will not authorise them in recommending any grant for the present year.

3rd.—For the reasons above stated, your Committee cannot recommend granting, this year, the usual grant to the Rev. Mr. Uniacke's School.

4th.—Your Committee have had under consideration the Petition of Archdeacon Willis, praying for the usual grant to the African School, in Halifax,—your Committee are of opinion that the sum of £60, secured to this Institution by Law, is as much as can be afforded in the present state of the funds, and decline sanctioning any further grant this present year.

5th.—Your Committee have also had under their consideration the Petition of J. W. Ruggles and others, praying that the allowance to the Academy in Annapolis, under the superintendance of Mr. Forbes, may be increased from £75 to £100. The County of Annapolis already receives £100 for an Academy, by Law, but hitherto it has been divided between Mr. Henderson's School, and Mr. Forbes' Institution—Mr. Henderson receiving £25 out of the £100, and a Grammar School allowance of £35—Mr. Forbes receiving £75 only.

Your Committee are of opinion, that they would not be warranted in recommending any change of these grants for the present year.

6th.—Your Committee cannot sanction the application of the Trustees of the Academy established in the Town of Sydney, in Cape Breton, praying an additional sum of £200, to enable them to complete the Building.

7th.—Nor can they sanction the application of the Members of the Mechanics' Institute at Guysboro', for aid to purchase Philosophical Apparatus.

8th.—Nor the application of R. Turnbull and others, for aid to build a School House at Digby Gut.

9th.—Your Committee have considered the Petition of John Fells and others, (colored people at Port La Tour) for aid to their School. These people are very poor, and quite unequal to raise the sum required by Law to establish a School. Your Committee strongly recommend that the Commissioners of Schools for the County of Shelburne assign to Petitioners such a sum of money, out of the £75 placed at their disposal by Law, as will effect the object of the Petitioners.

10th.—Your Committee cannot comply with the prayer of the Petition of Abraham Whitman and others, of Canso, praying for aid to Schools established there.

11th.—Your Committee have had under their consideration the Petition of Abraham Whitman and others, for appointment of a Board of School Commissioners for the Township of Wilmot, County of Guysborough, and recommend that a Law be introduced to this House, to effect the object prayed for by the Members representing that County.

12th.—Your Committee have also had under their consideration two Petitions, one in favour of, and the other against, granting further aid to the Pictou Academy. This Institution has received no Provincial aid since the expiration of the Act for its regulation in 1842. The two parties in Pictou appear to be desirous that the Institution should go into useful operation, but they cannot agree upon the terms. One party insists that before any further aid is granted to the Institution, the old trust shall be wholly abolished, and the ground, buildings, and, in fact, every thing connected with the Institution, shall be vested in a new Board of Trustees, equally representing both parties; to this proposition the other party dissent, for reasons which it is unnecessary here to touch upon.

Under these circumstances, your Committee have agreed to recommend that the sum of £200, being equal to the sum of £100 for the last and for this year, be granted in aid of that Institution, which sum of money they recommend should be placed by His Excellency at the disposal, and under the control and superintendance of the following persons, viz: James Primrose, J. D. B. Fraser, James Creighton, and James Fraser, New Glasgow, Esquires, as the representatives of both parties; and that the present Trustees should surrender to them, for the present year, the use of the building, and the general management of the Schools; and that, in case they should decline so to do, that His Ex-

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cellency shall be at liberty to withhold the said grant. The Committee, in earnestly recommending an union of the two parties relative to the management of the said Academy, and in suggesting this course, which has been compelled upon them by the state of local feeling, leave the pending questions at the close of the grant, *intact*, and to be disposed then by some new course of action.

13th.—Your Committee have also considered the Petition of Wm. Chipman and others, for aid to Common Schools by assessment, and recommend the subject be deferred till next Session, when the School Law expires.

Thirty-seven Petitions have been laid before your Committee from various parts of the Province in favour of Denominational Colleges, and twenty-eight Petitions against the endowment of these Institutions. This is a subject of great importance to the Country, and will probably be discussed at the next Session of the Legislature, when the grant to these Institutions expires, they avoid, therefore, expressing any opinion on the subject at present.

#### COMMON SCHOOLS.

There appears from the Returns to be 886 Common Schools now in operation, attended by 26,965 Scholars, which shows an increase from the last year of 97 Schools, and 1168 Scholars. The Common School Teachers in 1843, received from public aid £5863, and the people contributed £19,735, making in all £25,598.

In addition to the Common Schools, it appears by the Returns that there are 12 Academies in operation, and 41 combined Grammar Schools, attended by 2758 pupils, for the support of which there is drawn from the public funds the sum of £2736, and paid by the people the sum of £3338. The Committee on Education during the last Session of the Legislature, recommended that Wm. P. Moffatt should receive the sum of £26 11s. 7d., in full, for his services as a Teacher in the County of Cumberland, and recommended that His Excellency should retain that amount for him out of the monies assigned to the County of Cumberland during the past year. This recommendation was omitted to be carried into effect, your Committee therefore recommend that the necessary steps should be taken this present year for securing Mr. Moffatt the amount due to him. All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 26th March, 1844.

JNO. CREIGHTON, Chairman.  
HT. HUNTINGTON,  
R. McG. DICKEY,  
GEO. R. YOUNG,  
JOHN C. HALL,  
L. M. WILKINS.

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No. 52.

(See Page 110.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Charles F. Harrington and others, suggesting the propriety of altering the sittings of the Supreme Court at Arichat, to the last week in April, and fourth week in November, beg leave to Report:

That they cannot recommend the proposed alteration, as it would be quite impossible for the Judges to attend at that season of the year, but suggest the propriety of the Members for Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness, Guysboro' and Sydney, making such an arrangement of the sittings of the Court, in their respective Counties, as will remedy any inconvenience now complained of.

Committee Room, 27th March, 1844.

JOHN CREIGHTON, Chairman.

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## No. 53.

*(See Page 110.)*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Doctors F. Carter Pike, and Wm. L. Bent, praying compensation for services in attending persons afflicted with the Small Pox and Yellow Fever, beg leave to report as follows :

The Petitioner, William L. Bent, claims the sum of Two Pounds Twelve Shillings, for services performed by him by direction of the Sessions at Digby, in cleansing and purifying a vessel which arrived at that place in October last, with the body of a man, who had died on the passage from Bermuda, of Yellow Fever.

Your Committee consider this claim as applicable to the case of a Transient Pauper, and recommend Petitioner should be paid the amount he claims.

It appears to your Committee, that Doctor Pike was directed by the Board of Health at Windsor, to attend the Brig Mars, then anchored nine miles from Windsor, having three cases of Small Pox on board, all of whom were transient persons, from the best information your Committee have been enabled to obtain—that Doctor Pike visited the Brig upon four several occasions, performing the services required of him, and has rendered his account, attested to, amounting to the sum of Sixteen Pounds Five Shillings and Ten Pence.

Your Committee are inclined to think the charge a high one, considering all the circumstances of this case, and recommend Dr. Pike should receive the sum of Ten Pounds, in full, for his services.

Committee Room, 27th March, 1844.

JOHN CREIGHTON, Chairman,  
THOS. A. S. DEWOLF,

## No 54.

*(See Page 112.)*

*An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Post Office Department, in the Province of Nova Scotia, for the year, from the 5th Octr., 1842, to the 5th Octr., 1843.*

**RECEIPTS.**

	Army Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.
PACKET POSTAGE.	
To amount of Unpaid Letters received from England,	£2135 13. 7½
Amount of Paid Letters sent to England, from Nova Scotia,	415 1 7
Amount of Unpaid Letters received from the West Indies,	7 0 0
Amount of Unpaid Letters received from, and Paid Letters sent to, Boston, Newfoundland, Bermuda, &c.,	502 16 11
INLAND POSTAGE.	
To amount of Postage of Towns in Nova Scotia accountable to Halifax,	3485 18 7
Amount of Unpaid Letters Inwards, and Paid Letters Outwards, at the General Post Office, Halifax,	4116 17 8
Amount of Way and Ship Letters at the General Post Office, Halifax,	99 10 6
Amount of Surcharges,	0 0 0
	£10762 18 11
Deduct Postage of Returned, Refused, Missent, and Forward Letters, from General Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in the interior of Nova Scotia,	5223 8 6½
	£5539 10 4½
	Disbursements.

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES.		Army Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.
The Deputy Post Master General, Clerks, &c., at Halifax, Postmasters in Nova Scotia,		£400 0 0 602 14 2½ 445 18 5½
		£1448 12 8
ALLOWANCE FOR SPECIAL SERVICES AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES.		
Allowance for Travelling Expenses,		271 18 0
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS, TRANSIT POSTAGE, AND PAYMENT OF SHIP LETTERS.		
Sums paid for Riding Work and Couriers, Ship Letter payments, Office Rent, Taxes, &c., Stationary Printing, and Postage, Law charges,		4346 5 7 75 18 9 37 0 10 24 5 8 1 6 8
OTHER PAYMENTS.		
Loss by Exchange, Miscellaneous expenses,		0 0 0 185 18 3½
		£6391 6 5½
Deduct amount of Revenue,		5539 10 4½
		£851 16 1
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JOHN ADAMS,

Clerk, Account Branch Department.

A. WOODGATE, D. P. M. G.

*The General Post Office, Halifax, in Account with the Province of Nova Scotia.***Dr.**

			Sterling.
Deficiency on Quarter ending	5th Oct. 1842,		£535 15 9
Do.	do.	5th Jan. 1843,	388 8 1½
Do.	do.	5th July, "	379 14 4½
Do.	do.	5th Oct. "	175 9 5½
Do.	do.	5th Jan. 1844,	242 8 8
			£1721 16 4½
		Add ¼th,	430 9 1
		Currency,	£2152 5 5½

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		Currency.
1843.		
April 10.	By Cash from Provincial Treasury,	£300 0 0
12.	Do. Do.	166 0 0
15.	Do. Do.	516 4 9
Novr. 6.	Do. Do.	455 13 3
1844.		
Feb. 13.	Do. Do.	210 11 4
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		£1648 9 4
By Surplus on April Quarter's Account, Sterling,		91 15 11
	Add $\frac{1}{4}$ th,	22 18 11
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		£1763 4 2
Deficiencies,	£2152 5 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Receipts, &c.	1763 4 2	
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To be met by Vote,	£389 1 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	

## No. 55.

*(See Page 114.)*

The Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Ports of this Province; also, the Petition of John Murray and Tracy G. Harding, and the Petition of James Whitney, in reference thereto, beg leave to Report as follows:

It appears to this Committee that Mr. James Whitney, with the view of obtaining the grant allowed for Steam Communication by the Act now sought to be repealed, commenced to run the Steamer "Saxe Gotha," on the 8th May last, between Halifax and Yarmouth, touching at Lunenburg and Liverpool, and continued to run this Boat weekly, between these places, for about two months, to the satisfaction of the Public. That the Steamer North America was then substituted for the Saxe Gotha, and kept running until the month of October, extending her trips to St. John, New Brunswick, and Boston, when, in consequence of an injury received at sea, she was laid in dock to be repaired. That the "Saxe Gotha" was then again put on the line, and ran until the 16th of December last, embracing, together, a period of seven months. That, with the exception of about two months in the early part of the Season, neither of the Boats performed their Voyages regularly, or rendered to the Public the accommodation desired; and while the Committee are of opinion that the service has not been as efficiently performed as it ought to have been, they consider it would be unjust to deprive the Proprietor of the full amount of the Legislative grant, but recommend that the sum of £50 be deducted from the sum of £500 allowed by the Act, and that the sum of £450 be paid him, in full compensation for the services performed. The Committee being of opinion that a regular line of Steam Communication between the Capital and the Western Ports, would be most beneficial to the people, do not deem it advisable for the House to pass the Bill to repeal the Act above alluded to, inasmuch as the Public would thereby be deprived of an accommodation to which, under that Act, they are entitled, and may enjoy for another year.

Committee Room, March 27, 1844.

W. F. DESBARRES, Chairman.  
 JAMES B. UNIACKE,  
 JOHN C. HALL,  
 JAMES D. FRASER.

## No. 56.

*(See Page 114.)*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Lynds and others, praying to be reimbursed the sum of Thirty-five Pounds expended in the erection of a Bridge over North River, in Onslow—beg leave to Report as follows :

That although the Committee have no doubt that the sum stated in the Petition has been expended, yet upon hearing evidence, and duly considering all the circumstances connected with the erection of said Bridge, and also finding that there is a good and sufficient Bridge from 12 to 20 rods further down the River, which Bridge was previously built, and is stated as affording equal accommodation to all interested, the site also being preferable, cannot recommend any grant of money in accordance with the prayer of the Petition. All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, March 23th, 1844.

STEPHEN FULTON,  
JOHN J. MARSHALL.  
JAS. TURNBULL.

## • No. 57.

*(See Page 115.)*

The Committee to whom is referred the Petition of Daniel Kinsman, setting forth the circumstances under which he is now confined in the Jail of the County of King's, after having in vain applied for his discharge under the Laws relating to Insolvent Debtors, and praying that such an Act of the Legislature may be passed, as may relieve him from his imprisonment, have had the subject so to them referred under their consideration, and have agreed to report, and do report in reference thereto, as follows, that is to say—That it appearing from the statement made by the Petitioner himself, that two distinct tribunals to whom he had applied for his discharge, viz—two Commissioners of the County of King's, empowered by Law to administer in that County the Laws relating to Insolvent Debtors, and Her Majesty's Supreme Court, to which he appealed from the decision of the said Commissioners, have taken the same view of the case of the Petitioner, and the Laws as applicable to it, and have both decided against the claim of the Petitioner for his discharge, upon the ground that the Petitioner had made a transfer and assignment of his property to his son Nathaniel, under circumstances which, although the Petitioner may, for aught that appears to the contrary in his Petition, have himself considered fair and legal, the said Commissioners, and the said Supreme Court, have respectively evidently regarded as fraudulent and illegal.

Your Committee are of opinion that this House ought not to interpose special legislation for the relief of the said Petitioner ; and they are more strengthened in this opinion, by the reflection that it might be inferred from the decision from the Supreme Court above referred to, that they were of opinion that the transfer made by the Petitioner was illegal, and without consideration, and it therefore follows that through the intervention of a Court of Equity, the same could be recovered by the Petitioner, and be made available for the payment of the executions on which he is confined.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 27th March, 1844.

LEWIS M. WILKINS, Chairman.  
SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS,  
EDMD. M. DODD.

No. 58.

*(See Page 115.)*

To the Right Honorable WILLIAM HUSKISSON, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, &c. &c. &c.

*The Memorial of Messrs. Rundell, Bridge, and Rundell, acting for, and in behalf of, the General Mining Association, &c. &c. &c.*

SHEWETH:

That His Majesty was graciously pleased to grant to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, in the year 1826, all the Rights of His Majesty, not already disposed of, in the Mines, Minerals, and Mineral Substances, in the Province of Nova Scotia, on the payment of certain Royalties therein, which Grant His late Royal Highness subsequently leased to your Memorialist, reserving to himself and his Representatives a beneficial interest therein.

That in the year 1820, the Island and County of Cape Breton was, by a Public Act of Government, declared to be an integral part of the Province of Nova Scotia.

That the Grant made to His Royal Highness the Duke of York, in the year 1826, did not contain any exception to the Island and County of Cape Breton, but gave His Royal Highness all the Mines and Mineral Rights (not previously disposed of) in the Province of Nova Scotia, reserving only the Coal Mines of Sydney and Pictou—the former situate in the Isle of Cape Breton, of which certain Leases had been previously granted.

That it was understood by His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, as well as by your Memorialists, that the Island and County of Cape Breton was included in the above Grant.

That in consequence of this understanding, your Memorialists purchased the interests of the Grantees in the previously subsisting Lease of the Coal Mines in Sydney, in like manner as they also purchased the interest in the Lease of the Coal Mines of Pictou.

That your Memorialists, under the same understanding, have incurred great expense in preparing for a much improved mode of working the Coal Mines at Sydney, and farther, for opening additional Mines of Coal in the Island of Cape Breton.

That with the same view of giving full effect to the Grant made to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, your Memorialists have, at great expense, imported Machinery from this Country—have, at their own charge, sent many unemployed Laborers and Artizans, with their families, from this Country, to settle at and in the neighbourhood of their works, already established at Pictou—have erected houses, and otherwise provided for the sufficient comfort of the settlers—and have given to them, and many other new settlers, otherwise without employment, profitable occupation—and have taken measures for considerably increasing the number of British settlers, with the certain prospect of affording scope for industry in various branches of labor.

That, under these circumstances, your Memorialists have been informed that His Majesty's Attorney General having been recently consulted, has given it as his opinion, that the Island and County of Cape Breton is not included in the above mentioned Grant of the Mineral Rights of the Province of Nova Scotia.

That this exception, if now established and acted upon, so as to preclude your Memorialists from prosecuting the extensive operations already commenced, at great charge, would be highly prejudicial to your Memorialists, and not less to the interest of the Colony.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray, that a Lease may be granted to them of all the Mines, Minerals, and Mineral Substances of the Island and County of Cape Breton, including the reserved Mines of Sydney, and including also the Mines of Pictou, so that your Memorialists may possess and enjoy the same rights in the said Island and County of Cape Breton, which, according to the understanding of your Memorialists, were conveyed in the Grant to His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

That, in consideration of this Grant, your Memorialists propose to pay a Rent of Three Thousand Pounds per annum, being equivalent to, and to be taken in lieu of, the heavy Royalty to which the Coals raised and sold at Sydney and Pictou are now subject.

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That the above sum be considered in discharge of all claims of the Crown upon Coals sold by your Memorialists in the Province of Nova Scotia, (with Cape Breton,) to the extent of twenty thousand Chaldrons, Newcastle measure ; but that for every Chaldron of Coal exceeding that number, sold by your Memorialists, in whatever part of the Province of Nova Scotia (with Cape Breton) the same may be raised, the further sum of Two Shillings shall be paid by your Memorialists ; and that in consideration of the payments herein proposed, your Memorialists shall not be subject to any restrictions of place or quantity, with respect to the Coals so to be raised by them within the Province of Nova Scotia, (with Cape Breton.)

Independent of the grounds already submitted for conceding to your Memorialists the Grant here sought, they feel confident His Majesty's Government will appreciate the public benefit to the Empire, which may be safely calculated upon in the improvement of the condition, and the increase of the internal strength of the Colony of Nova Scotia, which must result from the prosecution of the work your Memorialists have already in progress, and the further operations which they, with due encouragement, may be enabled to undertake.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

RUNDELL, BRIDGE, & RUNDELL.

London, 22d January, 1828.

*Downing Street 6th Feby., 1828.*

Sir—

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having transmitted to me a Letter from Mr. Parkenson, in which he stated that there was no doubt that Cape Breton was included in the Grant of the Mines of Nova Scotia, to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, and that, having the authority of the Judges of Nova Scotia, the Agent would proceed to deal with the Mines of Cape Breton the same as in any other part of the Province, I requested their Lordships to submit a case for the opinion of His Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General, as to how far the Sub-Lessees were warranted in their claim to the Mines of Cape Breton. I have now the honor to acquaint you, that the Law Officers have reported their opinion, that, as the Union of the Island of Cape Breton with Nova Scotia, was for the purpose of Government only, Cape Breton would not be included, where the words Nova Scotia were employed as a mere description of place.

The Warrant does, in some instances, employ the words, "Province of Nova Scotia," but in others, the words "Province of" are omitted ; and, in both cases, it seems that the intention was confined to the local, and not the political, limits of the District which was intended to be comprised in the Grant. Considering, therefore, that there is some ambiguity in the wording of the Grant, the general rule for interpreting Grants from the Crown must apply, namely: that they are to be construed strictly so as not to extend the Grant by doubtful words. Considering also, that at the period when the Grant was first contemplated, Cape Breton clearly was never intended to be included in it, they are of opinion that unless the recent annexation of that Island was brought to the minds of those who advised His Majesty, when the Warrant was prepared, so as to make them understand that a more extensive district was to be granted than that originally contemplated, the Grant itself would, as to this part of it, be void, upon the ground of the King being deceased. For these reasons His Majesty's Law Officers are of opinion that the Mines in Cape Breton do not pass by the Grant in question.

I have, &c.

W. HUSKISSON.

Lieut. General SIR JAMES KEMPT, K. C. B., &c. &c. &c.

*London,*

*London, 6th June, 1828.*

SIR—

I have the honor to inform you, that at a Board of Directors of the General South American Association, held this day, to whom your Communication was submitted—it was resolved, that referring to the Memorial of the 21st January last, presented to the Right Hon. Wm. Huskisson, they would increase their offer for the Lease therein requested, from Three Thousand to Three Thousand Three Hundred Pounds, per annum.

I beg to express the confidence the Directors feel, that His Majesty's Government will concede the minor points which I had the honor of mentioning to you, and to which I beg very respectfully again to call your attention; they are,

That the Rent may be paid, as the Royalty now is, in Currency.

That if, contrary to expectation, there should be a deficiency in the sale of Coals, so that the quantity sold in any one or two years should not amount to Twenty Thousand Chaldrons, Newcastle measure, and in the other one or two years, on an average of three, there should be a surplus, the surplus of the said one or two years, as the case may be, be brought in aid of the deficiency of the other one or two years—this principle is very commonly acted upon in this Country.

To illustrate it, suppose one year to produce, 10,000 Chaldrons; another, 20,000, more or less; and another, 30,000, or upwards, the Association should pay, besides their fixed Rent of Three Thousand Three Hundred Pounds, 2s. per Chaldron, upon the excess beyond Sixty Thousand Chaldrons, the average of three years.

That as it will be necessary for the Association to establish a Depot, to facilitate the sale of Coals, the Coals, whenever deposited for sale, shall only be accounted sold, when they are sold.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

EDMUND WALLER RUNDELL, Chairman.

To R. W. HAY, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

*Downing Street, 2d December, 1828.*

SIR—

I have the honor to acquaint you, that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have agreed to grant a Lease of the Cape Breton Coal Mines, &c., including the reserved Mines of Pictou, to Messrs. Rundell & Co. on the terms specified in the inclosed Memorandum, to commence from the 1st of January last.

I have, &c.

G. MURRAY.

Major General SIR P. MAITLAND, K. C. B., &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

GEORGE R.

Our Will and Pleasure is, that you forthwith prepare a Bill for our Royal Signature, containing and imparting an Indenture, whereof one part is to pass under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the form, or to the effect following, that is to say:

This Indenture, made the 25th day of August, in the 7th year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord, George the 4th, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the year of Our Lord 1826, between our said Sovereign Lord the King, of the one part, and His Royal Highness, Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, of the other part, witnesseth, that our said Sovereign Lord the King, of his special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, and in consideration of the Rents hereby reserved, and of the Covenants and Agreements herein contained,

tained, and on the part and behalf of the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to be observed and performed, hath given, granted and demised, and by these Presents, for himself, his Heirs and Successors, doth give, grant and demise unto the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, all and singular, the mines of Gold and Silver, Coal, Iron Stone, Lime Stone, Slate Stone, Slate Rock, Tin, Copper, Lead, and all other Mines, Minerals and Ores; and all Beds and Seams of Gold, Silver, Coal, Iron Stone, Lime Stone, Slate Stone, Slate Rock, Tin, Clay, Copper, Lead, and Ores of every kind and description belonging to His Majesty, within the Province of Nova Scotia, in America, (same as hereinafter is mentioned;) and also, full and free liberty, license and authority, as far as His Majesty can, or lawfully may, give or grant the same to or for the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and every of them, and his and their, and every of their Tenants, Servants, Agents, and Workmen, to search for, dig, and open such Mines and Minerals, and to work the same, and to take all such Gold, Silver, Coal, Iron Stone, Lime Stone, Slate Stone, Slate Rock, Tin, Copper, Lead, and all other Ores and Minerals; and to make any Pit or Pits, Trench and Trenches, Quarry or Quarries, Groove and Grooves, and to drive any Drift and Drifts, Watergate and Watergates, Waygates, Airgates, Watercourse and Watercourses, as well for working, winning, obtaining and getting the said Gold, Silver, Coal, Copper, Lead, and other Ores and Minerals, from and out of the Mines, or any of them, as also for voiding or carrying away the water from the same respective Mines; and also to make sufficient and convenient pit room, ground room, and heap room, within the said Province, for the laying and placing, as well all the Minerals and other Ores which shall from time to time be had, wrought, won, or gotten, from or out of the said Mines, or any of them, as also such Stones, Gravel, Sand, Beads, and other rubbish, which shall proceed from, or be had or gotten from or out of the said Mines, or any of them, or in the working or digging thereof, or in getting and raising the said Ores and Minerals; and also to make, place, erect, and set up within the said Province, or any part or parts thereof, all such Gins, Engines, Furnaces, Refineries, Cupolas, Founderies, Cranes, Forges, Mills, Houses, Stables, Hovels, Lodges, Sheds, Offices and other Machinery, Buildings and Erections, as shall from time to time be needful or convenient, for opening, working, or drawing the said Mines, or any of them, and for smelting and converting all, or any part of the said Mines and Minerals into metals and metallic substances, and for refining, transpiring, remelting, manufacturing, lodging, stacking, depositing, or placing the same, and for burning and making Bricks; and for the drawing or carrying away of water from the said Mines, or any of them, and for the standing, lodging, laying, or placing of the workmen, workhouses and work-gear, to be used, or employed in or about the making and carrying on the works of the said Mines, respectively, and for smelting the Ore to be raised thereout, and also to use and enjoy sufficient and convenient way, leave, and liberty, to make, lay, and place, one or more way or ways, and to remove, take away, amend and repair, alter and change the same; and also, to and for the said Frederick Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and his and their Tenants, Workmen, Servants, and Agents, to take, lead, drive and carry away, in, through, along, and over the same, with Horses, Carts, Wains, Waggon, or any other Carriage or Carriages, all and every, or any of the Ores, Mines and Minerals, to be had, wrought, gotten, and made forth, and out of the said Mines, respectively; and generally to have, hold, use, and occupy, during the continuance of this demise, all other powers and privileges whatsoever, within, over, and upon the said premises, which shall or may be necessary, useful, or convenient, for or in or about the searching for, winning, working, digging, getting, or drawing of Ores, Mines and Minerals, from and out of the said Mines, or any of them, and taking and carrying away the same, and for smelting, stacking, lodging and manufacturing the same, or any part thereof, as His Majesty may at present enjoy, or can grant, he, the said Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, and his or their Tenants, Servants, Agents and Workmen, doing as little spoil and damage of ground as possible, in the searching for, winning, working, having, exercising, and enjoy-

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ing of the premises of the several powers, liberties and privileges, hereby granted and demised.

Save and except, nevertheless, out of the presents, and the Grant and Demise hereby made all such Mines, as by virtue of or under any Lease or Leases, Grant or Grants, License or Licenses, from or by our said Sovereign Lord the King, or any of his Predecessors, or any Governor or Governors of the said Province, have been opened, and are now in course of working by, or belonging to, any person or persons whomsoever:

To have and to hold the said Mines and Minerals, powers and authorities, and all and singular other the Premises hereinbefore granted or mentioned to be granted unto the said Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for, and during, and unto the full end and term of sixty years, to be computed from the day of the date of these presents, and thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended.

Yielding and rendering therefor, unto our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, yearly and every year, on the 24th day of June, during the continuance of this Grant or Demise, at Halifax, in the said Province of Nova Scotia, or at such other place or places as our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, shall think fit, and appoint, under his or their Signet or Sign Manual, through the hands, or by the receipt of the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia aforesaid, appointed, or to be appointed from time to time by our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, or of such other person or persons as our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, shall, under his or their Signet or Sign Manual for that purpose, nominate or appoint, the several yearly rents hereinafter mentioned, (that is to say)—during the whole of the said term of sixty years, the yearly rent of £1 of lawful money of Great Britain, in every year; and from and after the end of five years, to be computed from the date hereof, and thenceforth yearly, and every year, on the 24th day of June, during the then residue of the said term of sixty years, and in addition to the aforesaid yearly rent, also yielding, rendering, and delivering, unto our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, at the Pit's mouth, or at the Smelting House, as the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of the said Province of Nova Scotia, for the time being, shall direct, one full twentieth part (the whole into twenty equal parts to be divided) of all the said Gold, Silver, Lead, and other Ores and Minerals, (except Copper Ore, Iron Stone, and Coal,) which shall be made, wrought, obtained, or gotten, from or out of the said Mines, and every or any of them, after the same respective, Gold, Silver, Lead, and other Ores and Minerals (except as aforesaid) capable of being reduced into a metallic state, in the ingot, bar, pig, or cake, and after such of the said Minerals as are not capable of a reduction into a metallic state, shall have been brought into their proper and usual marketable condition; and also, one full twentieth part (the whole into twenty equal parts to be divided) of all the said Copper Ore which shall be won, wrought, obtained and gotten, from or out of the said Mines, and every or any of them, after the same Copper Ore shall have been dressed, cleansed, and made marketable, or fit for smelting; and also, from and after the end of five years, to be computed from the date hereof, and thenceforth yearly, and every year, on the 24th day of June, during the then residue of the said term of sixty years, and in addition to the aforesaid yearly rents or reservations, yielding and rendering at Halifax aforesaid, or at such other place or places as our Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, shall appoint, as aforesaid, through the hands, or by the receipt of such person or persons as aforesaid, unto our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, the rent or sum of Four Pence, of lawful money of Great Britain, for every ton of Iron Ore or Iron Stone which shall, during the residue of the said term of sixty years, be won, wrought, obtained, or gotten, from or out of the same Mines, and every and any of them; and also, the rent or sum of One Shilling, of lawful money of Great Britain, for every ton of Coals, (except such Coals as shall be used in working the said Mines and Engines, and in smelting the Ores and Minerals, and manufacturing the same, and bringing the other Minerals into marketable form and condition, as aforesaid,) which shall, during the residue of the said term of sixty years, be wrought or gotten from, forth, or out of the said Mines, or any of them—each such ton upon which the said

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rents are to be paid, to be calculated at twenty-two hundred weight, and every one hundred weight at one hundred and twenty Pounds.

And the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, doth hereby for himself, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, covenant and promise to and with our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, that he, the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall and will, during the said term of sixty years, well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, the said yearly rent of £1, at the place or places in the manner at or upon the time in each year, hereinbefore mentioned for the payment thereof; and also, shall and will, after the expiration of the said term of five years, and henceforth during the remainder of the said term of sixty years, well and truly deliver unto our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, the said one twentieth part of all the said Gold, Silver, Copper, Lead, and other Ores and Minerals, (excepting Iron Ore, Iron Stone, and Coal,) at such time and place, and in such manner, as the same is hereinbefore reserved, to be rendered to our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors.

And also shall and will well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, at the place or places, in the manner, and at or upon the time hereinbefore mentioned for the payment thereof, the said yearly rent of Four Pence for every ton of Iron Ore, or Iron Stone, and One Shilling for every ton of Coals, (except such Coal as shall be used in working the said Mines and Engines, and in smelting the Ores and Minerals, and manufacturing the same, and bringing the other Minerals into marketable condition as aforesaid) which shall, after the expiration of the said term of five years, and during the residue of the said term of sixty years, be won, wrought, obtained and gotten out of the said Mines, or any of them.

And also that he, the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall and will, during the continuance of this Grant or Demise, keep, or cause to be kept, one or more Book or Books of Account, wherein true entries shall be made of all such Gold, Silver, Coal, Copper, Lead, and other Ores and Minerals, as shall from time to time be digged or gotten by him, the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, or any of them, or his, or their, or any of their Tenants, Workmen, and Servants; and also of all the Gold, Silver, Lead, Copper, and other Ores and Minerals, capable of being reduced into a metallic state, which shall be by him or them smelted and reduced into a metallic state, in ingots, bars, pigs or cakes, and of all the Minerals not capable of reduction into a metallic state, which shall be by him or them wrought into their usual and proper marketable condition; and that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, for the time being, or such person or persons as he shall appoint under his hand and seal, from time to time, to have free access and liberty to inspect and take copies of the said Books of Account.

And that the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall and will on the first Monday in August, or within two Calendar months after, in every year during the continuance of this Grant or Demise, deliver, or cause to be delivered, unto such Governor, or Lieutenant-Governor, as aforesaid, or to such person or persons as he shall appoint in manner aforesaid, one or more affidavit or affidavits, to be made by two or more credible persons, principally employed in or about the working and management of the said Mines respectively, that the entries which shall from time to time be made in such Book or Books of Account, do contain a full and true account of the quantities of all such Gold, Silver, Coal, Copper, Lead, and other Ores and Minerals, as shall be dug or extracted in each and every year, in all or every part of the premises, and of the quantities of all such Gold, Silver, Copper, Lead, and other Ores and Minerals capable of being reduced into a metallic state, as shall be smelted and reduced into a metallic state, in ingots, bars, pigs, or cakes, of all such Minerals not capable of reduction into a metallic state, as shall be wrought into their usual and proper marketable condition as aforesaid, which affidavit or affidavits shall be duly sworn before the said Governor; or Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, or before some Magistrate in the said Province, whom our said  
Sovereign

Sovereign Lord the King, for himself, his Heirs and Successors, doth hereby authorize to administer such oath accordingly; and likewise that he, the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, shall and will, annually, during the continuance of this Grant or Demise, lay, or cause to be laid, before our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, in Council, upon the oaths of two or more credible persons, principally employed in or about the working and management of the said Mines, respectively, a full, true, and particular account in writing, of the numbers, names, and of the said Mines respectively, and other competent and sufficient descriptions thereof, and also of the numbers, names and situation, and other competent and sufficient descriptions of all and every the shafts, adits, levels, drains, and other works whatsoever belonging thereto respectively, so as to afford a full, clear, and true state of the said Mines respectively, and the several works thereof, and also, a full, true, and particular account, to be authenticated as aforesaid, of the number, or after the two first years, of the number on the average, of the two preceding years, of persons employed in and about the said Mines, respectively, and the works thereof.

And also, that the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, shall not, nor will not at any time or times hereafter, during the time hereby granted, assign, transfer, or set over, or otherwise part with the premises hereby granted, or any part thereof, to any person or persons whomsoever, without the license, consent or approbation, of our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, first had and obtained for the doing thereof, to be signified under his or their Signet or Sign Manual, or under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; and also, that it shall and may be lawful for any Inspector or Inspectors, Receiver or Receivers, Agent or Agents, to be by our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, appointed under his or their Signet or Sign Manual, or by the Governor of the said Province, for the time being, at any time during the continuance of this present Grant and Demise, when and as any of the shafts of the said Mines are at work, to descend by the ropes, rollers, gins or engines, or other utensils used at any of the said shafts of, or belonging, or which shall belong to the said Mines respectively, or any of them, into the said Mines, shafts, or pits, or any of them, to plumb, line, view, and survey the works thereof, and to view and see the same are fairly and regularly wrought and carried on, and by the same ways and means to ascend or come up the said Mines, shafts, or pits, or any of them, and shall and may, in the doing thereof, have the help and assistance of the Workmen and Servants employed in the said Mines, or of such other person or persons as he or they shall think fit.

And also, that he, the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, His Executors, Administrators and Assigns, shall and will from time to time, and at all times during the continuance of this Grant and Demise, well and effectually maintain and support all and every the working pits, shafts, levels, drifts and watercourses, of and belonging to the said respective Mines, with all such timber and deals and other materials, as shall be requisite or necessary for that purpose, and so as to prevent the same, and the roots of the said Mines from falling in; or being otherwise damaged, and shall and will, at the end or other sooner determination of the said term, peaceably and quietly yield and deliver unto such person or persons as our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors shall appoint, under his or their Signet or Sign Manual, to receive and take possession of the same, the said Mines, and all and singular other the premises hereinbefore mentioned, except such furnaces, engines, mills, forges, foundaries, rails, roads, implements, houses and buildings, as shall not be attached to the Freehold, in such good order, plight and condition, as fair wrought Mines ought to be left, with such timber, deals, and other materials as aforesaid—such Mines as during the term hereby granted, shall be abandoned by reason of their being unproductive, only excepted.

Provided always, and it is the will and pleasure of our said Sovereign Lord the King, and he doth hereby, for himself, his Heirs and Successors, declare, and the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, do hereby, for himself, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, accept this Grant or Demise, under the condition, that in case of any default by

the said Frederick, Duke of York, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, or any of them, in keeping such books of account, or in delivering such Affidavit or Affidavits as aforesaid, or in the payment of the said rents of One Pound, and of Four Pence for every ton of Iron Ore, or Iron Stone, and of One Shilling for every ton of Coals, or of either of them, or in rendering the said one twentieth part of the said Gold, Silver, Copper, Lead, and other Ores and Metals hereby respectively reserved to our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, as aforesaid, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the several reservations in that behalf hereinbefore contained, for the space of twenty-one days after the periods hereinbefore appointed for paying or rendering the same respectively, or if the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, shall omit or neglect, for the space of any one year during the continuance of this Grant or Demise, to lay before our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, in Council, such account or accounts, in writing, as aforesaid, or shall, at any time or times assign, transfer, or set over, or otherwise part with the premises hereby granted, or any part or parcel thereof, to any person or persons whomsoever for the term above granted, without the license, consent or approbation, of our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, for the doing thereof to be signified as aforesaid, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the said Covenant or Agreement, in that behalf hereinbefore contained, or if the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, shall not, within the space of two years, to be computed from the date hereof, lay before our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, in Council, satisfactory proof of his or their having by himself or themselves, or his or their Tenants, Agents, Servants or Workmen, not only made or used industrious search and diligent endeavours for the purpose of discovering some Mine or Mines of Gold, Silver, Coal, Copper, Lead, or other Ores and Minerals, under the powers and privileges granted to him and them by these presents, or shall not within the space of five years, to be computed from the date hereof, have opened, dug, &c., effectually worked some Mine or Mines of Gold, Silver, Coal, Copper, Lead, or other Ores or Minerals hereby granted to him and them by these presents, so as that some Gold, Silver, Coal, Copper, Lead, or other Ore or Mineral, shall be gotten or extracted, in, from, or out of the same Mines, or some of them; then, and in every or any of the said cases, when the same shall have been adjusted and declared by any six or more of the Privy Council of our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, to have arisen or happened, the present Letters Patent, and all and every the powers and privileges hereby granted shall be utterly null and void, any thing to the contrary thereof in these presents notwithstanding, without inquisition, scire facias, or other proceedings to determine the same, which proceedings, nevertheless, or any of them, it shall and may be lawful to institute and carry on, on behalf of our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, if he or they shall so think fit.

Provided likewise, nevertheless, that the present Letters Patent shall not in anywise extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, and our said Sovereign Lord the King doth hereby reserve to himself, his Heirs and Successors, certain right and full authority, by his or their Agents, Workmen and Servants, to enter upon all or any of the lands in the said Province of Nova Scotia, and search for, dig, open and discover any Mines or Minerals without the let or hindrance of the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, and to grant to any other person or persons any Mines or Minerals which shall be so discovered, and the liberty and privilege of working the same, and of digging for and getting Ores, Minerals, and Metals thereout, and of taking and carrying away the same, in any place or places within the present Grant, but so as that notice in writing shall first be given by the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor for the time being of the said Province of Nova Scotia, to the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, of the discovery of any such last mentioned Mine, and that the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, shall thereupon refuse or neglect within the space of twelve Calendar Months from the receipt of such notice to work or proceed to work any such last mentioned Mines.

And

And our said Sovereign Lord the King doth hereby, for himself, his Heirs and Successors, further grant to the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, that this present Grant shall be good and effectual in the Law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, notwithstanding the not reciting any former Grant or Grants, Lease or Leases of the premises, or any part thereof, or any defect whatsoever.

And our said Sovereign Lord the King doth hereby, for himself, his Heirs and Successors, strictly charge and command, that no person or persons shall act or do any thing in prejudice of the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, in anything touching or concerning this Grant.

In witness whereof to one part of this present Indenture, remaining with the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, His Majesty hath caused the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to be affixed, and to the other part remaining with His Majesty, the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, hath set his Hand and Seal the day and year first above written; and for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

Given at our Court at Carlton House, this 11th day of July, 1826, in the 7th year of our Reign.

(Signed)

{ LIVERPOOL,  
T. J. ROBINSON,  
G. C. H. SOMERSET.

To our ATTORNEY and SOLICITOR GENERAL.

[COPY.]

*Downing Street, 25th November, 1829.*

SIR—

It having been represented to me that some doubt exists as to the Rent to be paid by the General Mining Association for the Coal Mines of Cape Breton—I have the honor to acquaint you, for your information and guidance, that His Majesty's Government have agreed to grant a Lease of the Mines in question at the Rent of Three Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence, Halifax Currency, for any quantity of Coals not exceeding twenty thousand Chaldrons; and Two Shillings per Chaldron, Royalty, on the excess beyond that quantity, to be calculated on the average of three years consumption.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed)

G. MURRAY.

Lieut. Gen. Sir PEREGRINE MAITLAND, K. C. B., &c. &c.

No. 59.

(See Page 117.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the extent of the business done in Marine Insurance, and the nature of the security given to the public—beg leave to Report:

That the Nova Scotia Marine Insurance Company have a Capital of £23,500, thus secured:

In Provincial Stock, at 4 per cent.,	£3500 0 0
In Bonds and Mortgages,	8753 11 4
In Banks,	1246 8 8
In Bonds of Stockholders,	10000 0 0

£3500 of the above sum has been added to the amount originally paid in, from the surplus funds.

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The amount insured in 1843, was £346,438—the amount of Premiums was £10,204 6s. 9d.

That the Union Marine Insurance Company have a Capital of £40,300 :—

In Real Estate, owned by the Company,	£2000	0	0
In Province Certificates, bearing interest at 5 per cent.,	1000	0	0
In Halifax Bank, bearing interest at 3 per cent.,	1000	0	0
In Bonds and securities by Mortgage, bearing interest at 6 per cent.,	5275	0	0
Deposited in the Banks,	3025	0	0
Bonds and securities for residue of Shares,	28000	0	0
	£40,300	0	0

The amount insured in 1843, was £352,429—the amount of Premiums, 10,157.

The paid up Capital of the Halifax Marine Insurance Company appears to be entirely exhausted, but yet they did business in 1843, to the extent of £321,241, and had at risk at the end of the year £47,000. The Committee were informed by the President, that a general Meeting of the Stockholders was to be called immediately, to bring its affairs to a close, or provide sufficient Capital to enable them to conduct business on a secure basis.

The Committee have had before them the Agent of the Warren Marine Company, of Boston, now doing business in Halifax, and have examined the affixed Return, prepared by the Secretary of the State of Massachusetts, by which the nature of the securities offered by that Company, are exhibited. From this it appears that there is a Capital of \$125,000, thus secured :

In Massachusetts Bank Stock, (chiefly in the Shawmut Bank,)	\$61330
In Loans on Bottomry and Respondenture,	15900
In Real Estate,	600
In Mortgage on Real Estate,	23300
In Loans on Collateral and Personal security,	12664
In Cash,	12664
In Railroad Stock,	1000

The annual amount insured is not shown. At the end of the year there was at risk \$1,141,993. This Company holds \$31,029 of Premium Notes, of which \$26,661 are on Risks not terminated.

On the subject of the Bill referred to them, the Committee express no opinion. The Mercantile Community appear to be divided as to the propriety of restraining Foreign Agencies in the mode proposed—one class of persons deeming it the duty of the Legislature to interpose its authority to provide guards and restrictions similar to those under which the operations of our own Companies are conducted—and another, in favor of leaving the Community to protect itself by an intelligent investigation of the character and assets of such Foreign Associations. The Agent of the Warren Company states that the provisions of the Bill, should it pass, will preclude the possibility of his continuing to do business.

Committee Room, March 28th, 1844.

JOSEPH HOWE,  
JOHN CREIGHTON,  
JOHN ROSS.

No. 60.

(See Page 118.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Donald Blue, of the County of Inverness, Cape Breton—beg leave to Report as follows :

It appears that the Petitioner in year 1841, contracted for, and made a quantity of  
Hardwood

Hardwood Timber, on lands occupied by certain persons by the name of McDonald's. That the said Timber when made, and partly hauled to the water edge, was seized by the Sheriff of the County, and sold as Timber alleged to be made on Crown Land—for which act Petitioner prays the interference of the Legislature, and an enquiry into the conduct of Mr. Crawley, the Land Commissioner, by whose instructions Petitioner says the seizure was made by the Sheriff, in order that he may be enabled to obtain redress from the persons by whom he has been thus injured.

After careful perusal of all the documents submitted to your Committee, and obtaining all other information within our reach, relative to the matter, your Committee are of opinion that the case is not one that requires the interference of the Legislature, as the whole matter is such as to come fairly under the cognizance and jurisprudence of the Judicial Courts of the Country. All of which we respectfully beg leave to Report.

Committee Room, March 29th, 1844.

JOHN HOLMES,  
STEPHEN FULTON.  
ICHABOD DIMOCK.

No. 61.

(See Page 118.)

The Committee appointed to examine into and Report upon certain Petitions from Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, relative to the Seizure and Sale of certain condemned articles, by James Turnbull, Esquire, the Collector of Excise, and Henry Cowley, Esquire, Seizing Officer of said County, beg leave to state: that they have accurately examined the said Petitions, the Papers and Documents relative thereto, have heard the declarations of witnesses touching the same, and, having given the subject their best consideration, do agree to Report to the Honorable House of Assembly, as follows:

That, in the Summer of 1840, James Turnbull, Esquire, the Collector of Excise, and Henry Cowley, Esquire, Seizing Officer of said County of Richmond, took and seized a large quantity of Smuggled Goods, the property of different persons in that County, and, in consequence of the insufficiency and insecurity of the Queen's Warehouse, the same were placed in the Store of the said Henry Cowley for better protection.

That it fully appears from satisfactory testimony, in making such Seizure, that the said Henry Cowley assumed to act under the authority of the Collector of Customs, although the Collector himself asserts that no authority was given by him to Mr. Cowley, in the matter.

That at the instance and relation of the said James Turnbull, the Goods so seized by the said James Turnbull and Henry Cowley were condemned, upon the information of Her Majesty's Attorney General, in Her Majesty's Supreme Court, in Trinity Term, 1840, and became forfeited to Her Majesty—and the same were ordered to be sold, and the proceeds thereof applied as the Law directs. And that the said James Turnbull, the Collector of Excise as aforesaid, received instructions from the Commissioners of the Revenue to sell the Goods so seized and forfeited as aforesaid, according to Law.

That the said James Turnbull, assisted by Henry Cowley, Seizing Officer as aforesaid, and John Fuller, Esquire, High Sheriff of the County, in compliance with such instructions, sold the Goods so seized and forfeited, each of them being present at the sale of the same, and assisting therein; that the whole proceeds of such sale amounted to about Six Hundred Pounds, and after deducting the different charges made in the Execution of the said Seizure and Sale, there appeared to be a balance of Four Hundred Pounds and upwards, to be accounted for.

That of the property so sold as aforesaid, the said Henry Cowley became the purchaser to the amount of about Two Hundred and Forty Pounds, and the remainder of the articles were sold to persons in solvent circumstances at that time.

That all the monies arising from the sale of such condemned Goods were paid by the different purchasers into Cowley's hands, as appears from the copy of a letter written by Mr. Cowley, and produced by Mr. Turnbull, and in which he acknowledged the balance due on said Sales to amount to upwards of Four Hundred Pounds, already stated to be due, and his own liability for the same.

That, at the time of such Sale, the said Henry Cowley was in good credit and solvent circumstances, and that said James Turnbull had every reason to believe that the monies arising from the sales of articles purchased by Cowley himself, as well as those from the sales to others, were secure in his hands, and would be fully accounted for when required.

Your Committee beg leave further to state, that without expressing any opinion as to the legal liability of the said James Turnbull, they are compelled to think that the said James Turnbull did not use that strict vigilance and circumspection the law requires, in permitting the Seizing Officer to have the chief control and management in such sale, and in receiving the proceeds arising from the same, or in sanctioning any credit to purchasers, which appears to have been the case.

Your Committee, however, feel it their duty to state, that they wholly exonerate the said James Turnbull from any charge which would have a tendency to implicate him in any participation of the monies arising from such sale, or of any intention on the part of said James Turnbull to do any act which would implicate him in the delinquency of the Seizing Officer, it plainly appearing that he has lost, himself, Seven Pounds Ten Shillings by the transaction—the fault with him, if any, was, that he permitted the Seizing Officer to assume a responsibility more particularly belonging to himself, and extended towards him confidence which his subsequent circumstances prove to have been misplaced. The testimonial of thirteen Magistrates and other Inhabitants of the County, in favour of Mr. Turnbull, confirm your Committee in the opinions thus expressed.

Your Committee, in reference to Mr. Cowley, are obliged to express their decided disapprobation of his conduct in permitting Mr. Turnbull, in consequence of his own defalcation, to be placed in a position, which, if it would not have a tendency to criminate his character as a Public Officer, would, at least, throw suspicion around it, especially as it appears that Mr. Cowley had it in his power afterwards, if he had felt so inclined, to have discharged part, if not all the monies due by him, and thus relieve Mr. Turnbull to a certain extent from the effect of imputations improperly alleged against him.

Your Committee are therefore constrained to express their opinion with much regret, that the said Henry Cowley, as they have been informed, still continues a Seizing Officer and Justice of the Peace of the said County.

Committee Room, 28th March, 1844.

JOHN C. HALL, Chairman.  
JAMES D. FRASER,  
R. CLEMENTS.

No. 62.

(See Page 119.)

Mr. Howe presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Halifax.

A Petition of John George Marryatt and James Marryatt, of Harriet's Fields.  
John Hutchinson, senr. and others, of Upper Musquodoboit.  
William Bundy and others, of Cherrybucktoo.  
David Annand and others, of Gay's River.  
Joseph Smith and others, of Preston.  
John Drysdale and others, of Green Head Settlement.  
Samuel Kerr and others, of New Antrim Settlement.

Mr.



Mr. Doyle presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Halifax.

A Petition of Robert Thompson and others, of Beaver Bank Road.  
 Charles Taylor and others, of Lawrencetown.  
 David Ellis, senr., and others, of Sackville, Hammond's Plains, and St. Margaret's Bay.  
 James Chisholm and others, of West Branch St. Mary's River.  
 James Cruikshanks and others, of Little River, Musquodoboit.  
 H. A. Gladwin and others, of Musquodoboit.  
 Richard Hanihan and others, of Ferguson's Cove.  
 William G. Archibald and others, of Middle Musquodoboit.  
 Peter Doyle and others, of Musquodoboit.  
 Charles Taylor and others, of Lawrencetown.  
 Edward H. Lowe and others, of Dartmouth.

Mr. B. Smith presented several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Hants.

A Petition of George Mosher and others, of Newport.  
 Donald McDonald and others, of Douglas.  
 James Anthony and others, of Newport and Douglas.  
 Hugh McCallum and others, of Kempt.  
 Malcom Brown and others, of the Nine Mile River Settlement.  
 Matthew Fahie and others, of Irish Town Settlement.  
 David McKenzie and others, of Douglas.

Mr. Dimock presented to the House the Petition of William Miller and others, of Newport, praying aid for a Road in that Township.

The Hon. the Attorney General presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Annapolis.

A Petition of Eri Welton and others, of Wilmot.  
 Alfred Munro and others, of Maitland.  
 James Merry and others, of Dalhousie Road.  
 Granville B. Read and others, of the Ritchie Road.  
 Seth Leonard and others, of Annapolis County.  
 James Long and others, of Dalhousie.  
 Archibald Kendall and others, of the Ramsey Settlement.  
 Robert Wilson and others, of Dalhousie, Springfield, and New Germany.  
 Joseph Herald and others, of the Dalhousie Road.  
 John Elliot 2d, and others, of Wilmot.  
 William Brown and others, of Wilmot.  
 Ebenezer Stronach and others, of Wilmot.

Mr. Thorne presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the Township of Granville.

A Petition of Robert Young and others, of Granville.  
 Seth Leonard and others, of Granville.  
 Abner Foster and others, of Upper Granville Mountain.  
 John Quereau and others, of Granville.  
 Stephen M. Ruggles and others, of Granville.  
 John Munro and others, of Granville.  
 Oliver Saunders and others, of Granville.  
 Silas Balcom and others, of Granville.

- Mr. Whitman presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the Townships of Annapolis and Clements.
- A Petition of Charles Trimper and others, of Clements.  
 Charles Buelar and others, of Clements.  
 John Ditmars and others, of Clements.  
 George S. Milledge and others, of Annapolis and Clements.  
 William Harris and others, of Clements.  
 James McLafferty and others, of the rear of Dalhousie Road.  
 Peter Bonnett and others, of Annapolis County.  
 Frederick Beeler and others, of Clements.  
 Edward Merry and others, of the new Liverpool Road.  
 George Harris, of Dalhousie.
- Mr. Ryder presented to the House the Petition of Prince Nickerson and others, of Argyle, praying aid for a Road in that Township.
- Mr. Huntington presented to the House the Petition of Job Hurlburt and others, of Argyle, for aid to a Bridge in that Township.
- Mr. Spearwater presented to the House the Petition of John McDonald, senr., and others, of Port L'Herbert, in the County of Shelburne, praying for aid to a Road there.
- Mr. Fairbanks presented to the House two Petitions, praying for aid to Roads in the County of Queen's.
- A Petition of Colin McVicar and others, of Port Medway.  
 Donald McKay, of Pleasant River.
- Mr. Freeman presented to the House a Petition of James Fraser and others, of Grafton, in Queen's County, praying aid for a Road there.
- Mr. Owen presented several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Lunenburg.
- A Petition of James Morton and others, of New Germany.  
 Jacob Fendle and others, of New Germany.  
 John Hen and others, of Upper LaHave.  
 John Heckman and others, of Heckman's Island.  
 Jacob Wile and others, of Spryfield.
- Mr. Heckman presented to the House two Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the Township of Lunenburg.
- A Petition of Francis Keinotte and others, of New Oxford.  
 B. Zwicker and others, of Northfield.
- Mr. Ross presented to the House several Petitions, praying for aid to Roads in the County of Colchester.
- A Petition of John W. Graham and others, of Upper Stewiacke.  
 George Munro and others, of Earltown.  
 Henry Wier and others, of Stewiacke.  
 Samuel Pike and others, of Stewiacke.  
 William Creelman and others, of Stewiacke.  
 Daniel Robinson and others, of Castlereagh.  
 Robert Gray and others, of Black Rock Road.  
 James Fulmore and others, of Five Islands.  
 John Fulmore and others, of Five Islands.  
 Welwood Johnston and others, of the Road from Tatamagouche to Wallace.  
 Hugh McDonald and others, of Tatamagouche.

- A Petition of William Graham and others, of Upper Stewiacke.  
 James W. Crowe and others, of Pleasant Hill.  
 John Milard and others, of Colchester.  
 Alexander Conkey and others, of Colchester.  
 Adams Archibald and others, of Colchester and Musquedoboit.  
 William McCully the 3d, and others, of Londonderry.
- Mr. Flemming presented to the House several Petitions, praying for aid to Roads in the Township of Truro.
- A Petition of Alexander Kent and others, of Truro.  
 Donald Urquhart and others, of Upper Brookfield.  
 John Saunders and others, of Truro.  
 Lawrence Burrows and others, of Colchester.  
 Thomas Dart and others, of Colchester.  
 Samuel Burrows and others, of Colchester.  
 William Akins and others, of Upper Brookfield.  
 Alexander Miller and others, of Truro.  
 Job Dart, Senr., and others, of Shubenacadie.  
 Joseph Marshall and others, of Upper Brookfield.
- Mr. McLellan presented to the House two Petitions, praying for aid to Roads in the Township of Londonderry.
- A Petition of David Fulton and others, of Londonderry.  
 Samuel B. Fulton and others, of Castlereagh and Port au Pique.
- Mr. G. R. Young presented to the House several Petitions, praying for aid to Roads in the County of Pictou.
- A Petition of James Grant and others, of Egerton.  
 Samuel Archibald and others, of the County of Pictou.  
 George Logan and others, of Fisher's Grant and New Glasgow.  
 Ronald McDonald and others, of the Gulf Shore.
- Mr. G. Smith presented to the House the Petition of Duncan McLeod and others, of the East Branch River John, praying for aid to a Bridge across that River.
- Mr. Fulton presented to the House several Petitions, praying for aid to Roads in the County of Cumberland.
- A Petition of Samuel Mitchell and others, of Pugwash and its vicinity.  
 George Johnson and others, of River Philip.  
 Donald McDonald and others, of Wallace.  
 Timothy R. Moore and others, of River Philip.  
 Samuel McPherson and others, of south side Pugwash River.  
 Stephen Tuttle and others, of Wallace, &c.
- Mr. DesBarres presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Guysborough.
- A Petition of Benjamin Sterns and others, of the Back Lands of St. Mary's.  
 William McKeen and others, of East River, District of St. Mary's.  
 Thomas Glencross and others, of St. Mary's.  
 Duncan McDonald and others, West Branch St. Mary's River.  
 Robert Kennedy and others, of Indian Harbor.  
 Adam Beeswanger and others, of St. Mary's and Country Harbor.  
 James Diggins and others, of Manchester.

A Petition of James Torey and others, of Guysborough.  
 Francis Cook and others, of Guysborough.  
 Robert McKenzie and others, of St. Mary's.  
 John Sinclair and others, of St. Mary's.  
 Robert Sinclair and others, of St. Mary's.  
 Hugh McDonald and others, of Indian Harbor and St. Mary's.  
 William Langley and others, of Isaac's Harbor.  
 John Cozel and others, of Manchester.  
 Joseph Marshall and others, of Manchester.  
 James Hull and others, of Manchester.

Mr. Marshall presented to the House two Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Guysborough.

A Petition of Thomas Keating and others, of Manchester.  
 John Whalen and others, of Guysborough.

The Honorable Mr. Dodd presented to the House several Petitions, praying for aid to Roads in the County of Cape Breton.

A Petition of William Jones and others, of Baddeck River.  
 David Malony and others, of the Barrasois, Low Point, and vicinity.  
 John McKinnon and others, of Leech Creek.  
 John Grant and others, of Geneccady and Straits of Barra.  
 James G. Carter and others, of Port au Pique, &c.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke presented to the House two Petitions, praying for aid to Roads in the County of Cape Breton.

A Petition of John Grant and others, of the Grand Narrows.  
 J. D. Clark and others, of Indian Islands, Ascaoney, and the vicinage thereof.

No 63.

(See Page 121.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of James Allison, of Windsor, and of James Stephens, of Horton, for aid in support of two boys, being deaf and dumb, at an Asylum for such at Hartford, in the United States of America, do Report as follows:

Having ascertained that the parties petitioning are neither of them possessed of the means to defray the expense that would be involved in such education, and feeling that the case of these unfortunates presents strong claims to the commiseration and sympathy of the Legislature, the Committee therefore respectfully recommend that the sum of Forty Pounds, annually, for two years, be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of giving Twenty Pounds, annually, for two years, to each of the boys named in the respective Petitions, to be placed in the hands of Trustees appointed for the purpose, in each case to superintend the appropriation thereof in accordance with the object stated in the Petitions.

29th March, 1844.

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF, Chairman.  
 JAMES D. FRASER,  
 JOHN C. HALL,  
 R. M. G. DICKEY.

No. 64.

*(See Page 122.)*

To His Excellency Major General Sir COLIN CAMPBELL, K. C. B., Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Nova Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

*The Petition of Abraham Gesner, of King's County, Nova Scotia, for and on behalf of himself and others,*

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

That during the last fifteen years, your Petitioner has been engaged in searching for and examining the Mines and Minerals in the Province of Nova Scotia, but, in consequence of the said Mines and Minerals having been reserved by the Crown, and leased to his late Royal Highness the Duke of York, your Petitioner, and many other inhabitants of the Country, have been prevented from deriving any advantage from them.

By reason of the extensive claims of those to whom the Mines and Minerals of Nova Scotia have been assigned, many of the most important resources of the Country have hitherto remained unproductive, and the prosperity of the Province is now, by no means equal to her natural wealth.

It would be in vain to point out the embarrassments which lawful enterprise suffers from the exclusive right maintained by those who have control over almost every Mineral substance in the Country; and however creditably and extensive Mining may be pursued in one part of the Colony, it does not seem to follow that it should remain inactive in another.

In the Province there are vast strata of Coal and Ore so situated, as to render the smelting and manufacture of Iron not only an object of importance to the inhabitants, but also profitable to those who may be disposed to embark their capital in such undertakings; and if the working of Iron has hitherto failed, the circumstance has, perhaps, arisen from the want of scientific knowledge, and not from any defect in the Ores, or from the supplies to be obtained.

In full assurance that the Mineral wealth of Nova Scotia is at present imperfectly developed, and that several Mines besides those now worked can be opened with advantage, your Petitioner is induced to avail himself of the Reserve made by the Crown, to the working of Mines and Minerals in all cases when the Executors, Administrators, or Assigns of his late Royal Highness the Duke of York, shall refuse or neglect to work them.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly begs leave to quote that part of the Lease granted by the Crown, upon which the prayer of his Petition is based, so far as it can relate to the Coal and Iron Mines of the County of Cumberland :

“ Provided likewise, nevertheless, that the present Letters Patent shall not in any wise extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs or Successors, and our said Sovereign Lord the King doth hereby reserve to himself, his Heirs and Successors, certain right and full authority by his or their Agents, Workmen, and Servants, to enter upon all or any of the lands within the said Province of Nova Scotia, and search for, dig, open, and discover any Mines or Minerals, without the let or hindrance of the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and to grant to any other person or persons, any Mines or Minerals which shall be so discovered, and the liberty and privilege of working the same, and digging for and getting Ores, and Minerals, and Metals thereout, and of taking and carrying away the same, in any place or places within the present Grant, but so as that notice in writing shall first be given by the Governor, or Lieutenant-Governor for the time being, of the said Province of Nova Scotia, to the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, of the discovery of any such last mentioned Mine, and that the said Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall thereupon refuse or neglect, within the space of twelve Calendar months from the receipt of such notice, to work, or proceed to work, any such last mentioned Mines.”

Your

Your Petitioner therefore begs, that your Excellency will be pleased to grant him a Lease for sixty years, of the Coal and Iron Mines discovered in the County of Cumberland, Nova Scotia; for the proper working of which sufficient bonds, and the necessary capital will be produced to open them, upon a scale commensurate with their importance.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

ABRAHAM GESNER.

St. John, 24th Sep., 1838,

[COPY.]

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

*The Memorial of Abraham Gesner,*

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That during the last twenty-five years, your Memorialist has, from time to time, been engaged in pursuing the Geology, and searching out the useful Mines and Minerals of Nova Scotia. His labours, although carried on with the limited means of an individual, have been rewarded by the discovery of important deposits of Coal, Iron, Manganese, and other Minerals, the opening and working of which would be of the greatest advantage to the commerce and general prosperity of the Country. But in consequence of the said Mines and Minerals having been reserved by the Crown, and leased to His Royal Highness the Duke of York, and finally sub-let to the General Mining Association, your Petitioner, and the Inhabitants of the Province generally, are prevented from deriving any advantage from them.

From the extensive claims of those to whom the Mines and Minerals of Nova Scotia have been assigned, many of the most important resources of the Country remain unproductive, and the advancement of the Province is by no means equal to its natural wealth. In many of the populous districts, and especially in those situated along the Shore of the Basin of Mines and Cumberland, Wood, for fuel is scarce, and, as the Forests are from year to year fast disappearing before the progress of Husbandry, the present lack of fuel, and that which is yearly increasing, can only be supplied by the Strata of Coal already discovered. The opening of the Coal Mines of the County of Cumberland alone, would not only supply the lack of fuel above mentioned, but would also immediately open an extensive export trade with the United States, and yearly increase the Public Revenue.

From the extensive privileges held by the General Mining Association, lawful enterprise is embarrassed, the most permanent resources of the Country remain unexplored, and the chief part of the Minerals of Nova Scotia are unproductive. However creditably and extensively Mining may have been carried on in one part of the Province, it does not seem to your Memorialist that it should remain inactive in another.

Knowing that the Mineral wealth of Nova Scotia was but imperfectly developed, and that several Mines, besides those now worked, could be opened with advantage, your Memorialist was induced to avail himself of the reserve made by the Crown to the working of Mines and Minerals in all cases where the Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, of his late Royal Highness the Duke of York, should neglect or refuse to work them, and for that purpose he laid Petitions similar to the present Memorial before His Excellency Sir Colin Campbell, late Lieutenant-Governor of the Province in 1838.

His Excellency was pleased to forward those Petitions to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and copies of the replies thereto are herewith annexed. It will be seen in the reply of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to the Marquis of Normanby, that the application of your Memorialist was too general in its nature to be allowed, and that it is necessary to point out the particular situation of any Mine which it may be desirable to work, before the Assignees of his late Royal Highness the Duke of York can be duly notified, according to the reserve made in their lease.

Since

Since the receipt of the above replies, your Memorialist has explored more fully the situation where he desires to open Coal and Iron Mines, and now seeks to obtain permission, with the usual privileges, to work the Coal and Iron discovered on the following tract of Land, situated in the County of Cumberland, Nova Scotia:—To begin 110 chains Southward of Amos Seaman's Grindstone Quarry, on the Shore of Chegnecto Bay or Channel, at the South Joggins, in Minudie, and to extend along the several courses of said Shore in a Southerly direction, the distance of 125 chains, thence South 76 degrees, East 200 chains, thence North 14 degrees, East 125 chains, and thence North 76 degrees, West 200 chains to the place of beginning, so as to include all the Coal and Clay, Iron Stone, Strata, known as the South Joggin Coal Mines, more or less.

And your Memorialist prays that a lease for any term over fifty years, of all the Coal and Clay, Iron Stone, in the before mentioned tract may be granted to him, with the term of four years to be allowed to explore and open said Coal and Iron Mines efficiently.

And your Memorialist for himself, and for others who are engaged with him for opening said Mines, will pay for each ton of Coal raised and exported from said Mines, at the same rate of Duty now paid by the General Mining Association for each ton raised and exported by them; and also, a duty on the produce of every Iron Mine which may be found capable of being worked.

Your Memorialist will also supply good security, if required, for the effectual working of any Mine or Mines which may be opened in the before mentioned tract during the term of four years from the date of the lease; and any Mine which he, or those associated with him, shall fail to work within that period, will be considered by them as being forfeited.

I am, my Lord,  
Your Lordships most obedient,  
Humble Servant,

ABRAHAM GESNER.

Cornwallis, 10th February, 1844.

*Downing Street, 20th June, 1839.*

SIR—

With reference to my Despatch of the 24th ultimo, No. 17, I transmit herewith, for your information and guidance, the copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, reporting the result of their Lordship's reference to the Law Officers of the Crown, on the subject of Dr. Gesner's application for leave to work Mines in Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

NORMANBY.

Lieutenant-General Sir COLIN CAMPBELL, K. C. B., &c.

*Treasury Chambers, 13th June, 1839.*

SIR—

With reference to your letter of the 10th April last, inclosing a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, with a Petition from Dr. Gesner for permission to work certain Mines in Nova Scotia, I have it in command from the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to request you will state to the Marquis of Normanby, that my Lords having considered necessary, with regard to Dr. Gesner's application, to call for the opinion of Her Majesty's Law Officers, whether the conditions under which the Mines in Nova Scotia are now held by the General Mining Association, would warrant such a requisition on behalf of the Crown to the Association, as has been suggested by Dr. Gesner, upon the very general propositions submitted in his application; my Lords are advised "that before the power of enabling any persons, other than those claiming under

the Duke of York to work a Mine, can be exercised, it is necessary that the actual Mine proposed to be worked should have been discovered, so that the Governor of Nova Scotia may give notice to the Assignees of the Duke of York of its existence and situation," and "that Dr. Gesner's proposal being that he should be at liberty to work all the Mines within a certain district, comprising, as it is understood, 96 square miles, is far too general and comprehensive an application," and "that Dr. Gesner, or any other similar applicant, must point out the particular situation of any Mine which he desires to work, so that the Assignees of the Duke of York may know distinctly to what they are to direct their attention.

The opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown would appear to my Lords to be conclusive, against a compliance with Dr. Gesner's application; and their Lordships would suggest to Lord Normanby that the purport of it should be notified to the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, for his information and guidance, with reference to Dr. Gesner's application regarding the Mines in Nova Scotia.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) G. J. PENNINGTON, Treasury Secretary.

No. 65.

(See Page 125.)

The Committee to whom were referred the accounts of the expenditure of monies towards completing the Public Penitentiary—beg leave to Report :

That during the last year, there has been finished on the ground floor, 30 cells for Male Convicts, the Keeper's apartments, excepting one room left intentionally for a work-shop, 9 cells for Female Convicts on the second floor, a post and rail fence, ten feet high, put up around the yard, and a good well dug, and a pump placed in it.

The Building is now fit for the reception of Criminals, and has cost in the whole, including the lot on which it stands, containing fourteen acres, and a quarry of Granite and Limestone on the West side of the North West Arm, £9751 17s. 7d., which has been paid off, excepting £490 8s. 5d.

The estimate of last year for the work which has been performed this, was £2000, and has only exceeded that sum, £261 8s. 2d. The Commissioners have, however, expended besides the latter sum, £229 3d., for Iron Bedsteads, Cooking apparatus, Privies, Drains, digging and stoning well, and other indispensable services, in order to have the Building in a state to admit Criminals as early as possible, increasing the balance to the sum stated above of 13th March, 1844, £490 8 5

The Committee have much pleasure in being able to Report that the expenditure in the past year has been conducted with the strictest regard to economy, and that hereafter the sum required for this service will be comparatively trifling, and they confidently hope that after a few years, the labour of the Criminals will nearly, if not altogether, defray the expense of the Establishment.

The amount required for the present year will be nearly as follows :

Salary of the Governor, £125; Matron £25,	£150	0	0	
“ “ Keeper, £50; Turnkey, £50,	100	0	0	
Clothing and Bedding,	75	0	0	
Food, Fuel, Soap, and other incidental expenses, say,	300	0	0	
				625 0 0
Due to Carpenter in charge of Building, from the 13th				
March to date,	£7	4	0	
Locks for Cell doors, &c., ordered from England,	10	0	0	
2 large Canada Stoves, Pipes, &c.,	15	0	0	
Grate for Keeper's Kitchen,	5	0	0	
				37 4 0
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The last Return of the Sheriff's of Prisoners under sen- tence, was	19
Sentenced since the Return,	3
Estimated number of yearly Convicts,	5
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	27

The amount required to put the Establishment into operation :	
27 strong Osnaburg Straw Beds,	£6 15 0
27 Woolen Rugs,	6 15 0
54 Blankets,	13 10 0
Extra Bedding and Clothing,	20 0 0
54 suits Clothes,	54 0 0
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Whole amount required for the present year,	£1262 12 5

Halifax, 3d April, 1844.

HT. HUNTINGTON, Chairman.  
SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS.

No. 66.

(See Page 129.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Papers and Documents relating to Grants made under the Act for the relief of Poor Settlers, beg leave to Report :

That during the last Session a Resolution passed this House, requesting that His Excellency would be pleased to appoint Commissioners, in the recess, to enquire and report, for the information of the House—

The expenditure and application of monies under said Act.

The ability of persons who had borrowed to repay.

How much of the money had been recovered, and how the same had been disposed of.

And that all monies collected should be paid in.

That in pursuance of said Resolution, the documents referred to were furnished by Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and it appears that one good effect has resulted from the Resolution, in the payment of about Seventy Pounds into the Treasury ; but the Returns are, in general, so unsatisfactory, it has been almost impossible for your Committee to collect from them the information sought for by the Resolution ; and consequently very difficult to suggest such a measure as might effectually lead to the final payment into the Treasury of the balance still remaining unpaid, amounting, by the Report of the Committee of Public Accounts, to upwards of Two Thousand Pounds.

Your Committee however present the following, as the result of their examination into the Accounts with the respective Counties, which availed themselves of the provisions of said Act :

The County of Halifax received,		£332 6 7
Paid in cash,	£14 17 0	
Paid in labor,	12 12 0	
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		£304 17 7

Of which balance there remains in the hands of the Treasurer of the County, 19 12 1

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The County of Pictou received,		£350 0 0
Paid in cash,	£300 0 0	
Paid in labor,	15 13 2	
	<u>          </u>	315 13 2

£34 6 10

The above sum of £300 was again drawn out of the Treasury, under a Resolution of this House, in 1839, to be expended on the Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou, and to be repaid the following year.

Cumberland received,		£250 0 0
Paid in cash,	50 0 0	
	<u>          </u>	£200 0 0

Of this balance it appears £29 10s. remains in the hands of the County Treasurer.

Island of Cape Breton received,		£570 12 6
Paid in labor,	62 5 7	
	<u>          </u>	£508 6 11

The Return from the Town of Sydney states, that £232 0s. 10d., part of the amount allotted to that portion of the Island, had been expended on the Roads and Bridges; but your Committee would remark, that the same was not deducted, as in the case of other Counties, from their Road Monies, as required by the Act. The Return furnished from Arichat shows a similar sum of £28 5s. 6d. expended under the same circumstances. There is no Return from other portions of the Island.

King's County received,		£300 0 0
Paid in cash,	£179 8 5	
Paid in labor,	6 9 6	
	<u>          </u>	185 17 11

£114 2 1

Colchester received,		£216 0 0
Paid in cash,	£136 18 0	
Paid in labor,	1 8 0	
	<u>          </u>	138 6 0

£77 14 0

Guysboro' received,		£300 0 0
Paid in cash and labor,	177 2 9	
	<u>          </u>	£122 17 3

Of which balance there is the hands of one of the Magistrates, £22 11s. 2d.

County of Sydney received,		£300 0 0
Paid,	87 13 1	
	<u>          </u>	£212 6 11

Of which balance there is in the hands of one of the Magistrates, £19 6s. 10d.

Lunenburg received,		£125 0 0
Paid in labor and money,	46 17 1	
	<u>          </u>	£78 2 11

Hants

Hants received,	£250 0 0
Paid in labor and money,	103 18 10
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	£146 1 2
Annapolis received,	£130 0 0
No Return whatever from this County.	
Queen's received,	£50 0 0
Paid,	43 6 8
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	£6 13 4

Your Committee further report as the opinion of the Commissioners, that owing to the delay and neglect in enforcing payment of the securities taken for the above advances, there will be great difficulty in collecting the balances unpaid—but if called for in labor upon the Roads, a considerable portion may still be made available for that service, in the respective Counties where the money is payable.

Your Committee cannot refrain from expressing their reluctance to recommend any measure short of the collection and payment of the above balances into the Treasury, considering the circumstances under which those advances were made, and the positive terms of the Act, which required that all sums remaining unpaid, either in cash or labor, should be deducted from the local appropriations, or be assessed upon the Counties; but considering the delay which has arisen, and the difficulties of enforcing the provisions of said Act, your Committee are desirous that those monies should not be wholly lost to the Province, and therefore recommend that the several Acts relating to this subject be repealed—and that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized to direct the expenditure of the aforesaid balances in the respective Counties where they are due, in the repair of Roads and Bridges within those Counties, prescribing such Rules and Regulations as will prevent imposition, or further delay in the matter.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.  
JAMES McKEAGNEY.

No. 67.

(See Page 130.)

General Post Office, Halifax, April 4th, 1844.

SIR—

I herewith have the honor to transmit, for the information of the House of Assembly, Abstract of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department in Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended the 5th of January last, agreeably to the request contained in your Letter of the 20th of February.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
Humble Servant,

A. WOODGATE.

The Hon. Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

*An Account of the gross and net produce of the Post Office Revenue of Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended the 5th January, 1844.*

	Army Sterling. \$ 4s. 2d.
PACKET POSTAGE.	
To amount of Unpaid Letters received from England for Nova Scotia, &c.,	£311 1 4½
Amount of Paid Letters sent to England from the General Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in the interior,	88 12 8½
Amount of Unpaid Letters received from, and Paid Letters sent to, Bermuda, Newfoundland and Boston,	92 3 3½
INLAND POSTAGE.	
To amount of Postage of Towns in Nova Scotia, accountable to Halifax,	610 1 3
Amount of Unpaid Letters inwards, and Paid Letters outwards, at General Post Office, Halifax,	605 19 6
Amount of Way and Ship Letters at the General Post Office, Halifax,	23 17 9
Amount of Postage on Letters returned from Dead Letter Office, Halifax, for Halifax delivery,	3 2 4
Amount of under charges in Letter Bills received from England, (per Columbia) 3d and 4th March, 1843,	2 16 0
	£1737 14 2½
Deduct Postage of Returned, Refused, Missent, &c., Letters from the General Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in the interior of Nova Scotia,	381 8 7
	£1356 5 7½

*An Account of the charges of Management of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended 5th January, 1844.*

	Army Sterling. \$ 4s. 2d.
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES.	
The Deputy Post Master General,	£100 0 0
Clerks, &c., at Halifax,	165 0 0
Post Masters in Nova Scotia,	104 10 7
Letter Carriers,	0 0 0
	£369 10 7
ALLOWANCES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES AND TRAVELLING CHARGES.	
Allowance to Surveyor for Travelling Expenses,	69 13 3
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS, TRANSIT POSTAGE, AND PAYMENT OF SHIP LETTERS.	
Sums paid for Riding Work, and Couriers, Foot Messengers, &c.,	£548 9 9½
Conveyance of Mails by Stage Coaches,	565 8 2½
“ “ “ Steam Boats,	0 0 0
	1113 18 0
Local Tolls,	0 0 0
Ship Letter payments,	20 6 2
Rents, Taxes, &c.	9 5 2½
Tradesmens' Bills, Buildings and Repairs,	0 0 0
Law charges,	0 0 0
	Stationery,

Stationery, Printing and Postage,	£14 9 2
Allowances for Offices abolished, and compensation for loss of Fees,	0 0 0
OTHER PAYMENTS.	
Loss by Exchange,	0 0 0
Miscellaneous Expenses,	1 11 11
	£1598 14 3½
Deduct Net Revenue,	1356 5 7½
	£242 8 8
Deficiency on the Quarter, [E. E.]	

JOHN ADAMS,  
Clerk, Account Branch Department.

A. WOODGATE, D. P. M. G.

No. 68.

(See Page 130.)

The Committee on the Fisheries to whom were referred the Petitions of Maurice Kavanagh and others, inhabitants of St. Peter's Bay, in the County of Richmond, praying a grant of money to maintain a Boat in St. Peter's Bay, and another at St. Peter's Island, with suitable crews, to enforce the fulfilment of the Laws relating to the Fishery in those waters; also, a Petition for a grant towards erecting wharves at the Haulover, between the Bras d'Or Lake and St. Peter's Bay, have considered the same, and still entertain the opinions expressed on the subject in the Report of last year, contained in the Appendix to the Journals, No. 74, to which they refer.

The Committee have also fully considered the Petition of William A. Tupper, and other inhabitants of Kings' County, praying Legislative enactment for protection of the Shad Fishery in the Bay of Fundy, and recommend the passage of a Law reported by this Committee to the Assembly to accomplish the object Petitioners have in view; also, the Petition of Jos. Morrill and others, of Westport, in the County of Digby, praying a bounty for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery on the Coasts of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and decline recommending the grant of any bounty in the present depressed state of the Revenue; also, the Petition of Henry Taylor and others, praying the continuance of the Law for the encouragement of the Seal Fishery of the Province, and Report certain amendments to the Law heretofore in force, which they recommend the House to adopt; also, the Petition of Thomas James Wood, praying payment of Seal bounty, to which, as owner of the Shallop Janet, he appears to be equitably entitled, having followed the Fishery for Seals for upwards of twenty days, between the first day of March and first day of June, on the Coasts of Newfoundland, and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; his vessel is registered at Sydney, and twenty-three tons burthen; he has not been paid the bounty in consequence of the certificate not reaching Halifax in time—the bounty amounts to £11 10s.

On the subject of the Whale Fishery, the Legislature have always evinced an ardent desire to render this fruitful source of industry prosperous, and by large bounties, from time to time, attempted to induce persons of capital and enterprise to follow the example of other countries and embark largely in that trade, and, in 1838, passed a Law incorporating a Company for the purpose, which they regret has disappointed the expectation of the Legislature, and the cause lies hidden from your Committee, with the example of the adjoining Republic sending forth annually her fleet of 650 sail of Whalers of 190,000 tons burthen, marching over the broad Ocean, illustrating to the world the perseverance, industry, and energy of her people—with the example of the Inhabitants of New Brunswick, whose enterprise in this Fishery has been rewarded with success; the Merchants of Nova Scotia, with one or two exceptions, remain supine and indifferent, only one Whaler  
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of about 300 tons being fitted out from the Province at the present period, and she owned by one enterprising individual. The Committee have annexed tables exhibiting the progress of the Whale Fishery of the United States from 1815 to 1841 inclusive, showing the product in each year, and the outfit for 1841, for the information of the House.

The Seal Fishery of the Province, to which the attention of the Legislature was directed in the year 1833, and for the encouragement of which the sum of £750 a year was granted in bounties of 15s. per ton for all vessels over, and 10s. for those under 50 tons, has operated most beneficially, and induced persons of capital to engage in it on an extensive scale. The fostering aid of the Legislature has caused a gradual increase of tonnage in this branch of industry, and that without any great contribution from the Revenue, the whole bounty not having been drawn until last year, and so great has been the change of public opinion on the subject, partly from the unproductiveness of other branches of Commerce, and partly from the intercourse of our people with Newfoundland, and becoming acquainted with those who have amassed fortunes by the prosecution of this trade from that Island, and learning from the experienced the mode of conducting the Fishery with economy and skill, the number of vessels owned in Nova Scotia have been more than doubled in number and tonnage since 1841. The Committee annex a table showing the effect produced by the Law of 1833 and subsequent Acts, on this branch of industry.

The Committee have pleasure in reporting that the Fishery of Nova Scotia is steadily advancing under the protection afforded by the Legislature, and which ought to be continued, not only for the advantages immediately resulting to our Fishermen, by preventing encroachments on the reserved waters, but because it has excited a feeling for the protection of this valuable and inexhaustible source of wealth in the lower Provinces, which has slumbered too long for the interests of its people, who, now alive to the importance of the subject, are exerting themselves and acting with a degree of unanimity hitherto unprecedented, and any sudden check to this laudable zeal the Committee feel would be productive of immeasurable evil. Tables of the imports and exports of Fish and Oil from the Port of Halifax in the years 1842 and 1843, are annexed, to which the Committee refer, and regret that they have no means of obtaining similar information from the Out Ports.

The Committee have ascertained that Foreigners have intruded less on the Fishing Grounds of the Province during the last Season, which may account for the success of the Mackarel Fishery; indeed, the rigid enforcing of the stipulations of the Convention of 1818, the Committee are of opinion would ultimately secure that branch of the Fishery almost exclusively to the Lower Provinces, for, in 1835, the Republican Americans had engaged in that Fishery, 61,032.11 tons which has decreased to 11,775.70 in 1844, being a diminution of 47,148.1 tons, and if the code of regulations is extended over the waters of the adjoining Colonies, and to the Magdalen Islands, great benefit would result; and they call the attention of the House to the Report of last year, on this subject, and they recommend that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor should be respectfully requested to transmit copies of the Act and regulations for the protection of the Fishery, and the case and opinion of the Crown Officers in England, and such other information as he may deem important, to the Governor General of Canada, and the Lieutenant-Governors of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, and request the adoption of similar regulations for the protection of the Fishery, in the waters respectively under the control of those Governments. Lastly, the Committee strongly recommend the continued protection of the Fishing interest, particularly as the subject is commanding attention of the United States and Great Britain, and if those more immediately interested appear indifferent, the negotiation may result in extending increased privileges to foreigners, expose our Fishermen to unfair and hostile competition, and finally destroy what is justly considered the chief prop of our Commerce, and the staple of the Country.]

JAMES B. UNIACKE, Chairman.

JAMES McKEAGNEY,

PETER SPEARWATER,

PAUL CROWELL,

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The following Table exhibits the progress of the Whale Fishery from 1815 to 1841, inclusive—showing the number of Barrels of Oil imported into the United States in each year.

Years.	Barrels Sperm.	Years.	Barrels Sperm.	Whale.
1815,	3944	1829,	79840	
1816,	7539	1830,	106829	86274
1817,	32650	1831,	110532	113948
1818,	18625	1832,	79067	179241
1819,	21323	1833,	113171	159166
1820,	34708	1834,	129824	122292
1821,	48000	1835,	175130	125100
1822,	42900	1836,	133321	133050
1823,	87230	1837,	182569	215110
1824,	92380	1838,	129400	228710
1825,	62240	1839,	141664	223523
1826,	32840	1840,	156445	203441
1827,	93180	1841,	157343	205064
1828,	73077			

**Outfit of Whale Ships.**

The annexed enumeration of the quantities of many articles of Foreign and Domestic Produce required in the outfit of Whale Ships, which sailed during 1841, is derived from the Nantucket Enquirer—good authority on all matters pertaining to this branch of Commerce.

Flour,	45240 barrels.	White Lead,	174600 pounds.
Pork and Beef,	46050 "	Paint Oil,	11980 gallons.
Molasses,	204500 gallons.	Cotton and Calicoes,	673000 yards.
Coffee,	226480 pounds.	Butter,	226453 pounds.
Sugar,	203700 "	Vinegar,	2113 barrels.
Tea,	90560 "	Beans, Peas, & Corn,	26542 bushels.
Rice,	204500 "	Cheese,	45240 pounds.
Duck,	22660 pieces.	Hams,	44950 "
Cordage,	2530 tons.	Dried Apples,	226480 "
Iron Hoops,	2716 "	Dried Fish,	281140 "
Staves,	550000 barrels.	Tobacco,	452000 "
Copper,	226170 sheets.	Soap,	4520 boxes.
Tar,	4520 barrels.		

An Account of the quantity of Dry and Pickled Fish Imported and Exported during the years 1842 and 1843.

IMPORTED.		EXPORTED.	
1842.—Dry Fish,	99252 quintals.	1842.—Dry Fish,	221486 quintals.
Pickled do.	18864 barrels.	Pickled do.	87391 barrels.
" "	2 half do.	" "	1518 half do.
" "	512 kits.	" "	2354 thirds.
" "	78 tierces.	" "	3161 kits.
" "		" "	75 tierces.
" "		Smoked do.	15571 boxes.

IMPORTED.		EXPORTED.	
1843.—Dry Fish,	88130 quintals.	1843.—Dry Fish,	237675 quintals.
Pickled do.	10199 barrels.	Pickled do.	98636 barrels.
“	156 kits.	“	2075 half do.
“	87 tierces.	“	881 thirds.
		“	1886 kits.
		“	63 tierces.
		Smoked do.	7900 boxes.

*An Abstract Account of the quantity and description of Oil Imported and Exported during the year ended 5th January, 1844.*

IMPORTED.		EXPORTED.	
Oil—Fish,	38553 gallons.	Oil—Fish,	209564 gallons.
Olive,	211 qr. casks.	Olive,	3 barrels, 3 cases.
Linseed,	415 casks.	Linseed,	20 casks.

*A Statement showing the sums drawn on account of Seal Bounty, together with Tonnage, Bounty, and number of Vessels, from 1833 to 1843, inclusive.*

Year.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.	Bounty Paid.
1833	18	228	£493 0 0
1834	18	843	503 10 0
1835	24	1110	654 5 0
1836	19	894	543 10 0
1837	20	853	500 10 0
1838	29	1232	746 10 5
1839	35	1320	745 19 11
1840			
1841	17	618	321 5 0
1842	21	713	373 15 0
1843	36	1364	748 5 0

Annual Grant by the Legislature, £750.

No. 69.

(See Page 130.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Commissioner for Indian Affairs and all matters connected therewith; also, the Petition of Francis Paul, Chief of the Micmac Tribe; also, the Petition of George Campbell and others, of Pictou, requiring aid to purchase lands for the Indians—having given the subject its proper consideration, beg leave to submit to the Honorable House of Assembly the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the accounts of the expenditure of the Provincial Grant, and the Vouchers for the same produced by the Commissioner, which, with the exception of some small sums distributed in relieving poor and distressed Indians, and for which, from their very nature, receipts could not be obtained, appear perfectly correct.

These small items, together with Four Pounds sent to Abbé Segogne, amount to Sixteen Pounds, a little above one half of what was distributed for the same purposes the previous year. The sum allowed by the Commissioner in erecting and repairing the houses of certain Indians, amounts to Fifty-one Pounds Four Shillings and Six Pence, which has been expended with judicious economy.

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The sum of Forty Pounds Four Shillings and Seven Pence has been expended in procuring seed, implements and cattle, at the lowest rate.

The sum of Fifty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings and Six Pence has been expended in educating children in different parts of the Province, and at St. Mary's Seminary, the specimens of writing exhibited afford abundant proof of the attention of those to whose care the interests of the Indians in this respect were intrusted, and their own capability of receiving instruction.

The sum expended in Plans and Surveys amounts to Fifty-one Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Three Pence—this would seem, at first sight, to be large for such services, but upon reference to the Plans themselves, comprehending not only all the Surveys of the tracts of land which have been reserved in different parts of Nova Scotia for the use of the Indians, but also of other lots. Your Committee think that adequate remuneration has only been afforded for them. In addition to these reserved lands, a small lot of land below the Ponkook Bridge, in the County of Queen's, and marked on Plan No. 2; submitted to your Committee; also, four hundred acre lots, which four Indians had settled and improved, on Liverpool River, and designated on the Plan marked No. 3; also, ten lots at Fairy Lake, in said County, and marked on the Plan No. 4, and in the possession of the Indians, have been carefully surveyed under the instructions of the Commissioner. Your Committee therefore recommend, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor direct the whole of these Plans to be copied at the Surveyor General's Office, and regarded as official; and that the Surveyor General receive directions to enter as Reserves for the Indians all the lands so surveyed, and in their possession, which would at all events conduce to their encouragement and security, and prevent the inroads of other settlers.

The sum expended for Clothing amounts to Forty-four Pounds Twelve Shillings.

The sum required for taking the Census of Cape Breton, and directed to be paid by the Legislature, amounts to Fifteen Pounds.

The charges of the Commissioner for travelling and incidental expenses, amounts to Twenty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings, a very trifling amount indeed, compared with the nature of the services rendered, and the ability with which they were performed. These different sums amount to Three Hundred and Four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Ten Pence, which, deducted from the Provincial Grant, and the balance in hand from last year leaves in the hands of the Commissioner, not at present appropriated, the sum of Forty-three Pounds Twelve Shillings.

Upon referring to the Report of the Committee of the last year, it appears that they recommended that the two Indian boys placed at St. Mary's should not be continued at that Institution, on account of the expense incurred; and although notice was given by the Commissioner to their parents, as well as to the children themselves, that the Legislature thought proper to order their removal, as it was not officially conveyed to the Superior, either through inadvertance or mistake, they remained at the Institution one quarter longer than was intended, in consequence of which a further expense of Nineteen Pounds Ten Shillings was incurred, which the Commissioner has not thought himself justified in discharging. Your Committee, however, recommend, that the same be paid out of the funds in the hands of the Commissioner, and think the small balance then remaining will be sufficient to cover any casual or incidental expenses which may have been already incurred, and not discharged.

Your Committee in submitting their Report to the Honorable House of Assembly, and at the same time expressing their decided opinion as to the satisfactory manner in which the Commissioner has performed the important duties devolved upon him, requiring ability, zeal, patience, and perseverance in their discharge, beg leave to add further a few remarks:

The surveying and marking off the Indian Reserves throughout the Province—the procuring of other lands in the neighbourhood of Rivers, for their location—the allotting and subdividing of lots for their several accommodation—the erection of buildings or dwellings for their comfort and convenience—the procuring of seeds and implements of husbandry for Agricultural purposes—and the other means used to wean them from their migratory

migratory habits, and to render them capable of appreciating the advantages derived from the cultivation of the soil, are all praiseworthy and commendable; and contribute, to a certain extent, to the amelioration of the character and condition of these unfortunate people, but, in the opinion of your Committee, do not strike at the root of the evils deprecated, are only temporary in their nature, and likely to vanish and disappear whenever Legislative aid is refused or withheld. To bring about the changes so desirable to be attained, and to accomplish the results which can alone alter the habits and improve the condition of the Indian tribe, we must take a broader survey of their natural character, and examine the causes which have led to their present degenerate state. All remedies to be applied, which can only operate upon the middle aged or the infirm, are temporary and ephemeral; and although these for a time may stimulate and promote industrious habits, can produce no serious and substantial results. In the present degraded state of the Indians of this Province, we easily perceive that by their intercourse with the British population of the Country, they have imbibed many of their vices, without any corresponding virtues; they have become addicted to habits of intemperance, indolence, and sloth, and evince no disposition to the attainment of any thing which could conduce to their cultivation and improvement. The nobleness of man occasionally seen in his savage state, has sunk into the degradation resulting from the vicious propensities of a civilized race; and we look in vain amongst the Aborigines of this Province for that independence of thought and action, which have at times distinguished many of the Indians of the American Continent.

Again, if we direct our attention to their religious impressions and feelings, we discover that the serious influences produced upon them in the early settlement of the French, are now almost obliterated or destroyed, and we behold them as the remnant of an unfortunate race of beings, forgotten and neglected in the subsequent history of the Province.

But in this humiliating picture, we can also faintly trace what influences were in operation in former days having a tendency to improve their moral and religious character; we easily discover, from the devoted attachment still entertained by them towards the Catholic faith, how chiefly they stand indebted to the teachers of that religion for any of those christian feelings and impressions which may, perchance, still remain, and which must contribute more than all other causes, to reclaim the wandering savage of the forest, which can alone induce him to forsake the early associations of his race, and render him fit and capable for the enjoyment of the comforts and blessings of civilized life.

For these reasons, your Committee conceive that the only sure, effectual, and permanent mode to improve the condition of the Indians, and render them fit to participate in and enjoy the comforts of social life, can only be obtained by the education of their youth, and that education founded and based upon their religious instruction in that faith, which is still cherished in their bosoms.

If it were possible by such training and instruction to bring up one or more to the age of manhood, capable of pointing out to his race the miseries likely to be entailed upon them in their present wretched state of degradation, and the benefits arising from moral culture and improvement, and from a disposition to industrious habits and pursuits, we might almost fondly anticipate that the remnant still surviving, and scattered abroad through this Province, would, perhaps, possibly be rescued and reclaimed as the last of their race, although past experience almost shuts out and forbids such an opinion to be well entertained.

Education short of this will be of no permanent advantage; instruction not closely and intimately connected with their religious belief, will be of little service. As soon as the liberality of the Legislature is withdrawn, and the novelty and excitement subside, they will return to their former migratory habits, and in a few years hence, those who survive will be as they are at present, unchanged and unreclaimed.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend to the Honorable House of Assembly, that if, in their liberality, they see fit to continue the grant, or any portion thereof, to these unfortunate people, it may be so placed under the control of one or more so far interested in their religious instruction, that by judicious and proper management, in their hands, it may contribute to advance them in the scale of human happiness, and raise them from the low, miserable condition in which they are now placed.

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Your Committee, in directing their attention to the Petition of Francis Paul, Chief of the Micmacs, requiring aid to enable him to visit England, and represent his claims to Her Majesty, consider that such may be a fit subject for private contribution, but not for public legislation.

The Petition of George Campbell and others, from Pictou, requesting that a sum of money be granted to purchase a lot of land for the accommodation of the Indians in that County, has been considered by your Committee, who consider that any sum granted by the Legislature might be more beneficially appropriated.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 6th April, 1844.

JOHN C. HALL, Chairman.  
GEO. SMITH,  
HENRY MARTELL,  
JAMES McKEAGNEY,

No. 70.

(See Page 133.)

[COPY.]

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of Post Office enquiry, having, in obedience to your Excellency's commands, carefully considered the several matters referred to in the Despatch of Lord John Russell, and the enclosed Letter, addressed by the Post Master General to the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury, in which a Tender from Mr. Cunard, for the conveyance of the Mails between Halifax and Pictou, was submitted for their Lordship's consideration, have now the honor to report to your Excellency our unanimous opinion thereupon.

It has appeared to us that the subject might conveniently be divided into three separate heads of enquiry—which we propose to discuss in the following order:

1st. Whether, assuming all the services comprised in Mr. Cunard's Tender to be necessary, the price demanded by him can be considered reasonable; and, if not, what would be a reasonable remuneration. 2nd. Whether in the existing condition of these Provinces, and of the Province of Nova Scotia more particularly, all those services are, in fact, necessary. And 3d. From what sources the expence of such among them as may appear necessary, should be defrayed.

Mr. Cunard proposes "the establishment of Mail Coaches, to convey the ordinary Mails between Halifax and Pictou, three times a week in summer, and twice a week during the remainder of the year, and also for the conveyance, by Express, of the English Mails to and from Pictou, during that portion of the year in which the communication is by that route"; and these services he offers to perform for the sum of £1550 per annum. At present there is one Mail a week between Halifax and Pictou, the annual expence of which, according to a Return now before us, from Mr. Howe, the Deputy Post Master General of the Lower Provinces, is £285.

We are informed by Mr. Stayner, the Deputy Post Master General in Canada, and a member of this Commission, that the expence of an increase in the number of trips, may be taken in the ratio of the number—a principle which would give for the additional number of the ordinary Mails, as proposed by Mr. Cunard, an increase of expence of £427 10s. making with the £285 now paid, a total of £712 10s.

With respect to the expence of transmitting, during the summer months, the English (or Extra) Mails by the route in question, we have to observe, that in the absence of a detailed statement from Mr. Cunard, and of all documentary evidence bearing on this part

of our subject, we have looked chiefly to the opinion of Mr. Stayner, whose long experience at the head of the Post Office Department, in Canada, may be presumed to entitle his views to much consideration ; and that gentleman has produced for the information of the Commission, a statement, by which it appears that keeping the expense of this extra service altogether distinct from that of the ordinary Mails, the cost of conveying the English Mails twice a month, each way, for six months, may be estimated as follows :

Taking, as the basis of his calculation, the sum now paid for the ordinary Mails between Halifax and Pictou, that is to say, £285 a year, for a Weekly Mail, or about £5 10s. a double trip, and the time of conveyance being now 24 hours, Mr. Stayner in the first place, as an allowance for the great weight of the English Mail, would quadruple the present amount of compensation : thus making 12 double trips of the English Mail, equal to 48 double trips of the ordinary Mail, or £264. But presuming that Mr. Cunard's plan embraces a great acceleration in the speed of those Mails, and that he purposes running them through in from 12 to 14 hours, (Mr. Howe stated last year, that when the Roads shall be put in proper order, it may be done in 12 hours,) Mr. Stayner would further add, for this important advantage, the sum of £236, making a round sum of £500, Currency, and this he thinks, would be a liberal payment for the service. By adding then £500, the result of the latter calculation, to the £712 10s. resulting from the former one, we have arrived at the conclusion that £1212 10s., Currency, a year, would be an ample, and even liberal compensation of all the services contemplated by Mr. Cunard.

But it does not appear that the Inhabitants of Nova Scotia are at all desirous of having the ordinary Mail between Halifax and Pictou, transmitted as frequently as proposed in Mr. Cunard's Tender. In reply to the Circulars of the Post Office Commission, we have received a great number of communications from that quarter of the Province, and Eastward of Pictou, none of which prefer any claim, or express any desire for such an extension of Post accommodation. Neither does the amount of population in the Districts to be served by the Mails appear to warrant it. The distance between Halifax and Pictou, is just 100 miles ; Truro is about 60 miles from Halifax, on the way to Pictou, and distant therefore from the latter place about 40 miles. There are now two weekly Mails running between Halifax and Truro ; so that if it were necessary to send a second Mail to Pictou, *that* would occasion an increase of only 80 miles—or 40 miles additional travel each way. This, which could be done at a very moderate expense, might, from the rising importance of Pictou, be a desirable object to effect ; but taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case, we are compelled to report to your Excellency our conviction, that there is nothing to justify the appropriation of the very small surplus of Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, to the increase of the ordinary Mails between Halifax and Pictou, to the extent proposed by Mr. Cunard.

It now remains for us to consider from what sources the funds for such outlay as may be deemed necessary, should be derived ; and here we think we may limit our enquiry to the English Mails alone, as it is obvious that the expense of all necessary improvement in the ordinary Mails between Halifax and Pictou, ought to be borne by Nova Scotia. But as regards the English (or Extra) Mails, we have been unable to discover any reason why that service should be treated otherwise than as part of the general charge incurred by the Imperial Government, for the transmission of the Mail to and from these Colonies. The road from Halifax to Pictou forms the connecting link between the two branches of the Packet service, those of the Atlantic and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, contracted for by Mr. Cunard, and borne upon the funds of the British Treasury. Quebec is the terminus of the National line of Steam communication from England, and the transport is not completed until the Mails are delivered at that Port ; it is indeed a part of the practical working of the scheme for the Gulf Steamer, (the Unicorn) occasionally to take in the Mails for Canada, at Halifax, and sometimes to discharge the downward Mails at the latter Port. This consideration alone, appeared to us sufficient to warrant the commission in reporting our opinion that the expense in question is properly chargeable on the Imperial Treasury, rather than on any Provincial fund ; but if an additional argument be wanting to justify our conclusion, we think it may be found in the fact that the beneficent intentions of Her

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Majesty's Government, in establishing the new system of Steam Communication with these Colonies, have been rewarded, (as is now generally believed) by a large profit arising from the vast amount of correspondence, which has either been called into existence, or drawn to the Halifax Line from other lines of communication—a result which we believe was not counted upon originally.

We should, however, be discharging our duty but imperfectly, did we not advert more directly to the proposition contained in the Despatch of Lord John Russell, and the Letter of the Post Master General, which seems to imply that the charge of conveying the English Mails between Halifax and Pictou, should be borne wholly, or in part, by the Provinces. The service in question will evidently not yield any benefit to the Inhabitants of Nova Scotia, (who, however, by the improvements which at a great expence they are now making in the road between the two Towns in question, are greatly facilitating the success of the project,) it would not therefore be reasonable to look to that Province for payment. The English Letters for Prince Edward's Island, are not now sent by the Extra Mails, it is desirable perhaps that hereafter they should be so sent; but should such an arrangement be effected, the proportion of the expense chargeable upon Prince Edward's Island, must always form a very unimportant item in this account; assuming then that any of the Provinces ought to bear this charge, it should be borne by Canada; but for the reasons already stated, we are of opinion that the whole of the proposed expenditure should be defrayed by the British Treasury.

We cannot conclude without expressing our regret that the want of further information on the subject, in the Letter of His Lordship the Post Master General, and especially the want of a detailed statement of Mr. Cunard's Tender, have considerably embarrassed the Commission, and prevented us from reporting upon some of the matters adverted to. We could have wished for some explanation of the mode in which the present annual expense of the English Mails between Halifax and Pictou has been estimated at £700, and how the deficiency in the Halifax Post Office Revenue, likely to ensue from the acceptance of Mr. Cunard's Tender, has been estimated at £993 16s. 3d.

In the absence, however, of these and other data, which would have materially assisted our enquiry, we have carefully consulted such documents as were within our reach; and having bestowed upon the subject generally, our best consideration, we have now the honor respectfully to submit our Report.

(Signed)

{ EDWARD DOWLING,  
J. A. STAYNER,  
JOHN DAVIDSON.

To His Excellency the Right Hon. the Lord SYDENHAM, &c. &c. &c.

Office of the Post Office Commission, Montreal, Feb. 17th, 1841.

No. 71.

(See Page 133.)

### Third Annual Report of the Central Board of Education.

The Central Board of Education beg permission to Report to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Honorable the General Assembly, as follows:

The Returns of Common Schools for 1843, exhibit an increase in the number of Schools and Pupils over those of the year 1842; and as those were far beyond the Returns of 1841, the Board feel gratified in believing that the great augmentation adverted to in the Report of last year, in the extension of Common School Education in almost every portion of the Province, was not a momentary increase excited by temporary causes, but a clear indication of a steadily advancing interest in the minds of the people, in favor of general Education.

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With respect to the Combined Grammar and Common Schools, the Board have reason to apprehend that, in many cases, the system as at present acted upon, does not operate much to the advantage of the public, but that Schools in no respect superior to those around, absorb a larger share of the public money from the privilege conferred on them as Grammar Schools. The higher branches of Education intended to be taught in these Schools, being in many instances only nominally attended to—there certainly appears a necessity for some more stringent rules by which the superiority of such Schools should be tested, before they are permitted to receive so much more of the public bounty than is allotted to others.

With regard to the Academies, the excellent state of those at Yarmouth, Annapolis, Liverpool, and Lunenburg, reflect great credit on the zeal for education existing in these Communities, especially in Yarmouth and Annapolis. The Central Board, however, in looking at the state of Academies in some of the other Counties, believe that further guards should be placed on the expenditure of this portion of Educational Grants, as there are one or two instances where the object and design of the Legislature appear to have been either misunderstood, or neglected, and Schools much below the standard contemplated, are receiving this grant, and appear to afford instruction to very few Pupils, and to depend almost exclusively on the Provincial bounty, receiving little, if any contribution from Parents or Pupils.

The sub-division of some Counties last year having caused the appointment of new Boards of Trustees, has led to deficiency in some of the Returns; and besides this, the same delay and neglect to which the Report of last year alluded, has been again experienced in obtaining Returns. The Board having no means of enforcing the Law in this particular, have been obliged to make up the general statements and Tables with several blanks. They do not doubt that if all the Returns could have been procured, the general increase of Education would be much more apparent, as they have every reason to believe it is every where prospering. They feel it to be their duty again to call the attention of His Excellency and the Legislature to the Educational destitution of the Eastern Shore, between Halifax and Canso. This tract of Country is, by universal acknowledgment, deplorably deficient in this respect, and claims the sympathy of the community. In a Province where Common School Education is now very extensively diffused, and the higher branches of knowledge in many places becoming rapidly disseminated, this unfortunate but interesting portion of the land, remains almost a moral blot upon the map of the Country.

There are, however, in every section of the Country, poor or remote settlements, the destitution and wants of which, as regards Education, although less known, are perhaps as great as that part of the Province referred to. These settlements being unable to raise among themselves any adequate means for the support of Schools, cannot entitle themselves to much Provincial assistance.

The Board think that such cases are well worthy the attention of the Legislature, when the Common School system shall again come under consideration.

The general view of the Education of the people is most gratifying. The total number of Pupils at all the Schools in the Province during 1843, is about <sup>(1)</sup>30,000, and this instruction is supported by about <sup>(2)</sup>£8000 of public, and above <sup>(3)</sup>£23,000 of money paid by the people in subscriptions and fees, in all <sup>(4)</sup>£31,000.

Although from the scattered condition of the people over the face of the land, very many children are undoubtedly deprived of all participation in the benefits of these Institutions; and although this Board are fully convinced that the rate of remuneration which the Teachers of Common Schools receive, is far too low to ensure the efficient attention and assiduity of well qualified instructors of youth, and that there remains yet very much

(1) Scholars 30,421.

(2) Public money, £9201 3½d.

(3) Paid by people, £22,917 6s. 0½d.

(4) Total Income of Schools, £32,118 6s. 4d.

to be done to raise our Common School Education to a footing equal with that of some more favored lands, they yet believe that the number of our youth wholly deprived of the benefit of Education, and growing up without it, is not nearly so great as some persons have imagined. There are many private Schools not included in the public Returns; and the shortness of the period which Pupils are enabled to attend School, produces to each Teacher a succession of new Scholars, within intervals of two or three years, so that the number in actual course of instruction in any one year, will be much less, in proportion to the whole number educated, than it would be if the children were permitted to have the benefit of a longer, and therefore more valuable period of instruction. The inference to be fairly drawn is, that the instruction bestowed is more hasty and superficial, and therefore inferior in quality; but that it is diffused among a much larger number. That this state of things is far from desirable, there can be no doubt; but its correction rests more with the sentiments of the people at large, and the value they may eventually set upon a more perfect and thorough instruction of their children, in comparison with a slight acquaintance with useful branches, than upon any action of the Government or Legislature.

J. W. JOHNSTON,  
MICH. TOBIN,  
JOSEPH HOWE,  
CHARLES COGSWELL.  
BEAMISH MURDOCH.

Halifax, 6th March, 1844.

## Abstract of Returns of Common Schools, for the year 1843.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT.	No. of Schools.	SCHOLARS.			INCOME.			Total.
		Paid.	Free.	Total.	From People.	From Treasury.	Total.	
Halifax, Western, exclusive of City,	25	928	139	1067	£639 5 5	£190 8 10	£829 14 3	
Halifax, Eastern,	20		637		690 0 0	179 4 4½	869 4 4½	
Colchester,	74	1917	153	2070	1222 12 9	339 4 1	1561 16 10	
Township of Sterling,	7	196	22	218	67 1 0	36 4 0	103 5 0	
Pictou,	77	3727	258	3985	2051 0 0	504 15 0	2555 15 0	
Sydney,								
Guysborough,	28	561	96	657	502 14 1½	230 7 6	733 2 1½	
St. Mary's,	13	318	19	337	231 10 0	88 16 11	320 6 11	
Hants,	48	1533	200	1733	1142 0 7½	346 0 5	1488 1 0½	
King's,	69				1327 10 0	397 7 4	1724 17 4	
Annapolis,	63	1711	345	2056	1983 5 0	386 17 9	2370 2 9	
Digby,								
District of Clare,								
Yarmouth,	51	881	267	1148	1010 12 9	236 19 8½	1247 12 5½	
Township of Argyle,	10	202	61	263	94 18 10	54 8 4	149 7 2	
District of Shelburne,								
District of Barrington,								
Queen's,	26	544	48	592	378 3 9	149 10 10½	527 14 7½	
Lunenburg,	30	783	74	857	635 12 0	267 10 6	903 2 6	
Cumberland,	54	1372	125	1497	1277 10 0	384 3 5	1661 13 5	
Cape Breton,	55							
Richmond,	55	1828	145	1973	1291 10 10½	336 4 0½	1627 14 11	
Inverness,	48	1232	100	1332	926 8 0	350 7 3½	1276 15 3½	
Sydney, 1842,								
King's, 1841,	753	17733	2052	22179	15471 15 1½	4833 6 3½	19950 5 6	
Digby, 1842,	36	911	100	1011	849 12 6	301 5 3	1150 17 9	
Shelburne, 1842,	49	1192	150	1342				
Cumberland, 1842,	18	1079	109	1188	921 6 9	305 11 5	1226 18 2	
Richmond, 1842,	22	416	30	446	320 8 2	129 3 0	449 11 2	
		539	73	612	1589 6 6	294 0 0	1944 2 10	
	878	21870	2514	26778	£19600 6 9½	£5863 6 4½	£25463 13 2	

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Abstract of Returns of Combined Grammar and Common Schools, for the year 1843.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT.	No. of Schools.	SCHOLARS.			INCOME.			Total.
		Paid.	Free.	Total.	From People.	From Treasury.	Total.	
Halifax, Western, exclusive of City,	2	117	16	133	£174 0 0	£80 19 0	£254 19 0	
Halifax, Eastern,	2			150	140 0 0	52 10 0	192 10 0	
Colchester,	2	115	6	121	142 19 4	83 6 1	226 5 5	
Township of Sterling,	1	74	0	74	83 0 8	47 0 8	130 1 4	
Pictou,	3	238	14	252	186 0 0	99 10 0	285 10 0	
Sydney,	1	29	11	40	60 0 0	39 12 6	99 12 6	
Guysborough,								
St. Mary's,	3	139	20	159	198 2 6	118 10 0	316 12 6	
Hants,	2				202 0 0	86 0 0	288 0 0	
King's	3	122	13	135	280 0 0	105 0 0	385 0 0	
Annapolis,								
Digby,								
District of Clare,	2	82	12	94	158 0 0	71 0 0	229 0 0	
Yarmouth,	1	29	8	37	50 0 0	5 10 0	55 10 0	
Township of Argyle,								
District of Shelburne,	1	45	5	50	56 5 0	52 5 0	108 10 0	
District of Barrington,	2	75	2	77	110 0 0	90 0 0	200 0 0	
Queen's	1	85	0	85	76 0 0	16 12 6	92 12 6	
Lunenburg,	3	242	4	246	180 0 0	136 8 0	308 3 6	
Cumberland,	3							
Cape Breton,								
Richmond,								
Inverness,	3	117	6	123	181 0 0	135 0 0	316 0 0	
Sydney, 1842,	35	1509	117	1915	2277 7 6	1353 1 3	3494 0 9	
King's, 1841,	2	83	6	89	139 14 7	76 6 0	216 0 7	
Digby, 1842,	2	113	0	113	148 0 0	82 0 0	230 0 0	
Shelburne, 1842,	2	55	6	61	110 0 0	72 10 0	182 10 0	
Cumberland, 1842,	2	66	9	75	160 0 0		296 8 0	
	41	1826	138	2253	£2835 2 1	£1583 17 3	£4418 19 4	

Abstract

## Abstract of Returns of Common Schools and Combined Schools, for 1843.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT.	No. of Schools.	SCHOLARS.		INCOME.			Total.
		Paid.	Free.	Total.	From People.	From Treasury.	
Halifax, Western, exclusive of City,	27	1045	155	1200	£813 5 5	£271 7 10	£1084 13 3
Halifax, Eastern,	22	787		787	830 0 0	231 14 4½	1061 14 4½
Colchester,	76	2032	159	2191	1365 12 1	422 10 2	1788 2 3
Sterling,	8	258	22	280	108 17 8	50 15 8	159 13 4
Pictou,	80	3965	272	4273	2237 0 0	604 5 0	2841 5 0
Sydney, (no Returns.)	29	590	107	697	562 14 1½	270 0 0	832 14 1½
Guysborough,	13	318	19	337	231 10 0	88 16 11	320 6 11
Saint Mary's,	51	1672	220	1892	1340 3 1½	464 10 5	1804 13 6½
Hants,	71				1529 10 0	483 7 4	2012 17 4
King's,	66	1833	358	2191	2263 5 0	491 17 9	2755 2 9
Annapolis,							
Digby, (no Returns.)	53	963	279	1242	1168 12 9	307 19 8½	1476 12 5½
Clare, ditto.	11	231	69	300	144 18 10	59 18 4	204 17 2
Yarmouth,							
Argyle,	27	589	53	642	434 8 9	201 15 10½	636 4 7½
Shelburne, (no Returns.)	32	858	76	934	745 12 0	357 10 6	1103 2 6
Barrington,	55	1457	125	1582	1353 10 0	406 9 11	1759 19 11
Queen's,	58			1896		491 4 4	
Lunenburg,	58	2070	149	2219	1471 10 10½	464 7 6½	1935 18 5
Cumberland,							
Cape Breton,	51	1349	106	1455	1107 8 0	485 7 3½	1592 15 3½
Richmond, (no Return.)							
Inverness,							
	786	19220	2179	24082	17707 18 7½	6153 18 11½	23370 13 3
Sydney, 1842,	38	994	106	1100	989 7 1	377 11 3	1366 18 4
King's, 1841,				1342			
Digby, 1842,	51	1134	115	1249	1069 6 9	387 11 5	1456 18 2
Shelburne, 1842,	20	482	39	521	430 8 2	201 13 0	632 1 2
Cumberland, 1842,					1749 6 6		2240 10 10
Richmond, 1842,	22	539	73	612	447 17 9	294 0 0	741 17 9
	917	23561	2662	28906	£22394 4 10½	£7414 14 7½	£29808 19 6

Return

Return of Combined Schools, for the year 1843.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT.	NAME OF TEACHER.	SCHOLARS.			INCOME.			Total.
		Paid.	Free.	Total.	From People.	Common School Allowance.	From Treasury. Combined School Allowance.	
Halifax, Western, exclusive of City,	James Davison, Sackville,	70	10	80	£90 0 0	£10 14 6	£30 12 6	£131 7 0
	J. Munro first ½ yr. & H. } Brown 2d., Dartm'th, }	47	6	53	84 0 0	8 19 6	30 12 6	123 12 0
Halifax, East,	James Watson,	80	0	80	80 0 0	12 10 0	25 0 0	117 10 0
	Thomas Robinson,	70	0	70	60 0 0	5 0 0	20 0 0	85 0 0
Colchester,	Timothy O'Brien,	71	4	72	72 19 4	9 5 0	37 14 10	120 0 0
	John McLeod,	44	2	46	70 0 0	9 5 0	26 19 7	106 5 5
Township of Sterling,	{ John, Currie, Tatama- } magouche Village, }	62	0	62	83 0 8	12 0 8	35 0 0	130 1 4
	Robert Grant,	76	2	78	60 0 0	9 0 0	12 10 0	81 10 0
Pictou,	Basil Bell,	114	12	126	60 0 0	9 0 0	35 0 0	104 0 0
	William Jack,	48	0	48	66 0 0	9 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0
Sydney,	(No Returns.)	29	11	40	60 0 0	14 12 6	25 0 0	99 12 6
	Samuel R. Russell,							
Guysborough,	(No Grammar School.)	53	10	63	70 0 0	11 0 0	33 5 0	114 5 0
	G. F. McDonald, Newport,	52	5	57	60 0 0	11 0 0	23 15 0	94 15 0
St. Mary's,	W. Saunders, Kempt,	34	5	39	68 2 6	11 0 0	28 10 0	107 12 6
	{ E. Ross, and T. S. C. } Smith, Douglas, }							
Hants,	R. F. Brine, Horton,	122	13	135	112 0 0	5 0 0	35 0 0	152 0 0
	W. Somerville, Horton,				90 0 0	11 0 0	35 0 0	136 0 0
King's,	{ 3 Chd. Schools, names } of Teachers not given, }				280 0 0		105 0 0	385 0 0
	(No Returns.)							
Annapolis,	(No Returns.)	64	8	72	97 10 0	10 10 0	30 0 0	138 0 0
	Digby,	18	4	22	60 10 0	10 10 0	20 0 0	91 0 0
District of Clare,	Thomas Bond,	29	8	37	50 0 0		5 10 0	55 10 0
	Henry Hood,							
Yarmouth,	James M. Potter, ½ year,							
	(No Returns.)							
Township of Argyle,								
	District of Shelburne,							

Return

## Return of Combined Schools, for the year 1843. Continued.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT.	NAME OF TEACHER.	SCHOLARS.			INCOME.			Total.				
		Paid.	Free.	Total.	From People.	Common School Allowance.	Combined School Allowance.					
District of Barrington,	W. S. Melville,	45	5	50	£56	5 0	£17	5 0	£35	0 0	£108	10 0
Queen's	W. Bryden, Up. Pt. Medway,	40	2	42	55	0 0	15	0 0	30	0 0	100	0 0
"	T. Bryden, Pleasant River,	35	0	35	55	0 0	15	0 0	30	0 0	100	0 0
Lunenburg,	— Munroe,	85	0	85	76	0 0	5	14 0	16	12 6	98	6 6
Cumberland,	Thos. C. Woodman,	45	0	45			9	16 0	35	0 0		
"	John C. Philips,	61	0	61			10	16 0	35	0 0		
"	John Matherson,	33	0	33			10	16 0	35	0 0		
Cape Breton	James Newton,	46	0	46	60	0 0	12	14 6	30	0 0	102	14 6
"	A. Munroe,	100	4	104	80	0 0	12	14 6	30	0 0	122	14 6
"	Rev. N. McLeod,	96	0	96	40	0 0	17	14 6	25	0 0	82	14 6
Richmond,	(No Returns.)											
Inverness,	Wm. Ayre, Broad Cove,	36	1	37	58	10 0	20	0 0	25	0 0	103	10 0
"	A. T. McPherson, S. Harbor,	37	2	39	70	0 0	20	0 0	25	0 0	115	0 0
"	Isaac McLeod, Hillsboro',	44	3	47	52	10 0	20	0 0	25	0 0	97	10 0

## Abstract of Returns of Academies, for 1843.

COUNTY.	TEACHERS.	SCHOLARS.					INCOME.			
		Clas- sics.	Mathe- matics.	Other Branches.	Paid.	Free.	Total.	From People.	From Treas'y.	Total.
Colchester, (at Truro.)	{ First half year Mr. Richardson, now Edward Blanchard, Caleb A. Shreeve, No Return.	8	5	22			35	£45 0 0	£83 6 8	£128 6 8
Guysborough, Sydney, (at Antigonish,)	{ Name of Teacher } not returned. No Return.	16	7	10			33		100 0 0	100 0 0
Albion, Digby,	{ R. King, Mrs. King, and W. Robins. James G. Allan, Jas. Breeding £150 H. Pope £50. Rev. J. C. Cochran £133 5s.; W. B. Lawson £129 5s.	28	0	44	68	4	72	178 10 0	135 0 0	313 10 0
Yarmouth, (at Yarmouth,)	{ R. King, Mrs. King, and W. Robins. James G. Allan, Jas. Breeding £150 H. Pope £50. Rev. J. C. Cochran £133 5s.; W. B. Lawson £129 5s.	1	4	59			64	43 18 8	100 0 0	143 18 8
Shelburne, Queen's, (at Liverpool,)	{ R. King, Mrs. King, and W. Robins. James G. Allan, Jas. Breeding £150 H. Pope £50. Rev. J. C. Cochran £133 5s.; W. B. Lawson £129 5s.	1	4	59	67	19	86	101 6 0	100 0 0	201 6 0
Lunenburg, (at Lunenburg,)	{ R. King, Mrs. King, and W. Robins. James G. Allan, Jas. Breeding £150 H. Pope £50. Rev. J. C. Cochran £133 5s.; W. B. Lawson £129 5s.	15		39	38	16	54	77 0 0	185 10 0	262 10 0
Cape Breton (at Sydney, C. B.)	{ Rev. O. S. Weeks, Alexander S. Reid, (half a year.) Name not returned.	6		17			23		100 0 0	100 0 0
Richmond, (at Arichat,)	{ Rev. O. S. Weeks, Alexander S. Reid, (half a year.) Name not returned.	2		20	21	1	22	9 18 6	50 0 0	59 18 6
Inverness, (at Port Hood,)	{ Rev. O. S. Weeks, Alexander S. Reid, (half a year.) Name not returned.	6		6			12		100 0 0	100 0 0
		419					419	£481 17 2	£1053 16 8	£1535 13 10

Schools,

Schools in the City of Halifax receiving aid from the Provincial Treasury, 1843.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF TEACHER.	SCHOLARS.				Provincial Allowance.	Income from other sources.
		Boys.	Girls.	Paid.	Free.		
Halifax Grammar School,	Rev. Dr. Twining,			55	10	65	£150 0 0
National School,	{ Mr. J. Maxwell,	154	145	149	150	299	£60 a year Tuition Fees.
Catholic School,	{ Mrs. Maxwell,			58	235	293	{ £34 11s. 4½d., Teachers Salary £34 11s. 4½d.
Wesleyan School,	James Fitzgerald,			47	50	97	{ £122 from Pupils. 42 Expenses.
Acadian School,	{ Thomas Crosskill,			80	70	150	180 recd. by Teachers.
St. George's School,	{ Mary Crosskill,			39	67	106	£80 from Pupils.
African School,	Mr. Owen,						{ £40 Sterling Dr. Bray's Associates.
	Mr. Clarke,						
	{ Mr. Gallagher,						
	{ Mrs. Gallagher,						
				389	515	971	£700 0 0

General Result, 1843.

	No. of Schools.	No. of Scholars.	Paid by People.		Paid by Treasury.		Total.
			£	s	£	s	
Common Schools,	878	26778	£19600	6 9½	£5863	6 4½	
Combined Schools,	41	2253	2835	2 1	1583	17 3	
Academies,	10	419	481	17 2	1053	16 8	
Schools in City,	7	971			700	0 0	
Increase on Returns from Sydney Co., which were received after Tables were made up,	936	30421	22917	6 0½	9201	0 3½	£32118 6 4
Pictou Academy,	8	187	135	18 2	0	0 0	135 18 2
	1	50					
Common	945	30658	£23053	4 2½	£9201	0 3½	£32254 4 6

## Common Schools.

	No. of Schools	SCHOLARS.			From People.	From Treas'y.	Total.
		Paid.	Free.	Total.			
Sydney—Return for 1843 rece'd after Table was made up,	45	1107	123	1235	£1090 5 3	£352 11 3	£1442 16 6
Increase for Sydney Co. over 1842,	9	196	28	224	240 12 9	51 6 0	291 18 9

## Combined Schools.

Do.—Returns for 1843 received, after Tables made up,	1	52	0	52	35 0 0	25 0 0	60 0 0
Decrease in Combined Schools in Sydney,	1	31	6	37	104 14 7	51 6 0	156 0 7
Net increase on Returns from Sydney Co.,	8	165	22	187	135 18 2		135 18 2

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## Third Annual Report of Central Agricultural Board, for 1843.

*Statement, shewing the sums appropriated by the Central Board to the Agricultural Societies in the different Counties, for the year 1843.*

COUNTY OF HALIFAX.—Halifax, 25*l.*; Musquedoboit, 25*l.*; Dartmouth, 25*l.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF HANTS.—Windsor, 25*l.*; East Hants, 25*l.*; Newport, 25*l.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF KING'S.—Horton, 22*l.* 10*s.*; Cornwallis, including Western Branch, 37*l.* 10*s.*; Aylesford, 15*l.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.—Annapolis Royal, 25*l.*; Wilmot, 25*l.*—50*l.*

COUNTY OF DIGBY.—Digby, 37*l.* 10*s.*; Clare, 37*l.* 10*s.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.—Sable River, 37*l.* 10*s.*; Barrington, 37*l.* 10*s.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF QUEEN'S.—Brookfield, 37*l.* 10*s.*

COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.—Chester, 37*l.* 10*s.*; Mahone Bay, 37*l.* 10*s.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF COLCHESTER.—Stirling, 25*l.*; Stewiacke, 25*l.*; Londonderry, 25*l.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF PICTOU.—New Glasgow, 25*l.*; Pictou, 25*l.*; River John, 25*l.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.—River Philip, 30*l.*; Parrsborough, 20*l.*; Wallace 25*l.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF INVERNESS.—Port Hood, 30*l.*; Broad Cove, 25*l.*; Margarec, 20*l.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF CAPE BRETON.—Sydney, 50*l.*; St. Patrick's Channel, 25*l.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF YARMOUTH.—Yarmouth, 37*l.* 10*s.* Argyle, 37*l.* 10*s.*—75*l.*

COUNTY OF RICHMOND.—Central County Society, 75*l.*

COUNTY OF SYDNEY.—Central County Society, 75*l.*

COUNTY OF GUYSBOROUGH.—Central County Society, 75*l.*

Previous to the appropriation of the above sums, the Central Board had learned that the Societies at Digby and Bridgetown had failed. The accounts from the latter were so discouraging, that no money was drawn for or assigned to it; but as they had reason to hope that the Digby Society would be revived, they assigned to it the sum of £37 10*s.*, upon condition that they sent a certificate that they had paid the £10 required by the Act. No such communication, however, has been received; but, contrary to what was expected, the Bridgetown Society, after nine months of inaction, has awaked—expended a large sum for Agricultural purposes, and been very active. St. Patrick's Channel Society has received nothing, as they have not certified that they have raised the £10.

The following Societies have not drawn the money assigned to them—Musquedoboit, Windsor, East Hants, Digby, St. Patrick's Channel.

Windsor and East Hants have reserved their funds for importation of Stock.

*Abstract of the Reports of the Local Societies in correspondence with the Central Board of Agriculture at Halifax, with the amount of their Subscriptions, and the Sums appropriated by the Board to each Society.*

**WINDSOR.**—Grant £25.—This Society has expended £28 9s., chiefly in purchase of a Bull, and in premiums on Stock, and Ploughing Match—have on hand a balance of £29 8s. Although no great improvement is yet perceptible in the horned Cattle, yet the specimens produced at their Cattle Shows prove that they have been steadily gaining every year. Their Sheep have of late years been much improved in size and quantity of wool, by the introduction of the Dishley breed; but the quality of the wool was rather coarse for domestic manufacture. This defect, however, is in a fair way of being removed. Mr. Bowman has imported a small flock of South Downs, whose progeny he kindly allows to be spread through the Country—they make an excellent cross with the large sheep; some of the yearling half-bred South Downs last Spring sheared each from eight to ten pounds of wool, of a superior quality. The system of Farming is rapidly improving, as well as the manner of performing their ploughing, and other field operations.

The crops of Wheat and Potatoes, are, although inferior to those of last Season, fair average crops. Those of Oats and Hay are larger than they have been for several past years.

**NEWPORT.**—Subscription £10; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society has expended its funds mostly in premiums on Stock, Grain, Grass Seeds, and Ploughing Match—has purchased an English Bull, and hired another. Had some very fine Stock brought forward at the exhibition, where the old Canada Bald Wheat carried the prize, being the heaviest. More attention is now paid to procuring Manures than formerly; Marsh mud is used near the salt water, and Swamp or Pond mud inland. More Wheat is grown, and lately considerable exertion is used in improving Fruit, by grafting the trees with scions of a better quality. The Hay crop is abundant: Oats good: Wheat inferior to last year, but an average crop: Potatoes rather below average.

**EAST HANTS.**—Subscription £10; Grant £25.—This Society is now gaining ground against the prejudices by which it was at first opposed: has now seventy-two Members. Their principal object has been the improvement of their Stock by the importation of superior breeds. Besides the Hereford Bull which they procured from the Central Board, they have been favoured by the kindness of William Young, Esq., with an opportunity of procuring a fine Durham Bull, imported from Canada. At their Exhibition, the Bull calves of the Hereford Bull took all the prizes, notwithstanding a spirited competition in favour of the native breed; several six months old Calves measuring four and a half feet round the body. They have found Lime very useful on some soils, particularly on peaty Marsh. Marsh mud is used as a top-dressing for Wheat with great advantage; where it cannot be procured, other rich earths are mixed with their stable manure for the same purpose. Have expended £9 5s. in Premiums, and about £14 for Clover Seed: have a balance of £77 13s. 6½d., subject to the payment of £30, and some expenses for the Durham Bull; a considerable part of this sum remains undrawn in the Treasury. The seed time was late, and much of the late sown Wheat was rusted, yet, on the whole, Wheat is above an average crop: Hay and Oats abundant: Potatoes a small crop, owing to late planting, drought in August, and early frosts.

**HORTON.**—Subscription £10 16s. 7d.; Grant £22 10s.; Amount drawn £22 10s.—The numbers of this Society are increasing, owing to the approbation felt for their exertions for the improvement of Stock. The progeny of their English Bulls is generally admired. Having lost a Ram, they imported two from England, a South Down and a Dishley. They arrived infected with the scab, and are, of course, useless for this season. Have offered premiums on crops of Turnips, Beats and Carrots, which will be paid at the March Meeting. Have paid attention to underdraining which begins to be appreciated. Wish again to draw the attention of the Board to the necessity of an Act of Incorporation to enable Societies to protect their property; having the past season again experienced the want of it. Also again express their anxiety for the establishment of an Agricultural School and Model Farm. Have united with other Societies in the County in pre-  
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paring for an Agricultural Fair and Cattle Show, to be held in Kentville the ensuing Autumn, and solicit the approbation and assistance of the Board. With respect to crops, Potatoes were below average, and many rotted in the ground, in consequence of the long continuation of the rainy weather. Wheat and Oats gave an average crop. Hay, though not equal to last year's crop, was abundant; but some that was last cut was injured by the rainy season.

**CORNWALLIS.**—Subscription £10; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10s.—This Society allowed £15 to the Western Branch, retaining £22 10s. Their cultivated crops are this year deficient both in quantity and quality, owing to an unfavourable seed time, and to the time lost in a very extensive repair of the Wellington Dyke. Hay abundant, and well cured. Fruit failed. The experiment of applying Lime to that kind of Marsh which is ruined by dyking, has been tried with astonishing success. The premiums offered for Wheat this season were not awarded, as no acre produced more than 25 bushels, and 30 bushels was the lowest for which they could be given. Much attention is now paid to the selection and preparation of seed. The red Wheat is found to give the greatest yield, but the white bald, and the Norway, are preferred for flour. They are convinced that washing in brine, and applying caustic Lime, is a sure preventive of smut. This Society has for the last four years expended its funds chiefly in introducing Stock of improved breeds. The short horned Bull, Young Favorite, is now believed to be the best animal of the breed in Nova Scotia; his Stock, with the same keeping, exceed the native breed. The Berkshire Swine continue to be the favorites, even among the opposers of Agricultural Societies. The Society have imported from England at the cost of £5, a pure Berksire Boar, to make a cross with the half breeds. Preparation is making for the County Cattle Show and Fair, for which the Society have set apart the sum of £15; they have also offered Premiums on Stock to the amount of £30. As their funds are hardly sufficient to effect all that they wish to do, they would be thankful to the Board to allow them a portion of their own funds. As a motive to this, they reluctantly observe that they have lost the sum of £25 7s. by taking charge of the Horse Montreal.

**WEST BRANCH OF CORNWALLIS.**—Subscription £13 1s. 9d. Received £15 from the principal Society. Have purchased 2 young Bulls. Have expended their funds mostly in Stock and Farming Implements. Have united with the other Societies in the County in preparing for the Fair and Cattle Show.

**AYLESFORD.**—Grant £15; Amount drawn £15.—This Society does not pay subscriptions till March Meeting. Have expended in premiums on Stock and Produce £11 17s. 6d. have a balance on hand of £17 2s. 6d. Very fine samples of Grain and Stock were shown at their Exhibition. The stock of the Cheviot Ram far exceeded any other Lambs. A zeal for improvement is roused among the Farmers. The crops are above average, with the exception of Potatoes, which were injured by early frost.

**ANNAPOLIS.**—Subscription £10 5s.; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society has expended its funds chiefly in premiums on Stock and Farming Produce, of which a very respectable collection was brought forward on the day appointed for awarding the premiums. The principal crops cultivated, are, Potatoes, Wheat, Oats, and Indian Corn, which have given a very good crop, both in quantity and quality, with the exception of Oats, which are deficient in weight. Hay is abundant. There is a perceptible improvement in Agriculture, the Farmers for the last two years having paid much more attention to the cultivation of Wheat, and accumulation of Manures, than heretofore.

**DIGBY.**—Grant £37 10s.—Society not in operation last year, but has revived.

**CLARE.**—Subscription £18; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10s.—This Society has expended for Farming Implements, Clover and Timothy Seeds, the sum of £39 10d. Had resolved to buy two Bulls, but at the August Meeting, resolved to defer this till Spring, as the Hay and Oats are a poor crop; design also to procure a better breed of Sheep, and some Berkshire Pigs.

**WILMOT.**—Subscription £10; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society has imported half a ton of Guano, and purchased a Berkshire Hog and a blood Ram; request some cheap work on Agriculture to be recommended to them.

**SABLE RIVER.**—Subscription £10; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10s.—This Society resolved to expend their funds in importing Stock, &c., from Boston, but owing to the late period at which the money was collected, and the few opportunities of importing from thence, they were not able to effect their purpose this Fall, and have resolved to defer their importation till next Spring, when they expect there will be an opportunity of importing directly to their own district.

**BARRINGTON.**—Subscription £10 10s.; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10s.—This Society has expended for Agricultural purposes £39 19s. 1d.: has a balance of £20 18s. 6d., the surplus arising from the sale of imported Stock and Seeds. The soil of their upland is found to be very fertile when cleared of the granite which encumbers it. Have large tracts of swamps, which are found, when improved, to yield such heavy crops of Hay that it soon repays the outlay. Have procured a quantity of Seeds, which have been serviceable by turning attention to the profit to be derived from cultivating a small garden. Have procured a superior breed of Hogs, and two Rams, which are highly recommended, and would wish to procure some of a still better breed, if such should offer; their numerous Islands being well adapted to pasturing Sheep. Their stock of horned Cattle being inferior, design at the earliest opportunity to procure a Bull or two.

There appears lately a manifest improvement in the appearance of the Township: an increased attention to the cultivation of the soil being visible among all classes. Some now follow Farming exclusively as an occupation, and are as comfortable as the Fishermen is in a good fishing season. As industry and sobriety are characteristics of the Township, they hope the increasing taste for Agriculture among the rising generation, will have a beneficial effect.

**BROOKFIELD.**—Subscription, £20; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10s.—This Society has 80 Members, and expected to have received the whole sum of £75, which they hope the Board will yet allow them for 1843. Their Society is progressing. Prejudices are wearing away. They held a Fair in October, which was well attended with a very creditable show of Stock. Have expended about £60 for Seed Grain and Grass Seeds, £21 5s. in Bounties, and a considerable sum for Farming Implements, manufactured there. Wish to learn if their specimen Fork was approved.

**CHESTER.**—Subscription £14; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10s.—This Society has expended for Premiums, Seeds, Stock, Agricultural Papers, &c., £66 6s. 11d. Their Grain crops have been much above an average: the cultivation of Wheat increases rapidly. The Potatoe crop was light. A great improvement is perceptible in the live stock, particularly in the Sheep; and they are in a fair way of having an improved breed of Pigs spread through the Township.

**MAHONE BAY.**—Subscription £19 10s.; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10s.—This Society held an Exhibition of Stock and produce in October, where there was a zealous competition, and some fine animals were brought forward—the size and beauty of some of the yearling Steers and Heifers, showed the benefit of the change of stock which the bounty of the Legislature has enabled them to effect. Nicholas Spidle exhibited a Hog 18 months old, weighing 517 lbs.; and Paulus Langille five bushels of Wheat, weighing 66 lb. per bushel, and 5 bushels of Rye weighing 64 lbs. per bushel. This Society has to contend against strong and deeply rooted prejudices, but it is gaining ground. The premiums have had a good effect, and in the course of a few years, should the Society continue its operations, it is expected there will be a very perceptible improvement throughout the district

**STIRLING.**—Subscription £11 12s. 6d.; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society has expended £39 18s. 6d., viz—£18 18s. 5d. for seeds; £5 for Colonial Farmer; £1 10s., for expenses of the Society, and the remainder for Premiums and Agricultural Implements. Notwithstanding the depression of business, improvements are proceeding with alacrity. The Rotation system is better understood; numbers are convinced that thorough cultivation is more profitable than exhausting the soil. They have introduced some very efficient Threshing Mills. There are in the Township, four Mills that grind Wheat and Oats, one that grinds Wheat only, and two for hulling barley; one of the first mentioned

mentioned has, within 5½ months ground 700 bushels of Wheat, 650 do. of Oats, and 500 do. of Buckwheat. Buildings are improving, the log cabins being replaced by framed houses. Crops of every kind are above an average, and of course a considerable quantity of produce will be exported.

**STEWIACKE.**—Subscription £10 5s.; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society resolved to expend their funds in the purchase of live stock, and for this purpose their Treasurer and Secretary proceeded to P. E. Island and purchased 22 Sheep, the progeny of Leicester Rams; most of which were of a superior quality; but not being able to obtain Bulls there which were superior to their own Cattle, they have turned their attention elsewhere, but have not yet procured any. The Farmers in their district have, during two or three years past, turned their attention to the accumulation of manures, and increase of bread corn. Lime, as well as compost, has been used to a considerable extent, and instead of raising barely the quantity of grain that will supply their families, they endeavour to raise all they can. The Society do not pretend that they have produced this change, it is rather this late change of opinions that has enabled them to form a Society. Believing the soil of their district to be a good one, they hope the Board will continue to support them till they can give it a fair trial.

**LONDONDERRY.**—Subscription £10; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society has expended for Bulls and Rams £26, and reserved £9 to procure Seed Wheat. A change in the conduct of the Farmers has taken place in their district; formerly only the ground that could be manured with their stable dung was planted with Potatoes, which were followed by two crops of grain, farming being considered only a last resource. Ship-building, Lumbering, working Gypsum Quarries, and Trading, were accounted the high roads to wealth; but since too many have found they only terminated in poverty, they have commenced Farming in earnest. Marsh mud has been introduced as a manure, to which Swamp mud has since been added; this is hauled to the barn yard the year previous to using, and thrown into heaps to heat, mixed with from one fourth to one half of stable manure. It is then found equal to stable manure for Wheat and Potatoes, but is not so good for Grass as Marsh mud; it is very successfully applied to Wheat as a top-dressing. Exposed in Spring to the cold winds from the Cumberland mountains, they want an earlier kind of Wheat—they also lack improvement in their Stock, but hope, that by their own exertions, and the liberality of the Central Board, they will succeed in introducing such improvements as will raise their district to its proper level.

The crops of Wheat and English Hay, have been much above an average. Oats, Potatoes, and coarse Marsh Hay, have fallen a good deal short.

**TRURO.**—This Society has paid £7 in prizes, and has on hand a balance of £17 1s., of which sum £15 is appropriated to the encouragement of the Rotation System, which has been prosecuted by the competitors with much spirit, and evident improvement upon the system of culture heretofore followed. They have had, the past season, 55 acres under cultivation, and expect to have at the end of four years double that quantity in excellent order.

The crops of Hay and Grain have been a full average, but Potatoes have fallen a great deal short of the crop of 1842.

**NEW GLASGOW.**—Subscription £10; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society has expended £19 18s. 6d. in premiums, some of which were for the application of Lime, of which above 8000 bushels have been used, which had a good effect upon Grain and Clover, where the land was in good tilth. At their Exhibition Wheat was shown weighing 66½ pounds per bushel, and some very fine calves, sired by the Durham Bull. The Society progresses slowly, being unable to persuade their ignorant and fainthearted neighbours to abandon the practice of wearing out, and exhausting their land; but they hope the success of their members will finally rouse them from their apathy, and convince them that it is far more profitable to cultivate a small piece of land which is kept in a high state of fertility, than to work a large tract of worn out ground.

**PICTOU.**—Subscription £12 7s. 6d.; Grant £25; amount drawn £25.—This Society has expended £70 chiefly in the purchase of Seeds and in premiums. The Society has had

had a beneficial influence upon the Agricultural interest. The Committee have paid annual visits to the farms of members, and are happy to report a marked improvement visible upon most of them—greater attention to the collection and preservation of manures—greater taste in the arrangement and performance of the Farm work—and the improved implements introduced by the Society rapidly coming into general use. They would not, however, conceal that Agriculture is not in a forward state in this district, and that some of the worst principles of bad farming are still in vogue. At their Exhibitions, some good Stock was shewn, and many samples, of excellent Wheat. Hay and manure forks fully equal to the American, and cheaper, appeared among other articles of home manufacture. They conceive that the emulation excited by these Exhibitions will prove very useful. The crops of Grain have been above average—Potatoes considerably below—Hay better than last year, but not a very heavy crop.

**RIVER JOHN.**—Subscription £10; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society complains that the continued pressure of the times still impedes their progress, but they find one advantage from throwing the Farmers upon their own resources; the time heretofore occupied in Lumbering is now devoted to the improvement of the land, a much more permanent source of prosperity. There is an improvement in the crops; fully double the usual quantity of Wheat has been raised. Oats are better than last year's crop, and Potatoes a fair average. Hay not a great crop, but better than last year's. Turnips very good, both in quantity and quality; much attention is now paid to raising this root for stock. The improvement in stock by the animals imported by the Society in 1841, promises to be permanent. The offspring of the Leicester breed (though, at first, apparently inferior to the South Downs) now appear to be every way worthy of the high character it has had given to it. The Premiums for Homespun Cloth have effected a great improvement in that article, and those given for Clover Seed have had such an effect that it is believed that they shall eventually have a sufficient supply without importation. Have expended for Clover Seed £3 15s.—Premiums £25 5s., and for Secretary's services £1. The want of a remunerating price in the home market has caused the exportation of a great quantity of stock to Newfoundland and elsewhere.

**RIVER PHILIP.**—Subscription £10; Grant £30; Amount drawn £30.—This Society received nothing in 1842, there being then four Societies in the County. They have appropriated for Agricultural purposes £56 4s. 6d. Of this sum of £22 2s. 6d. was expended in Premiums at their Exhibition and Ploughing Match, where there was a spirited competition. Their Sheep are improved by the imported stock, both in size and wool. Their Swine are also improved by the Berkshire cross, being more easily fed than the old breed. There is a manifest improvement in their Ploughing, and much lime, compost, and burnt clay are now used; the last being found the cheapest manure, and well adapted to Wheat. The operation of the Society has excited the Farmers to study the science of Agriculture. More than the usual quantity of Wheat was sowed, but it was considerably injured by rust. Oats were a large crop. Winter Rye was damaged by the severity of the Winter, and Buckwheat by the early frost in Autumn.

**PARRSBOROUGH.**—Subscription £12 6s. 6d.; Grant £20; Amount drawn £20.—This Society has 137 members—has raised £12 6s. 6d. in cash, but many balance their subscription with the bounties on Wheat, Oatmeal, and Compost, in which they have expended most of their funds. Many subscribers are in arrears, owing to the pressure of the times, and sudden transition from Lumbering to Farming; but they are, notwithstanding, progressing, with a fair prospect of soon raising their own bread, which they had been accustomed to purchase with the produce of their Lumber.

The crops of Hay, extraordinary. Wheat, on the shore, very good—inland, injured by rust, a greater quantity than usual raised, owing to the bounties offered. A very light crop of Potatoes, in consequence of the heavy rains the latter part of the season. A single acre produced a very good crop; it had been manured with burnt clay.

**WALLACE.**—Subscription £13 6s. 9½d.; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society have expended their funds mostly in Grass Seeds, and wintering their Bulls. They have had one Ploughing Match. Their Cattle and Sheep have manifestly improved by their imported Stock.

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The Hay crop has been double that of the preceding season, owing to the large quantity of fresh Seed they had sowed, together with a favourable season. Wheat, Barley, and Oats, above an average crop. Potatoes an inferior crop to that of last year.

**PORT HOOD.**—Subscription £10; Grant £30; Amount drawn £30.—This Society has expended for Agricultural Implements, Stock, Seeds, and Books, £77 3s.—sold them at Auction for £39 18s. 7d. Their crops of Grain and Hay are very good. Potatoes are not quite equal to last year's produce. Improvements in Agriculture are progressing. Turnips, which have this year given an average crop, are now raised for feeding Cattle. A rotation of crops has been partially introduced—Wheat is more cultivated. The imported Stock are improving the breeds of Cattle, Sheep, and Swine, and the Implements imported by the Society are spread through the Country, and much prized, as they diminish the labor, while they improve the work.

**BROAD COVE.**—Subscription £12 10s.; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society has expended its funds in the purchase of the Horse Montreal, which was bought for its use by William Young, Esq., and is highly esteemed in Inverness.

**MARGAREE.**—Subscription £11 1s. 6d.; Grant £20; Amount drawn £20.—This Society was formed in January, 1843. Imported Clover and Grass Seeds to the amount of £4 9s. 3d., but the season was so far advanced, when they learned that money had been assigned to them by the Board, that they did not think it prudent to expend more at that time. They have resolved to join with Broad Cove in sending a vessel early next Spring to P. E. Island for seed Oats, Wheat, and South Down Sheep. In the Valley of the N. E. Branch of Margaree are some of the finest farms on the Island, and they export large quantities of Cattle, Beef, Pork, Butter and Grain. They have three Grist Mills in constant operation—also a Carding Machine, but they suffer much for want of Roads to them. Twelve years ago the farms were very unskillfully managed. The Cattle and Sheep were left exposed to the weather all winter without any shelter, but a great change has been effected by the example and success of a few spirited individuals, whose prosperity has led others to imitate them. This district has now the reputation of having good Farmers, a productive soil, and excellent crops, of which Wheat is the principal—Barley, Oats, and Potatoes are also cultivated. The old shabby buildings have mostly been replaced by more neat and substantial structures, and the Farmers are generally in a solvent condition. The Society therefore hope that the Central Board will think that they ought to be placed on a par with the other Societies in the partition of the Provincial allowance.

**SYDNEY, C. B.**—Subscription £6 5s.; Grant £50; Amount drawn £50.—This Society had on hand a balance of £52 13s. 1d.—have paid £38 for a Threshing Machine—£14 5s. in Premiums on Cattle—and £4 10s. for Premiums on Ploughing Matches—have expended in all, £74 15s.—have imported a large quantity of Grass Seeds—held a Cattle Show, which was well attended, and imported from Pictou one of Blaikie's Threshing Machines, which works well, and gives general satisfaction. Hay is abundant—Wheat did not fill well, and Potatoes are a small crop. Notwithstanding these failures, and the very low price to which Farmers produce has fallen, the quantity is rapidly increasing. Imports of Agricultural produce to this County, and to the whole of the Island of Cape Breton, have this year been very trifling, but the exports are increasing. 2,416 head of Cattle, 1,966 Sheep, and 2,511 tubs of Butter, have been exported (not including coasting export to Halifax), 4,773 bushels Potatoes, 2,713 bushels of Oats, 20 Calves, 14 Horses, and 12 Pigs, which, together with Poultry, Pork and Beef, in barrels, Hides and Horns, make a total of the value in pounds sterling of £21,163 14s. 6d. The progeny of the imported Pigs in spreading through the Country, and giving more satisfaction than was at first expected from them.

**YARMOUTH.**—Subscription £10; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10s.—This Society's funds have been mostly expended in the purchase of Seed Grain, Stock, and Farming Implements, together with Premiums on Homespun Cloth and Hay Rakes, which have had the effect of supplying them with better rakes than they used to import, and at a lower price, and of turning the attention of Farmer's wives to domestic manufactures. Their soil requires much labor to prepare it for cultivation; for, after the stones are cleared out

out of it, it is necessary to drain it, as it rests on a subsoil of clay; but when in good order, it is very fertile. Owing to its position, it is colder in Summer, and warmer in Winter, than other parts of the Province: it is also much exposed to fog. Previous to the formation of the Society, the crops were generally confined to Potatoes, Hay and Oats. Lately, Wheat has been tried with good success, considering the inexperience of their Farmers. Less than a bushel of seed, sowed with three barrels of air slacked lime, on half an acre, produced 20 bushels of good Wheat. The land had, the preceding year, been broken up from the wild state, very well manured, and planted with Potatoes in lazy beds. The drains thus formed were preserved when the Wheat was sowed. The Horses in this District are inferior, being originally the small Canadian breed, which have been deteriorated by crossing with large English Horses. They had hoped that the Morgan Horse would have improved their Stock, but he arrived so late that they fear they shall not obtain a single colt. They earnestly beg that he may be sent them next Spring in the proper season. Their Cattle are a small breed, but are believed to be the best in the Province for milk and labor: they have, however, attempted to improve them by importing an Ayrshire Bull and Cow. Their Swine have been materially improved by their importation of Berkshires. They have also imported some Dishley Sheep. Although much remains to be done, the Society believe that the Provincial bounty has already enabled them to effect much good, and they feel encouraged to proceed in improving the husbandry of the country.

ARGYLE.—Subscription £22; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10.—This Society was established October, 1842—met first Monday in March, 1843—had then 88 members, who then paid 5s. each. Drew an order for the £75, (previously voted to Yarmouth County) which was paid. Imported from Halifax, 15 Sheep—from Boston, 13 Swine, 1 Bull, 6 sets iron castings for Ploughs, 20 bushels seed Barley, 12 bushels seed Wheat, and 6 bushels seed Peas—also, a very fine Ayrshire Bull, presented to the Society by J. P. Cushing, Esq., of Watertown, Massachusetts. Have expended in all £77 3s. 6d., leaving a balance of £40 13s., which, with £8 8s. subscribed at last Meeting, and the £37 10s. assigned them, makes the available funds of the Society £95 11s. The two Bulls are kept as common stock; all the other animals were sold to members. Agriculture is but imperfectly understood here, not having been, till lately, followed by many as an exclusive occupation; but during the last two years there is a manifest improvement. Crops in general have increased, the formation of composts being more attended to; and as the Society is endeavouring to bring into operation the resources of the Township, while the population is rapidly increasing, and the rising generation shew a decided preference to Agricultural pursuits, combined with a desire to procure information, and habits of industry, they feel confident that a few years will make a great change for the better in their farming operations.

RICHMOND CENTRAL COUNTY SOCIETY.—Subscription £20; Grant £75; Amount drawn £75.—Owing to the unexampled depression of trade, and stagnation of business, the scarcity of money is such that this Society has not yet collected all their out-standing debts and subscriptions, but trust they shall soon make up their deficiency. They intend to order some Grain and Seeds from the Island of Jersey. Have held a Fair, at which Premiums were distributed, which excited so much interest that they look forward to such annual exhibitions as likely to produce great and permanent benefit. Have this Autumn imported Seeds and Farming Implements to the amount of £78 14s. 2d. Their Agriculture is decidedly progressing, owing chiefly to the operations of the Society, and the example of a few of its most active and intelligent members.

SYDNEY CO.—CENTRAL COUNTY SOCIETY.—Subscription £21 7s. 6d.; Grant £75; Amount drawn £75.—In this district the Hay-crop of 1842 was uncommonly short, owing to drought, and swarms of grasshoppers. In the following Autumn the price of Cattle having fallen lower than ever was known, by far too great a number were wintered, and they consequently suffered severely. Hay having failed, great quantities of Potatoes and Oats, and in some cases, the seed Wheat, were used to keep the Cattle from perishing. The Spring was very backward, and great numbers had, at seed time, neither Oats

nor Potatoes. In this time of distress, the Society resolved to employ their funds in the purchase of Seed, and sent a person to P. E. Island, who purchased 800 bushels of Potatoes, and 500 bushels of Oats—a part of which they sold for cash, the remainder at three months credit. This had a very salutary effect, for the wealthy Farmers who had been demanding very high prices, and prompt payment, found themselves obliged, after this supply, to reduce their prices, and sell on credit to their poor neighbors, and thus above 3000 bushels more of Oats and Potatoes were put into the ground, than could have been done if the Society had not furnished this aid. They have expended £23 15s. in the purchase of Sheep, and £4 8s. in prizes at the Cattle Show; but the late period at which the funds returned into their possession, prevented them from holding Ploughing Matches. Have now on hand a balance of £58 0s. 8d. The Hay crop is very variable—on the whole, better than last year, but below an average, owing to a dry season, and severe frost the preceding Winter, when the ground was bare. Wheat a good crop—remarkably so in situations where showers fell in August. Oats and Potatoes one third below an average, owing to the drought, for the quality of the Potatoes is good. The Farmers have felt severely the effect of the very low prices of their staple commodities, Cattle, Sheep, Pork, and Butter—this has materially affected the value, though not the quantity of their exports, which may this year be put down at £28,000.

**GUYSBOROUGH CENTRAL COUNTY SOCIETY.**—Subscription £20; Grant £75; Amount drawn £75—This Society has imported Agricultural Implements to the amount of £87 16s.—sold them to Members for about £70. Imported Oats to the amount of £24 8s. 3d., which, arriving too late, were sold for about half the cost. Have had average crops of every kind except Potatoes, which were reduced in quantity by the drought, one fourth or more. The introduction of superior implements has somewhat improved the cultivation, and awakened some emulation among the Farmers. They have also received much benefit by the importation of Sheep from England and Prince Edward Island.

**DARTMOUTH.**—Subscription £11 10s.; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society has expended £48 6s. 1d., mostly in Premiums on Stock and Agricultural Produce. They have progressed with increased zeal and activity: a marked improvement being visible both in quantity and quality of the different articles brought forward at their Exhibition. The crops of Hay and Grain were above average. Potatoes an average crop, for although some were injured by drought on shallow gravelly soils, yet they had full time to ripen, as on the sea shore early frosts are very rare.

**HALIFAX.**—Subscription £18 1s. 6d.; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—This Society also raised by donations for particular purposes £9 13s. 6d. Have expended in prizes for Grain £4 5s.—Drilling Match £10 10s.—Green Crops £5—and Ploughing Match (16 competitors) £13 14s. 6d. They had been encouraged to expend their funds in this manner by the increasing anxiety on the part of practical Farmers to compete for the Premiums, and the steady progress of improvement which has followed. At the first Ploughing Match in 1838, the work was so indifferently performed, that good judges gave it as their opinion that not one of the Ploughmen really merited a prize. At the Ploughing Match last Fall, where sixteen competitors attended, the work was generally so well performed, that the Judges had much difficulty in deciding to whom the prizes should be assigned. The crop of Hay was large, remarkably so on land where the aftergrass had not been fed off the preceding year. Wheat was also a good crop. Potatoes on shallow gravelly soils were somewhat injured by the late drought, although on a deep loamy soil there was an excellent crop. The weight of oats was also somewhat diminished by the drought.

The preceding Reports will shew that the bounty of the Legislature has excited a general attention to the improvement of Agriculture throughout the Province, nor has there ever been a period since it was settled, when such excitement could have been more steady and reasonable.

No small portion of the land, which was, fifty years ago, covered by a forest, has been cleared of its wood, sowed among the stumps with Grass Seeds, and for a series of years produced valuable crops without manure; till at last becoming so far exhausted, that the crops no longer paid expenses, it was abandoned as worthless; the Farmer in the mean time constantly clearing fresh tracts, as those first cleared were wearing out; but when his last clearing is exhausted, he knows not how, any longer, to raise a crop that will support him. Here the skill of the scientific Farmer is wanted. Much of the land now producing good crops in Scotland, was, forty years since, in a similar state; but by collecting and skillfully applying every kind of manure within reach—underdraining—and a judicious rotation of crops, so much of this poor land has been fertilized, that it probably produces as much as all the Kingdom did a century back.

What they have done we can do, and ought to do. We have the advantage of their experience to guide us, and many now have no more new land to clear.

The manual operations of Farming have been much improved. A large proportion of our early settlers possessed little knowledge of Farming; many discharged soldiers were settled here, who were originally mechanics. Many migrated to this country from the Western Islands of Scotland, and the rocky hills of Sutherland, who had little experience in Farming. The settlers of new lands, when the beech stumps had decayed, began to plough a little; but as the stumps of the large birch and hemlock still remained, it was necessary to plough in curved lines, and to employ a driver for the team. This habit often continued, and after every obstruction was removed, the Ploughman, with a driver to his team, might often be seen tracing very crooked and unequal furrows. The introduction of Ploughing Matches is rapidly checking this disgraceful practice. Many young men have had the satisfaction of learning that it is easier to drive the team themselves, and to plough strait equal furrows, than to hold the plough while the driver compelled them to keep turning to the right and left. A considerable quantity of the improved Implements of Husbandry made by our ingenious neighbors in New England have also been introduced into the Province, which, while they expedite and improve the work, considerably lessen the labour. The Board are happy to learn that they have been successfully imitated by some of our own Mechanics. Specimens of the Scotch iron Plough have also been sent here, manufactured in Pictou, and a number have been made in Halifax.

The breeds of the different kinds of live stock, had, in many parts of the Province been so neglected, that it had become of an inferior description, but the progeny of the animals imported by the Societies already shews that a considerable improvement is taking place. The Calves of the Durham Bulls are found to keep better upon common food than the native breed, while at the same time they grow faster. The stock of Swine, and that of Sheep, have also been manifestly improved by the imported animals. The high approbation generally bestowed upon the Morgan Horse, also raises a well grounded expectation that he will serve to introduce some good specimens of that valuable breed.

The Shows of Cattle and Agricultural Produce, have, wherever they have been held, excited a spirit of emulation that cannot fail to produce a good effect.

The Board have learned with much satisfaction, that several Societies have commenced to improve their swamps. The experience of the New England Farmers has proved that they are of much greater value than the adjoining upland. The worst of them when drained—slightly covered with gravel or clay from the nearest hill, and top-dressed with manure, make excellent meadows when sowed with Grass Seeds. The mud of the better kind of swamps is also found to be an excellent material in composts.

As Lime has been found very useful on some soils in their natural state, and upon many when so well underdrained as to prevent vitriolic water from rising to the surface, the Board learn with pleasure that several Societies are trying the effects of this valuable substance, which is found in many places to be equal to stable manure, if applied once in ten or twelve years—always interposing two dressings of other manure between the courses of liming.

The cultivation of Wheat is improving—it is found to thrive in situations where it was formerly believed it could not succeed; and the low price of live stock has caused some



to turn their attention to its cultivation; who formerly only aimed at raising their own bread. There appears to be no good reason why this branch of husbandry may not be farther extended; we have a better harvest season than England, and the Wheat worm which has banished this grain from the fertile Intervals of the Eastern States, has not yet found its way to Nova Scotia.

The increased attention to Manures—to the improvement of the breeds of Cattle, and to a judicious rotation of crops, proves that the Farmers have profited by the information diffused among them by Agricultural publications. It is, perhaps, as little desirable, as it is possible that every cultivator of the soil should become a scientific Farmer, but the success of a few who learn the principles of their art, will be sufficient to introduce a better practice; as the Mariner now finds his way over every part of the ocean, guided by rules discovered by a few men of science, who had spent their lives in abstruse and laborious calculations.

Some Societies complain of the apathy and inattention to their proceedings among their neighbours; but this was to be expected; the progress of improvement is always against the stream; opposed by the current of prejudices originated in long continued habits, and in that "esprit de corps" which generally disposes people of all classes and professions to be offended by the presumption of those who attempt to teach them their own art: but persevering exertion, will, nevertheless, be generally crowned with success. Many who will not attend to theories which they neither comprehend nor believe, will be ready enough to adopt the practice which they see is enriching their neighbours.

The failure of the Shipbuilding and Timber business has given a temporary check to some of our Farmers, who used to find a market for their surplus produce among the Lumberers. The falling off of this business is, however, little to be lamented by Farmers; it generally proves ruinous to them when they engage in it—producing only ready money, or credit with the Merchant; the years earnings are generally expended before its expiration, and the Lumberer is almost always in debt. He first cuts the timber which is nearest the market—then that which is more remote—when the best is exhausted he is obliged to hew an inferior kind—thus while he performs the same labor, his earnings are annually decreasing, and when he has no longer any timber left, he finds his farm gone to wreck from neglect, and himself too poor to commence anew.

The industrious Farmer on the other hand, who possesses good land, and skill to cultivate it, though he receives little money, and cannot afford luxuries, yet has less necessity for a calculating economy than if he followed any other business; for his occupation compels him always to have something reserved for a future season, and no man has a more reasonable prospect of increasing in wealth as he advances in years.

The Farmer, at present, suffers from the very low price of his produce, but this state of things cannot, and will not, long continue. While on this side of the Atlantic there is a glut of the necessaries of life, hungry millions on the other are suffering from want. It is true that all classes must for a time expect to bear their share of losses caused by the extravagant spirit of speculation, which, like an epidemic mania has overspread nations, and greatly deranged commercial pursuits; but persevering industry and economy will again bring us up to the point from which we have receded, and we may yet derive some good from the seeming evil. Luxury, ever creeping upon us, with a progress as little observed as that of time, compels us to add, by little and little, to our expenditure, till it exceeds our incomes; and it seems necessary that we should at times be forced to retrench and to return to more frugal habits.

The Board have great pleasure in expressing their unqualified approbation of the conduct of the Managers of the Sydney County Society, who, by a judicious use of their funds, in a time of general distress, supplied seed Oats and Potatoes to a great number of poor farmers, who, without such aid, would have been unable either to sow or plant, having been obliged to feed out all their seed to their Cattle to preserve them from perishing with hunger.

It may be worthy of observation, that there have been certain periods at which the attention of men of talent has been generally turned to some particular branch of science  
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that has become a favorite pursuit; and that during these periods discoveries and improvements were made, which served as a foundation for a better practice, that long continued unchanged, as men of genius, conceiving they could not go beyond what had been discovered in this science, applied themselves to some new object.

We have lived to see some remarkable examples of this kind. The superior mechanical skill of Watt, applied to the improvement of Papin's Steam Engine, and the inventions of Arkwright, excited multitudes to exert themselves in the science of Mechanics, and with great success. The discoveries made during the same period, by Black, Priestly, Lavoisier, and other great Chemists, have enabled us to analyse what were accounted the invisible parts of the creation; and this knowledge has already been turned to very useful purposes. But the innumerable ridiculous machines, and absurd theories, brought forward, prove that if the attention of the *many* had not been roused, we should have had little chance of calling into action those few gifted minds, which are qualified to be the teachers of the human race.

At this time uncommon attention is attracted to the science of Agriculture, in all enlightened nations. In the British Islands and America—in France, Flanders, and Germany—it is fostered both by Government and a large proportion of wealthy and talented men. In some Countries Agricultural Science is taught in all the Public Schools. It is now no longer believed that the dense population of China and Japan is to be ascribed to a soil naturally more fertile than that of other Countries. The experience of scientific Farmers, both in Europe and America, has proved that it is possible to restore the fertility of worn out land without the aid of manure from elsewhere; and that skilful cultivation will greatly increase the productiveness of the richest soils. While the produce of the British Islands has been vastly increased within half a century, it is believed by those well qualified to judge, that the present crop may be doubled.

When we compare these exertions in improving this most useful of all arts, with the circumstances of the times; when we reflect that the population of Europe has so increased, that it can no longer find subsistence without either greatly increasing the products of the soil, or removing multitudes to the yet uncultivated parts of the earth; can it be called superstition to ascribe this movement to the Providence of that unseen Power whose care is over all his works, and to say that it must and will succeed. In the prosperity of Agriculture all mankind are interested; and they who successfully exert themselves in this cause, will be entitled to the gratitude of all sects and parties indiscriminately, and will have the satisfaction of reflecting that they have not lived in vain, and that they have added somewhat to the comfort of the world they are about to leave.

Finally, the Board, in reviewing the proceedings of the past year, would remark, that with a view to the depression of the Revenue, and out of deference to what they believed to be the wishes of the Assembly, they abstained from appropriating any part of the sum of Four Hundred Pounds which the Act places at their disposal. They have been unable, therefore, to make any new importation of Stock, Implements, or Seeds, in 1843, and have exercised a scrupulous economy in all their outlays.

The spirit, however, which they originally sought to inspire in the Agricultural classes, has been successfully awakened; and the Board refer with unmixed satisfaction to the Reports which have emanated from the thirty-eight Societies now in communication with them, as indicating a lively interest in their own improvement, and a degree of success, much surpassing, upon the whole, what the Board themselves could have expected.

JAMES McNAB,  
WM. YOUNG,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,  
M. RICHARDSON,  
THOS. WILLIAMSON,  
EDWARD PRYOR, JUN.  
EDWARD ALLISON.

Halifax, March 18, 1844.

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DR. *The Province of Nova Scotia in Account Current with the Central Board of Agriculture.*

1843.				
Feb'y.	18.—To Cash paid Christian Messenger,		£0 15 0	
March	24.—To Cash paid R. Nugent, Advertizing,	No. 2.	8 5 10	
	29.—To Cash paid Postage Account for 1842,	3.	10 15 2	
			<hr/>	£19 16 0
April	24.—To Cash paid Stiles & Fraser for Tablets,	4.		3 0 0
May	6.—To Cash paid Titus Smith one Qtrs. Salary,			25 0 0
	12.—To Cash paid Stiles & Fraser for Mechanic & Farmer, 1842,	5.		21 0 0
	13.—To Cash paid English & Blackadar, Adver- tizing,	6.		1 8 9
	22.—To Cash paid R. Nugent, balance for Co- lonial Farmer,	7.		18 0 0
June	14.—To Cash paid P. Mahony making Sheep Bin,	8.		0 14 0
August	5.—To Cash paid Titus Smith, one Qtrs. Salary,			25 0 0
Octr.	7.—To Cash paid Titus Smith, one Qtrs. Salary,			25 0 0
Decr.	31.—To Cash paid Titus Smith, one Qtrs. Salary,			25 0 0
"	" Cash paid A. W. Godfrey,	9.	£0 4 3	
"	" Cash paid C. H. Belcher,	10.	0 8 6	
"	" Cash paid Gossip & Coade, Advertizing,	11.	1 10 0	
			<hr/>	2 2 9
"	" Cash paid for Lowe's Illustration of Cat- tle, Sterling,	12.	£15 15 0	
	Premium and Exchange,		3 18 9	
			<hr/>	19 13 9
"	" Cash paid G. R. Young, Esq., his ex- penses in importation of Cattle,	13.		20 0 0
"	" Cash in hand carried to credit of Account,			79 19 5
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				£285 14 8
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1842.				
Decr.	31.—By Balance in hand per Account, this date,			£113 2 2
"	" By Balance in hand from grant for purchase of Bell Founder Morgan Horse, after paying his cost and expenses,			67 2 6
1843.				
June	7.—By Cash from the Treasury this day, on account of Provincial Grant to the Central Board, of £500,			100 0 0
"	" By Cash for one dozen Tablets,		£0 3 0	
Octr.	7.—By Cash received for a pattern Scythe,		0 7 0	
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"	" By this Amount received from the Stirling Society, for 25 copies of Colonial Farmer,			5 0 0
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				£285 14 8
1843.				
Decr.	31.—By Balance of Cash in hand this day,			£79 19 5

## No. 73.

(See Page 135.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the complaints relating to the new Probate Act, and the practice thereunder, beg leave to Report:

That from all the enquiries they have been enabled to make, they have come to the conclusion that the present Law is a decided improvement on the old system—has introduced several important and modern principles, and relieved our Courts from some disputed questions, which had before embarrassed them, and entailed a heavy expense upon Suitors.

That it is scarcely possible to introduce a change of this kind without exciting prejudices, and where the operation of the Law is first felt, even creating fears. The disturbance of old opinions has ever had this effect, and although it is the duty of the Legislature to listen to these with attention, and to enquire into them with every disposition to meet and yield to them if found to be correct, yet it would neither be wise nor judicious Legislation to alter and modify a new system until it has been fairly tried, and the balance of its benefits and inconveniences tested by experience.

In the present instance, though this Committee have anxiously sought for cases either of hardship or injustice inflicted on Suitors, no case on which any action could be had has yet been brought before them, and they are therefore unable to suggest in this Report any modification of the Acts as they now exist.

It has been suggested to the Committee that the power of Judges of Probate should be extended so as to enable them to assign the dower of a Widow in all cases, to enable them to decree a sale of Real Estate, subject to dower, where no partition can be had, with the right of investing part of the proceeds for the life of the Widow as an equivalent—to give them authority to decree a partition of Estates, although some of the parties may be Lunatics—and to issue a commission to take testimony abroad, when a contest is before them relative to the Probate of a Will. The Committee are of opinion that all these are essential and important improvements, but they refrain, at this late period of the Session, and from the pressure of other business before the House, to enter upon them now.

They intend to leave the questions open till next Session, and beg to introduce the draft of a Bill.

Some reports have been conveyed to them of a practice pursued in one or two of the Courts not sanctioned, as they think, by the Law, but as they have no sufficient evidence, they are unable to Report; they are satisfied that this House will be prepared, at its next Session, to go into the subject at large, and to afford adequate relief to any practical difficulty or grievance. The Committee lastly state that they are satisfied that the Act has lessened and not increased the profits of the profession, because it has imported into every County a local Tribunal competent to settle disputed Estates; and although it may have *apparently* increased the costs in some cases, the system settles questions not before touched in these Tribunals, and saves a reference to the Court of Chancery, where the forms and practice are both more complicated and expensive.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

Halifax, April 6th, 1844.

GEO. R. YOUNG, Chairman,  
SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS,  
JAMES D. FRASER,  
JOHN C. HALL.

## No. 74.

(See Page 136.)

The Committee to whom was referred the enquiry into the circumstances of the Excise Office at Halifax, with a view to its union with the Treasury or Customs Department,

ment, or the improvement of the present system; and also the propriety of an union of the Excise Department throughout the Province with the Customs, have attended to the duty committed to them, and beg to report to the House:

That they have been attended by the Hon. the Collector of Customs, and Mr. Stewart, the Chief Clerk, and have examined such of the Books kept in that Office, at Halifax, as was necessary to make them acquainted with the system pursued in the Department, and also were attended by J. B. Bland, Esq., one of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Collector of Excise, and examined the returns of Entries of Goods kept in that Office. The Committee could not discover from this examination, any serious obstacles to the introducing into the books kept at the Customs the entries necessary for the Collection of the Duties of Excise, and that without any great additional labour or expense being incurred. Such obstacles may exist that have not been brought to the Committee's knowledge; and they cannot learn whether the Board of Customs in London would sanction the alterations in the prescribed forms, necessary for the purposes above mentioned: should they not do so, it would probably be necessary to keep entirely separate Books for the Excise Duties, which would entail a much larger amount of additional labour and expense.

There are other difficulties known which oppose an union of these two Departments at present. The greater strictness in observing particular hours for the Entry of Goods at the Custom House, would, if not relaxed, obstruct and incommode the trade. Should the Provincial Authorities have no control over the appointment or continuance in Office of the Out Port Collectors, much irregularity and insecurity in the Collection and return of Excise Duties might in some cases result.

The taking of adequate security to the Province from the various Collectors, presents difficulties of weight.

And principally, your Committee have not been able to see with sufficient distinctness, any mode in which the prompt and efficient control of the Assembly over the Provincial Revenue in the hands of the Customs, so absolutely necessary, can be secured.

Your Committee therefore, from any information they have been able to receive, cannot recommend at present, an union of the Excise with the Customs as likely to be beneficial to the Provincial Revenue, or productive of economy, nor do they entertain any hope that such a measure could be effected, if it would ultimately be found practicable and advisable, within any period that would warrant the delay in filling the Office of Collector of Excise at Halifax, or rendering as perfect as possible the present system.

The Committee also were attended by the Provincial Treasurer, and are of opinion that at present, the Collection of the Impost Duties of the Province could not be united with the Treasury, with any prospect of advantage to the public, and they have therefore thought it not necessary to pursue the enquiry into the expediency of such union, which would have been proper, had existing circumstances otherwise been favourable to it.

The Committee think it might not be without benefit in the future, where such enquiries prosecuted as would procure all the information from the Board of Customs requisite, in relation to the terms on which an union of the Excise with that Department, in this Province, could be effected.

The Committee are of opinion, that all doubts as to the right of the Collector of Excise at Halifax, to draw in any Quarter a larger sum for Commissions than the quarter of the maximum salary allowed that officer by Law, should be removed by an Act for that purpose, and they are of opinion the salary and allowances for that Office might properly be reduced by giving to the Collector a suitable sum for his own remuneration and the incidental charges of his Office, and by settling a sum beyond this for the remuneration of a Clerk. The Committee would recommend this to be done by repealing the provisions of the Law, allowing Commissions and Salaries to the Collector of Excise at Halifax, and leaving the remuneration of that Officer and his Clerk to the annual vote of the Assembly.

The Committee are of opinion that the mode in which the Accounts and Books have been kept, and business transacted in the Offices of the Provincial Treasurer, and Collector

lector of Excise, at Halifax, require examination and improvement, and they recommend an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from this House, respectfully requesting his appointment of a Commission for these objects during the recess.

J. W. JOHNSTON,  
HT. HUNTINGTON,  
THOS. A. S. DEWOLF,  
JOHN J. MARSHALL,  
W. B. TAYLOR.

No. 75.

(See Page 138.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Accounts of John S. Thompson, Esq., and Richard Nugent, for Printing for the public service—beg leave to Report:

That they have examined the said Accounts, and find them correct.  
The whole amount of Mr. Thompson's Account, including advertizing in the Royal Gazette, is, £299 7 3½  
He credits payments at different times, 194 14 2

Leaving a balance of, £104 13 1½

to be provided for by the House.  
The whole amount of Mr. Nugent's Accounts, including Printing not specified in his Contract, is £415 5 8½  
He has received payments on account at different times, amounting to 305 5 10

Leaving a balance of £109 19 10½

to be provided for by the House.  
Your Committee recommend that, if possible, a reduction should be made in future for the charge of 5s. per square, for publishing in the Royal Gazette. Mr. Nugent's Contract fixes 2s. 6d. per square as the price to be paid for advertizing in the Novascotian, and your Committee presume that this sum would afford an ample remuneration to Her Majesty's Printer for the service required.

Halifax, 9th April, 1844.

JAMES D. FRASER, Chairman.  
R. CLEMENTS,  
GEO. BRENNAN,

No. 76.

(See Page 138.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the expenditure of £500, granted in the Session of 1841, for the conveyance of Mails and Passengers from Halifax to Pictou—beg leave to Report:

That they have examined the Contract entered into by Mr. Cunard with the General Post Office, London, and also the Resolution of the House of Assembly in 1841, granting to any Contractor the sum of £500, under certain conditions.

And the Committee are of opinion that although the wording of the Contract differs from the wording of the Resolution, they conceive that the true intent and meaning of both have been in essentials, complied with.

That it appears from the examination of Mr. Cunard, who appeared before your Committee, and the documents in the Secretary's Office, on which the money was drawn, and a

a certificate from the late John Howe, Esq., Deputy Post Master General, that the services to entitle the Contractor to the grant, have been, in substance, complied with. All of which the Committee respectfully submit.

J. MARSHALL, Chairman.  
GEO. SMITH.

Reasons given by Mr. Ross, one of the Committee, for dissenting from the Report :

As one of the Committee appointed by this Honorable House to examine into the payment of £500 to the Contractor for carrying Her Majesty's Mails between Halifax and Pictou, in virtue of a Resolution passed by the Legislature in March, 1841, I beg to protest against the reception and adoption of the Report prepared by the Chairman of that Committee, and now submitted to this Honorable House.

1st. Because the Resolution requires the Contract then about to be concluded, "to be duly advertised," as an indispensable condition to guard against imposition being practised in the expenditure of all monies appropriated by the Legislature, when the amount required for a particular service can only be ascertained by competition—a supervision not complied with in this instance.

2nd. Because the Resolution requires the Mails to be conveyed between Halifax and Pictou in 13 hours, while the Contract extends the time for the performance of that service, to 17 hours. Thus the public are deprived of answering their Letters by the return Coach, as the City Mail is necessarily made up before the delivery of the Country Letters, which in Winter causes a delay of five days between parties corresponding in the Country with those in Town; whereas were the Mails conveyed in 13 hours, agreeably to the conditions of the Resolution, the Mails might be made up on the mornings upon which the Coach start, at 9 o'clock, and arrive at Pictou as it now does, at 10 o'clock, p. m.

3rd. Because the Resolution requires the British Mails to be carried twice in each month, during the whole year, while the Contract binds the parties only to convey those Mails while the navigation is open between Pictou and Quebec. Thus during six months in each year, the Contractor receives extra pay for the performance of this service between Truro and Halifax, and Halifax and Truro. This extra remuneration for services which the Resolution contemplated to be included in the Contract, will, (if continued to the expiration of the Contract, a period of eight years) cost this Province the sum of £1172 over and above the very large sum paid annually for that service.

Committee Room, Halifax, 4th April, 1844.

JOHN ROSS.

No 77.

(See Page 138.)

The Committee appointed to Report upon the Bill, entitled, an Act further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and in addition to, and amendment of, the Act relative to the Halifax Assessments, and certain other Acts, beg leave to report to the Honorable the House of Assembly as follows :

That the principle of Assessment involved in the proposed Bill, being recognised and adopted in the Act of this Assembly, passed the 29th March, 1843, as well in reference to individual Assessment, as also to Bank Incorporations, and other Joint Stock Companies, your Committee conceive they are not required now to discuss the propriety of such principles, or to introduce into this Report any opinions having a tendency to defeat the Bill itself.

The Bill now before your Committee contains certain amendments, explaining what is at present defective and uncertain in the existing Law, and improving the same.

The sixth clause of the Act, passed the 29th of March, 1843, touching the manner in which appeals should be made from Assessments, and the remedy thereby required, being

doubtful and uncertain in its nature, and insufficient for the purpose of giving relief to those who feel themselves aggrieved by such Assessment, your Committee having given that clause proper consideration, feel that the amendment by the Bill now introduced, explains the sixth clause of the aforesaid Act, and gives all persons aggrieved by Assessment a more effectual remedy in enabling them to state by declaration in writing, to the satisfaction of the City Authorities, the grounds why the Assessments so made should be reduced.

And your Committee further recommend said amendment, inasmuch as under the existing Law, persons in addition to the rate imposed on their known Real and Personal Estate, may be assessed for their individual capacity or ability to pay, when, in fact, such ability may depend upon the profits arising from Bank or Joint Stock Incorporated Companies, which are made by Law liable to be assessed therefor.

The effect of this amendment will therefore enable such persons owning Bank or other Stock, which may be subject to Assessment, and pay the rate, to be discharged and relieved from assessments imposed upon their ability to pay, arising from the profits derived for such Stock alone.

Your Committee therefore think that, as the present amendment gives additional remedies and relief to the individuals liable to rates, and confers no unnecessary power and authority upon the Corporation, they can recommend no plan more suitable to answer the purposes for which this amendment is introduced.

The Bill then contains forms of Warrants for the Collectors of Rates, which seem to be required.

The next clause worthy of attention, is the ninth section of the aforesaid Act.

Under that section of the present Law, very great doubts and difficulties may arise, whether the Capital Stock of such Banking and other Incorporated Companies is liable to Assessment, regard being had to the amount of the actual profit derived by said Associations on their business of the preceding year; or whether such Assessments can only be imposed on the profits of such Banking and other Associations.

The amendment to this section we consider desirable to remedy the above defects, and explain the meaning and intention of the Legislature, and seems to provide that upon the Stock or Capital actually employed by such Associations, Assessments should be made, regard being had to the profits of the preceding year.

The remaining clauses give more efficient remedies and protection to all persons subject to their Assessment, and therefore recommend the same to this Honorable House.

Your Committee think the Bill somewhat unartificially and untechnically drawn; but any of these defects can be removed in the ordinary passage thereof.

Your Committee regret that the limited period they have had to consider the Bill now submitted, has rendered it impossible for them to give to it that grave and serious consideration which its importance requires; but from all the information they have been able to obtain, conclude that it is well calculated to remedy the defects of the existing Law, and therefore report the Bill and amendment.

Committee Room, 8th April, 1844.

JOHN C. HALL, Chairman.  
GEO. SMITH,  
BENJ. SMITH.

Your Committee also recommend the subsequent clauses of the Bill respecting appointment of City Officers, to the favorable consideration of the House.

JOHN C. HALL.  
GEO. SMITH,  
BENJ. SMITH.



APPENDIX, No. 78.

No. 78.

(See Page 139.)

COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax, be applied as follows, viz :

To pay the last instalment on the Margaret's Bay Road, with interest,	£236	0	0
Over-expenditures, repairing Bridges, and other repairs, in 1843,	128	3	1
Jonathan Archibald, the amount expended on Road and Bridge, at Sheet Harbor,		6	14 0
John Parker, amount expended on Bridge in Musquodoboit,		8	14 6
Improve the new Road from the Guysboro' Road, by Lydiard's,		10	0 0
Improve the new Road to and through Musquodoboit,		50	0 0
Improve the Great Western Road,		50	0 0
Improve the Great Eastern Road,		50	0 0
For the Beaver Bank Road,		15	0 0
To alter the Road between Shields' and Dartmouth,		20	0 0
Improve the Road from Lawrencetown Falls,		5	0 0
For the Road from David McKeen's Brook, towards the Forks of St. Mary's,		10	0 0
To rebuild Bridge near William Guild's,		20	0 0
From Guysboro' Road to Peter Doyle's,		5	0 0
To rebuild Bridge in Hutchinson's Settlement,		5	0 0
Repair Bridge on old Look Out Road,		5	0 0
Rebuild Bridge on Kerr's Road,		5	0 0
Rebuild Bridge, Lake Egmont,		15	0 0
From Green Head Settlement to New Road,		5	0 0
To improve the Chennybusto Road,		5	0 0
Improve the Road from Dartmouth to Porter's Lake,		20	0 0
Repair the Road from Gay's River to Musquodoboit,		10	0 0
Repair the Bridge and Road at Little River, near Coles',		10	0 0
Repair the Sheet Harbor Road,		15	0 0
Open Cross Road from intersection of Main Road, near John Henny's,		5	0 0
Repair the Herring Cove Bridge, and other Bridges in the Township, and the Margaret's Bay Road,		35	8 5
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	£750	0	0

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Queen's, be applied as follows, viz :

To repay Messrs. John and James Barss, for monies advanced under Provincial Act,	£38	15	0
Do. George Wightman, over-expenditure on Broad River Bridge,	57	12	2
Pay George Wightman for Survey of Conquerall Road,	4	15	0
George Manthorn, for repair of Bridge on Port Medway Road,	1	12	3
Repay Ephraim D. Mack, over-expenditure on Mill's Village Bridge,	5	0	6
Repay Joseph Gardner, repairs of Herring Cove Bridge,	2	5	1
From Lunenburg County Line to Mill's Village,	15	0	0
Mill's Village to Herring Cove,	20	0	0
Liverpool to Port Matoon,	17	0	0
Port Matoon to Port Jollie,	17	0	0
Port Jollie to Shelburne County Line,	16	0	0
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From Port Medway to Mill's Village,	£15	0	0
Herring Cove to Port Medway,	10	0	0
Mill's Village to Conquerall,	15	0	0
Mill's Village, up the West side of the River,	10	0	0
Soloman's to Blue Berry,	15	0	0
Charles O'Neal's to Eastern Head,	10	0	0
Liverpool to White Point, and Hunt's Point,	15	0	0
African Chapel to Kolp's (Western Head)	10	0	0
Liverpool to Western Head, by the Shore,	10	0	0
Bristol to Milton,	5	0	0
Liverpool to Milton,	10	0	0
Milton to Middlefield,	50	0	0
Middlefield to Annapolis County Line,	25	0	0
Middlefield to Chelsea,	25	0	0
Brookfield, through Caledonia,	25	0	0
Brookfield to Lunenburg County Line,	25	0	0
Caledonia, through Harmony and Kempt,	15	0	0
Post Road to Sandy Bay, West side Port Jollie Harbor,	5	0	0
Sandy Bay Road, near Post Road, to William McDonald's,	5	0	0
Robert McDonald's, Sandy Bay, to John Richardson's,	5	0	0
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	£500	0	0

COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of the Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne, for the present year, be appropriated as follows, viz :

POST ROAD.

From Queen's County Line to William Dunlap's, including the rebuilding of Tom Tidney Bridge,	£24	0	0
William Dunlap's to Jordan River, including the repairs of Sable Bridge,	30	0	0
Jordan River to Shelburne,	8	0	0
Shelburne to Birch Town, and to repay Thomas Johnson an over-expenditure of £4 made by his late Father last year, on said Road,	10	0	0
Birch Town to Beaver Dam,	15	0	0
Beaver Dam to Clyde River, including the repair of Clyde River Bridge,	24	0	0
Clyde River Bridge to Benjamin Doane's,	20	0	0
Widow Martha Christie's to Allan Smith's	20	0	0
Allan Smith's to Yarmouth Line,	15	10	0

SHELBURNE CROSS ROADS.

From Benjamin Perry's to Indian Brook,	8	0	0
Benjamin Perry's to Widow Littlewood's,	5	0	0
Round Bay Bridge to Abiel Hagar's,	4	0	0
Carlton Village to Post Road,	6	0	0
Post Road to Alex. Hamilton's,	5	0	0
Post Road to David Jenkin's Road,	6	0	0
David Jenkin's Road to Upper Clyde,	6	0	0
Post Road to Bowers' Bridge,	6	0	0
Bowers' Bridge to upper end of Long Island,	13	0	0
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From Long Island to Philip Bowers'	£6	0	0
Bowers' Bridge to Widow Ryers'	4	0	0
Shelburne to Jordan Ferry, by Morvin,	5	0	0
Joseph Holden's to David McKay's,	5	0	0
Shelburne to Sandy Point,	5	15	0
Sandy Point to John Cusheron's,	5	0	0
John Cusheron's to James McLean's,	4	0	0
James McLean's to John McKenzie's,	4	0	0
Gunning Cove to Beaver Dam,	4	0	0
Port LeBear to Sable River,	6	0	0
Sable River to Ragged Island Bay,	12	0	0
Hugh Houston's to Loyd's Creek,	5	0	0
Little Harbor to Jonathan Craig's,	7	0	0
Little Harbor to Richard Wall's,	4	0	0
Ragged Island Bay to Green's Harbor,	4	0	0
Green's Harbor to Joseph Allan's,	8	0	0
Joseph Allan's to Jordan Bridge,	5	0	0
John McKenzie's to Freeman Crowel's,	4	0	0
Lock's Island Beech to Thomas Crow's,	4	0	0
Daniel Matthew's to George Harding's,	3	0	0
Main Road to John Dall's,	3	0	0

BARRINGTON CROSS ROADS.

From John Lyons' to James McComiskey's,	6	0	0
Levi Nickerson's to Levi Crowell's,	5	5	0
Gideon Crowell's to Stephen Atwood's,	5	0	0
Gideon Crowell's to Joshua Nickerson's, B. P.,	5	0	0
To repair Shag Harbor Bridge,	18	0	0
From Great Brook, head of Wood's Harbor, to Mott O'Connor's, and thence to Robert Wilson's,	7	10	0
Wood's Harbor to Central Brook,	£7	10	0
Central Brook to Fresh Brook,	7	10	0
Josiah Snow's to John Pinkham's,	10	0	0
John Pinkham's to Ebenezer Crowell's,	5	0	0
Jacob Purdy's to School House on Backroe Road,	5	0	0
North West Creek to McDougall's Bridge, including said Bridge,	10	0	0
Clam Creek to Shelburne Road,	10	0	0
Alexander Watson's to Isaac Bank's,	5	0	0
John Lyle's to Little River,	7	10	0
John McKillap's to Elam Thomas'	7	10	0
William Cunningham's to Joseph Smith's,	7	10	0
Samuel Trott's to John Megray's,	7	10	0
Nehemiah Crowell's to School House, near Josiah McComiskey's,	7	10	0
Nehemiah Crowell's to Clark's Harbor,	7	10	0
Clark's Harbor to West Head,	5	0	0
Samuel Snow's to Bridge at North West Creek, including said Bridge,	10	0	0
	£500	0	0

COUNTY OF YARMOUTH.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of the Roads and Bridges in the County of Yarmouth, for the year 1844, be applied as follows:

From Beaver River to Starr's Corner,	£10	0	0
Vickery's to Ballam's,	15	0	0
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From Ballam's to Tusket Village,	£10	0	0
Lent's Corner to Abram's River,	10	0	0
To repair the Dyke, and the Road from thence to J. J. Porter's,	10	0	0
From J. J. Porter's to George Frost's, including the Bridge at the Narrows,	10	0	0
J. J. Porter's, round the head of Abuptic River, to the Meeting House,	7	10	0
George Frost's to the head of Pubnico Harbour,	12	10	0
The head of Pubnico Harbor to Walter Larkin's,	10	0	0
Walter Larkin's to Still Water,	25	0	0
James Richie's to Samuel Bain's,	5	0	0
Oliver Pitman's to Pitman's Road,	10	0	0
Beaver River to Crosby's Mill,	10	0	0
Crosby's Mill to Lake George Road,	5	0	0
Whitehouse, up the East side Lake George, to Salmon River,	10	0	0
Samuel Hilton's to Pleasant Valley,	20	0	0
Richard Corning's to Lake George Road,	10	0	0
Pleasant Valley, down the East side of Salmon River, to Samuel Crosby's,	10	0	0
Samuel Crosby's to the Road leading to Hilton's,	10	0	0
To repair the Road round the East, South, and West sides of Cedar Lake,	10	0	0
From Pleasant Valley to Nathan Hilton's,	15	0	0
Nathan Hilton's to Yarmouth Line,	10	0	0
Pleasant Valley to Reynard's,	10	0	0
Reynard's, down the West side Tusket River, to the Bridge,	5	0	0
Crawley's to the old Kemptville Road, and to pay to Edmund Crawley £14 over-expenditure last year,	25	0	0
Kemptville Bridge to Samuel Gray's,	10	0	0
Phineas Allen's to John Crosby's,	5	0	0
Phineas Allen's to Ebenr. Eldridge's,	10	0	0
Widow Sallow's, over the Dyke and up the Shore, to Z. Foot's, Senr.,	10	0	0
Abram Wyman's to Fish Point,	10	0	0
F. Boyd's to Pitman's Mill,	10	0	0
Benjamin Terfry's to Purdy's,	7	10	0
Elijah Pinkney's to Fresh Brook,	5	0	0
William Ballowel's to the Main Road,	5	0	0
Abraham Lent's to the Sluice, and to repair the Pas de Pra,	10	0	0
Eel Lake to the Forks,	10	0	0
John Burke's to the head of Eel Lake,	7	10	0
To repair the Road on the East side of Eel Lake,	10	0	0
To repair the Roads and Bridges on Roberts' Island,	7	10	0
From Isaac Hurlburt's Mill to the old Kempt Road,	7	10	0
To repair the Road by John Williams',	5	0	0
From John Spinney's to D'Eon's,	7	10	0
Philip D'Entremont's to Benjamin Goodwin's,	7	10	0
Joseph Amero's to Abbott's Harbor,	7	10	0
Abraham Van Emburg's to Nathan Goodwin's,	10	0	0
Little River to Plymouth Road,	10	0	0
Tusket Village to James Hatfield's, including Gavel's Bridge,	10	0	0
Halstead's to Kemptville,	25	0	0
Samuel Hamilton's to Pearl's Meadow,	7	10	0
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	£500	0	0

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COUNTY OF DIGBY.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Digby, for the year 1844, be applied as follows, viz :

To repair the Road leading from Bear River to Sissiboo, West of William Nicholl's Farm,	£10	0	0
The Cross Road between Jer. Smith's and J. Sules' Farms, in Hillsburgh,	8	0	0
The Beech Road, to be expended between Joseph Nicholl's and Henry Oaks' Farm,	10	0	0
The Bridge at Hollingshead's Creek,	40	0	0
The Bridge at Lee's Mills,	10	0	0
The North Range Road, from Haine's Farm Westward,	7	10	0
The Cross Road, from the North Range to Zeigler's Settlement,	10	0	0
The South Range Road, Westward of Lot No. 26,	7	0	0
The Cross Road, from the North Range to Raymond's Mills, £7 10s. of which to be expended between Doucett's Farm and the Mills,	15	0	0
The Cross Road from St. Mary's Church to the North Range,	15	0	0
The Road from Mavi's Mills to the North Range Cross Road,	8	0	0
The Road from Woodo's Farm to Melanson's Road,	7	10	0
The new Road, from the South Range Road to the North East branch of Sissiboo River,	8	0	0
The Weymouth Township Line to the bend of Sissiboo River,	8	0	0
The Road between Jones' Brook and Moore's Farm,	10	0	0
The Road between Henley's Farm and Peterson's,	7	0	0
The Road from the Duck Pond Road to Provost Brook,	9	0	0
The Road between Andrew Mann's Corner and the Falls, Sissiboo Bridge,	6	0	0
The Mountain Road, from Crowley's Farm to Daley's	10	0	0
The East end of new Road between Trout Cove and Sandy Cove,	17	10	0
The West end of new Road between Trout Cove and Sandy Cove,	25	0	0
The Road through Long Island, to be expended Westward of Tibert's Farm,	25	0	0
The Road between the Racket Bridge and Taylor's,	11	10	0
The Broad Cove Road, to be expended Eastward of Gulliver's Hole Road,	6	0	0
The Cross Road, from the Main Road to the North Range on Tibo's Line,	6	0	0
The North Range Road, Westward of Lot No. 30,	6	0	0
The Lake Hill Road, through the Indian Settlement in Hillsburgh,	6	0	0
From the Yarmouth Line to Salmon River,	8	0	0
The Road from Gabriel Davou's to Yarmouth Line, by Malchahy, Salmon River Bridge,	10	0	0
The Road on Jesse Oak's Line,	8	0	0
Montegan Bridge,	8	0	0
The Road on Joseph M. Comeau's Line, and to the old Mill,	10	0	0
The Road from Patrick Thibodo's to the Yarmouth Road,	12	0	0
The Road from Grossecoque Bridge to the Yarmouth Road,	12	0	0
The Road from John Holden's by Charles Godet's,	8	0	0
The Road from John B. Melanson's to Maturine McColla's,	8	0	0
The Road between Oliver Doucett's and Mrs. Therian's,	10	0	0
Francis Doucett's Road,	5	0	0
The Road between Usebe Tibeau and Charles Sonia's,	5	0	0

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To repair the Road from Samuel Griffith's to the Township Line,	£10	0	0
The Road between Placide LeBlanc and Isadore Tibeau's,	10	0	0
The Road East of Patrick Nowland's Farm,	8	0	0
The Yarmouth Road from the Township Line to Placide Godet's,	10	0	0
The Road on John Sonia's Line,	8	0	0
The Road between Tousaint Godet's and Peter Comeau's,	8	0	0
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	£500	0	0

COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis, be applied as follows :

On the Road from Samuel Purdy's to the Waldeck Line, called the Trimper Road,	£5	0	0
Waldeck Line to Abraham Chute's,	5	0	0
Jefferson's Road, East, to Milner's Corner, Nigroline,	7	0	0
Moose River to the Hessian Line, Shaw Road,	7	10	0
Milner's Corner to Frederick Buckler's,	5	0	0
Frederick Buckler's to John Coomb's, Shelburne Road,	4	0	0
Pardon Sanders' to the General's Bridge, Shelburne Road,	7	10	0
Bear River Bridge to Jefferson's, by Henry Vroom's,	5	0	0
Moose River to Samuel Bell's,	4	0	0
New Liverpool Road, South from Lamb's Brook,	12	10	0
Road from Sidney Sanders' to Fossey's,	7	10	0
Fossey's to Eleven Mile Tree, Dalhousie,	7	10	0
Perot Road, South from the Ten Mile River,	4	0	0
To repair Allan's Crick Bridge,	15	0	0
Bloody Crick Bridge,	20	0	0
Cut down the Hill by Joel Daniel's,	5	0	0
On the new Road East from Beals' Mountain Road, by Benjamin Whitman's,	5	0	0
Durland Road, from Joseph Starratt's West Line, East,	4	0	0
New Road, Nictaux Falls, by Joseph Foster's,	10	0	0
Morse Cross Road, from the Main Road to Allan Starratt's,	9	0	0
To repair the Causeway at Eager's Bridge,	7	10	0
Deep Brook Bridge, Waldeck Line,	5	0	0
On the Morse Cross Road, South end,	5	0	0
To finish the Bridge over Wright's Brook, Chute's Cove,	10	0	0
On the James' Cross Road, from the limits of Bridgetown, to the Shore Road,	15	0	0
Chute Cross Road, from James Chute's to Shore Road,	7	10	0
Phinney Cross Road, from foot of the Mountain to the Shore Road,	7	10	0
Young Cross Road, from the Main Road to Shore Road,	7	10	0
McCormick Cross Road, from Main Road to the Mountain,	7	10	0
Parker Cross Road, from the foot of the Mountain to the Shore Road,	7	10	0
McKinzey Cross Road, from the Main Road to the top of the Mountain,	7	10	0
Shore Road, from the Robllie Bridge West to Sloan's Bridge,	7	10	0
Road leading from the Duke of York's Battery, along the Gut Shore, to Flat Rock,	7	10	0
Shore Road, from Sloan's Bridge West to the Lamberson Cross Road,	5	0	0
To repair Troop's Aboiteau, Main Road,	10	0	0
Monroe's Bridge, Main Road,	20	0	0
On the East and West Road, East of the Parker Cross Road,	5	0	0
Shore Road, East of the Young Cross Road,	5	0	0

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On the Victoria Cross Road, from the Wilmot Springs to the first East and West Road,	£10 0 0
And that the following sum, the balance appropriated for Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended in that service,	193 0 0
	£500 0 0

COUNTY OF KING'S.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in King's County, be appropriated as follows :

HORTON.

From the Falmouth Line, on the new Mount Denson Road, to Joshua Reed's,	£25 0 0
Joshua Reed's on the new Road to Wickwire's, and to repair the Causeway and Bridge,	25 0 0
William Brown's, on the Cross Road, to the Bluff Shore Road,	5 0 0
McMonagle's, on the old Mount Denson Road, Southerly to the School House,	5 0 0
Benjamin Fullerton's, by Ward's Mill, to John Kelly's, and to repair the Bridge near Ward's,	5 0 0
James Laurence's to George Trenholm's,	5 16 8
George Trenholm's to Matthew Trenholm's, and to repair the Bridge, Falmouth Line on the old Post Road, to Allin's Road on the Mountain,	5 0 0
The Allin Road to the Stone Bridge, and to repair Martin's Bridge,	7 10 0
From the Nictaux Road, Northerly, by Abner Kinnie's, to the top of the Mountain,	7 10 0
James Davison's to Bear Bine Brook,	5 0 0
Thomas A. Davison's, on the Nictaux Road, to Thomas Davison's, and thence on the Mill Road to Meadow Brook, one half on each Road,	5 0 0
The corner near Cyrus Davison's, Westerly, to Waistcoat's Meadow,	7 10 0
James Burns' to Peter Murphy's,	5 0 0
Eliphalet Coaldwell's to Eli Griffin's,	5 0 0
James Pitt's to James Coaldwell's,	5 0 0
For the Cross Road on the top of the Mountain, past Henry Nowlin's,	5 0 0
From Martin's Mill to Jeremiah Eagles', and to repair Martin's Bridge,	5 0 0
John Gutridge's to the top of the Mountain,	5 0 0
Ebenezer Coaldwell's, Eastwardly, to Willam Duncanson's Road, and on the latter Road,	5 0 0
John Reed's to James Vaughan's,	5 0 0
For the Cross Road by Ben. Goold's and Hugh Mitchell's,	5 0 0
From Nathan West's to New Canaan,	5 0 0
John Jones', Southerly, on the Sherbrook Road,	15 0 0
For the Hill near the Baptist Meeting House, on the Road leading to Gaspereau,	5 0 0

CORNWALLIS.

From Kentville, on the Post Road, to Aylesford,	10 0 0
Cornwallis Bridge, near Kentville, to Mrs. Silver's,	5 0 0
To complete the alteration on the Road from Abel Parker's to Post Road passing Graham Boles',	5 0 0
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From the Post Road, passing John N. Boles' on the new Road, to the Methodist Chapel,	£5	0	0
Alfred Skinner's, passing George Beckwith's, to the Bay Shore,	6	0	0
Givan's Wharf to the Top of the Mountain,	6	0	0
For the Turner Point Road,	5	0	0
The Road passing John Oglevie's to Balscr's Mill, and the Road passing Joseph Oglevie's,	5	0	0
The new Cove Road,	5	0	0
To complete the new Road up the Wood Hollow, and to pay William Borden an over-expenditure of £4,	15	0	0
From Samuel Woodworth's to Hall's Harbor,	5	0	0
For the Road passing Stephen Dunham's to Hall's Harbor, and the Road Westerly therefrom,	6	0	0
From the Canada Wharf to Charles Eaton's, and to pay S. Beckwith £5 over-expended,	7	10	0
Patrick Buckley's, passing Chutes', to the Givan Road,	5	0	0
William Thomas', passing Borden's, to the Givan Road,	5	0	0
John White's, on the Black Rock Road, to Edward Power's,	5	0	0
For the Road passing Thomas White's to the Harbor, and the Road to Powell's,	5	0	0
The Scot's Bay Road,	10	0	0
From Joseph Sanford's to Hiram Loomer's,	5	0	0
Baxter North's to Daniel Sanford's,	5	0	0
Daniel Huntley's to Mill Creek,	5	0	0
Mill Creek to White Waters,	5	0	0
Nathan Ell's, on the new Road, to the Harris Farm,	5	0	0
The Gibson Road to H. R. Eaton's,	4	0	0
James Silver's on the new Road passing Richard Mahar's, to the foot of the Mountain,	5	0	0
The Condon Road, passing Richard Woodworth's, and the Road therefrom to the Post Road, one half on each Road,	8	0	0
For the Mountain Hill by William Foot's, and the Road to Luther Porter's,	5	0	0
From William Cochran's to the Burgess Mountain,	4	0	0
For the Road passing Patrick Rogers' to Newcomb's Mill,	5	0	0
From the Huntington Point Road, Westerly, to the Barnaby Mill Road,	5	0	0
For the new Road leading from Nicholas Power's to Hall's Harbor Road,	6	0	0
For the Embankment at Town Plat,	5	0	0
From B. Burgess' junr. up the Mountain, to Luke Fennessy's,	5	0	0
The Turner Point Road, passing S. Beardsley's, to the Givan Road,	5	0	0
The Givan Wharf on the Shore Road, to the Turner Point,	5	0	0
For the Road passing Sarsfield's to William West's,	5	0	0
From George Rockwell's to Abraham Porter's, and the Road by John Pearl's,	5	0	0
Hugh B. Rankin's to the top of the Mountain, and to pay Noah Rockwell over-expenditure of 40s.	5	0	0
Hugh Newcomb's to William White's, and to pay Hugh Newcomb an over-expenditure of 32s.,	6	10	0
Isaac Newcomb's to William Ruscoe's, and the Road passing Wm. Woodworth's,	5	8	11
The Post Road, passing Duncan's Mill, to Enoch Condon's,	6	0	0
For the Gibson Road, and to cut down the Hill by James Kinsman's,	4	0	0
From A McPhail's, on the Road passing Sanford's, to Jacob Webster's,	5	0	0



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AYLESFORD.

From Cornwallis Town Line, on the Main Post Road, to the Bishop's place in Aylesford,	£10	0	0
The Bishop's place on the Post Road, to Wilmot Line, and to assist in building Walker's Bridge,	10	0	0
The Post Road, near Samuel Parker's, to the Canaan Road,	5	0	0
The Canaan Road, on the new Road to Dalhousie, to Twelve Mile Brook,	10	0	0
The Dalhousie Settlement in King's County, on the new Road leading to Aylesford,	7	10	0
The Parker Road, on the Road passing Easson's Mill, to the Nicol's Road, and to build a Bridge,	6	0	0
The Nicol's Road to the Glebe Road, and on the latter to the Post Road,	7	10	0
The Nicol's Road, on the Jackson Road, to the Neily Road,	7	10	0
The Post Road, Southerly, to George Neily's,	8	0	0
The Post Road, by A. Spinney's, to the Canaan Road,	5	14	5
The Post Road, by the Nicol's Mill, to the Jackson Road,	5	0	0
Zebina Roach's to the Bay,	5	0	0
Armstrong's, on the Clermont Road, to the Bay,	5	0	0
The Post Road, on the Mordan Road, to the top of the Mountain,	5	0	0
The top of the Mountain, on the Mordan Road, to the Bay,	5	0	0
The Mordan Road, on the top of the Mountain, Eastwardly, to Cornwallis Line,	5	0	0
The top of the Mountain, on the Ormsby Road, to the Bay,	5	0	0
The Ormsby Road, by G. West's and Abner Woodworth's, to Cornwallis Line,	5	0	0
The Mordan Road, on the Road near the Shore, to the Clermont Road,	5	0	0

COUNTY OF HANTS.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Seven Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants, be applied as follows:

From Halifax County Line to Avon Bridge, Windsor, Fifteen Pounds thereof to be expended in rebuilding the Bridge at Cunable's Creek,	£110	0	0
Avon Bridge to Horton Line,	50	0	0
Windsor Forks to Falmouth Line, on Chester Road,	9	0	0
Falmouth Line to Geldert's, Chester Road,	9	0	0
Key's Bridge to Nelson's Bridge, Eastern Post Road,	50	0	0
To rebuild Blowers' Bridge, in addition to Ten Pounds undrawn,	7	10	0
From Benjamin Sweet's to Cunningham's, Plaister Creek,	7	10	0
Trenholm's to Metzler's,	5	0	0
Winckworth Road to St. Croix Bridge,	9	0	0
To repair Bridge on Old Ardoise Road	3	0	0
Pay James Geldert, expended in repairing a Bridge on Chester Road, 1843,	9	2	6
John Armstrong, expended in repairing a Bridge on Halliburton Road, 1843,	4	0	0
Repair a Bridge at Forks, Falmouth,	3	0	0
From Oliver Davison's to New Road,	5	0	0
Manning's to Horton Line,	10	0	0
Richard Lunn's, past John Manning's,	7	10	0

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To repair Falmouth Bridge,	£7 10 0
For alteration through Shubael Parker's Land,	7 10 0
From Parker's Mill to John Dimock's,	10 0 0
Oliver Dimock's to Scotch Village,	5 0 0
Joseph Mosher's to Walker's,	3 0 0
For alteration at Hugh Ross's,	8 0 0
Bridge at Felix Cochran's,	7 10 0
From John Chambers' to St. Croix Bridge,	20 0 0
For Ryan's Road at Cockmagun,	5 0 0
From Walton to Cockmagun,	12 10 0
Walton to O'Brien's Farm,	5 0 0
Walton to Tenecape,	7 10 0
Walton to Rainey Cove,	5 0 0
For Bridge and Causeway at Barss Creek, and to repair the Road, in addition to Ten Pounds undrawn,	5 0 0
New Road From Chiverree to Cockmagun,	7 10 0
To repair the Bridge near the Methodist Meeting House, Kempt,	5 0 0
Rebuild Bridge at Banon's, Rawdon,	60 0 0
Repair Bridge near Stevens',	7 0 0
For alteration near Withrow's Mill,	10 0 0
From Douglas Road to Withrow's Mill,	5 0 0
Murphy's to Glen's Brook,	5 0 0
For alteration on Road near Jacob Withrow's,	7 10 0
From Halifax County Line to James Fahie's,	10 0 0
James Fahie's to Isaac Whittear's,	10 0 0
Isaac Whittear's to Kenetcook Bridge,	7 10 0
Isaac Whittear's to Taggart's,	5 0 0
Taggart's to John McPhee's,	5 0 0
John McPhee's to Wallace's Mill,	5 0 0
For alteration near James Scott's to Rawdon Road,	7 10 0
From Rawdon Road to McKay's, past McNeil's Farm,	10 0 0
McPhee's Bridge to Hall's Bridge,	10 0 0
To repair Nine Mile River Bridge and Road to Wardrope's,	9 0 0
For alteration from Indian Road to John Wright's,	10 0 0
From Gore Road to Carver's Land,	5 0 0
Gore Road to James Sandford's,	5 0 0
James Mosher's to Kenetcook Bridge,	7 4 0
To repair Bridge near James Anthony's,	2 10 0
From Kenetcook Bridge to Noel,	7 10 0
Noel to Tenecape,	5 0 0
For alteration at Henegar's,	5 0 0
Alteration at Hay's Hill,	7 10 0
From Burton's to Indian Road,	5 0 0
McPhee's Bridge to Indian Road,	5 0 0
To open the Road from Mr. King's Farms to Five Mile River,	5 0 0
For Ainsly Road, granted in 1843, and remaining undrawn, £5.	
To avoid Hill near Robert McDonald's, granted 1843, and undrawn, £5.	
From Maitland to Nelson's,	17 10 0
Windsor Road to Hibbert's,	5 0 0
Hibbert's to Thompson's Road,	5 0 0
To pay David W. Shaw, expended in repairing the Road from Falmouth Bridge to Horton Line,	9 13 6

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## COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows, viz :

From Bridge near W. E. Angevine's to Charles Oxley's,	£5	0	0
James Ryan's, through Victoria Settlement,	5	0	0
Filmore's Mills to James Ryan's,	5	0	0
Tuttle's to the Gulf Shore,	5	0	0
Widow Forshner's to Pugwash,	5	0	0
Collingwood Oxley's, up the East Branch,	10	0	0
John Brown's to Farningsborough Road,	10	0	0
Londonderry Line to River Philip, by Westchester, and to pay over-expenditure in 1843, 22s.,	15	0	0
John Fillemore's Mill to Barry Fillemore's, and to pay balance due for Bridge, £9,	30	0	0
Widow Forshner's to John Fillemore's,	10	0	0
W. E. Angevine's to Wallace Harbor,	5	0	0
Horton's, on North Shore Road, by McKenzie's,	5	0	0
Gilbert Purdy's, Westchester, to Widow Webb's,	5	0	0
Widow Webb's to School House, near Henry Teed's,	5	0	0
Dewar's Bridge to Wallace Harbor,	12	0	0
To repair Wallace Bridge, and pay over-expenditure, £3 16s. 4d.,	10	0	0
From H. N. Oxley's to Fox Harbor, to build Bridge,	20	0	0
To finish Bridge near W. E. Angevine's,	5	0	0
From Benjamin Hurd's Mill to Folly Lake,	7	10	0
McIntosh's Road to Wm. Smith's, North Shore,	7	10	0
J. N. B. Kerr's, by Wm. Hurd's, to W. E. Angevine's, and to pay over-expenditure, £5 6s.	20	0	0
Post Road near McInnis, cross the Aboiteau,	5	0	0
To repair the Aboiteau near Peter Teed's	5	0	0
To repair the Aboiteau near Griffin Purdy's,	7	0	0
From Peter Ogilvie's to W. E. Angevine's,	10	0	0
To pay John Cooper over-expenditure on Bridge, Goose River,	4	0	3
Reneldo Chappel, for building Bridge at Tidnish,	25	18	0
From Pugsley's to Furlong's Bridge, and to Joseph Hoeg, 52s. 6d. for Bridge at Halfway Brook, built in 1843,	15	0	0
River Philip to John Stewart's, and to repay £9 4s. advanced by order of His Excellency in 1843,	30	0	0
John Stewart's to Amherst,	15	0	0
Aboiteau over Le Plauch, on Fort Lawrence Marsh, to the Bend,	20	0	0
Amos Trucman's to Martin Hunter's, to include Bridge,	30	0	0
Pipe's Marsh, on new line, to Minudie Ferry,	20	0	0
Little River Road, by George Thompson's,	5	0	0
To complete the alterations near George Atkinson's,	5	0	0
From mouth of G. Smith's Road to Salt Springs, to include Bridge,	5	0	0
Main Road near Wm. Ripley's to River Herbert Bridge,	10	0	0
Martin Hunter's to Black Ferry,	5	0	0
To build a Bridge near Robert Spicer's, and remainder on new Line,	25	0	0
To repair Bridge near Wm. Fullerton's, and remainder towards Maccan, leading to new Line,	15	0	0
From Bridge near Wm. Fullerton's toward's Maccan, on new Line,	30	0	0
Cumberland Road to Ratchford's River,	10	0	0
For Bridge over Partridge Island River at Newcomb's, and to pay over-expenditure 50s.	5	0	0
From Advocate to Three Sisters,	5	0	0
			From

From Wm. Fullerton's to Partridge Island,	£20	0	0
Gilbert Purdy's to Edward Niles', on new Line,	5	0	0
Tidnish Road, past John Chaperau's, to the Shore,	5	0	0
George Harrison's to Colchester Line,	6	1	9
Joseph Rivers' to Main Road, near Calvin Bent's,	5	0	0
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	£550	0	0

COUNTY OF COLCHESTER.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Six Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of the Roads and Bridges in the County of Colchester, be applied as follows, viz :

From Gay's River to Stewiack, on the Main Post Road,	£10	0	0
Stewiack to Polley's,	20	0	0
Polley's to Truro,	15	0	0
To repair the Onslow Bridge on North River,	12	0	0
From the Onslow Township Line to Tatamagouche,	20	0	0
The Pictou County Line to the Cumberland County Line, on the Post Road through Tatamagouche,	20	0	0
Kennedy's, New Annan, to the Tatamagouche Road, near Robert Cock's,	10	0	0
To build a Bridge near Langill's Saw Mill,	6	10	0
From the Cumberland County Line to Donald McLeod's,	5	0	0
Wm. McConnell's, Tatamagouche, to John Murdoch's Grist Mill,	6	10	0
Oliver's Bridge, French River, to N. Higgins',	5	0	0
Lockerby's Bridge to Point Bruela,	5	0	0
To assist in building a Bridge at Murdoch's Farm, on the Waugh River,	20	0	0
From Swan's to the Lake Road,	5	0	0
The Main Post Road at Downing's, past Murray's Mills, to Workman's,	5	0	0
Point Bruela to River John Road,	5	0	0
The Onslow Town Line to McKay's Mills, Earltown,	20	0	0
McKay's Mills to the Pictou County Line, towards River John,	10	0	0
McKay's Mills towards Alexander McDonald's, Tatamagouche River,	10	0	0
Widow Ross' to the Pictou County Line,	6	10	0
Widow Ross' to Nelson's, Tatamagouche,	6	10	0
Paul McDonald's to the Pictou County Line,	6	10	0
Salmon River to McKay's Mills,	6	10	0
Putman's Bridge, Middle Stewiacke, to Polley's on the old Halifax Road,	20	0	0
To assist in building the Bridge near the Rev. Mr. Smith's, Upper Stewiack,	5	0	0
Assist in building a Bridge at McLachlan's, Stewiack,	5	0	0
Assist in building a Bridge at Tupper's,	5	0	0
From the South Branch to Newcomb's Mills,	6	10	0
Kennedy's to Musquodoboit, on the new Road surveyed by Wm. Graham,	6	10	0
Abner Polley's to the new Halifax Road,	7	10	0
Henry Sibley's to Middle Musquodoboit, and to assist in building St. Andrew's Bridge,	7	10	0
Corbet's, Gay's River, to the new Halifax Road,	5	0	0
Green's Creek to the Halifax Road, near Fort Ellis,	7	10	0
The Township Line, Londonderry, to Castlereagh,	5	0	0
The Township Line, Londonderry, to the County Line, Cumberland, on the Wallace Road,	5	0	0
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From the Main Road to Degamond's Settlement, Upper Stewiack,	£5	0	0
Harrington's Mills to Boyd's, and towards the Maccan Road in the Five Islands,	5	0	0
Harrington's River to the Economy Line, on the Main Post Road, and repair Bridges,	10	0	0
Across the Gerrish Mountain towards Economy,	10	0	0
West Maccan Road,	7	10	0
From Morrison's, towards and through New Boston,	5	0	0
To repair the Bridge on Economy River, and at Moors' Brook,	7	10	0
From Lemuel Hill's to the Pleasant Hills,	5	0	0
The Main Road at Jas. W. Crow's, to the back Settlement of Economy,	5	0	0
The Road leading to River Philip, from Robt. McLellan's, Economy,	5	0	0
The Road leading from the Main Road to Economy Point,	2	10	0
The Road leading from the Main Road to Isaac Marsh's,	2	10	0
To pay Daniel Fulton for building a Bridge in 1843,	10	0	0
Chisholm and McNutt for do.	17	0	0
Robert Spencer for repairing do.	6	0	0
Vance and McKim, for money expended by them in 1843, at Vance's Hill,	20	0	0
Repairing Bridge on the Main Road, Londonderry,	10	0	0
To repair the Road from Folly to F. McLean's,	3	0	0
Build a foot Bridge across Portapique River,	4	0	0
To complete the alteration round Kerr's Hill,	4	0	0
The Road from Portapique to Castlereagh,	3	0	0
The Road from Bass River to Castlereagh, by the foot of the Mountain,	3	0	0
Towards completing the alteration at Birch Hill, near Bass River,	10	0	0
From Jesse Gourley's to Wm. Irving's, Truro,	5	0	0
John Sanderson's to Phillippi,	5	0	0
George Yuill's to Black Rock, Shubenacadie,	6	0	0
Black Rock to Dolton's,	6	0	0
William Dolton's to Pleasant Valley,	4	0	0
Pleasant Valley to Brookfield,	3	0	0
Charles Morris' to Upper Brookfield,	3	0	0
Joseph Marshall's to George Taylor's	5	0	0
J. Kennedy's, towards Shubenacadie,	5	0	0
Daniel Eaton's to J. D. Christie's,	5	0	0
Wm. Cameron's to Greenfield Road,	2	10	0
Samuel Henderson's to Stewiack Road,	3	0	0
Robert Moors' towards Stewiack,	7	10	0
Jacob Lynds' to the Pictou Road, by Richie's,	3	0	0
Pictou Road to Wm. Hall's,	3	0	0
Pictou Road to Robert Nelson's,	3	0	0
Samuel Bartlett's to James Wright's,	4	0	0
John Lynds' to Wm. Lynds',	5	0	0
Robinson's to the Town Line, Tatmagouche Road,	4	0	0
Onslow Meeting House to Barnhill's, by Crow's Mills,	5	0	0
Wm. Staple's to Nicholas Ravil's,	4	0	0
Crow's Mills to James Graham's, by Hemlock Woods,	4	0	0
Adam McNutt's to Tatmagouche Road,	4	0	0
Luke Upham's to the Town Line, Earltown,	5	0	0
Bridge near John McLeod's, North River,	7	0	0
Bridge near Barnhill's, Chegonish River,	5	0	0
Bridge at McCurdy's Creek,	2	0	0
	£600	0	0
	COUNTY		

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COUNTY OF PICTOU.

*Resolved*, That the sum Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the services of Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou, be applied as follows, viz :

GREAT ROADS.

From Colchester County Line to the Ten Mile House,	£20	0	0
The Ten Mile House to Belmont,	15	0	0
Belmont to the Town Gut Bridge,	10	0	0
The Cross Road leading to Stiles', on the New Line, River John, to Grog Brook,	25	0	0
Grog Brook to Mrs. Underwood's,	7	10	0
Mrs. Underwood's, through River John, to the County Line of Colchester,	17	10	0
The Three Mile House, on the Old Line, over Scotch Hill to Grog Brook,	7	10	0
The Ten Mile House, West River, on the New Line, to Archibald's, Middle River,	20	0	0
Archibald's, Middle River, to the Albion Mines,	10	0	0
New Glasgow to Copeland's, Merigomish,	20	0	0
For Survey of New Line of Road from New Glasgow to the West River of Merigomish,	15	0	0
From Copeland's to the County Line, at Martin McDonald's,	20	0	0
The Ferry at Fisher's Grant to New Glasgow,	10	0	0
To repair the Ferry Wharf at McDougald's,	10	0	0
Repair the Ferry Wharf at McDonald's,	10	0	0

THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO PAY OVER-EXPENDITURES IN 1843.

Donald McKay, Fox Brook, balance of Bridge,	4	18	0
Thomas Horn, balance of Bridge,	4	0	6
Donald McDonald, for Graveling Road,	4	17	6
Archibald McLean, Gulf, for Bridge,	5	0	0
Alexr. Graham, for Bridge at Eight Mile Brook,	5	0	0
B. L. Kirkpatrick, for Bridge,	5	1	3
William Beck, in part for repairs on Bridge at Quarry Brook,	5	0	0
To Angus Murray, Commissioner, in part of £13 18s., for balance for Bridge on Black River, leaving £3 18s. due him,	10	0	0
Hugh McDonald, in part of £13 18s., for balance of Bridge, leaving a balance of £3 18s.,	10	0	0
Simon Bannerman, for expenditure on Roads, Barney's River,	10	0	0
George Mitchell, for one third part of sum allowed him for New Glasgow Bridge, being £231, payable by instalments,	77	0	0

NEW APPROPRIATIONS.

For the New Line of Road through the Valley of Piedmont to Antigonish,	15	0	0
From the Cross Road leading to Stiles', on the Road leading to Cape John, to Carriboo, Big River,	10	0	0
Carriboo, Big River, to Toney's River,	10	0	0
Toney's River to the Cross Road leading to Cape John River, to the Bridge at River John,	10	0	0
To assist the Inhabitants to build the Bridge on the Mill Brook at David Langill's, Miller, and to repair the Road through the Settlement to Matthew Longill's,	5	0	0
From David Langill's, Miller, to John McKenzie's Creek, on the Road to the West Branch,	5	0	0

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To build the Bridge on John McKenzie's, and to repair the Road leading to Harborne's,	£20	0	0
From Spair's, by McBean's, to Harborne's,	4	0	0
Murdoch McKenzie's, up West Branch, to Duncan Campbell's,	4	0	0
Rodger's Hill Meeting House to Murdoch McKenzie's,	5	0	0
The River John Road, past Robert Allan's, to Angus McDonald's, Back Shore,	3	0	0
For the Road and Bridge on Seal Creek, on the Road to Point Breuley,	3	0	0
For the Road from River John to Earltown, to Christy Langill's,	5	0	0
From Joha Logan's to Barry's Mill, past James Murray's,	5	0	0
Donald McLeod's, River John Road, past McConnell's, on the Road to Andrew Munro's,	5	0	0
Duncan Seller's, on the Six Mile Brook, and to rebuild the Bridge at Angus Sutherland's,	5	0	0
Denoon's, on the Shore Road, to Ruddock's Mills,	5	0	0
Carriboo to the Lime Quarry,	3	0	0
Ruddock's Mills to Carriboo River, and to assist the Inhabitants to repair the Bridge on the Gut leading to Carriboo River,	5	0	0
John McKenzie's, Carriboo River, past Roderick McLeod's to the Cape John Main Road,	5	0	0
The River John, on a Road near to the Church, to Cape John,	3	0	0
The Mills W. R. Lockbroom, round the Shore to Crocket's, Middle River,	5	0	0
John Mattheson's, Rogers' Hill, to Donald Stewart's,	3	0	0
The Cross Road to John Reay's,	5	0	0
George Reay's, West Line, to Alexander McKay's, on the Mount Dalhousie Road,	5	0	0
Pictou Road at Robley's, on the Rogers' Hill Road, past Robert Stewart's, to the Blacksmith Shop at Cross Roads,	5	0	0
McReay's Mills to George Bailay's,	3	0	0
Head of West River to David Ferguson's,	3	0	0
Neill McPherson's to the Halifax Road, by McGillvary's,	3	0	0
McLeod's to Munro's, on the Road to the East Branch River John,	5	0	0
Andrew Crichton's, Mount Tom, on the new North Mountain, thro' the 4, 6, and 8 Mile Brooks, to the Dalhousie Road at Thomas Rogers',	5	0	0
Rea's to Peter Arthur's, Mount Dalhousie,	5	0	0
For the Six Mile Brook Road,	5	0	0
From Donald McKay's, through New Larig,	10	0	0
Rogers' Hill Meeting House to the Mill at McKenzie's,	5	0	0
To rebuild the Bridge at James Williams', W. R., and to repair the Road to Robert Short's,	5	2	9
Road from Boat Harbor to Graham's Mill,	5	0	0
Graham's Mill to Pine Tree Gut,	7	10	0
Little Harbor to New Glasgow,	5	0	0
Albion Mines to Forks East River, West side,	7	10	0
The Forks East River to West Branch Meeting House,	5	0	0
West Branch Meeting House, on new Road, to Hugh Fraser's,	5	0	0
Robert Dunbar's, on new Road, to Kenneth McLean's,	5	0	0
James Cameron's, W. Branch, to Halliday's,	5	0	0
Christ. McDonald's to Forks Middle River,	5	0	0
Wm. McDonald's, W. Branch, on new Road to Crocket's,	5	0	0
Gray's River, W. Branch, to Cross Roads at Wm. McLean's,	5	0	0
West Branch, on new Road, to Grant's Lake,	10	0	0
Forks, East River, through the Island, to Grant's,	5	0	0
			Road

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Road from Grant's Lake, past William McKenzie's, to Woods',	£5	0	0
Hopewell, W. Branch, to Middle River, through Fox Brook,	5	0	0
Alexr. McDonald's, on new Road, to Marshall's, on Middle River,	5	0	0
Brown's Mill to County Line, Merrigomish,	4	0	0
George McLeod's to head of Bailey's Brook,	4	0	0
Gushet Road to Glen Duough,	10	0	0
Back Settlement, Duncan McLean's, McGee's,	3	0	0
McGee's Road, from Lowdon's Mill, to County Line, in Back Settlement,	3	0	0
West end of Big Settlement to School House,	4	0	0
Barney's River, West side from D. Murray's, to W. Branch Road,	4	0	0
Barney's River, West side, from Middle Branch to Head of Settlement,	10	0	0
W. Branch, East side, from Robinson's Bridge up to McLeod's,	4	0	0
W. Branch, East side, from McKenzie's to St. Mary's,	4	0	0
Middle Branch Road, from junction with W. Branch Road, to Middle Bridge River,	4	0	0
East side, from D. Murray's Bank, to David Hickey's	4	0	0
Hatter's Bridge, through Piedmont, to McDougall's	4	0	0
Upper Clement, by Gillis' Meadow, McDougall's,	4	0	0
Hector McKenzie's to French River,	4	0	0
French River Bridge to old Mill Road,	8	0	0
Old Mill Road to Cross Road, leading to Blue Mountain, French River,	4	0	0
Bridge over French River, leading from Sutherland's River to Barney's River, through Wentworth Grant,	12	10	0
	£750	0	0

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(See Page 141.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Accounts of James B. Hadley, Collector of Light Duties in the Gut of Canso, beg leave to report, that they have examined these Accounts, and find that he has collected during the last year, £314 19s. 4d., and has paid the Treasurer £227 18s. 3d., leaving a balance due, by his statement, of £87 0s. 8d., from which, deducting his Commissions, £23 12s. 6d., there will be due the Province £64 8s. 2d.; but Mr. Hadley has rendered an Account for boarding Vessels, and the price of a Boat stated to have been stolen, of £156, a sum equal to one half the amount collected, and as the statement of Vessels boarded, refers to their having previously paid the Light Duty to other Collectors throughout the Province, the Committee recommend to the House to direct the Provincial Treasurer to make the necessary enquiry during the recess, so as to ascertain whether the checks kept by Mr. Hadley, have been productive of such benefit to the Province, as to enable him to retain the above balance in his hands; and if any, and what farther sums should be allowed him.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 9th April, 1844.

GEO. SMITH, Chairman.  
CHARLES BUDD,  
JAMES D. FRASER,



No. 80.

(See Page 146.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Accounts and general management of the Post Office for the past year, beg leave to Report as follows:

They annex hereto, in the Appendix marked A., a general statement of the Accounts of the Department for one entire year, from the 5th October, 1842, to 5th October, 1843, shewing a deficiency in the receipts to meet the expenditures of £851 16s. 1d. Sterling—£1065 12s. 1d. Currency. And also, in Appendix marked B., of the Quarter from the 5th October last, to the 5th January, 1844, shewing a deficiency of £242 8s. 8d. Sterling. The entire deficiency for the last year runs from £1000 to £1100 Currency. The whole sum paid by this Province last year, to the Post Office, appears in Appendix C. to be, including the Account paid for Franking, £2125 16s. 10d.

They have to regret that the Post Office Authorities have not afforded to this Province relief from the payment of the *extra* expenses of conveying the English Mails from Halifax to Pictou in *Summer*, and to Amherst in the *Winter* season. This subject was referred to, and earnestly pressed upon the attention of the Lords of the Treasury in the Report and Resolutions adopted by the House of Assembly at their last Session.

It was then shewn that both Canada and New Brunswick, for whose benefit this heavy expenditure is chiefly incurred, had peremptorily refused to pay any part of it; this creates, in a great degree, the deficiency for which this House is compelled to provide. They recommend the House to call the attention of the Post Office Authorities to the Minute of the Lords of the Treasury, dated 23d September, 1842, and contained in Mr. C. E. Trevelyan's Letter to the Right Honorable the Post Master General, dated 26th September, 1842, in which their Lordships clearly admit the liability of the fund derived from the Packet Postage to this extra charge, as well as to the increased expense of the Post Office Establishment, at Halifax, created by the arrival and transmission of the Mails to the other Colonies. These Documents appear in the Appendix to the Journals for last Session. They annex hereto an Account Current Marked D., framed with as much accuracy as possible, shewing that the extent of this excess last year was £870 19s. 6½d. Currency; and after the clear admission made by the Lords of the Treasury that this Postage should not be borne by this Province, this House should urge that this claim ought to be provided out of the surplus derived from the Packet Postage paid into the English Treasury.

They are glad to state that the tax on Newspapers, of 2s. 6d. each, before enjoyed by the Deputy Post Master General as a perquisite, has now been changed into an uniform rate of ½d. each on Newspapers. The Revenue derived from this source goes now to add to the general fund; and from a calculation made by the Deputy Post Master General, which they annex hereto in the Appendix marked E., it is calculated that it will yield in one year from the 5th January last, when the plan went into operation, the sum of £533 13s. 10d.—this of course will go to lessen the deficiency for future years. They recommend the Editors of Newspapers to be relieved from the tax on their *Exchange* Papers.

Since the 5th January last, the charge for Postage in the Colonies has been regulated on an entirely new principle, and your Committee, in the Appendix marked F., annex a printed paper explanatory of it, published under the direction of the Post Office Authorities. The introduction of this new Scale, and the funds derived from the Postage on Newspapers, will have a material effect on the Revenues of the Office; but as the system of Franking for the Public Departments before enjoyed has been entirely abolished, and as this forms an estimate furnished and contained in Appendix G., will probably cost the Province in the year 1844, £480 Currency; and as some compensation will require to be made to the local Post Masters for their loss of the perquisite of Franking, it is impossible to say how far the balance of Account will be effected. Your Committee see no reason for indulging a hope that, so long as the *extra* expenses of conveying the Canada Mails, and of the Office at Halifax, is thrown on the funds collected here, that the deficiency now required to be paid out of our Treasury will be diminished. This deficiency in 1841,

had been reduced to £396—in 1844, by arrangements in which this Province has no direct interest, and over which this House has no control, it has risen to the sum of £1055 5s. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d., as appears in the Appendix marked N., in addition to the sum paid for Franking of £565 4s. 8d.

They are also glad to state to the House, that in pursuance of the Resolution passed last year, some of the Contracts for conveying the Mails have been renewed, and a saving effected in the Routes, as detailed in Appendix H to the extent of £403 16s. They press this subject most earnestly on the attention of the House, and are satisfied that if all of those Contracts were let by Tender and Contract, a further and material saving would be made. In Appendix M. they annex the present list of Couriers and Post Riders.

The Committee, after due enquiry, are of opinion that the control of the Local or Colonial Post Office Department, in this Province, could be far more efficiently and economically managed if placed under the control of the Legislature, subject in so far to the supervision of the Post Office Authorities, that the transmission of the English Mails from, to, and through this Province, would not be impeded. The regulation of these Mails of necessity belongs to the Post Office Authorities in London, and every facility ought to be given to have their directions scrupulously observed; but as the expense of the Local Post is paid by *internal* Postage and by the Legislature, and the House has ever been willing to pledge itself to make up any deficiency, your Committee feel satisfied that it would be better for the public interests, simpler and more easy for the Department, and far more satisfactory to the Country, if the regulation of the *internal* Post Office were transferred to the Legislature; and they recommend this House to press earnestly this arrangement, to offer to Legislate on the subject, and to introduce all the necessary regulations to prevent any want of harmony in the transmission of the English Mails, and the collection of Postage on English Letters. Nothing can be more complex or annoying than the present forms and delay required now before a new Post or Way Office can be established, and they advise the House to call the attention of the Post Office Authorities to this matter, that these difficulties may be speedily corrected.

The Committee have also enquired into the expediency of copying the example of the Mother Country, and of introducing into this Province an uniform rate of Postage, and are satisfied from the calculations they have made, that the system could be adopted here without any ultimate loss to the Revenue. The experiment in England has exceeded the most sanguine expectations, and all the social and commercial advantages resulting from a speedy and cheap communication, have been conferred on the people without any charge being imposed on the Revenue. The rate here ought not to exceed 4d. for a single rate, and some of the Committee are of opinion that it ought not to be higher than 3d. They annex, in Appendix I., the Postage for three several weeks, as rendered by the Deputy Post Master General.

Your Committee have thought it their duty to accompany this Report with a set of Resolutions, embracing the foregoing and some minor points, and an Address to the Throne, and recommend them to the favourable consideration of the House, in order that they may be passed and transmitted, and the evils complained of remedied as early as possible.—All which is respectfully submitted.

Halifax, April 10th, 1844.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, Chairman.  
HT. HUNTINGTON,  
GEO. R. YOUNG,  
JAMES D. FRASER,  
W. F. DESBARRES.

(For Appendix A & B, see pages 131 & 158.)

**Appendix C.**

*Memo. of charges made for and on Account of the Post Office, in 1843.*

Warrant No. 38, (for vote of last Session,)	£982 4 9
“ 39,	122 14 2
“ 40, (Franking)	565 4 8
“ 65,	455 13 3
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	£2125 16 10
Off Franking,	565 4 8
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	£1560 12 2

**Appendix D.**

*New Brunswick Postage charged on the Halifax Office, from the 6th October, 1842, to the 1st July, 1843, when New Brunswick was separated from Nova Scotia.*

	Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.	Currency.
Amount,	£884 11 4	£1061 9 7

*Statement shewing the sums paid for the conveyance of the Mails from England for Canada, &c., by Express, for that portion of the Line in the Province of Nova Scotia.*

CONTRACTOR.	SERVICE.	Amount per trip.	Amount for seven trips.	OBSERVATIONS.
H. Hyde,	Halifax to Truro,	£12 0 0	£84 0 0	
W. B. Vail,	Truro to Amherst,	5 10 0	38 10 0	

*Statement shewing the sums paid for the conveyance of the Mails from Canada for England, by Express, for that portion of the Line in the Province of Nova Scotia.*

CONTRACTOR.	SERVICE.	Amount per trip.	Amount for seven trips.	OBSERVATIONS.
W. B. Vail,	Amherst to Truro,	£6 10 0	£45 10 0	The departures from Quebec are so arranged as to fall into the Ordinary Mail, twice a week, to Halifax, and it is only in case of its being requisite to employ an Express at any time for the conveyance of the Homeward Mails, that an expense is incurred, at the rates specified.
H. Hyde,	Truro to Halifax,	12 0 0	84 0 0	

*Memorandum of Charges and Receipts in the Post Office Accounts in respect of English Mails for one year, to 5th October, 1843.*

**RECEIPTS.** Sterling. Currency.

To amount of Unpaid Letters received from England, for one year, from 5th October, 1842, to 5th October, 1843,	£2135 13 7½
Off, amount of Postage to New Brunswick, charged against Office at Halifax, from 6th October, 1842, to 1st July, 1843, when New Brunswick was made separate,	884 11 4
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Gross amount of Packet Postage,	£1251 2 3½

Brought

	Brought forward, £1251 2 3½	
Paid Letters sent to England from Nova Scotia,	415 1 7	
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	£1666 3 10½	
Add ¼th Exchange,	414 10 11	
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	£2080 14 9½	
Off from Postage as above of £1251 2s. 3½d. for Returned, Refused, Missent, and Forward Letters; &c. in the proportion of £5223 8s. 6½d., £10,762 18s. 11d. as appears by Account Current rendered by Department, say in round numbers £600 Sterling,	750 0 0	
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		£1330 14 9½
Balance paid out of Internal Postage,		870 19 6½
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		£2201 14 4

## CHARGES.

Expense of Post Office and Mails before and after the new arrangement by Steam, per Memo. annexed, as rendered by the Deputy Post Master General:

	Currency.	
	Before.	After.
By amount of Salaries, &c., to Officers in Halifax Office, for one year,	£670 0 0	£1203 5 0
Amount of Riding work between Halifax and Pictou, for one year,	285 0 0	
Ditto, Contract for conveying English Mail, with S. Cunard,		1712 10 0
Amount of ditto between Truro and Amherst,	220 0 0	351 9 4
Extra trips paid for between Halifax and Truro, seven trips each, W. B. Vail, £45 10s., H. Hyde, £84,		129 10 0
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	£1195 0 0	£3396 14 4
Off,		1195 0 0
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Net increase of Charges less Packet Postage incurred,		£2201 14 4
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By balance paid by the Province,		£870 19 6½

*Memo. for Post Office Committee.*

	Currency.	
	Former Amt.	Present Amt.
By amount of Salaries to Officers in Halifax Office, for one year,	£690 0 0	£1203 5 0
Amount of Riding work between Halifax and Pictou for one year,	285 0 0	1712 10 0
Amount of ditto, between Truro and Amherst,	220 0 0	351 9 4
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	£1195 0 0	£3277 4 4
		1195 0 0
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Additional expense,		£2082 4 4

**Appendix E.**

*Number of Newspapers passing through the Office in one week, together with the amount of Paid and Unpaid Postage charged upon them.*

No. 4925—Amounting to	£10 5 2½
Average amount for one Year,	533 10 10

(For Appendix F, see page 59.)

**Appendix G.**

*Estimate of the probable amount which will be required for payment of Postage for one Year, from the 5th January, 1844, from the undermentioned Provincial Departments.*

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Provincial Secretary, Provincial Treasurer, about £450 0 0

**Appendix H.**

*Statement shewing the saving which has and will be effected, by submitting the undermentioned Mail Services to Public competition; also the Rate which was previously paid for each service, from the period when the Regulations came into operation.*

Former sums paid.		Present sums paid, and to be paid, for the same services	Total saving which has, and will be effected on each service
Service.	Amount per Annum.	Amount per Annum.	Amount.
Pictou to Antigonish,	220 0 0	130 0 0	90 0 0
Parrsboro' to Amherst,	40 0 0	37 9 0	2 11 0
Antigonish to Plaister Cove,	65 0 0	47 0 0	18 0 0
Sydney to Plaister Cove,	150 0 0	114 15 0	35 5 0
Arichat to Grandance,	30 0 0	12 0 0	18 0 0
Windsor to Shelburne,	400 0 0	375 0 0	25 0 0
Shelburne to Yarmouth,	180 0 0	135 0 0	45 0 0
Halifax to Annapolis,	650 0 0	500 0 0	150 0 0
			£383 16 0
Add a saving effected by abolishing Courier between Sydney and Bridgeport, }			20 0 0
			£403 16 0
Deduct on Account of cost of establishing a second Mail per week } between Antigonish and Sydney, }			113 5 0
<b>Total Saving</b>			£290 11 0

General Post Office, Halifax, 29th January, 1844.

## Appendix I.

Return of the total number of Letters of all descriptions, delivered from the undermentioned Offices, in the week commencing the 10th Decr., and ending the 16th Decr., 1843; both days inclusive.

POST TOWNS.	No. of Letters of all descriptions received for delivery, December—							Total No.	Total amt. of Postage upon the Letters, whether paid or un- paid.		
	10th.	11th.	12th.	13th.	14th.	15th.	16th.				
Amherst,	27			7	10		19	63	£2	11	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Annapolis,	37	3		11	9			60	1	9	4
Antigonishe,	21	2	3	4	43	4	11	88	2	8	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Arichat,							36	36	2	1	3
Barrington,				16		11		27	0	17	7
Bridgetown,	24			9	11			44	1	1	8
Chester,	10			5				15	0	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Digby,		14	8	20	4	3	5	54	1	14	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gay's River,			7					7	0	5	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Guysboro',		4		14		21		39	1	3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Halifax,		62	30	160		471	78	801	47	17	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kentville,		16	4			10	15	45	1	8	1
Lawrencetown,					1		2	3	0	1	11
Liverpool,		50						50	3	7	5
Londonderry,			7		2	9		18	0	6	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lunenburg,	28			10				38	1	10	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Merrigomish,			2		6			8	0	5	1
New Glasgow,	18	14	1	20			15	68	1	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Newport,			23					23	0	12	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Parrsboro',		18			12	5	4	39	0	19	0
Pictou,	34		38	11	2	10	40	135	3	19	2
Plaister Cove,											
Port Hood,				9	2		46	57	0	8	2
P. E. Island,											
Pugwash,	4		1	9			3	17	0	11	4
Shelburne,			14			17		31	1	4	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Shubenacadie,		1	1	2		2	2	8	0	6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sydney,				108				108	6	18	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Truro,		4	14			11	19	48	1	4	3
Wallace,	5		9	13				27	0	10	9
Weymouth,	4	5	7	3	5	4	5	33	1	2	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Windsor,		22	19	8	7	6	38	100	2	6	1
Wolfville,		18	6	3	4	20	4	55	1	2	8
Yarmouth,	13	2	11	5	132	2	1	166	4	14	10
								2311	£95	18	9 $\frac{1}{2}$



*Return of the total number of Letters of all descriptions, delivered from the undermentioned Offices, in the week commencing the 4th February, and ending the 10th February, 1844, both days inclusive.*

POST TOWNS.	Number of Letters of all descriptions received for delivery, February—							Total No.	Total amt. of Postage upon the Letters whether paid or un- paid.		
	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.	10th.				
Amherst,	20			4	9		4	37	£1	14	1½
Annapolis,	13	7		18	1			39	1	10	9½
Antigonish,	3	15	11	3	30	9	10	81	2	9	8
Arichat,		41					43	84	3	15	3½
Barrington,			1	15	6	1	7	30	0	17	2½
Bridgetown,	35			6	3			44	1	11	9
Chester,	9			2				11	0	7	8½
Digby,	6	8	6	14	7	6	9	56	1	10	4½
Gay's River,		8	4					10	0	9	10½
Guysborough,	13	12			54			79	2	0	2½
Halifax,		14	365		13	409	51	852	60	10	3½
Kentville,		20	16				34	70	1	19	3
Lawrencetown,	1	3	3	3	2	1	2	15	0	19	10½
Liverpool,		61						61	2	5	8
Londonderry,	3		2		1		2	8	0	5	2
Lunenburg,	19				2			21	0	14	8½
Merrigomish,		5		7				12	0	7	10½
New Glasgow,		28	4	6	4		1	43	1	5	9
Newport,			19					19	0	14	2½
Parrsboro',		8						8	0	5	0½
Pictou,	47	14	7	26	2		62	158	6	4	6½
Plaister Cove,											
Port Hood,		39		3	6		4	52	1	4	6
P. E. Island,	127	79	60	11	29	25	176	507	19	0	9½
Pugwash,		2		4			2	8	0	5	1
Shelburne,			67				16	83	0	17	9½
Shubenacadie,			5	3				9	0	12	7
Sydney,	73		2				77	152	9	18	11½
Truro,		5	9				9	31	0	16	3½
Wallace,		6		7			7	20	0	10	7½
Weymouth,	2	1	2	4	8	3	2	22	0	12	8
Windsor,		42	15		7		26	90	3	1	9½
Wolfville,		15	12		4	14	1	46	1	12	3
Yarmouth,		1	2		62	3	1	69	3	12	6½
St. Peter's											
								2827	£134	4	5



## Appendix K.

POST TOWNS.	No. Paid Letters.	No. Unpaid Letters.	Total No.	Weight of each Mail.
				ozs.
Amherst,	17	5	22	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Antigonishe,	9	14	23	17
Annapolis,	17	8	25	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Bridgetown,	6	5	11	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Barrington,	3	1	4	1
Chester,	4	3	7	2
Dorchester,	4	23	27	20
Fredericton,	11	8	19	20
Guysboro',	7	12	19	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kentville,	7	9	16	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Londonderry,	6	2	8	7
Lawrencetown,		2	2	1
Liverpool,	14	14	28	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lunenburg,	7	10	17	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Merrigomishe,	3	3	6	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
New Glasgow,	6	6	12	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Parrsboro',	5	2	7	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
P. E. Island,	14	61	75	39 $\frac{1}{4}$
Pictou,	22	19	41	18
Quebec,	11	21	32	73
St. John,	20	28	48	21
Shelburne,	4	13	17	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Truro,	14	14	28	14
Windsor,	14	15	29	9
Wolfville,	9	14	23	15 $\frac{1}{4}$
Yarmouth,	5	9	14	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
			560	326 $\frac{1}{2}$

Amount of Paid and Unpaid despatched by Mail to the Eastward and Westward; on the 29th March, was £36 6s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

## Appendix M.

Post Rides and Couriers to be paid for the year ending the 5th April, 1844.

NAMES.	RIDES.	Amount per Annum. Currency.
Leonard Geldert,	Windsor to Shelburne,	£400 0 0
Samuel Boggs,	Yarmouth to Shelburne,	180 0 0
G. C. Wyman,	Yarmouth to Digby,	230 0 0
Wm. Davies,	Annapolis to Digby,	60 0 0
H. Snook,	Antigonish to Pictou,	130 0 0
Matthew Maddock,	Grandance to Plaister Cove,	19 15 0
Hector McNeil,	Sydney to Grandance,	94 0 0
Samuel Cunard,	Halifax to Pictou,	1712 10 0
Donald McDonald,	Antigonish to Plaister Cove,	65 0 0
Ronald McEachern,	Antigonish to Cape George,	24 0 0

NAMES.	RIDES.	Amount per Annum. Currency.
Peter Grant,	Antigonish to St. Mary's,	£40 0 0
John Clarke,	Antigonish to Guysborough,	75 0 0
David Caldwell,	Truro to Amherst,	351 9 4
Peter Smith,	Guysborough to Country Harbor,	20 0 0
Thomas Eaton,	Guysborough to Canso,	30 0 0
Henry Canc,	Milford to St. Andrew's Point,	30 0 0
Tiddel White,	Margaree to Cheticamp,	10 0 0
Arthur Brymer,	St. Peters to L'Ardois,	10 0 0
J. D. Tremain,	Plaister Cove to Margaree,	60 0 0
Angus McLellan,	Mabou to Lake Ainslie,	31 0 0
Malcolm Robertson.	Whycocomah to Forks, Margaree,	15 0 0
James Coady,	Bedeque to Margaree,	40 0 0
L. McClear,	Cataline to Louisburg,	6 0 0
Robert Martin,	Sydney to Mainaidieu,	26 0 0
Augus McNeil,	Sydney to the Narrows,	26 0 0
Donald Morrison,	St. Ann's to Big Harbor,	26 0 0
Donald Urquhart,	River Inhabitants to Sydney, George's Channel,	15 0 0
Arch. McPherson,	Arichat to Grandance,	12 0 0
Wm. Armstrong,	Louisburg to Gabarous,	18 0 0
Lemuel Morehouse,	Digby to Brier Island,	42 0 0
Isaac Lamb,	Parrsborough to Advocate Harbor,	20 0 0
W. T. Waterman,	Liverpool to Brookfield,	25 0 0
Joseph Fellows,	Bridgetown to Granville,	30 0 0
D. M. Cummings,	Londonderry to Five Islands,	25 10 0
H. L. Dickey,	Kentville to Cornwallis,	25 0 0
Francis Parker,	Trefry's to Walton,	32 0 0
N. Smith,	Trefry's to Maitland,	50 0 0
Wm. Falkner,	Gay's River to Musquedoboit,	40 0 0
Timothy Archibald,	Truro to Pugwash,	75 0 0
Thos. Arnison,	Pictou to Amherst,	120 0 0
Donald Ross,	Pictou to Earlton,	20 0 0
Dow D. Roop,	Parrsborough to Amherst,	37 9 0
D. F. Holmes,	Springfield, Hopewell, and New Glasgow,	16 0 0
Thomas Battersly,	Sydney to Bedeque,	60 0 0
H. N. Oxley,	Wallace to Gulf Shore,	10 0 0
Donald McLeod,	River Inhabitants to Malagawatch,	5 0 0
S. Chipman,	Halifax to Kentville,	250 0 0
R. C. Staritt,	Kentville to Annapolis,	400 0 0
H. Hyde,	Expresses.	
W. B. Vail,	Expresses.	

(For Appendix N, see page 132.)

No. 81.

(See Page 148.)

The Committee appointed to investigate the Acts relative to the importation of Flour, Meal, &c., beg leave to Report as follows:

1st.—They recommend that the City of Halifax be divided into two distinct Districts, and a principal Inspector be appointed for each, with the right of appointing Deputies, subject to the Common Council, and that the Council should have the power of framing rules for the regulation of the system.

2d.—That the charge for weighing Flour, &c., should be reduced for the future to 1d. per barrel, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee for Trade and Manufactures last Session; and that the fee for Inspection should also be 1d.—your Committee being satisfied that competent and respectable men can be found to do the duty for such remuneration.

3d.—They are satisfied from the evidence put before them, that the system of Weighing and Inspection is necessary for the protection of the public, and operates as a guarantee to the fair dealers. They recommend that all Flour, Meal, &c., whether imported or manufactured here, should be weighed and branded when introduced for domestic use; or if manufactured and put up here, before Sale or Exportation, should be weighed, inspected and branded.

They recommend also, that all Flour, Meal, &c., if not inspected and branded before being imported from abroad, should, on entry here for domestic use, be inspected and branded.

They do not think that Oatmeal should be subject to the Laws regulating the inspection or weighing, because the same is bought and sold, not by the barrel, but by weight, and the price in all cases is regulated by the quality.

The Committee lastly beg leave to report a Bill to carry the foregoing recommendations into effect.—All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. YOUNG, Chairman.  
CHARLES B. OWEN,  
R. M. G. DICKEY,  
JOHN J. MARSHALL.

Halifax, April 15th, 1844.

No. 82.

(See Page 149.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the general affairs of the Post Office, having considered the several Petitions referred to them, beg to Report as follows:

1. St. George's Steam Boat Company of Prince Edward's Island. The Committee are fully sensible of the many advantages which would result to the Eastern Counties, and to Cape Breton, if the line of Steam Communication proposed were established; but they regret that the state of the Province funds prevents them from recommending any grant for such service at the present time.

2. W. Davis' Petition for compensation for carrying the Mail twice a week from Annapolis to Digby, for the last three years. The Committee have not sufficient evidence before them of this claim, and are of opinion that it ought first to be submitted to the Deputy Post Master General, for a written Report thereon.

3. David M. Cummins, for carrying Mail from Londonderry to Five Islands.—They are satisfied that a balance of £2 10s. each, for the last three years, is due to him, and recommend that the sum of £7 10s. be granted to him.

4. The Petition of Matthew Maddocks. The Committee regret that they cannot entertain this claim.

5. John Campbell, Courier between Bull's Creek and Grand Narrows. The Committee are of opinion that he is entitled to £25 for his services for one year, and recommend that a grant should pass to him for that sum.

Lemuel Morehouse's claim for Ferriage between Digby and Briar Island. As the Committee of last year recommended that he should be paid £10 for the outlay, they recommend a grant of that sum to him; but they are of opinion that the service should be offered to competition, and that for the future any Contract to be made should include the charge for Ferriage.

Mail to Arichat twice a week. As the Mail now runs twice a week to Sydney, they recommend that the Deputy Post Master General be requested to see that the Mail be sent also the same number of times to Arichat, agreeably to the Resolutions of the House, when this route was applied for last year.

Petition

Petition of Roderick McDonald and others, for Way Office at Knoidart. They are satisfied that the establishment of such an Office is expedient, and recommend it to the favourable consideration of the Post Office Department, and that the House pledge itself to provide for the expense.

Petitions of Charles Smith, Dow D. Roop, Archibald Kennedy, and Randolph Morris. The Committee think that the respective prayers of these Petitions ought not to be considered at present.

Petition of James McLean and others, for a Courier from Plaister Cove, by River Denis, to Whycocomah; of A. S. Blenkhorn, for the establishment of a Mail from Amherst to Minudie; and also of Henry Taylor and others, for a change relative to the Courier between Canso and Margaree. The Committee recommend all of these to be sent to the Deputy Post Master General, in order that they may be carried into effect, and that the House should provide for the two lines first above referred to.

Petition of James Nicholson. They recommend it to be sent to the Deputy Post Master General, to have the prayer of it carried into effect, by having the line established, and let by Contract.

Petition of A. P. Ross and others. That this Committee having declined to recommend this year the grant of any sum in aid of the plan suggested by the St. George Steam Boat Company, of Prince Edward's Island, are satisfied that the employment of the Steamer Pocohantas from Pictou to a Port in Cape Breton, through the Gut of Canso, so as to establish a weekly communication, would afford a more easy and rapid transmission of the Mails, connect the line of Steam communication from Pictou, Prince Edward's Island, Miramichi, by Cape Breton, to Newfoundland and Halifax, and be otherwise of great public advantage. They recommend a grant of £150 for this year, for this service.

The Committee recommend that the Deputy Post Master General extend the line at present established between Guysborough and Country Harbor, from the latter place to the Forks, or Cross Roads, at St. Mary's, and that the House will provide for the expense thereof.

Petition of Hugh Campbell and others. The Committee recommend the allowance to the Courier to be increased from £15 to £22 10s.

JAMES B. UNIACKE,  
GEO. R. YOUNG,  
JOHN CREIGHTON.  
W. F. DESBARRES.

Halifax, April 15th, 1844.

No. 83.

(See Page 161.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Dougald B. McNab, praying an investigation into the causes of his being dismissed from the office of Deputy Land Surveyor, in the County of Cape Breton, Report:

That they have considered the statements made by Mr. McNab, in his Petition; and have also seen and considered the explanations of the Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands for Cape Breton, forwarded to the Secretary's Office, upon the requisition of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor. These different statements vary so much that the Committee cannot, without other information, form an opinion as to whether the dismissal of Mr. McNab was justifiable or not.

During the recess, it is anticipated an investigation will take place of the practicability of uniting the two Land Departments into one, and the Committee recommend that Mr. McNab's case be considered by the Government at the same time.

HT. HUNTINGTON,  
GEO. BRENNAN,  
S. P. FAIRBANKS,

Halifax, 17th April, 1844.

## No. 84.

*(See Page 161.)*

The Committee to whom was referred the duty of enquiring into the progress made towards the publication of a new edition of the Provincial Laws, beg leave to Report:

That in pursuance of the Resolution of this Assembly, passed at its last Session, His Excellency appointed the two Clerks to commence the above service, and some progress has been made, but the work will require the whole of the coming recess, to put it in such a state as to be ready for the Printer.

That the Committee have had before them John Whidden, Esquire, who exhibited the mode which he was pursuing to render the work satisfactory, and your Committee are of opinion, that when finished, it will recommend itself to the approval of the House.

Your Committee would recommend that the services of Mr. Whidden be continued, together with those of Mr. Gray, the former Clerk of this House, if he feels disposed, that the work may not be delayed. They further recommend, that before publication an Estimate be obtained by those Gentlemen, of the expense of printing, &c., and be submitted to this House at its next Session.

Committee Room, 17th April, 1844.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.  
JAMES D. FRASER,  
W. F. DESBARRES.

## No. 85.

*(See Page 161.)*

The Committee to whom were referred the Accounts of the late Collector of Excise for the County of Halifax, beg leave to Report, and do Report as follows:

That during the year 1843, ending 31st December, there appears to have been received in Monies the sum of £28,680. This amount, with the exception of £2342 9s. 3d., appears to have been paid into the Treasury previous to the 31st December last.

Of this balance £750 was paid on the 13th January last.

The final Accounts of the Department were made up and rendered (as stated by the Collector) on or about the 12th February last, at which time there was paid into the Treasury the further sum of £930, the Collector then stating that he was prepared to pay in the balance whenever his Accounts were examined and found to be correct; and the final balance of 662 9s. 3d. was paid, as your Committee are informed, by the Treasurer, and credited in his Accounts on the 12th and 13th March last, after the Accounts had been examined, and previous to the Report of the Committee of Public Accounts being rendered to this House.

There is no pretence therefore, that your Committee can discover, for charging the late Collector with having now in his hands any amount of monies due the Province, and not paid into the Treasury.

The system of keeping the Accounts, paying over monies, and transferring the cash balances at the end of each Quarter to the following Quarter, appears to have been the same as adopted by the late Collector's predecessor; and as the system of management of this and other Public Offices of Government has already been brought by this House to the notice of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, we forbear expressing any opinion in the matter, as we are satisfied beneficial changes will accrue from such investigation.

The late Collector appears to have taken Office in September, 1842, and he has charged commissions to the end of December in that year, on Ten Thousand Pounds, amounting to £356 at 3½ per cent.

This appears to be sanctioned by the Letter of the Law, and as your Committee are informed, by the opinion of Her Majesty's Attorney General.—All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 16th April, 1844.

JOHN CREIGHTON,  
JOHN C. HALL,  
JAMES D. FRASER,

No. 86.

(See Page 165.)

The Committee to whom was referred the several Petitions on Agriculture, beg leave to Report as follows:

Having examined the Petitions of J. N. B. Kerr, Edward Farrell, John Hattie, John Schurman, Malcom Innes, Simeon & James Fraser, and Duncan Nicolson, for aid to Oat Mills, and find that they are generally situated in populous Settlements, and near to where grants for this object have been made heretofore. The Committee therefore cannot recommend any grant for these, except Ten Pounds to Duncan Nicolson, whose Mill is represented as being in an entire new Settlement of poor people, and quite remote from any other accommodation in this way.

The Committee feel that they cannot report favourably on the Petitions of Alexander Morrison, John McGillvery, Alexr. Chisholm, and the Rev. Alexr. McLeod, for aid to build Grist Mills, the House having long since determined not to make grants for this object.

The Committee have had under consideration the Petition of the Colchester County Agricultural Society, complaining of the withdrawal of the sum formerly allotted to them by the Board of Agriculture at Halifax, but conceiving this to be a matter resting entirely with the Board, who, by the Law, are authorised to apportion the monies in the different Counties as to them may seem best, they therefore cannot recommend the interference of this House in the case.

The Account and Report of the Board of Agriculture have been submitted, the former appears quite correct, the latter evinces the care and vigilance that have marked the proceedings of the Board from the commencement of its operations.

The Petition of F. R. Parker for aid in building a Lime Kiln, and of M. T. Nash for aid in constructing a Threshing Machine, the Committee conceive would more properly be referred to the Agricultural Societies in their several Districts, for such aid as they may think proper to afford; but feel that they cannot recommend any grant from this House for these objects.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 17th April 1844.

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF, Chairman.  
JOHN HOLMES,  
JOHN J. MARSHALL,  
JOHN C. HALL,  
GEO. BRENAN,  
OBADIAH WILSON, JR.  
BENJ. SMITH.

## No. 87.

*(See Page 173.)*

The Committee to whom was referred the improvement of the Election Laws, Report :

That it has been impossible to give the subject the consideration its importance demands, during the business of the present Session, and recommend that the Members, during the recess, should make such enquiries as may prepare the House to deal effectually with the matter at the next Session: and especially as regards Registration and simultaneous Polling unitedly; or if Registration be impossible at present, as regards simultaneous Polling, without Registration; and also, as regards the propriety of basing the Election Franchise on the payment of Rates; and if the principle be adopted, whether all persons Rated should be entitled to vote, or those only Rated for Real Estate, or for a certain amount of both Real and Personal Estate.

J. W. JOHNSTON,  
 HT. HUNTINGTON,  
 GEO. R. YOUNG,  
 JAMES B. UNIACKE,  
 BENJ. SMITH,  
 G. W. McLELAN.

## No. 88.

*(See Page 173.)*

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Wier and John Chambers, praying the protection of this Honorable House against legal proceedings prosecuted against them, for the erection of a Bridge across the St. Croix River, as Commissioners for expending money granted for that service, Report :

That the legal question raised by this claim against Commissioners, is one of much importance, which ought to receive judicial decision; and the Committee are of opinion any interference of this House in the present state of the proceedings, would be premature; and recommend that the case of the Commissioners should stand over for the further consideration of the House, when the action against them shall be determined.

JOHN J. MARSHALL, Chairman.  
 J. W. JOHNSTON,  
 GEO. R. YOUNG.