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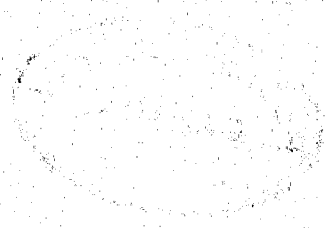
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# PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

FALKLAND.

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Thursday, the 11th day of June, instant:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the 20th 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 4th day of June, in the Ninth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the Year of Our Lord 1846.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

# PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS HONOR MAJOR GENERAL

SIR JEREMIAH DICKSON,

*Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Administrator of the Government, and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

J. DICKSON.

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Thursday, the 20th day of August, instant:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the eighth day of October 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 11th day of August, 1846, in the Tenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Honor's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



## PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL

SIR JOHN HARVEY,

*Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

J. HARVEY.

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

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

Given under my and Hand Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 30th day of September, 1846, in the Tenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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## PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL

SIR JOHN HARVEY,

*Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

J. HARVEY.

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Thursday, the twelfth day of November, instant :

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

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 4th day of November, 1846, in the Tenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



## A PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL

SIR JOHN HARVEY,

*Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

J. HARVEY.

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

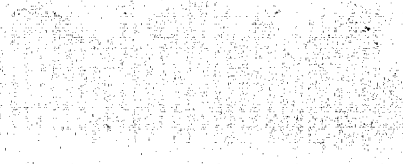
I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the Twenty-first day of January next, *then to meet for the Despatch of Business*—of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 18th day of November, 1846, in the Tenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

**RUPERT D. GEORGE.**

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**



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ANNO DECIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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At Halifax, in the Province of Nova-Scotia.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

THURSDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1847.

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

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Honorable PETER McNAB,

MICHAEL TOBIN,

JOHN MORTON,

HUGH BELL,

STAYLEY BROWN,

MATHER B. ALMON,

EDWARD KENNY,

The Honorable JAMES D. HARRIS,

ALEXANDER KEITH,

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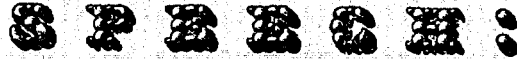
At two of the clock, P. M., His Excellency Lieutenant General, SIR JOHN HARVEY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following

H. E. comes to  
Council Chamber.

Speech :



Speech.



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

In addressing myself for the first time to the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, I feel it to consist alike with my duty and my inclination to tender to it the assurance of my anxious desire to identify myself with all the interests of this ancient and most important portion of the North American Possessions of the British Crown, and to use my best endeavours to promote them,—and, surrounded as I see myself by men of high enlightenment, sound patriotism, and devoted loyalty, I am cheered with the conviction that from a body so constituted every suggestion proceeding from the Representative of our beneficent Sovereign, having the public good for its sole and single object, cannot fail of receiving a full, a fair, and respectful degree of consideration.

I am happy in being enabled to offer you my congratulations upon the state of the Provincial Revenues arising as well from Colonial Impost and from Imperial Duties as from the increased and increasing value of the Crown Estate—a source of public income which, if wisely secured to the Provincial control, must, I conceive, have the effect, at no remote period, of placing the resources of Nova-Scotia upon the most satisfactory footing as respects the future, and enable the Province at once to relieve itself from all claims as regards the past.

On this important subject I am happy to inform you that I am authorised by Her Majesty to tender to you a distinct proposition, which shall be communicated to you by Message, and I shall be happy to enter into full communications with you upon it whenever you may be prepared to engage in them. It will be seen that the proposition for the surrender to the Colony of the Revenues of the Crown in exchange for a Civil List is based upon proposals in which leading individuals of both parties in this Assembly formerly concurred.

I have observed with great pleasure the liberal appropriations which have at all times been made in this Province for the construction and repairs of Roads and Bridges, as well as for Educational purposes, and to meet the exigencies of the Poor ; this I regard as a solid and satisfactory ground of congratulation, and the only suggestion which I could at present offer regards the mode of the expenditure of those Grants, and whether, as respects Roads and Bridges, the system adopted in some of the sister Colonies, of conducting these important duties under the superintendence of General Road Inspectors or Supervisors, under whose directions all Road Contracts are made the subject of public competition, might not be worthy of your consideration ; and, with reference to Education, to repeat here what I have so often urged elsewhere, viz. the great advantages that would attend the endowment of a Normal School for the instruction of Teachers, for which I understand peculiar facilities to exist in this Province.

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

I have directed that a detailed account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Colonial Revenues, from whatever source derived, be laid before you ; and I entertain no doubt that suitable provision will be made by you for the demands of the public service. I avail myself of this occasion to inform you that, owing to circumstances connected with the partial failure of the Potato Crops in certain parts of the Province, I have felt it to consist with my duty, as well towards the sufferers as yourselves, to assume the responsibility of administering such relief to these sufferers from this cause, as well settlers as Indians, as appeared to me to be called for by the reports laid before me, and as I believed that you would have afforded if in Session ; it will rest with you to relieve me from the responsibility (if you should see

see fit to do so) which I have not hesitated in assuming, after the examination of the papers which will be laid before you.

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

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

This Province has stood too prominent in the encouragement which it has at all times given to Agricultural improvements to warrant any allusions to this subject on my part with any other object than to record or rather to renew the declaration of an opinion which I have so often expressed, that in the cultivation of the soil far before any other sources of industry, consist the best interests of the Timber growing Colonies of British North America. That in many parts of Nova Scotia this pursuit must necessarily be regarded as merely auxiliary to its fisheries, in no respect weakens the force or the truth of this opinion, one which I believe to be sound and therefore do I record my satisfaction at the encouragement to Agriculture which has been so steadily given by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and which, I am persuaded, will not be relaxed. Well knowing the great importance, with reference as well to the interests of the Province as to the comfort and well being of the hardy and meritorious class of men engaged in the prosecution of that branch of its industrial pursuits, I rejoice in being enabled to offer you my cordial congratulations upon the prosperous result of the Coast and Bay Fisheries of Nova Scotia during the last season.

The period at, and the circumstances under, which we meet, afford me the opportunity of recommending to your continued attention an undertaking second in its importance to none which has ever engaged the notice of any Colonial Legislature in any portion of the British Dominions. I allude to the projected Railroad between Halifax and Quebec, which will constitute the most important link in that great line of communication which may be destined at no remote period to connect the Atlantic with the Pacific Ocean, and to conduct to a British Sea-port, from those into which it is now forced, that vast stream of Trade, not of our own Western Possessions alone, but of the rich and extensive Wheat and Grain growing Districts of all *Central America*.

This view of the incalculable advantages which the completion of this great work would confer on all the British North American Colonies, and perhaps more especially upon this, its natural Atlantic terminus,—this consideration alone should call forth our gratitude for the promptitude with which our appeal to the Home Government was met, on this all important topic.

With respect to the Survey which, in compliance with your request in the last Session, has been commenced, by order of Her Majesty, for ascertaining the best line through which to carry the projected Railroad, although it may have unavoidably experienced some temporary interruption, from the unfortunate loss of one of the distinguished Officers to whose superintendance it was confided, I am nevertheless enabled to inform you that it is proceeding energetically, and that the operations will be renewed as soon as the season may permit.

In reference to this subject extracts of several Despatches from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State will be laid before you, as well as the copy of one from the Right Honorable the Earl of Cathcart, respecting the prolongation to this place of a line of Electro Telegraphic communication, now understood to be in actual operation in Canada, from Toronto westward,—and, although this is a project which would appear to connect itself with individual enterprise, in which I am convinced that the mercantile community of this City will evince no reluctance to engage, I should nevertheless be happy to receive and to communicate to the Governor General, any expression of your views upon the subject.

Circumstances having occurred to bring under my notice the sad state of destitution to which some of the aboriginal inhabitants of this Province have been reduced

duced by the failure of the crops, on which mainly depends their winter's supply of food, and without in the slightest degree imputing any want of due consideration for those poor people in past years, for whom, on the contrary, I know that no appeal to the Local Legislature has ever been made in vain, I nevertheless deem this a fitting occasion upon which to seek to interest your sympathies in respect to the actual condition to which these former possessors of the soil have been reduced, by the advance of that civilization, in the benefits of which, until they can be educated, which can only be in succeeding generations, they must be incapable of fully participating, but by which, in the meantime, they find themselves deprived of the resources formerly afforded to them by those primeval forests, over which they once ranged the free and sole possessors.

I therefore submit to you whether it would not consist with the feelings of humanity and christian charity, if not of justice and of sound policy, to place a moderate fund at the disposal of the Executive, to be applied to the relief of these poor people in cases of extreme distress, and thereby relieve the head of the Government from the necessity of making any unauthorised appropriation of the Public Revenues for such purposes. I offer these observations chiefly for the purpose of suggesting, that as by their unsettled and migratory habits, these poor people are necessarily excluded in a great measure from any participation in Parochial relief, some further provision should be made for the sick, infirm, and destitute among them, than appears hitherto to have been granted, and with this object, I am ready to concur in the appropriation of an adequate sum to be placed in the hands of the Executive, and of Commissioners appointed by it to be applied to this humane purpose, an account of its expenditure being regularly laid before the Legislature previous to the annual renewal of the Grant.

There is another matter which has constituted to me a subject of the most painful interest in all the Colonies with which I have hitherto been connected, and which presents itself to me in a no less distressing aspect in this. I allude to the absence of suitable arrangements for the reception and treatment, with a view to relief or cure, of that class of unhappy beings which I grieve to believe is rapidly increasing in these Colonies, owing to the causes to which I have adverted, viz. : the want of those means of effectual application to the disease in its incipient stages which I regard as the solemn duty of the Legislature of every Colony to provide for its *Pauper Lunatics*. I accordingly earnestly recommend this subject to your serious and compassionate consideration, in connexion with a very able and satisfactory Report, which will be laid before you, from the Commissioners appointed by my Predecessor in the Administration, to select the best Site for the proposed Building.

With these observations, and with the expression of an earnest hope that our united Legislativel abours in this final Session of the present Provincial Parliament, may result in the advancement of our common object, viz., the Peace, Happiness, and Prosperity of Nova-Scotia, I leave you to your deliberations.

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

A Bill to amend the Law relative to the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, was read a first time.

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same being read by the Clerk, Mr. Morton moved that the following Address be presented to His Excellency in answer to his Speech :

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

Bill pro forma read.

Speech reported.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, LIEUTENANT GENERAL.

Address.

SIR JOHN HARVEY,

*Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

## THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the General Assembly.

In congratulating Your Excellency and the Province, upon your appointment to the Government of Nova Scotia, we accept with great pleasure the declaration of Your Excellency's wish to be identified with all the interests of this ancient portion of Her Majesty's North American Possessions. We were prepared to receive this assurance from Your Excellency, even before your Speech had convinced us of the endeavours you had already used, to become acquainted with those interests, and of your anxious desire to promote them; and we gladly offer to Your Excellency our cordial co-operation in every measure deemed necessary for the public good.

We learn with much gratification the flourishing state of the Provincial Revenues, and we shall be ready to give our best attention to the proposal for the surrender to the Colony of the Revenue of the Crown, in exchange for a Civil List, so soon as Your Excellency may be pleased to communicate to us your Message on this important subject.

We observe that the appropriations heretofore made for the service of Roads and Bridges, as well as for the important subject of Education, and the exigencies of the Poor, had thus early engaged the attention of Your Excellency, and the suggestions you make for the more effective expenditure of the Money granted to the first of these services, will claim our careful attention.

It is most gratifying to us to know that the encouragement heretofore given to the Agriculture of the Country meets Your Excellency's approbation; and we learn with equal gratification that another branch of our industry not less valuable—the Fisheries of the Province—has been more than usually successful during the past year, and thus rewarded the enterprise and exertions of the hardy and meritorious class of men engaged in a pursuit so important to the welfare of the Province.

We are gratified by Your Excellency's intension to communicate extracts of Despatches from Her Majesty's Government with reference to the projected Railroad between Halifax and Quebec. In the comprehensive view taken by Your Excellency of the advantages to be ultimately derived from this vast National undertaking we warmly coincide. We shall anxiously await the result of the Survey now in progress, for the prompt ordering of which we are most grateful to the Home Government.

We lament the death of one of the distinguished Officers engaged in this service, but the circumstances attending it may well afford some mitigation of the grief of his friends, and the loss of his Country.

The Despatch of His Excellency the Right Honourable Earl Cathcart relative to a proposed line of Magnetic Telegraph from the Canadas to Halifax, mentioned by Your Excellency, will be received by us with much interest; and we shall

cheerfully

cheerfully communicate our views thereon for the information of the Governor General.

We thank Your Excellency for the sympathy you have expressed for the Indians of this Province, and for recommending them to the protection of the Legislature; their situation has often been under the consideration of the General Assembly, from which they have often received relief.

The state of the Aboriginal occupants of this Continent is a reproach to civilization, but whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the right by which they have been driven from their forests, we think that so far as Nova Scotia is concerned, all have allowed, and will continue to allow, the solemn duty that is imposed upon us to do every thing possible for the support and comfort of the wretched remnant of the Tribe that yet lingers here; and we ardently hope that it may be recorded amongst the acts of Your Excellency's administration, upon which you will hereafter dwell with satisfaction, that you have recommended and accomplished for this unhappy race, all that can now be done to alleviate the miseries of their condition, and render the path less dreary by which they are hastening to extinction.

The former proceedings of the Legislature have informed Your Excellency of the deep interest that has been felt in Nova Scotia upon the subject of the unhappy beings who are afflicted with the loss of reason. We believe that the same interest is yet felt in undiminished force, and while we thank Your Excellency for recommending the subject of providing for their relief to our renewed attention, we beg to assure you that we will give it our serious consideration, and most readily assist in devising such measures as may be thought advisable for the furtherance of an object so sacred.

Every other matter Your Excellency may send for our consideration will be received by us with the respect due to the Queen's Representative, and uniting with Your Excellency in the hope that the measures of the present Session may result in the promotion of the Peace, Happiness, and Prosperity of Nova Scotia, we assure Your Excellency that it will afford us most sincere pleasure if we shall be able to aid in rendering the Administration of the Government gratifying to Your Excellency, and of lasting benefit to the People over whom you preside.

The said Address was read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be read a second time, presently.

The President informed the House that he had received a letter from the Hon. Alexander Stewart, informing him that in consequence of his appointment to the office of Master of the Rolls, and Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court, he had requested leave to resign his Seat in this House, and that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to allow him to resign his Seat.

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

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

Extracts from two Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 5th May, 1846, and 8th June, 1846, relative to the Oaths of Office; also, a copy of a new Commission to the Governor General, issued in consequence of the alteration of the State Oaths.

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

(*Vide Appendix No. 1.*)

David Crichton, Esquire, was introduced and presented his Mandamus—the same was read; whereupon the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office were administered to him, and after giving and receiving salutations to and from the Members present, his seat was assigned to him next to Mr. Black.

Henry

Read 1st time.

Resignation of Mr. Stewart.

Message from H. E. with Despatches relative to State Oaths.

Mr. Crichton takes Oaths.



Henry G. Pincó, Esquire, was introduced and presented his Mandamus—the same was read; whereupon the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office were administered to him, and after giving and receiving salutations to and from the Members present, his seat was assigned to him next to Mr. Crichton. Mr. Pincó takes Oaths.

John E. Fairbanks, Esquire, was introduced and presented his Mandamus—the same was read; whereupon the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office were administered to him, and after giving and receiving salutations to and from the Members present, his seat was assigned to him next to Mr. Pincó. Mr. Fairbanks takes Oaths.

The Address of this House to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, was by order read a second and third time, and the question was put by the President, Address read 2d and 3d time

Whether this Address shall pass? And agreed to.

It was resolved in the affirmative. To be presented by whole House.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House. Com. to wait on H. E.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Keith, be a Committee for that purpose. Governor General.

Mr. Almon informed the House that it was possible His Excellency the Right Honble the Earl of Elgin, Governor-General of the North American Colonies, might arrive here on his way to his Government in Canada, in the Steamer hourly expected from England; whereupon it was Address to be prepared.

Ordered, That an Address of Congratulation be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General should he arrive here as expected. Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee to prepare the said Address. Address reported.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare the said Address, reported the draft of an Address, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows:— Address.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE  
THE EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, &c, &c. &c.  
Governor-General and Commander in Chief, in and over Her  
Majesty's North American Dominions.

THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE OF  
NOVA-SCOTIA.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Legislative Council hasten to tender a cordial welcome to Your Excellency, and their congratulations upon Your Excellency's elevation to the supreme command in British North America.

They regard the appointment of Your Excellency as another mark of the solicitude of our Gracious Queen for the welfare of Her Majesty's faithful subjects in these valuable appendages of the Crown.

And they fervently hope that Your Excellency's Administration of your high office may secure for you the approval of our Sovereign and the affection of a grateful and loyal people.

Legislative Council Chamber, January, 1847.

By

Read 2d and 3d time

By order, the said Address was read a second and third time, and the question was put by the President,

And agreed to.

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

To be presented by whole House.

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

Adjourn.

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

FRIDAY, 22d JANUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Honorable PETER McNAB,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY,

The Honorable JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Com. to wait on H. E. report

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and ascertain when he would be pleased to receive this House with their Address, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state that he would receive this House at half-past two o'clock. P. M.

President informs House of alteration of hour of receiving Address.

The President informed the House that since the arrival of the Steamer from England, he had had an interview with His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who stated that as His Excellency the Governor General had appointed the hour of four o'clock, P. M., to receive this House with their Address, he would prefer receiving the Address to himself at the same hour.

Communication from Depy. Post Master Gen.

The President laid before the House a Communication from the Deputy Post Master General, containing the Rates of Postage, and times of Arrival and Departure of the Mails at and from Halifax.

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

House proceed to Gov. House with Addresses.

At four of the clock, P. M., the House proceeded to the Government House with their Address to His Excellency the Governor General, and that to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor; and being returned to the Council Chamber, the President reported that (by desire of the Governor General) the Address to the Lieutenant Governor was first presented, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same, and to make the following Reply thereto—

Address to Lt. Gov. presented.

Reply.

*Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen:*

In Her Majesty's name I thank you for this loyal and dutiful Address, which, while it leaves me nothing to desire on your part, imposes upon me, as Her Majesty's Representative, the grateful duty of tendering to you my warmest acknowledgements for the assurances of your concurrence in the views which I have deemed it my duty to submit for the consideration of the General Assembly.

Government House, 22nd January, 1847.

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The President further reported, that the Address of the House of Assembly to the Lieutenant-Governor having been presented and replied to, he had then presented the Address of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, who had been pleased to receive the same; and after receiving an Address from the House of Assembly, His Excellency had been pleased to return the following Answer to both Addresses—

Address to Gov.  
Gen. presented.

*Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;  
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly of Nova Scotia ;*

I beg that you will accept of my most grateful acknowledgments for the cordial Addresses with which you have welcomed me on my arrival in British North America, and for your congratulations on my appointment to the high and important office of Governor General.

Answer.

Had time permitted I had intended to have passed some days in this Province, and to have proceeded to Montreal by way of Fredericton, in the hope of obtaining, by personal observation, and communication with their intelligent inhabitants, a better knowledge of the capabilities and requirements of these valuable possessions of the Crown, than can be supplied by correspondence; but the unfavorable passage which we have made, and the uncertainty which prevails with respect to the condition of the roads, renders it, I fear, my duty to adopt the more direct route.

Our Gracious Sovereign has much at heart the happiness of Her subjects in this portion of Her Dominions. She is earnestly desirous that they should prosper in their undertakings—that their connexion with the Mother Country should be an advantage and a blessing to them, and that every exertion should be made for the developement of the great national resources of the land in which they dwell.—With these views, I am charged as Her Representative to watch over the welfare of all the Provinces, and to bestow special attention on subjects of policy or general utility in which they have a common interest.

To the performance of this very important duty, I am prepared to devote my utmost energies; and I shall receive with respectful consideration, any suggestions which you may from time to time see fit to make to me for the advancement of the prosperity of this Province, and for establishing between it and the neighbouring Colonies, relations which may be productive of mutual advantage.

Of the responsibility which attaches at this interesting and critical moment to the situation which I occupy, and of the hopelessness of any endeavors on my part to promote the well-being of the Provinces, unless I am cordially supported by the Inhabitants and the several Legislative bodies, I am deeply sensible. I accept, therefore, with much thankfulness the expression of your confidence; and I observe with heartfelt satisfaction the indications of union among yourselves, and of a generous desire to advance the interest of the Country, which the proceedings of this day afford.

I cannot doubt that these Colonies, which are inhabited by an intelligent and enterprising people, and which possess in the produce of their fertile soil, their extensive forests, their mines, and their fisheries, so much to give in exchange for the luxuries and comforts procurable from other Countries, will, under the blessing of Providence, make rapid progress in wealth and prosperity, under a system which leaves their industry free to follow its natural channels of employment.

Your kind allusion, Gentlemen of the Assembly, to my connexion by marriage with the family of the late Earl of Durham, has deeply affected me. That His Memory should be held in grateful remembrance by you, is a further inducement for me to labour zealously in your service, and will prove an encouragement under any difficulties or trials which I may encounter in the discharge of my duty.

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



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 MONDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1847.
 

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable PETER McNAB,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Message from H.E.  
with Despatches,  
&c. relative to  
Railroad from Ha-  
lifax to Quebec.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches, Letters and Papers, relative to the Railroad between Halifax and Quebec.

A Despatch, No. 22, dated Halifax, 2nd April, 1846, from Lord Falkland to Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Extract from a Despatch, No. 28, dated 18th April, 1846, Mr. Gladstone to Lord Falkland.

Letter dated 16th April, 1846, Mr. Stephen to Mr. Trevelyan.

Letter dated 17th April, 1846, Mr. Trevelyan to the Secretary of the Ordnance.

Letter dated 18th April, 1846, Mr. Trevelyan to Mr. Byham.

Extract from a Despatch, No. 49, dated 17th June, 1846, Mr. Gladstone to Lord Falkland.

Extract from a Despatch, No. 53, dated 26th June, 1846, Mr. Gladstone to Lord Falkland.

Letter dated 13th June, 1846, Mr. Stephen to Mr. Trevelyan.

Letter dated 13th June, 1846, Captain Pipon to Mr. Gladstone.

Letter dated 18th June, 1846, Mr. Trevelyan to Mr. Stephen.

Extract from a Despatch, No. 54, dated 26th June, 1846, Mr. Gladstone to Lord Falkland.

Letter dated 17th June, 1846, Mr. Hamilton to Mr. Stephen.

Letter dated 3rd April, 1846, Sir William M. G. Colebrooke to Lord Falkland, enclosing Resolutions of the House of Assembly of New Brunswick.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 2.*)

Magnetic Telegraph.

Also, a Letter dated Montreal, 26th November, 1846, from the Right Honble. Earl Cathcart, Governor General, to Sir John Harvey, enclosing Resolutions of the Board of Trade of Montreal, relative to the formation of a Magnetic Telegraph between Halifax and Toronto.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 3.*)

Constitution of Leg.  
Council.

Also, an Extract from a Despatch, dated 4th May, 1846, from Mr. Gladstone to Lord Falkland, relative to the Constitution of the Legislative Council.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 4.*)

Mines.

Also, a Despatch, No. 39, dated 14th May, 1846, from Mr. Gladstone to Lord Falkland, communicating the Decision of the Lords of the Treasury on the Legality of the Lease to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York of certain Mines in Nova-Scotia and Cape-Breton.

(*Vide Appendix No. 5.*)

Also,

Also, an Extract from a Despatch dated 2nd June, 1846, from Mr. Gladstone to Lord Falkland, communicating the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on the legality of the Annexation of Cape Breton. Annexation of Cape Breton.

(*Vide Appendix No. 6.*)

Also, a Despatch, No. 3, dated 4th October, 1846, from the Right Honble. Earl Grey, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to Sir John Harvey, relative to Hansard's Parliamentary Debates. Hansard's Debates.

Also, a Letter dated 17th September, 1846, from Mr. Gye to Earl Grey, on the same subject.

(*Vide Appendix No. 7.*)

Also, a Letter dated St. John's, Newfoundland, June 11th, 1846, from His Excellency Sir John Harvey to Lord Falkland, announcing the destruction of the City of St. John's by Fire. St. John's Fire.

Also, a Letter dated Halifax, 27th June, 1846, from Lord Falkland to Sir John Harvey, communicating the advance of \$4,000, for the relief of the sufferers by the Fire at St. John's.

Also, a Letter dated St. John's, 8th July, 1846, Sir John Harvey to Lord Falkland, enclosing Address of the General Assembly of Newfoundland to him, requesting him to convey their thanks for the aid to the sufferers by the Fire.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 8.*)

Also, a Despatch dated 5th November, 1846, from Earl Grey to Sir John Harvey, relative to Copyright of Books in the Colonies. Copyright.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 9.*)

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

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

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WEDNESDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1847.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,	The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,
MICHAEL TOBIN,	ALEXANDER KEITH,
JOHN MORTON,	WILLIAM A. BLACK,
HUGH BELL,	DAVID CRICHTON,
STAYLEY BROWN,	HENRY G. PINEO,
MATHER B. ALMON,	JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Monday were read.

Mr. Bell brought up the Petition of John Cleverdon, relative to the Mines in the vicinity of Dartmouth and Halifax—which was read and ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of J. Cleverdon.

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

*Ordered,* That Mr. McNab, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Thorne, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of the Legislative Council. Com. of Pub. Accts. of H. A.

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

On

Com. of Pub. Accts.  
of Council.

On motion, *resolved*, That Mr. Tobin, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee of this House, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to examine the Public Accounts; and that the Clerk do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Message from H. E.  
with

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Orders of the Queen in Council, Despatches, and Papers:

Order in Council,

1—Order of the Queen in Council, dated 17th May, 1846, confirming two Acts passed in the last Session of the General Assembly.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 10.*)

Order confirming  
Cole Harbor Dike.

2—Order of the Queen in Council, dated 1st August, 1846, confirming the Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbour Dike Company.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 11.*)

Despatch with Order  
confirming Acts,  
and observations  
on Acts.

3—Extract from a Despatch, dated 12th November, 1846, from Earl Grey to Sir John Harvey, enclosing an Order in Council, confirming 85 Acts—with observations upon several Acts.

Order in Council, dated 30th October, 1846, confirming Eighty-five Acts, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 12.*)

Despatch relative to  
Liverpool Marine  
Ins. Co.

4—Extract from a Despatch, dated 10th December, 1846, Earl Grey to Sir John Harvey, concerning the Liverpool Marine Insurance Company.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 13.*)

Despatch relative to  
Sydney Pilotage  
Act.

5—Extract from a Despatch, dated 15th December, 1846, Earl Grey to Sir John Harvey, concerning the Sydney Pilotage Act.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 14.*)

Despatch with Order  
confirming Acts,  
and observations  
on Colonial Duties  
Bill.

6—Extract from a Despatch, dated 31st December, 1846, Earl Grey to Sir John Harvey, enclosing an Order in Council, confirming Thirteen Acts—with observations upon part of the Colonial Duties Bill.

Order in Council, dated 19th December, 1846, confirming Thirteen Acts passed in the last Session.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 15.*)

Report of Commis-  
sioners on Lunatic  
Asylum.

7—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners appointed to collect Information and select a Site for a Lunatic Asylum.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 16.*)

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

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

Judgment of Non-  
suit and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the Remedy of Judgment, as in case of Non-suit to Actions in which a Trial may have been had.

Cornwallis Burial  
Ground Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Burial Ground near the Town Plot of Cornwallis.

Read 1st time.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Cornwallis Burial  
Ground Bill

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

Refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon, and particularly whether the requisites of the Standing Orders relative to Private and Local Bills have been complied with.

Committee.

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

Mr.

Mr. Tobin brought up the Petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of Nova-Scotia, praying for an extension of their Charter—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. from Bank N. Scotia.

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

THURSDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

<p>The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, MICHAEL TOBIN, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON,</p>	<p>The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Commons at Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton. Sydney Common Bill

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to Private and Local Bills have been complied with. Read 1st time, and refd. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morton and Mr. Bell be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the said Committee, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found it correct, and that the Standing Orders of this House had been complied with, the said Bill having been published in the Royal Gazette. Committee report.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day. Bill to be read 2nd time.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Written Message, signed by His Excellency : Message from H. E. relative to famine in Ireland and Scotland.

MESSAGE.

J. HARVEY.

In deference to the strong and universal feeling of compassion and commiseration which has been excited throughout Britain, and which cannot fail of finding an echo in the bosom of every British Subject throughout the world, the Lieutenant-Governor has deemed it not inconsistent with his duty to the people of this Province, to call the attention of the Legislative Council to the fearful state of destitution to which so many of our fellow subjects have been reduced by the effects of the famine now prevailing in many parts of Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland.

Comparatively exempt as are the more fortunate Inhabitants of these Colonies from this sad extremity of suffering, the Lieutenant-Governor cannot allow himself to entertain any doubt of the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the sentiment, that while we ought not to neglect existing distress and destitution on our own shores, so neither should we withhold such an extension of relief to our remoter

fellow subjects in this the hour of their grievous visitation as may be within our means, or as may at least afford an evidence of our sympathy in their calamities.

On these grounds the Lieutenant-Governor is ready to concur in a reasonable grant of the Public Money, to be applied to the relief of the existing destitution among the Poor in Ireland, and in the Highlands of Scotland, in such manner as Her Majesty's Government may appoint.

Government House, Halifax, 28th January, 1847.

J. H.

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

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

FRIDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Burial Ground near the Town Plot of Cornwallis, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and found it correct, and that the Standing Orders of this House, relative to Private and Local Bills, had been complied with—the said Bill having been read at the General Sessions for King's County.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. Almon, resolved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to the Message of His Excellency, relative to the Famine in Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland.

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Tobin, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee to prepare the said Address.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the said Committee, reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

Adjourn.

Com. on Cornwallis Burial Ground Bill Report.

Bill read 2d time and ordered to Com.

Address to H. E. relative to famine in Ireland and Scotland

Committee.

Com. report address.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT GENERAL

SIR JOHN HARVEY,

*Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

## THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Legislative Council received with the most grateful feelings your Excellency's Message, recommending the distressed poor in Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland to their consideration. Address.

No appeal to the humanity of the people of Nova-Scotia has ever been unsuccessful. The feeling manner in which your Excellency has described the distress you are so desirous to relieve, will, we are sure, find a corresponding sentiment in every individual to whom your Message is addressed.

Happily exempted in a great degree from the calamity which has afflicted their fellow-subjects in Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland, all the relief within the limited means of the people of Nova-Scotia will be cheerfully afforded by their Representatives, and it will give the Legislative Council a melancholy satisfaction in concurring in whatever grant may be made; and they cannot but add the expression of their deep regret at the extent of the distress, and their inability to do more for its relief.

It will, however, convince their destitute fellow-subjects, that though distant from them, the people of Nova-Scotia sympathize most sincerely in their sufferings, and have done for them all that the circumstances of the Province will admit.

The said Address was, by order, read a second and third time, and the question was put by the President, Address read 2d and 3d time

Whether this Address shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee to present the said Address to His Excellency. And agreed to Com. to present Address.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Common of the Township of Clare. Clare Common

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Laws of the Province. and Prov. Laws Bills.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read a first time.

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

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

*Whereas*, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having recommended, by Message, to this House, the case of the famishing Poor in Ireland and Scotland, and this House having taken into consideration the Message of His Excellency, £1000 Stg. for famine in Ireland and Scotland.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the sum of One Thousand Pounds Sterling be placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant-Governor, towards the relief of the Poor in Ireland and Scotland, who are suffering under the appalling destitution that now prevails in those Countries from the failure of their principal article of food, and that His Excellency be respectfully requested to cause the same to be remitted to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be appropriated to the object



ject above expressed ; and this House regrets that the distress prevailing in some parts of this Province from the same causes, and which will demand the assistance of the Legislature, precludes a larger appropriation for the relief of our distant fellow-subjects, for whose calamity this House feels the deepest sympathy.

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolution was read a first time, and, by order, the same was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative *nem con.*

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

To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House have unanimously agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

The Provincial Treasurer's Accounts for the year 1846.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 17.*)

Also, the Estimates for the Expenses of the Civil Government for the year 1847.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 18.*)

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

*Ordered,* That the Provincial Treasurer's Accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to examine the Public Accounts.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday at two o'clock.

MONDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,	The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,
MICHAEL TOBIN,	ALEXANDER KEITH,
JOHN MORTON,	WILLIAM A. BLACK,
HUGH BELL,	DAVID CRICHTON,
STAYLEY BROWN,	HENRY G. PINEO,
MATHER B. ALMON,	JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Laws of the Province ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the Remedy of Judgment, as in case of Non-suit to Actions in which a Trial may have been had ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Commons at Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton,

Were read a second time.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Common of the Township of Clare, was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether the Standing Orders of this House relative to Private and Local Bills, have been complied with.

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

Read 1st and 2d time,

Agreed to, and Sent to H. A.

Message from H. A. with Treasurer's Accts. and Estimate.

Treasurer's Accts. ref. to Com. of Public Accts.

Adjourn.

Prov. Laws,

Judgment of Non-suit, and

Sydney Common Bills,

Read 2d time, and

Ordered to Com.

Clare Common Bill, read 2d time, and

Ref. to Sel. Com.

Committee.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee of this House appointed to present the Address of this House to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to His Excellency's Message relative to the Famine prevailing in Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same and desired the Committee to express to the House his warm thanks for the prompt manner in which the appeal had been met, and to state that he should take an early opportunity to communicate to Her Majesty's Government the proceedings of the Legislative Council on this subject.

Committee to present Address to H. E. on Message relative to Famine in Ireland, rep.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Common of the Township of Clare was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found that the Standing Orders of this House relative to Private and Local Bills, had been complied with,—the said Bill having been published in the Royal Gazette.

Com. on Clare Commen Bill report.

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

Bill ord. to Com.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Partition of certain Lands in the Township of Barrington.

Partition of Lands Barrington Bill

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Read 1st time, and

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House, relative to Private and Local Bills, have been complied with.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Committee.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Thursday, at two o'clock.

Adjourn.

THURSDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,	The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,
MICHAEL TOBIN,	ALEXANDER KEITH,
JOHN MORTON,	WILLIAM A. BLACK,
HUGH BELL,	DAVID CRICHTON,
STAYLEY BROWN,	HENRY G. PINEO,
MATHER B. ALMON,	JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Monday were read.

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

Message from H. E.

Several Letters from His Excellency, the Members of the Executive Council, and several Members of the Opposition Party in the House of Assembly, relative to filling up the vacancies in the Executive Council.

With communications relative to filling up vacancies in Ex. Council

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Vide



(*Vide Appendix, No. 19.*)

Accts. of Cas. Rev.

Also, the Accounts of the Treasurer of Her Majesty's Casual and Territorial Revenues for the year 1846, together with an Abstract of the Arrears due to the Public Officers whose Salaries are payable out of those Revenues; and an Abstract from the Crown Land Department.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 20.*)

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

Pet. of Halifax Hort. Soc.

Mr. Morton presented the Petition of the Halifax Horticultural Society, praying for an Act of Incorporation, which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on Bills.

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

Report.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through,

Prov. Laws.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Laws of the Province; also,

Syd. Common and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Commons at Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton; also,

Clare Common Bills Without am.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Common of the Township of Clare. And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

Rep. judgts. of non-suit Bill with am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the Remedy of Judgment, as in case of Nonsuit to Actions in which a Trial may have been had; and had made several amendments thereto.

Amdts. read

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

FIRST CLAUSE.

13th line.—Leave out the words "nonsuit or."

16th line.—After the words "Defendants" insert the following words, "or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs be ordered to become nonsuit."

17th line.—After the word "verdict" insert the words "or nonsuit."

And agreed to.

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

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

Rep. Cornwallis Burial Ground Bill with amds.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Burial Ground near the Town Plot of Cornwallis, and had made an amendment thereto.

Amdt. read

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:

At the end of the Bill insert the following clause:

*Provided always and be it enacted,* That nothing in this Act contained shall affect, or be construed to affect, the right or title of any person or persons whomsoever to the said land comprised in the said Burial Ground, or any part thereof.

And agreed to.

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

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

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

Sess. Queen's Co. and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Queens.

Juries Yarmouth Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Drawing of Juries in the County of Yarmouth for the present year.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Adjourn.

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

FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

- A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Laws of the Province ; also, Prov. Laws.  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Commons at Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton ; also, Commons Sydney  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Common of the Township of Clare. Do. Clare Bills  
 Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3d time  
 Whether this Bill shall pass ?  
 It was resolved in the affirmative. And agreed to.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the Remedy of Judgment, as in case of Non-suit to Actions in which a Trial may have been had ; also, Judgts. of non-suit and  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Burial Ground near the Town Plot of Cornwallis, Cornwallis Burial Ground Bills  
 Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3d time.  
 Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?  
 It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to with am.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Queens ; also, Sess. Queen's Co. and  
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Drawing of Juries in the County of Yarmouth for the present year, Juries Yarmouth Bills  
 Were read a second time. Read 2d time  
*Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. And ord. to Com.
- On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday at one o'clock. Adjourn.

MONDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

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

To

Prov. Laws.  
Sydney Common  
and

To return a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Laws of the Province; also,  
A Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Common at Sydney, in the County  
of Cape Breton; also,

Clare Common Bills  
Sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Common of the Township of Clare,  
And acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amend-  
ment.

Judgts. of non-suit  
and

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the remedy of Judgment as in case  
of Nonsuit to Actions in which a Trial may have been had; also,

Burial Ground Corn-  
wallis Bills with  
amnds.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Burial Ground near the Town Plot of  
Cornwallis,

And sent to H. A.

And acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said Bills, with amend-  
ments, to which amendments their concurrence is desired.

Com. on Barrington  
Lands Bill report.

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to pro-  
vide for the Partition of certain Lands in the Township of Barrington was referred,  
reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and found that the Stand-  
ing Orders, relative to Private and Local Bills, had been complied with,—that  
the Committee proposed some amendments to the same, and recommended it to  
the favorable consideration of the House.

Read 2d time

The said Bill was read a second time.

S. O. S.

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

And ord. to Com.

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

Mr. Cutler's excuse  
and request for  
leave of absence.

The President informed the House that he had received a Letter from Mr. Cut-  
ler, stating that indisposition prevented his attendance in his place in this House,  
and requesting leave of absence during the Sesion.

Com. on Bills.

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

Rep. Juries Yar-  
mouth Bill without  
amdt

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, enti-  
tled, An Act to provide for the Drawing of Juries in the County of Yarmouth for  
the present year; and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Rep. Sess. Queen's  
Co. Bill with am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, enti-  
tled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the  
County of Queens; and had made two amendments thereto.

Amtd. read

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

IN THE TITLE.

3rd line.—Leave out the word "the" and insert the word "Queens."

4th line.—Leave out the words "of Queens."

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, enti-  
tled, An Act to provide for the Partition of certain Lands in the Township of Bar-  
rington, and had made several amendments thereto.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

IN THE PREAMBLE.

72d line.—After the word "remains" insert the word "unoccupied."

SECOND CLAUSE.

7th line.—After the word “lying” insert the word “unoccupied.”

9th line.—Instead of the word “share” insert the word “shares.”

Between the 10th and 11th clauses insert the following clause :

*Provided always, and be it enacted,* That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to authorize the said Commissioners to divide any Land contained in the said Grant hereinbefore referred to, unless the same be wholly unoccupied or held in common, and undivided by the said Grantees, or their Assignees, or legal Representatives; and in case any of the said Grantees shall have already received possession of their full shares and proportions under the said Grant, then no share or proportion shall be assigned or apportioned to such Grantees by the said Commissioners.

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

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

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

*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 all contingent expenses, for the present year. £600 Pro. Treasurer.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to W. Weeks or any person who will run a Packet between the Bay Verte and Prince Edward Island, when it shall be made satisfactorily to appear to His Excellency the Governor 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. £20 Bay Verte Packet.

*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, under the regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Hants; to be paid by Warrant from the Governor, upon certificate from three Justices of the Peace residing in Douglas, that said Boat has been running at least twice a week for six months to their satisfaction, under the regulations aforesaid. £20 Shubenacadie Ferry.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to aid the Inhabitants of Cape-Breton in supporting a suitable Boat or Scow to run between McMillan's Point, in Cape-Breton, and Auld's Cove, in the County of Sydney; under the regulation of the General Sessions for the County of Inverness. £30 Ferry McMillan's Point, C. B.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Ten Pounds each be granted to the two licensed Ferrymen at the Mouth of the Shubenacadie, in the Counties of Colchester and Hants, for the transportation of Horses and Carriages across that River; 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. £10 each to Ferrymen Shubenacadie.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to John Pernette and Charles Pernette, for keeping up the Ferry over LaHave River. £15 Messrs. Pernette's Ferry LaHave.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Cornelius Craig, to enable him to keep up his Ferry across the Narrows at the entrance of Sable River, in the County of Shelburne. £10 C. Craig, Sable River Ferry.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Ten Pounds each be granted to such persons as shall respectively keep up a Ferry at the mouth of the Harbour of Port L'Herbert—provided a Boat be kept to convey Horses and Cattle across said Harbor; said sums to be paid upon the certificate of two Justices of the Peace for the County of Shelburne, residing nearest to the said Ferry. £10 each to Ferrymen at Port L'Herbert.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to Duncan McPhee, to enable him to maintain a Ferry between Low Point and the Sydney Mines, at the mouth of Spanish River, in the County of Cape-Breton; to be paid on the Certificate of three Justices of the Peace for the County of Cape-Breton, that he has faithfully

fully discharged the duties assigned to him by the General Sessions for said County.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted to William Cunningham and John Knowles, or such other persons as shall keep a Ferry across the Narrows of the Passage between Cape Sable Island and the Main; such persons being furnished with suitable Boats for the accommodation of Passengers; to be paid on Certificate of two Justices of the Peace, residing in the Township of Barrington, that the said services have been performed for this present year.

£15 Cunningham  
and Knowles Cape  
Sable Island Fer-

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to aid in maintaining a Ferry during the present year between Amherst and Minudie; such Ferry to be under the regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Cumberland; and the foregoing sum to be drawn on their Certificate that the same has been conducted to their satisfaction.

£15 Amherst and  
Minudie Ferry.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twelve Pounds be granted, and paid to Margaret Nickerson, to enable her to keep a house of entertainment on the Post Road from Shelburne to Barrington, for this present year.

£12 Margaret Nick-  
erson.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor in Halifax, to defray the expenses of continuing the School in the Poor House for the present year, for the benefit of orphans and poor children in that establishment.

£25 School in Poor  
House.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to Doctor Grigor and his associate, in aid of the Halifax Dispensary, for the present year, provided that they keep during the year a sufficient quantity of vaccine matter.

£50 Halifax Dis-  
pensary.

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

£10 each to Chair-  
men of H. A.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds each be granted and paid to the Clerk and Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly, for their extra services during the present Session.

£100 each Clerks of  
H. A.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Honorable the Speaker, to procure various books and publications necessary for conducting the business of the House of Assembly.

£15 Speaker of H.  
A.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Revenue shall allow a drawback upon all Wines imported for, or consumed by, the Commissioned Officers of the Army composing the several Regimental Messes of the Garrison at Halifax, or shall relinquish the duties upon all such Wines upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the Board that the Wines whereon drawback or relinquishment of Duty is claimed, were imported for, or consumed by, such Officers of the Army—provided the whole amount do not exceed the sum of £300 in the year.

£300 Drawback on  
Officers' Wines.

*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 the Governor to order a Commissioner to repair or rebuild such Bridge, or to remove such obstruction; and it shall and may be lawful further for the Governor to draw warrants on account and in favor of the Commissioners—provided the sum so to be drawn shall not exceed for the year the sum of £500; and the respective sums so drawn shall be charged at the next Session of Assembly as against the several Counties in which the same shall be respectively expended.

£500 Casualty Vote.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Adjourn.

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

TUESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. ROBBE, President.

The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
 MICHAEL TOBIN, JAMES D. HARRIS,  
 JOHN MORTON, WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
 HUGH BELL, DAVID CRICHTON,  
 STAYLEY BROWN, HENRY G. PINEO,  
 MATHER B. ALMON, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The President informed the House that he had received a Letter from the Honorable Alexander McDougall, dated the 5th instant, stating that a severe cold had prevented his attendance in his place, in this House, but that he hoped in a short time to be in attendance. Mr. McDougall's excuse.

A Bill entitled An Act to provide for the drawing of Juries in the County of Yarmouth for the present year, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Juries Yarmouth Bill read 3d time,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Queens ; also, Sess. Queen's Co. and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Partition of certain Lands in the Township of Barrington. Partition of Lands Barrington Bills,

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3d time

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. And agreed to, with amdt.,

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

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

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz. :

£600 0 0	Provincial Treasurer.	Money Votes.
20 0 0	Bay of Verte Packet.	
20 0 0	Shubenacadie Ferry.	
30 0 0	Ferry, Cape Breton.	
10 0 0	Each Ferrymen, Shubenacadie.	
15 0 0	Messrs. Pernette, LaHave Ferry.	
10 0 0	C. Craig, Ferry, Sable River.	
10 0 0	Ferry Port, L'Herbert.	
10 0 0	D. McPhee, Ferry, Low Point, C. B.	
15 0 0	Cunningham and Knowles, Ferry, Cape Sable.	
15 0 0	Ferry, Amherst and Minudie.	
12 0 0	M. Nickerson.	
25 0 0	School in Poor House.	
50 0 0	Halifax Dispensary.	
10 0 0	Each Chairman of H. A.	
100 0 0	Each Clerk of H. A.	
15 0 0	Speaker of H. A.	



£300 0 0 Drawback on Officers Wines.  
500 0 0 Casualty Vote.

Read 2d time,

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

Agreed to,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

Petition of Acadian School.

Mr. Bell presented the Petition of the Committee of the Acadian School at Halifax, praying aid to that establishment ; and also to enable it to form a Normal School for Teachers, which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Message from H. E. with Letters rel. to Plate for new Prov. Trea. Notes.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Letters, relative to the new Plate for the Provincial Treasury Notes.

Letter dated London, May 12, 1846, Honble Alexander Stewart to Sir Rupert D. George, Bart.

Letter dated Fleet Street, 24th April, 1846, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Petch, to the Hon. A. Stewart.

Letter dated Fleet Street, 11th May, 1846, same to same.

Letter dated Fleet Street, 18th May, 1846, same to Sir R. D. George, Bart.

Letter dated London, 3d June, 1846, same to same.

Letter dated London, 2d July, 1846, same to same.

Letter dated London, August 3d, 1846, same to same.

(Vide Appendix No. 21.)

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

Adjourn.

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

WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,	The Honorable JAMES D. HARRIS,
MICHAEL TOBIN,	ALEXANDER KEITH,
JOHN MORTON,	WILLIAM A. BLACK,
HUGH BELL,	DAVID CRICHTON,
STAYLEY BROWN,	HENRY G. PINEO,
MATHER B. ALMON,	JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Queens.

The said Bill, now entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for Queen's County, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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Message from H. A. agreeing to am. to Sessions Queen's County Bill.

Bill finally agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

And sent to H. A.

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

THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY,

The Honorable JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

The Report of the Commissioners of the Provincial Penitentiary.

Also the Report of the Governor of that Establishment, with an Estimate of the Expenses for the year 1847.

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

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

Message from H. E.  
with Report rela-  
tive to Prov. Peni-  
tentiary.

FRIDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
EDWARD KENNY,

The Honorable JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House, the following Written Message, signed by His Excellency :

Message from H. E.  
with Despatches  
rel. to the Civil  
List Bill and Cas.  
Revenue.



## MESSAGE.

(Signed) "J. HARVEY."

The Lieutenant-Governor communicates to the Legislative Council an extract of a Despatch, dated the 29th April, 1846, from the Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Right Honorable Viscount Falkland; and an extract of a Despatch, bearing date the 17th November, 1846, from the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in relation to the subject of the Civil List, and the transfer to the Province of the Provincial Crown Revenues.

The questions to be considered by the Legislature under these Despatches are varied and important.

The Lieutenant-Governor cannot doubt that the Provincial welfare would in many respects be advanced by the transfer of the Casual and Territorial Revenues to the Province.

Such a transfer would enable the Legislature to deal with many questions of general interest, in a manner more unfettered than can be the case whilst the Crown Revenues remain in their present condition.

While in a merely pecuniary view the question is presented, whether, from their improving circumstances, the transfer on the terms proposed may not justly be expected to lead, before a long period, to the augmentation rather than the diminution of the General Revenues of the Province.

As little can the Lieutenant-Governor question the fact, that benefit would result from the settlement of the Civil List, and the removal of those questions of honorary obligation so forcibly presented to the Provincial Legislature by Her Majesty and her successive Ministers of State.

In proportion to the importance of the subject, does the Lieutenant-Governor deem it proper that the time and circumstances chosen for its consideration should be such as shall be the best adapted for its free and full discussion, and final decision.

This obligation presses with additional weight, from the reflection that Her Majesty's Government having presented a proposition absolutely restricted by certain defined principles and conditions, the decision of the Legislature will have the effect of ultimately terminating the negotiation.

Having then in view the importance and interest thus attached to the questions involved in this subject, the Lieutenant-Governor deems it due to the people of Nova-Scotia, that the Legislature should not be called upon to return an answer to the proposal of the Crown until the fullest opportunity shall have been afforded for the general consideration of the nature and effects of the proposition, and the consequences of its acceptance or rejection. Nor does the Lieutenant-Governor believe he can adopt any means better suited for bringing this important subject to a conclusion, alike conducive to the honor of the Crown, the welfare of the Province, and the contentment of the people, than by at once making public the sentiments expressed in the documents the Lieutenant-Governor transmits with this Message, and before referred to, together with the terms on which alone the Queen is prepared to transfer the Provincial Crown Revenues, and at the same time deferring the Legislative consideration of the subject until the next Session.

After adequate time afforded for full deliberation, the new House will come to the discussion and decision of the question with every advantage of preparation; and the determination of the Legislature will then definitely settle, as it could not now do, the question, whether, in the opinion of the people of Nova-Scotia, the credit, the pecuniary interest, and the general welfare of the Province, will be better advanced by the rejection or by the acceptance of the proposals of the Crown; and

and whatever that determination may be, the injurious influences that necessarily result from the protraction of the negotiation will be averted, by a decision which, under the circumstances, cannot fail to be final.

A further reason exists, which, if not of the weight of those already suggested, has been held by the Lieutenant-Governor to be entitled to some influence in determining the propriety of postponing the consideration of this question.

It may be anticipated that the continued productiveness of the Crown Revenues, by reducing, before the next Session, to a yet larger extent than has been effected during the past year, the arrears of salary due to the various officers, may diminish, if not entirely remove one of the difficulties that perplex the subject.

The Lieutenant-Governor therefore, in submitting the Despatches which accompany this Message to the Legislature, does not invite its consideration of the subject at the present Session.

The Lieutenant-Governor, on the contrary, deems it to be for the public welfare that such consideration should be withheld until the next Session.

J. H.

Government House, Halifax, Feby. 11th, 1847.

Mr. Almon, by His Excellency's command, also laid before the House an extract of a Despatch, dated 29th April, 1846, from Mr. Gladstone to Lord Falkland.

Also, an extract from a Despatch, dated 17th November, 1846, from Earl Grey to Sir John Harvey, on the subject of the Civil List Bill, and the Casual and Territorial Revenue.

(*Vide Appendix No. 22.*)

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

The Clerk laid before the House a Return of the number of persons relieved at the Halifax Dispensary during the year 1846, sent to the House by the Secretaries of the Dispensary—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. Dispensary Returns.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday at two o'clock. Adjourn.

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MONDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 1847.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

<p>The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, MICHAEL TOBIN, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, ALEXR. McDougall, MATHER B. ALMON,</p>	<p>The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. McDougall, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the causes of the Journals of the House of Assembly, and also the Laws of the Province, not being regularly sent to all the Members of this House. Res. rel. to Journals of H. A. and Prov. Laws.

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

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

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TUESDAY,

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TUESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1847.

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The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. MCDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

## PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Message from H. A.  
agreeing to amdt.  
to Burial Ground,  
Cornwallis, Bill.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden,  
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment pro-  
posed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Burial Ground near  
the Town Plot of Cornwallis.

Bill finally agreed to

The said Bill was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,  
Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Black appointed  
to Lib. Com.

On motion, *resolved*, that Mr. Black be appointed a member of the Library Com-  
mittee, in the place of Mr. Stewart, who has resigned his seat in this House.

Poor House Accts.

Mr. Kenny presented the Accounts of the Poors' Asylum at Halifax, for the  
year 1846, which were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Message from H. E.  
with Despatches  
rel. to Magnetic  
Telegraph.

Mr. Almon, by the the command by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,  
laid before the House,

A copy of a Despatch, dated Montreal, 2nd February, 1847, from His Excellency  
the Governor General to the Lieutenant-Governor; enclosing the copy of a

Despatch, dated 22nd December, 1846, from Earl Grey to the Earl of Elgin,  
relative to a Magnetic Telegraph from Halifax to Toronto.

Also, a Letter dated, Office of the British North American Telegraph Associa-  
tion, Quebec, 8th February, 1847, from W. Timlin to the Provincial Secretary,  
enclosing,

A Report of a Committee of that Association, as to the line of the proposed Te-  
legraph.

(*Vide Appendix, No. 23.*)

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

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Thursday, at two  
o'clock.

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THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, The Honorable MATHER B. ALMON,  
 MICHAEL TOBIN, EDWARD KENNY,  
 JOHN MORTON, ALEXANDER KEITH,  
 HUGH BELL, HENRY G. PINEO,  
 STAYLEY BROWN, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,  
 ALEXR. MCDUGALL,

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden,  
 To inform the House that the House of Assembly did not agree to the first and  
 second amendments made by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for  
 the partition of certain Lands in the Township of Barrington; that they agreed to  
 the third amendment; and that they agreed to the fourth amendment with an amend-  
 ment, to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House.

Message from H. A.  
 rel. to Barrington  
 Lands Bill.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to empower the Supreme Court, at  
 their stated Sittings in the Town of Halifax, to try offenders who may be guilty of  
 Felonies in other Counties of this Province. Trial of Felonies.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels  
 at Sydney, Cape Breton. Pilotage Sydney,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Toll to be taken at Grist Mills. Toll Grist Mills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act, entitled, An Act to prohibit the erec-  
 ting of Distilling Houses, or setting up Stills within the Town of Halifax, or within  
 one quarter of a mile of the present lines or pickets of the said Town. Distilling Houses  
 Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts for preventing Persons leaving the  
 Province without a Pass. Pass,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to exclude incompetent persons from the practice of  
 Physic and Surgery. Physic and Surgery,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the General Sessions of the Peace in the  
 County of Cape Breton. Sessions, C. B., and

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to an assessment for a Fire Engine at Dart-  
 mouth. Fire Engine, Dart-  
 mouth, Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time,  
 And ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Ordered, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Morton, and  
 Mr. Black, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the partition of certain  
 Lands in the Township of Barrington, and the amendments thereto, be referred to  
 a Select Committee to examine and report upon. Barrington Lands  
 Bill and amdts. ref.  
 to Sel. Com.

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

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

FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. McDougall,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

## PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Com. on Barrington  
Lands Bill report.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the partition of certain Lands in the Township of Barrington, with the amendments thereto, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and amendments, and recommended that the two first amendments made by this House should not be adhered to; and that the amendment made by the House of Assembly to the fourth amendment made by this House to the said Bill should be agreed to.

Amdts. considered.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the said Bill and amendments.

Two first  
Not adhered to.

The two first amendments made by this House were read by the Clerk, and

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

Amdts. of H. A.  
agreed to.

The amendment made by the House of Assembly to the fourth amendment made by this House was read as follows: "In the clause proposed by the said fourth amendment to be inserted, leave out the words thereof between the word "that" in the second line of the said proposed clause, and the word "in" in the ninth line of the same."

On motion, *resolved*, that the said amendment be agreed to.

Bill sent to H. A.

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

To return the said Bill, and amendments, and acquaint them therewith.

Com. report on

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the following Bills were referred, viz:

Fire Engine, Dart-  
mouth,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to an Assessment for a Fire Engine at Dartmouth.

Physic and Surgery.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to exclude incompetent Persons from the practice of Physic and Surgery.

Sessions, C. B.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Cape Breton.

Pilotage, Sydney,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at Sydney, Cape Breton.

Trial of Felonies,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to empower the Supreme Court, at their stated Sittings in the Town of Halifax, to try offenders who may be guilty of Felonies in other Counties in this Province.

Distilleries, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act, entitled, An Act to prohibit the erecting of Distilling Houses or setting up Stills within the Town of Halifax, or within one quarter of a mile of the present lines or pickets of the said Town.

Pass Bills.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts for preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass.

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

Bills read 2nd time,

The said Bills were read a second time.

*Ordered,*

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

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Toll to be taken at Grist Mills was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed an amendment thereto, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House. Com. on Grist Mill report.

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

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to direct the proceedings against forcible Entry or Detainer. Forcible Entry,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Common of the Township of Lunenburg. Common, Lunenburg, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the importation of Books, and to protect the British author. Copyright Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon ; and further to report whether the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House, relative to Private and Local Bills, have been complied with, respecting the second Bill. Read 1st time, And ref. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Black, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday at two o'clock. Adjourn.

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MONDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1847.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,	The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,
MICHAEL TOBIN,	JAMES D. HARRIS,
JOHN MORTON,	ALEXANDER KEITH,
HUGH BELL,	WILLIAM A. BLACK,
STAYLEY BROWN,	DAVID CRICHTON,
ALEXR. MCDUGALL,	HENRY G. PINEO,
MATHER B. ALMON,	JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Mr. Pineo presented the Petition of James Chappell, praying aid to enable him to run a Packet between the Bay of Verte and Prince Edward's Island, which was read and ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of J. Chappell.

Mr. McDougall presented the Petition of John Cunningham and others, relative to the appointment of Assessors to collect Poor and County Rates for the County of Sydney. Pet. of J. Cunningham and others.

Mr. McDougall presented the Petition of James Wilkie and others, praying for the appointment of Surveyors of Highways instead of Street Commissioners for Antigonishe. Pet. of J. Wilkie and others.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act Com. on Lunenburg Common Bill rep.

Act for regulating the Common of the Township of Lunenburg was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found it a consolidation of former Acts, and that the Standing Orders relative to Local Bills did not apply to the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on forcible entry Bill rep.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to direct the proceedings against forcible Entry or Detainer, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and proposed an amendment thereto, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on importation of Books Bill rep.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the importation of Books and to protect the British author was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and found it correct, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Read 2nd time.

The said three Bills were read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Com. on Bills,

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

Report,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through,

Fire Engine, Dartmouth,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to an assessment for a Fire Engine at Dartmouth; also,

Physic and Surgery,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to exclude incompetent Persons from the practice of Physic and Surgery; also,

Sessions, C. B.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Cape Breton; also,

Pilotage, Sydney, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at Sydney, Cape Breton; also,

ral of Felonies Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to empower the Supreme Court, at their stated Sittings in the Town of Halifax, to try offenders who may be guilty of Felonies in other Counties in this Province.

Without amts.

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Report Grist Mill Bill with amts.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Toll to be taken at Grist Mills, and had made several amendments thereto.

Amts. read,

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

Between the 4th and 5th clauses insert the following clause:

*And be it enacted*, That each and every Miller who shall demand and take any greater or larger Toll for the grinding, hulling, or bolting of any Grain, Corn, Meal, or Flour, in any case, shall, in addition to the penalties hereby imposed for any such offence, be liable to pay to the owner thereof, the full value of the Grain, Corn, Meal, or Flour, which shall or may be demanded and taken by any such Miller as aforesaid, over and above the Toll hereinbefore mentioned, allowed, and prescribed, which value shall be recovered as hereinafter mentioned.

SEVENTH CLAUSE.

1st line.—After the word "all" insert the word "sums."

3rd line.—After the word "imposed" insert the words "and made payable."

4th line.—After the word "therefor" insert the following words, "before two Justices of the Peace."

And agreed to.

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

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

Adjourn

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

TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. McDougall,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

## PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to an assessment for a Fire Engine at Dart- Fire Engine, Dart-  
mouth ; also, mouth,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to exclude incompetent Persons from the practice of Physic and Surgery,  
Physic and Surgery ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the General Sessions of the Peace in the Sessions, C. B.  
County of Cape Breton ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels Pilotage, Sydney,  
at Sydney, Cape Breton ; also, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to empower the Supreme Court, at Trial of Felonies  
their stated Sittings in the Town of Halifax, to try offenders who may be guilty of Bills,  
Felonies in other Counties in this Province.

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Toll to be taken at Grist Mills, was Toll Grist Mill Bill  
read a third time, and the question was put by the President, read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, Agreed to with  
amnds.

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

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration Com. on Contingent  
the Contingent Expenses of this House for the present Session. Expenses.

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the support of the Poor in certain parts of Egerton Poor Bill,  
the Township of Egerton.

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

☞ The said Bill was read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine Read 1st time,  
And ref. to Sel. Com.  
and report upon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Crichton, be a Com- Committee.  
mittee for that purpose.



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

*Resolved*, That the Sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds be granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the present year.

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolution was read a first time.

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

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

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

(*Vide Appendix No. 24.*)

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Common of the Township of Lunenburg, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts for preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Whereupon Mr. Morton moved that the said report be not received : which, being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared for the motion, seven ; against the motion, seven.

For the motion.

Mr. Bell,  
Harris,  
Almon,  
Black,  
Crichton,  
Keith,  
Morton.

Against the motion.

Mr. Kenny,  
Pineo,  
McDougall,  
Fairbanks,  
Tobin,  
Brown,  
Campbell,

Whereupon the President gave his casting vote against the motion, so it passed in the negative.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to direct the proceedings against forcible Entry or Detainer, and had made two amendments thereto.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

SECOND CLAUSE.

6th and 9th lines.—Leave out the word “ of,” and insert instead the word “ respecting.”

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the importation of Books and to protect the British author, and had made an amendment thereto.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

IN THE PREAMBLE.

3rd line.—Leave out the word “ remonstrance,” and insert instead the word “ representation.”

And

£30,000 Roads and Bridges,

Read 1st time.

Report of Com. of Pub. Accts.

Com. on Bills.

Report Lunenburg Common Bill without amdt.

Report Pass Bill without amdt.

Motion not to receive report,

Negatived.

Report forcible entry Bill with amdt.

Amdts. read,

And agreed to.

Report importation of Books Bill with amdt.

Amdt. read,

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, MICHAEL TOBIN, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, ALEXR. McDOUGALL, MATHER B. ALMON,	The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRIGHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Common of the Township of Lunenburg; also, Common Lunenburg and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts for preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass, Pass Bills,

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to direct the proceedings against forcible Entry or Detainer; also, Forcible entry and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the importation of Books, and to protect the British author, Impor. of Books Bills

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to with

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

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

The Resolution for granting the sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds, for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, £30,000 Roads and Bridges read 2nd time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the support of the Poor in certain parts of the Township of Egerton, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and found it correct, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Egerton Poor Bill report.

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

*Resolved*

S O suspended

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

Ord to Com

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

Committed

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

Report without am

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

Adjourn

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

THURSDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable JOHN MORTON,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,

HUGH BELL,  
ALEXR. McDOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,

DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Egerton Poor Bill,  
read 3rd time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the support of the Poor in certain parts of the Township of Egerton, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

H. A. agree to Barrington Lands Bill  
as now amended.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the partition of certain Lands in the Township of Barrington, as now amended.

H. A. agree to amds to impor. of Books Bill.

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the importation of Books and to protect the British author.

Barrington Lands Bill

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the partition of certain Lands in the Township of Barrington, was read, as now amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass ?

Finally agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Impor. of Books Bill

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the importation of Books and to protect the British author, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,  
Whether

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Finally agreed to,  
And sent to H. A.

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

FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. McDougall,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

- 1. A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the Supreme Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Shelburne. Supreme Court, Shelburne,
- 2. A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the collection of Poor Rates in the third section of the Township of Pictou. Poor Rates, Pictou,
- 3. A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the New Road from Malignant Cove to Antigonish. Road, Malignant Cove,
- 4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Tatamagouche. Presbyterian Church Tatamagouche, and
- 5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Fire Insurance Company. N. Scotia Fire Ins. Co. Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Ordered, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Read 1st time. Supreme Court, Shelburne, Bill, ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Black, and Mr. Keith, be a Committee for that purpose. Poor Rates, Pictou, Bill, ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.

Ordered, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Road, Malignant Cove, Bill, to be read 2nd time.

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose. Pres. Church, Tatamagouche, Bill, ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.

Ordered, That the third Bill be a read a second time at a future day. N. S. Fire Ins. Co. Bill ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.

Ordered, That the fourth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. N. S. Fire Ins. Co. Bill ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Harris, be a Committee for that purpose. N. S. Fire Ins. Co. Bill ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.

Ordered, That the fifth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. N. S. Fire Ins. Co. Bill ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Tobin, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose. N. S. Fire Ins. Co. Bill ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.

Pet. of Inhab. of River John.

Mr. Crichton presented the Petition of the Inhabitants of the River John, Pictou, praying for the appointment of three Collectors of Poor Rates, and a Treasurer, who may also act as Clerk of the District—which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

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

MONDAY, 1st MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. MCDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Road, Malignant Cove, Bill, read 2nd time,  
And ref. to Sel. Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the New Road from Malignant Cove to Antigonish, was read a second time.

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

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.

Com. on Poor Rates, 3rd section Pictou, Bill, report.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the collection of Poor Rates in the third section of the Township of Pictou, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found that the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to Local Bills had been substantially complied with, the object of the Bill having been approved of at a public meeting summoned for that purpose, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,  
And ord. to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Summary Trials Bill read 1st time.

Mr. Crichton presented a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, which was read a first time.

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

Com. on Tatamagouche Bill report.

Mr. Campbell, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Tatamagouche, was referred, reported, that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found that the Standing Orders of this House relative to Local Bills had been complied with, the said Bill having been read at the Sessions for Colchester ; that the Committee proposed an amendment to the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

*Ordered*,

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

Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the Supreme Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Shelburne, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed two amendments thereto, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Supreme Court, Shelburne, Bill, report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

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

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Fire Insurance Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found it correct, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on N. Scotia Fire Ins. Co. Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Read 2nd time,

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

Mr. Almon presented the Petition of A. M. Uniacke, and others, praying an Act to Incorporate a Magnetic Telegraph Company between Halifax and Amherst, which was read and ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of A. M. Uniacke and others, Electric Telegraph

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly. Election of Representatives Bill.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Eight Pounds, granted in the last Session of the General Assembly for the purpose of repairing the Road from Harris's Lake to Hemlock Island, in the County of Shelburne, and remaining undrawn from the Treasury, be appropriated and applied to the repair of the Road leading from the Shelburne Post Road to the Welsh Settlement. £8 change of appropriation, Shelburne

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

The same were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee. to examine and report upon. Election of Representatives Bill ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Keith, Mr. Brown, Mr. Campbell, Mr. McDougall, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills now before the Committee. S. O. suspended.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the collection of Poor Rates in the third section of the Township of Pictou, and had agreed to the same without any amendment. Report Poor Rates, Pictou, Bill, without amdts.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the Supreme Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Shelburne, and had made two amendments thereto. Rep. Supreme Court Shelburne, Bill, with amdts.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

Amdts. read,

## FIRST CLAUSE.

13th line.—Before the word "Wednesday" insert the word "second."

21st line.—Instead of the words "first Monday" insert the following words, "Monday preceding the first Wednesday."

And agreed to

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

Adjourn

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

WEDNESDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

## PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Monday were read.

Poor Rates, 3d Sec.  
Pictou, Bill, read  
3d time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the collection of Poor Rates in the third section of the Township of Pictou, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

And sent H. A.

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

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

Sup. Court, Shel-  
burne, Bill, read  
3d time

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the Supreme Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Shelburne, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to with am.

And sent to H. A.

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

Sum. trials before  
J. P. Bill, read 2d  
time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, was read a second time.

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

And ord. to Com.

Change of appro-  
priation Shelburne  
read 2nd time.

The Resolution for changing the appropriation of the sum of Eight Pounds for a Road in the County of Shelburne, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

To



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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Tatamagouche, and had made an amendment thereto. Report Meeting House, Tatamagouche, Bill with am.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

At the end of the Bill insert the following clause :

*Provided always, 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 any Persons, Bodies, Politic or Corporate, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Am. read.

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Company, and had made several amendments thereto. Report N. Scotia Fire Ins. Co. Bill with am.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

FIRST CLAUSE.

32nd line.—Instead of the words “ five hundred ” insert the words “ one thousand.”

33rd line.—Instead of the word “ fifty ” insert the words “ twenty-five.”

SECOND CLAUSE.

4th line.—Before the word “ shares ” insert the words “ two thousand.” Instead of the word “ fifty ” insert the words “ twenty-five.”

5th line.—Leave out the words “ for ” and “ share.”

6th line.—Instead of the word “ ten ” insert the words “ twenty-five.”

After the second clause insert the following clause :

*And be it enacted,* That as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, the persons intending to form the said Company shall, by an advertisement, to be published in at least two of the public weekly newspapers printed in Halifax, give notice that subscription books for taking shares in the said Company, will be opened on a certain day, and at a certain place, to be mentioned in such advertisement, at which time and place proper books shall be opened for the purpose of receiving and taking the subscriptions of all persons who shall desire to become proprietors of shares in, and members of such Company, and an entry shall be made of the number of shares taken by each subscriber: *Provided always,* that during the space of sixty days from first opening the said books, no person shall subscribe for, or take any greater number than twenty shares: *Provided also,* that if during the said space of sixty days the whole number of two thousand shares shall not be subscribed for, or taken, then it shall be lawful for any shareholder or shareholders to take any additional number of shares not exceeding in the whole eighty shares.

FOURTH CLAUSE.

2d line.—Instead of the words “ five hundred ” insert the words “ one thousand.”

EIGHTH CLAUSE.

5th line.—Instead of the word “ four ” insert the word “ six.”

7th line.—Instead of the word “ eight ” insert the word “ twelve.”

TWELFTH CLAUSE.

14th line.—Instead of the word “ eleventh ” insert the word “ twelfth.”

## LAST CLAUSE.

Agreed to.

3rd line.—Instead of the word “ten” insert the word “twenty.”

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

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

Trust. Public Pro.  
Col.

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act for appointing Trustees for Public Property in the County of Colchester.

Road, Pictou.

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to shut up a certain Line of Road in the Township of Pictou.

Poor Rates, Pictou.

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act further to alter the Acts respecting the Collection of Poores' Rates in the Township of Pictou.

Attor. and Barris.

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the admission of certain persons as Attornies and Barristers.

Givan Wharf Co.

5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Givan Wharf Company.

Horticultural Soc.

6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society.

And Eastern Shore  
Road Bills.

7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the opening of a new Line of Road from Dartmouth to the Settlements on the Eastern Shore.

£5 change of appro.  
Cumberland.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Pounds, granted in 1845, for the repair of the Road from Advocate Harbour to Three Sisters, and remaining undrawn, be laid out and expended on the Road from N. Knowlton's to Apple River.

Read 1st time.

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

Pub. Prop. Colches-  
ter Bill ref. to Sel.  
Com.

The same were read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether the Standing Orders of this House, relative to Local Bills, have been complied with.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose.

Road and Poor  
Rates, Pictou Bill,  
ref. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That the second and third Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether the Standing Orders of this House, relative to Local Bills, have been complied with.

Committee.

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

Givan Wharf Co.  
Bill, ref. to Sel.  
Com.

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

*Ordered*, That the fifth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether the Standing Orders of this House, relative to Private and Local Bills, have been complied with.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Keith, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Harris, be a Committee for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That the sixth and seventh Bills, and the said Resolution, be read a second time, at a future day.

Adjourn.

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

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 4th MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Tatamagouche ; also, Presbyterian Church  
Tatamagouche,  
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Fire Insurance Company, N. Scotia Fire Ins.  
Co. Bills,

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

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

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the admission of certain persons as Attornies and Barristers ; also, Attor. and Barris.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society ; also, Hort. Soc. and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the opening of a new line of Road from Dartmouth to the Settlements on the Eastern Shore, Road, Eastern Shore  
Bills,

Were read a second time. Read 2nd time,

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

The Resolution for changing the appropriation of the sum of Five Pounds for a Road in Cumberland—was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, £8 change of appro-  
priation Cumber.  
read 2nd time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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

Mr. Crichton, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to shut up a certain line of Road in the Township of Pictou ; also, Com. on Road, Pic-  
tou, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to alter the Acts respecting the collection of Poores' Rates in the Township of Pictou, Poor Rates, Pictou,  
report.

Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and found that the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to Local Bills had been complied with, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.

The said Bills were read a second time.

Ordered, Bills read 2nd time,

- And ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Giv. wharf Bill rep. Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Givan Wharf Company was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time, The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. Sum. Trials before J. P. Bill, without amdts. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day.
- A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden,
- H. A. agree to am. to Supreme Court, Shelburne, Bill. To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the Supreme Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Shelburne.
- Also to amdts. to Pres. Church, Tatamagouche, Bill. Also to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Tatamagouche.
- St. Matt. Church, Halifax, Also with the following Bills :
- School Com. Cumberland, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Matthew's Church in Halifax.
- Cordwood, Halifax, A Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the County of Cumberland.
- Dogs, A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts to prevent the Forestalling, Regrating, and Monopolizing of Cordwood in Halifax.
- Arbitration, A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act for making regulations to prevent Dogs going at large, in certain cases.
- Malicious Injuries, A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual.
- Pilotage, Halifax, A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act concerning Malicious Injuries to Property.
- Courts of Probate, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax.
- Roads, Guysborough, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons.
- Douglas Poor, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to enable the Proprietors of Land, in the rear blocks or divisions of Lands in the Township of Guysborough, to open Roads through the same.
- Fishermen's Nets, Ched. Bay, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.
- Nets of Fishermen, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay.
- Poor, Maxwelltown, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels.
- Killing of Bears, &c. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts to divide the Township of Maxwelltown into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the killing of Bears, Loup Cerviers, and Wild Cats.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in relation to the gathering of Sea Manure in Queen's County. Sea Manure, Queen's Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to the gathering of Sea Manure in the County of Halifax. Do. Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, 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. Billeting Troops,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to provide against the occurrence of Diseases from the Bite of Animals. Diseases from Bite of Animals,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for dividing the Township of Picou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor. Poor, Picton,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova-Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors. Union Ins. Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia. Militia, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in relation to the expenditure of Public Monies on the Highways. Monies on Highways Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Read 1st time.  
And ref. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Almon, Mr. Keith, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

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

FRIDAY, 5th MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Summary Trials before J. P. Bill, read 3d time,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the Supreme Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Shelburne ; also, Supreme Court, Shelburne, and

- Presbyterian Church  
Tatamagouche,  
Bill, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Tatamagouche,  
Were read as amended, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?  
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Finally agreed to,  
And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them therewith.
- Com. on Road, Malignant Cove Bill, report. Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the New Road from Malignant Cove to Antigonishe, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill ord. to Com. Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Report of Com. on Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom the following Bills were referred, viz :
- St. Matt. Church, Halifax, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Matthew's Church in Halifax.
- School Com. Cumberland, A Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the County of Cumberland.
- Cordwood, Halifax, A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts to prevent the Forestalling, Regrating, and Monopolizing of Cordwood in Halifax.
- Dogs, A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act for making regulations to prevent Dogs going at large, in certain cases.
- Arbitration, A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual.
- Malicious Injuries, A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act concerning Malicious Injuries to Property.
- Pilotage, Halifax, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax.
- Courts of Probate, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons.
- Roads, Guysborough, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to enable the Proprietors of Land, in the rear blocks or divisions of Lands in the Township of Guysborough, to open Roads through the same.
- Douglas Poor, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.
- Fishermen's Nets, Ched. Bay, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay.
- Nets of Fishermen, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels.
- Poor, Maxwelltown, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts to divide the Township of Maxwelltown into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.
- Killing of Bears, &c. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to encourage the killing of Bears, Loup Cerviers, and Wild Cats.
- Sea Manure, Queen's Co. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in relation to the gathering of Sea Manure in Queen's County.
- Do. Halifax, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to the gathering of Sea Manure in the County of Halifax.
- Billeting Troops, A Bill, entitled, 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.
- Diseases from Bite of Animals, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to provide against the occurrence of Diseases from the Bite of Animals.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor. Poor, Pictou,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova-Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors. Union Ins. Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia. Militia, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in relation to the expenditure of Public Monies on the Highways. Monies on Highways Bills.

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

The said Bills were read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. Bills read 2nd time,  
And ord. to Com.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for appointing Trustees for Public Property in the County of Colchester, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found it was grounded on a representation of the Grand Jury, and the Court of Sessions, for the County of Colchester, presented to the House of Assembly in the last Session, and recommended the Bill to the favourable consideration of the House. Com. on Pub. Prop.  
Colchester Bill  
report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. Bill read 2nd time,  
And ord. to Com.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the admission of certain persons as Attornies and Barristers; also, Report  
Attor. and Barris.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society; also, Horticultural Soc.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to shut up a certain Line of Road in the Township of Pictou; also, Road, Pictou.

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to alter the Acts respecting the Collection of Poor Rates in the Township of Pictou. Poor Rates, Pictou  
Bills,

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day. Without amdts.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Givan Wharf Company, and had made an amendment thereto. Rep. Givan Wharf  
Co. Bill with am.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:

After the tenth clause insert the following clause: Am. read.

*Provided always, 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 any Persons, Bodies, Politic or Corporate, their respective Heirs, Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns.

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

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day. And agreed to.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, and had made several amendments thereto. Rep. Election of Re-  
presentatives Bill  
with am.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows: Am. read.

#### SECOND CLAUSE.

After the 4th line insert the following words:

In the County of King's County there shall be ten Electoral Districts—whereof five



five shall be in the Township of Cornwallis, four shall be in the Township of Horton, and one shall be in the Township of Aylesford; and which Districts, and the Polling Places thereof, shall be known and described as follows, that is to say:— Five Electoral Districts of and for the Township of Cornwallis, and of and for that part of the County of King's County so far as relates to the said Township of Cornwallis, which shall be respectively as follows, that is to say:

District number one to be bounded on the South by Habitant River; on the West by a Road running from Sheffield's Mill Dam on said River Northerly, passing David Wood's up the old Mountain Road passing Daniel Fraser's, thence to the Black Hole on the Bay of Fundy; and on the North and East by the Bay of Fundy and Basin of Mines, whereof the Polling Place shall be near the House of Worship at Wickwire Corner.

District number Two to be bounded on the North by District number One on the Habitant River; on the West by the Road running from Sheffield's Mill Dam on the said River southerly past Stephen Harris's House and the Baptist House of Worship over the middle dyke by William H. Chipman's and Thomas Mee's, to the old Cornwallis Bridge near Kentville; on the South by the Cornwallis River; and on the East by the Basin of Mines, of which the Polling Place shall be at Jaw Bone, so called, near Hamilton's Corner.

District number Three to be bounded on the East by Districts number One and Two, and the Township line; and on the West by the Road running from Huntington's Point on the Bay Shore Southerly, passing Gideon Ilsley's, Robert Foot's, the Baptist House of Worship in Bill Town, Abner Pearson's, crossing the River to the Annapolis Road, thence on the West line of David Davidson's Farm South to the Township line; on the South by the Township line; and on the North by the Bay of Fundy, whereof the Polling Place shall be at the Town House.

District number Four to be bounded on the East by District number Three; on the West by the Road running from the Black Rock at the Bay of Fundy Southerly to the four Roads, thence Easterly past Mahar's Saw Mill, thence taking the new Road Southerly to James Cox's, thence to Asael Webster's, thence to Enoch Condon's Farm, thence South to the Town line; on the South by the Township line; and on the North by the Bay of Fundy, whereof the Polling Place shall be near Joseph Durham's Corner.

District number Five to be bounded on the East by District number Four; on the North by the Bay of Fundy; and on the South and West by the Township line, whereof the Polling Place shall be near the Baptist House of Worship in Pleasant Valley.

Also, four Electoral Districts of and for the Township of Horton, and of and for the County of King's County, so far as relates to the said Township of Horton, which shall respectively be as follows, that is to say:

District number Six to be bounded Eastwardly by the East side of Thomas Hancock's Farm until it strikes the Main Post Road, thence Westwardly to the first Road leading towards Gaspereaux, and by the West side of the said Road until it comes to the Bridge, known as the Scovill Bridge, over the Gaspereaux River, thence Westwardly by the North side of the Gaspereaux River until it come to what is known as Little River, and thence running South to the Falmouth line, including all the lands and premises in the Township of Horton, lying West of the said described lines, the Polling Place whereof shall be at the Court House in Kentville.

District number Seven to be bounded Eastwardly by the last mentioned line of District number Six to the Gaspereaux River, thence running by the South side of that River to Fitch's Bridge, and from Fitch's Bridge to be bounded by the West side of the Telegraph or old Windsor Road to Falmouth line, the Polling Place whereof shall be at or near James T. Donovan's Corner.

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District number Eight to be bounded Westwardly by the first described line of District number Six to the Gaspereaux River, thence by the North side of that River to the Road near Fitch's Bridge, thence by the West side of that Road, past the Presbyterian Meeting House, to James N. Crane's, thence by the West side of the new Road leading to Long Island across the Grand Prairie Dike to Long Island Creek, thence by that Creek Eastwardly to a line parallel to the Eastern extremity of the upland at Long Island, the Polling Place whereof shall be at some convenient place in the neighbourhood of Wolfville.

District number Nine to include all the lands and premises in the Township of Horton East of the Eastern boundaries of Districts numbers Seven and Eight, the Polling Place whereof shall be at or near the School House adjoining the premises of Joseph Crane, Esquire.

Also, one other Electoral District of and for the County of King's County, which shall be as follows:—District number Ten to comprise the whole Township of Aylesford, the Polling Place whereof shall be near the Episcopal Church.

## FOURTH CLAUSE.

In that part of the clause relating to the County of Lunenburg, leave out the words "Michael Wiles," and insert instead thereof the words "McCain's."

Leave out all that part of the same clause relating to the County of King's County.

## FIFTH CLAUSE.

2nd line.—Before the word "Hants" insert the words "King's County."

## SIXTH CLAUSE.

4th line.—Before the word "Hants" insert the words "King's County."

## FORTY-SEVENTH CLAUSE.

7th line.—Leave out the word "and." After the word "fifth" insert the words "and thirty-eighth,"

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House. *Am. agreed to.*  
*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time, at a future day.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company N. S. Marine Ins. Co. and to compensate their Directors and Auditors.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Act to Incorporate the Bank Bank N. Scotia Bills of Nova-Scotia, and the Act in amendment thereof.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

*Read 1st time.*

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

The Clerk read a Letter addressed to him by the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Halifax, stating that the Court of Sessions objected to the passing of a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act, entitled, An Act to prohibit the erecting of Distilling Houses, or setting up Stills, within the Town of Halifax, or within one quarter of a mile of the present lines or pickets of the said Town, which was ordered to lie on the Table. Letter from Clerk of Peace of Halifax, objecting to Distilleries Bill.

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

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 MONDAY, 8th MARCH, 1847.
 

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
ALEXR. McDougall,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Attornies and Bar-  
risters.

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the admission of certain persons as Attornies and Barristers ; also,

Horticultural Soc'y.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society ; also,

Road, Pictou.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to shut up a certain Line of Road in the Township of Pictou ; also,

Poor Rates, Pictou  
Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to alter the Acts respecting the Collection of Poores' Rates in the Township of Pictou,

Read 3rd time,

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

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Givan Wharf Co.  
and  
Election of Repre-  
sentatives Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Givan Wharf Company ; also,  
A Bill, entitled, An Act to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives to serve in General Assembly,

Agreed to with am.

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

And sent to H. A.

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

N. S. Marine Ins.  
Co. and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company to compensate their Directors and Auditors ; also,

N. S. Bank Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Act in amendment thereof,

Read 2nd time,

Were read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Com. on Bills.

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

Report,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through the following Bills :  
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A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the New Road from Malignant Cove to Antigonishe. Road, Malignant Cove,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Matthew's Church, in Halifax. St. Matt. Church, Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the County of Cumberland. School Com. Cumberland,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts to prevent the Forestalling, Regrating, and Monopolizing of Cordwood in Halifax. Cordwood, Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act for making regulations to prevent Dogs going at large, in certain cases. Dogs,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual. Arbitration

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act concerning Malicious Injuries to Property. Malicious Injuries,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax. Pilotage, Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons. Courts of Probate,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to enable the Proprietors of Land, in the rear blocks or divisions of Lands in the Township of Guysborough, to open Roads through the same. Roads, Guysborough

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor. Douglas Poor,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay. Fishermen's Nets, Ched. Bay,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels. Nets of Fishermen,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts to divide the Township of Maxwelltown into separate Districts for the support of the Poor. Poor, Maxwelltown,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to encourage the killing of Bears, Loup Cerviers, and Wild Cats. Killing of Bears, &c.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in relation to the gathering of Sea Manure in Queen's County. Sea Manure, Queen's Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to the gathering of Sea Manure in the County of Halifax. Do. Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, 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. Billeting Troops,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to provide against the occurrence of Diseases from the Bite of Animals. Diseases from Bite of Animals,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor. Poor, Pictou,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova-Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors. Union Ins. Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia. Militia, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in relation to the expenditure of Public Monies on the Highways. Monies on Highways Bills.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Without amdts.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act for appointing Trustees for Public Property in the County of Colchester, and had directed him to report that the Committee recommended that the said Bill be again referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Recommend Pub. Prop. Colchester Bill to be again ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered,

- Bill ref. to Sel. Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be again referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Bell, Mr. Pineo, and Mr. McDougall, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Message from H. A. with N. S. Fire Ins. Bill, and am. A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Fire Insurance Company, except the fifth and last amendment, and agreed to the amendment to the twelfth clause of the said Bill with amendments—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.
- Commiss. Streets and Highways Bill Also with the following Bill and Resolution :  
A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Commissioners of Streets and Highways in certain Towns and Places therein mentioned.
- £10 change of appropriation, Yarmouth *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds, granted in the last Session for the repair of the Road from the Main Road to Jacob Spinney's Point, and undrawn, be expended on the Road from the Post Road to the Shore on the South Line of Daniel Kinney's Land, in the County of Yarmouth.
- Read 1st time. To which Bill and Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.  
The said Bill and Resolution were read a first time.
- Bill ref. to Sel. Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Bell, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Rudolf, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Adjourn. *Ordered*, That the said Resolution be read a second time at a future day.  
On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at one o'clock.

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TUESDAY, 9th MARCH, 1847.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

<p>The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, MICHAEL TOBIN, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON, ALEXR. MCDUGALL,</p>	<p>The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The following Bills, that is to say :

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the New Road from Malignant Cove to Antigonishe.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Matthew's Church, Halifax.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the County of Cumberland.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts to prevent the Forstalling, Regrating, or Monopolizing of Cordwood in Halifax.

Road, Malignant Cove,

St. Matt. Church, Halifax,

School Com. Cumberland,

Cordwood, Halifax.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act for making regulations to prevent Dogs going at large, in certain cases. Dogs,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual. Arbitration

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act concerning Malicious Injuries to Property. Malicious Injuries,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax. Pilotage, Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons. Courts of Probate,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to enable the Proprietors of Land, in the rear blocks or divisions of Lands in the Township of Guysborough, to open Roads through the same. Roads, Guysborough

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor. Douglas Poor,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay. Fishermen's Nets, Ched. Bay,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels. Nets of Fisherman,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts to divide the Township of Maxwelltown into separate Districts for the support of the Poor. Poor, Maxwelltown,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to encourage the killing of Bears, Loup Cerviers, and Wild Cats. Killing of Bears, &c.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in relation to the gathering of Sea Manure in Queen's County. Sea Manure, Queen's Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to the gathering of Sea Manure in the County of Halifax. Do. Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, 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. Billetting Troops,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to provide against the occurrence of Diseases from the Bite of Animals. Diseases from Bite of Animals,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor. Poor, Pictou,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova-Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors. Union Ins. Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia. Militia, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in relation to the expenditure of Public Monies on the Highways. Monies on Highways Bills.

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Read 3d time,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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

The Resolution for changing the appropriation of the sum of Ten Pounds for a Road in Yarmouth, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, £10 change of appropriation, Yarmouth read 2nd time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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



Amends. to N. S. Fire  
Ins. Bill considered

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the fifth and the last amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Fire Insurance Company, which have not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

The same were read, and,

Not adhered to.

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

Am. of H. A. to am.  
to Bill examined.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to the amendment proposed by this House to the twelfth clause of the said Bill.

The same were read as follows :

Instead of the word "twelfth," proposed by the said amendment to be inserted in the said twelfth clause, insert the word "thirteenth."

Before the said twelfth clause insert the following clause :

"*Provided always, and be it enacted*, That in no case shall it be lawful for the said Company to make any Insurance beyond the said sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds, under any such License obtained as aforesaid, until the further sum of Five Thousand Pounds of the Capital Stock of the said Company, in addition to the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds hereinbefore required, shall be paid up, and secured in the British or Provincial Funds, or in Stock of Banks doing business in Nova-Scotia ; but in case of any Insurance beyond the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds being so made, contrary to this provision, each of the Members shall be liable in his own Person and Estate for his share or proportion of such sums so insured, beyond the said sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds."

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

And agreed to.  
Message to H. A.  
with Bill.

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

To return the said Bill, with the amendments, and acquaint them therewith.

Comm. on Bills.

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

Rep. N. S. Mar. Ins.  
Comm. Bill without  
am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company to compensate their Directors and Auditors, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Rep. N. S. Bank  
Bill without am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Act in amendment thereof, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Motion to recommit  
Bill,

Whereupon Mr. Bell moved that the said report be not received, but that the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by adding thereto the following clause :

*Provided always, and be it enacted*, That the said Corporation shall be subject to Local or Municipal Taxation on their Real and Personal Estate, in the same manner, and according to the same rule of applying and collecting Assessments, as are enforced on all other Persons and Property in the community.

Which, being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared, for the motion, three ; against the motion, eleven.

For the motion,

Mr. Brown,  
Bell,  
McDougall.

Against the motion,

Mr. Rudolf,  
Pineo,  
Harris,  
Black,  
Almon,  
Tobin,  
Mr. Fairbanks,  
Keith,  
Kenny,  
Morton,  
Crichton.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered,

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration, a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the opening of a New Line of Road from Dartmouth to the Settlements on the Eastern Shore, and that the Committee recommended that the said Bill should be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon. Recommend Eastern Shore Road Bill to be ref. to Sel. Com.

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

*Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Bell, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Black, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for appointing Trustees for Public Property in the County of Colchester, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed an amendment thereto, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Pub. Prop. Colchester Bill report.

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

Mr. Almon presented a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Banks, which was read a first time. Bank Bill read 1st time,

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 10th MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
ALEXR. MCDUGALL,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company to compensate their Directors and Auditors ; also, N. S. Marine Ins. Co. and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Act in amendment thereof, Bank N. Scotia Bills

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

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Banks, was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. Bank Bill read, 2nd time, And ord. to Com.

Mr.

Com. on Eastern  
Shore Road Bill  
report.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the opening of a New Line of Road from Dartmouth to the Settlements on the Eastern Shore, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill ord. to Com.

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

Com. on Bills.

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

Report East. Shore  
Road Bill without  
am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the opening of a New Line of Road from Dartmouth to the Settlements on the Eastern Shore, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for appointing Trustees for Public Property in the County of Colchester, and had made several amendments thereto.

Report Pub. Prop.  
Colchester Bill,  
with am.

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

Am. read

FIRST CLAUSE.

5th line.—Leave out the words “with the concurrence,” and insert instead the words “upon the nomination.”

7th line.—Leave out the words “nominate and recommend,” and insert instead the word “appoint.”

8th line.—After the word “Colchester,” insert the words “being Freeholders.”

After the word “Record,” in the 10th line, leave out all the words to the word “to,” in the 14th line.

16th and 17th lines.—Leave out the words “and commissioned.”

FOURTH CLAUSE.

6th line.—Instead of the word “and” insert the words “upon the nomination of the.”

6th and 7th lines.—Leave out the words “to nominate and recommend.”

7th line.—After the word “aforesaid” insert the words “to appoint.”

9th line.—After the word “County” insert the words “and a Freeholder.”

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

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

And agreed to.

Message from H. A.  
agreeing to am. to  
Grist Mills Bill,  
and

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Toll to be taken at Grist Mills.

Givan Wharf Co.  
Bill.

Also, to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Givan Wharf Company.

Also, with the following Bill and Resolution :

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to improve the Administration of the Law.

Administration of  
Law Bill,  
£7 10s change of  
appropriation,  
Hants,

*Resolved*, That the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, granted in 1844, for an alteration of Road near Jacob Withrow's, and remaining undrawn from the Treasury, be applied to the repair of the Road past Sims'.

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

The same were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Admn. of Law Bill  
ref to Sel. Com.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Almon, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.

*Ordered*,

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Toll to be taken at Grist Mills; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Givan Wharf Company, Were read as amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

Grist Mill, and Givan Wharf Com. Bills,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Finally agreed to, And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them therewith.

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

THURSDAY, 11th MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, MICHAEL TOBIN, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON, ALEXR. McDougall,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the opening of a New Line of Road from Dartmouth to the Settlements on the Eastern Shore, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Eastern Shore Road Bill read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Agreed to, And sent to H. A.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act for appointing Trustees for Public Property in the County of Colchester, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Pub. Prop. Colchester Bill read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Agreed to with am. And sent to H. A.

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.

The Resolution for changing the appropriation of the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings for a Road in the County of Hants, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

£7 10 change of appropriation, Hants, read 2nd time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Agreed to, And sent to H. A.

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

Leave of absence to Messrs. Campbell and Pineo.

On motion of Mr. Bell, *resolved*, that Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Pineo, have leave of absence, from Thursday next, to return home on urgent private business.

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

Londonderry Mining Bill

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Londonderry Mining Company of Nova-Scotia.

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read a first time.

And ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Morton, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.

Adjourn.

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

FRIDAY, 12th MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
ALEXR. MCDUGALL,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Petition of J. Cunningham and others.

Mr. McDougall presented the Petition of John Cunningham, and others, of Antigonish, praying for an amendment in the Insolvent Debtors' Law, which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on Administration of Law Bill, report.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act further to improve the Administration of the Law, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Com. on Londonderry Mining Bill report.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Londonderry Mining Company of Nova-Scotia, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed some amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

*Ordered*,

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

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Commissioners of Streets and Highways in certain Towns and Places therein mentioned, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and proposed some amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House. Com. on Commiss. Streets and Highways Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

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

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Londonderry Mining Company of Nova-Scotia. S. O. S. on Bill.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and made several amendments thereto. Bill committed. Reported with am.

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

IN THE PREAMBLE.

1st line.—Instead of the word "is" insert the words "claims to be."

TWENTY-FIFTH CLAUSE.

Sec. k.—7th and 9th lines.—Instead of the word "Parish" insert the words "Township or District."

After the 9th line, leave out the remainder of the section.

In all the Schedules when the Company is named, insert the following words, "the Londonderry Mining Company of Nova-Scotia."

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

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

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Fire Insurance Company, as amended. H. A. agree to N. S. Fire Ins. Co. Bill as am.

Also, that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, with an amendment to the first amendment proposed by this House to the fourth clause of the said Bill. Do. to am. to Election of Representatives Bill with am.

Also, that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act for appointing Trustees for Public Property in the County of Colchester. Do. to am. to Pub. Prop. Colchester Bill.

Mr. Pineo presented a Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Court House Ground at Amherst, in the County of Cumberland, which was read a first time. Court House, Amherst Bill, read 1st time.

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

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

MONDAY,

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 MONDAY, 15th MARCH, 1847.
 

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
MATHER B. ALMON,  
ALEXR. McDOUGALL,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

N. Scotia Mar. Ins.  
Co. Bill.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Fire Insurance Company, was read as now amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass ?

Finally agreed to.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Trustees Public Pro-  
perty Colchester  
Bill.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for appointing Trustees for Public Property in the County of Colchester, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

Finally agreed to.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Court House ground  
amdt. Bill read  
2nd time.  
And ref. to Sel. Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Court House Ground at Amherst, in the County of Cumberland, was read a second time.

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

Committee.

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

Amtd. of H. A. to  
amdt. to Election  
of Representatives  
Bill read.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to the first amendment proposed by this House to the fourth clause of a Bill, entitled, An Act to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives to serve in General Assembly.

The same was read as follows :

“ In that part of the said fourth clause relating to the County of Lunenburg, leave out all the words thereof after the word “whereof,” in the second line of that part of the clause, and instead thereof insert the following words : “ five shall be in the Township of Lunenburg, two in the Township of Chester, and two in the Township of New Dublin.”

And the said amendment being read a second and third time, was agreed to.

And agreed to.

And Message to H.  
A.

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

To return the said Bill and amendment, and acquaint them therewith.

Londonderry Min-  
ing Bill read 3rd  
time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Londonderry Mining Company of Nova-Scotia, was read a third time :

Whereupon



Whereupon Mr. Keith moved that the first amendment made by this House to the said Bill be struck out: which, being seconded, Mr. Tobin moved that the first Preamble to the said Bill, which is in the words following:

"Whereas, John Ross is the owner and proprietor of certain Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, with certain Coal Mines, Minerals, Substances, Ores, and other property of the like description, in Londonderry, in the County of Colchester, in this Province," be omitted: which, being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared, for the motion, six; against the motion, eight.

For the motion—

Mr. Tobin,  
Brown,  
McDougall,  
Almon,  
Kenny,  
Bell.

Against the motion—

Mr. Harris, Mr. Keith,  
Pineo, Morton,  
Fairbanks, Black,  
Crichton, Rudolf.

Motion to strike out  
amdt.

Amdt. moved.

So it passed in the negative.

Then the original question was put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion ten; against the motion, four.

Negatived.

Original motion.

For the motion—

Mr. Harris, Mr. Crichton,  
Pineo, Keith,  
Fairbanks, Morton,  
Almon, Black,  
Kenny, Rudolf.

Against the motion—

Mr. Tobin,  
Brown,  
McDougall,  
Bell.

Ordered, That the said first amendment be struck out.

Carried.

Amdt. struck out.

Then the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill agreed to with  
amdt.

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

And sent to H. A.

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

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

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the Supreme Court in the County of Shelburne. Sup. Court Shelburne.
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Digby. Sessions Digby.
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent obstructions to the Ferry across the Harbor of Halifax. Ferry Halifax.
4. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Registrars of Deeds. Registrars of Deeds.
5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Boundary Line between the Counties of Cape-Breton and Richmond. Boundary C. Breton and Richmond.
6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to Marriage Licenses. Marriage Licenses.
7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Dartmouth Water Company. Dartmouth Water Co.
8. A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Loans for the relief of Distressed Settlers. Loans to Settlers, &
9. A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and alteration of, the Acts for establishing regulations for the disposal of Crown Lands within this Province. Crown Lands Bills.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Sup. Court Shelburne Bill, ref. to Sel. Com.

- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Sessions Digby Bill, ref. to Sel. Com. *Ordered*, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ferry Halifax Bill, ref. to Sel. Com. *Ordered*, That the third Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Tobin, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Keith, and Mr. Rudolf, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Crown Lands Bill, ref. to Sel. Com. *Ordered*, That the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth Bills be read a second time at a future day.
- Ordered*, That the ninth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bill :
- B. N. A. Possession Trade Bill. A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the Trade between the British North American Possessions.
- Read 1st time, And ref. to Sel. Com. To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.
- The said Bill was read a first time.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Adjourn. *Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Tobin, be a Committee for that purpose.
- On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at Two o'clock.

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TUESDAY, 16th MARCH, 1847.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

<p>The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ALEXR. CAMPBELL, MICHAEL TOBIN, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON, ALEXR. McDougall,</p>	<p>The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Registrar of Deeds Bill, read 2d time. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Registrars of Deeds, was read a second time.

*Ordered,*

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Boundary Line between the Counties of Cape-Breton and Richmond; also, Boundary C. B. and Richmond Bill.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Dartmouth Water Company; also, Dartmouth Water Co., and

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Loans for the relief of Distressed Settlers, Distressed Settlers Bills read 2d time,  
Were read a second time.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to Marriage Licenses, was read a second time: Marriage License Bill read 2d time.

Whereupon the Lord Bishop moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months: which, being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared, for the motion, four; against the motion, ten. Motion to defer 3 mos.

For the motion—

Mr. Almon,  
Pineo,  
Rudolf,  
The Lord Bishop.

Against the motion—

Mr. Bell,                      Mr. Black,  
McDougall,                  Brown,  
Harris,                        Campbell,  
Fairbanks,                  Crichton,  
Keith,                         Morton.

So it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Digby, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Sessions Digby Bill, rep.

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

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

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the Trade between the British North American Possessions, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Col. Trade Bill rep.

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

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

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the Supreme Court in the County of Shelburne, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be deferred to this day three months. Com. on Sup. Court Bill rep.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be received, and the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months. Bill def. 3 mos.

Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Court House Ground at Amherst, in the County of Cumberland, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and were of opinion that the Standing Orders relative to Local Bills had been complied with, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Amherst Court ground Bill, rep.

*Ordered*,

- Bill ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- S. O. S. on Colonial Trade Bill. *Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the Trade between the British North American Possessions.
- Bill committed. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.
- Rep. without am. The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass ?
- Read 3d time, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Agreed to and Sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Com. on Crown Lands Bill rep. Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and alteration of, the Acts for establishing regulations for the disposal of Crown Lands within this Province, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2d time, The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Com. on Ferry Halifax Bill rep. Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent obstructions to the Ferry across the Harbour of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill—that they did not conceive it was a Local Bill within the Standing Orders of this House—and that they recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2d time, The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- S. O. S. *Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects the Bills now before the Committee.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. Ferry Halifax Bill, without am. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent obstructions to the Ferry across the Harbor of Halifax, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.
- Rep. Crown Lands Bill, with am. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Andt. read, The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and alteration of, the Acts for establishing regulations for the disposal of Crown Lands within this Province, and had made an amendment thereto.
- The said amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows :

## FIRST CLAUSE.

Sth line.—After the word “ungranted” insert the word “escheated.”

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

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

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, as now amended.

H. A. agree to Election of Representatives Bill, as am.

Also, that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Londonderry Mining Company of Nova-Scotia.

Agree to amdt. to Londonderry Mining Bill as am.

The said Bills were then read as amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Bills finally agreed to. And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them therewith.

On motion of Mr. Almon,

Resolved unanimously, That in the opinion of this House, the taxation of Goods passing between the North American Colonies, is injurious to their common interests ; and that it would remove many burdens on their Trade, diminish expense, and lead to their mutual advantage, were the same general Laws of Trade and Rates of Duties adopted in all those Colonies, and could they all on equitable terms be included in one general system and establishment for the regulation of Trade and the collection of Duties.

Resolution rel. to Intercolonial Trade.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and that His Excellency be respectfully requested, during the recess, in such manner as to His Excellency may seem most expedient, to ascertain the opinions and objects of the respective Governments and Legislatures of the other North American Colonies, on the subject thereof ; and, as far as may be in his power, to promote and facilitate the objects it contemplates.

Com. to present to H. E.

Resolved, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Tobin, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Harbor of Saint Mary's. To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

St. Mary's Harbor Bill.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Read 1st time, and Ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Ordered, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Pineo, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

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

Com. on Bills.

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

Adjourn.

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 WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH, 1847.
 

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP,

<p>The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ALEXR. CAMPBELL, MICHAEL TOBIN, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON, ALEXR. MCDUGALL,</p>	<p>The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pet. of D. Gallagher  
on behalf of Col'd  
Population.

The Lord Bishop presented the Petition of Daniel Gallagher, on behalf of the Colored Population of Preston, Hammond's Plains, and Beech Hill, stating their utter destitution, and praying for relief—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

H. E. comes to  
Council Chamber.

At two of the clock, P. M., His Excellency Lieutenant-General SIR JOHN HARVEY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to fifty-six Bills, entitled as follows:

H. A. attend.  
H. E. assents to 56  
Bills.  
Pro. Laws.  
Commons Sydney.  
Do. Clare.  
Juries Yarmouth.

An Act relating to the Laws of the Province.  
An Act for regulating the Commons at Sydney, in the County of Cape-Breton.  
An Act for regulating the Common of the Township of Clare.  
An Act to provide for the drawing of Juries in the County of Yarmouth, for the present year.

Sessions Queen's  
Co.

An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for Queen's County.

Burial Ground Corn-  
wallis.  
Fire Engine Dartmouth.  
Physic and Surgery.  
Sessions C. Breton.

An Act relating to the Burial Ground near the Town Plot of Cornwallis.  
An Act in relation to an Assessment for a Fire Engine at Dartmouth.  
An Act to exclude incompetent persons from the practice of Physic and Surgery.  
An Act relative to the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Cape-Breton.

Pilotage, Sydney.  
Trial of Felonies.

An Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at Sydney, Cape-Breton.  
An Act to repeal the Act to empower the Supreme Court, at their stated Sittings in the Town of Halifax, to try offenders who may be guilty of Felonies in other Counties of this Province.

Common, Lunenburg.  
Pass.

An Act for regulating the Common for the Township of Lunenburg.  
An Act to repeal the Acts for preventing Persons leaving the Province without a Pass.

Poor, Egerton.

An Act in relation to the support of the Poor in certain parts of the Township of Egerton.

An



An Act to provide for the partition of certain Lands in the Township of Barrington.	Lands, Barrington.
An Act to regulate the importation of Books, and to protect the British Author.	Importation of Books.
An Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates in the third section of the Township of Pictou.	Poores' Rates, Pictou.
An Act relative to the Sittings of the Supreme Court and General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Shelburne.	Sup. Court Shelburne.
An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Tatamagouche.	Trustees Pres. Ch. Tatamagouche.
An Act in relation to the admission of certain persons as Attornies and Barristers.	Attornies and Barristers.
An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society.	Horticultural So'cy.
An Act to shut up a certain Line of Road in the Township of Pictou.	Road, Pictou.
An Act further to alter the Acts respecting the collection of Poores' Rates in the Township of Pictou.	Poores' Rates Pictou.
An Act in relation to the New Road from Malignant Cove to Antigonish.	Road, Malignant Cove.
An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Matthew's Church in Halifax.	St. Matt. Church, Halifax.
An Act for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the County of Cumberland.	School Com. Cumberland.
An Act to repeal the Acts to prevent the Forestalling, Reqrating, and Monopolizing of Cordwood, in Halifax.	Cordwood, Halifax.
An Act to make perpetual the Act for making regulations to prevent Dogs going at large, in certain cases.	Dogs.
An Act to make perpetual the Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual.	Arbitration.
An Act to make perpetual the Act concerning Malicious Injuries to Property.	Malicious Injuries.
An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax.	Pilotage, Halifax.
An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons.	Courts of Probate.
An Act to continue the Act to enable the Proprietors of Land, in the rear blocks or divisions of Lands in the Township of Guysborough, to open Roads through the same.	Roads, Guysboro'.
An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor.	Douglas Poor,
An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay.	Fishermen's Nets, Ched. Bay,
An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels.	Nets of Fishermen,
An Act to continue the Acts to divide the Township of Maxweltown into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor.	Poor, Maxweltown,
An Act to continue the Act to encourage the killing of Bears, LoupCerviers, and Wild Cats.	Killing of Bears, &c.
An Act to continue the Act in relation to the gathering of Sea Manure in Queen's County.	Sea Manure, Queen's Co.
An Act to continue the Act relating to the gathering of Sea Manure in the County of Halifax.	Do. Halifax,
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.	Billeting Troops,
An Act to continue the Act to provide against the occurrence of Diseases from the Bite of Animals.	Diseases from Bite of Animals,
An Act to continue the Acts for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.	Poor, Pictou,

An



- Un. Ins. Com. An Act to continue the Act to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova-Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors.
- Militia. An Act to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia.
- Monies on Highways An Act to continue the Act in relation to the expenditure of Public Monies on the Highways.
- N. S. Mar. Ins. Co. An Act to enable the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company to compensate their Directors and Auditors.
- Bank of N. Scotia. An Act to continue and alter the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Act in amendment thereof,
- Grist Mills. An Act to establish the Toll to be taken at Grist Mills.
- Givan Wharf Co. An Act to Incorporate the Givan Wharf Company.
- Road, Eastern Shore. An Act to provide for the opening of a New Line of Road from Dartmouth to the Settlements on the Eastern Shore.
- N. S. Fire Ins. Co. An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Fire Insurance Company.
- Public Property, Colchester. An Act for appointing Trustees for Public Property in the County of Colchester.
- Intercolonial Trade. An Act in relation to the Trade between the British North American Possessions.
- Election of Representatives. An Act to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives to serve in General Assembly.
- Londonderry Mining Co. An Act to Incorporate the Londonderry Mining Company of Nova-Scotia.
- H. A. withdrew. The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.
- H. E. retires.

Rep. of Com. rel. to distribution of Laws. Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to enquire into the causes of the Journals of the House of Assembly, and also the Laws of the Province, not being regularly sent to all the Members of this House, made his Report, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

Report. The Committee to whom was referred the duty of ascertaining the cause of the deficiency of the supply of the requisite number of the printed copies of the Laws of the Province to the Members of the Legislative Council, and also to provide a remedy that in future no such circumstance should occur, beg leave to report, that much uncertainty exists as to whom appertains the requisite duty of taking charge of the printed Laws, and attending to the proper distribution thereof.

It has also been made apparent to your Committee, during the course of its investigation, that a sufficient number of copies of the Laws for the year 1846 were not ordered to be struck off by Her Majesty's Printer.

Your Committee therefore recommend that a Conference be held with the House of Assembly, whereby a sufficient sum may be provided for the re-print of an extra number of the Laws of the past year, and likewise for the purpose of making such other arrangements for the future, with reference to the matter in charge of your Committee, as may be deemed advisable.

(Signed) ALEXR. McDOUGALL,  
Chairman.

Council Chamber, 17th March, 1847.

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

Conference on general state of Pro. On motion, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of this House do communicate to the Committee of the House of Assembly the suggestions in the foregoing Report relative to a re-print of the Laws of the past year, and for making arrangements for the supply of the Laws in future.

Conference asked. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,  
To desire the said Conference.

On

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Commissioners of Streets and Highways in certain Towns and Places therein mentioned, and had made several amendments thereto.

Rep. Commrs. of  
Streets Bill, with  
am.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

Am. read,

## THIRD CLAUSE.

2nd line.—Leave out the word “in,” and insert instead thereof the following words, “that this Act, and every matter and thing therein contained, shall extend to.”

4th line.—After the word “appointed” insert the words “for the said City.”

Between the third and fourth clauses insert the following clauses :

“*And be it enacted*, That every person within the City of Halifax, keeping any Cart, Team, or Truck, shall send, on every day appointed by the Commissioners, one Cart, Team, or Truck, with two Oxen or two Horses, or with one Horse, in case he owns no more, and one able man to drive the same, for four days in every year to work on the Highways, Roads, Streets, or Bridges, allowing eight hours to each day’s work ; and such person not attending, or neglecting to perform the said duty, shall forfeit for every day’s neglect, if owning two or more Horses, Ten Shillings, if owning only one Horse, Seven Shillings ; and that every other Householder or other person, able of body, between the ages of sixteen and sixty, not being a Military person, or holding a commission from Her Majesty in the Military or Civil Departments of the Army, or an Hired Servant, Minor, Apprentice, Journeyman, or Day Labourer, shall, on every day appointed as aforesaid, either by himself, or other sufficient person to be hired by him, and provided with such necessary implements as shall be directed by the Commissioners of Streets within the said City of Halifax, work, and continue so to do, for the space of six days in every year, on the said Highways, Roads, Streets, and Bridges, within the said City ; and every Hired Servant, Minor, Apprentice, Journeyman, and Day Labourer, shall, on every day appointed as aforesaid, either by himself or other sufficient person, and provided with necessary implements as aforesaid, work, and continue so to do for the space of two days on the said Highways, Roads, Streets, or Bridges, within the said City ; and such Householder, Hired Servant, Minor, Apprentice, Day Labourer, or other person not attending, or neglecting to perform the said labour, shall forfeit Three Shillings for every day’s neglect.

“*And be it enacted*, That all persons within the said City of Halifax, keeping Carts, Teams, or Trucks, who being sixty years old or upwards, are exempt from labouring on the said Highways or Roads, shall, nevertheless, when summoned so to do, send their Carts, Teams, or Trucks, for four days, to assist in making and repairing the same.

“*And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners within the said City of Halifax, to order and direct the inhabitants, as often as they shall deem necessary, during the Winter, to work on the said Highways and Streets, with their Horses, Oxen, and Sleds, in order that the Roads and Streets may be rendered passable ; and every inhabitant refusing or neglecting to obey such order, shall forfeit for each refusal or neglect, the sum of Ten Shillings : *Provided always, nevertheless*, that no inhabitant shall be compelled to furnish more than one day’s labour of himself or cattle, for every one fall of snow, or to work in any case where the fall or drift of snow shall not exceed the depth of twelve inches.

“*And be it enacted*, That when the said Commissioners of Streets for the said City of Halifax, shall judge the labour of men to be more useful or necessary than the employment of Carts, Teams, or Trucks, then, and in every such case, the persons who by this Act are required to furnish Carts, Teams, or Trucks, shall instead

thereof, be, and they are hereby required, under the like penalties, to send two men provided with necessary implements as aforesaid, to labour during the time appointed as aforesaid.

“*And be it enacted*, That every person resident in the said City of Halifax, and keeping Carts or Trucks with more than two Horses, shall, besides the performance of Highway Labour, with a Cart or Truck, Horse or Horses, and Man to attend the same, during four days as hereinbefore provided, be subject and liable to pay for the additional Horses so kept above the number of two, the following sums, that is to say—for a third Horse Seven Shillings, and for a fourth and every other Horse, Five Shillings each.

“*And be it enacted*, That every person resident as aforesaid, who may keep Horses not employed with Trucks or Carts, or for which he may not be subject to the labour or payments hereinbefore provided, shall pay for such Horses annually as follows—for one Horse, Seven Shillings, for each additional Horse, Five Shillings.”

And agreed to.

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

Report

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

Line between Cape  
Breton and Rich-  
mond,  
Dartmouth Water  
Co.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through,  
A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Boundary Line between the Counties of  
Cape-Breton and Richmond; also,

Distressed Settlers,

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

Sessions, Digby,  
Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Loans for the relief of Distressed Settlers;  
also,

Without am.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the General Sessions of the  
Peace in the County of Digby,

Rep. Court House  
Amherst Bill with  
am.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Am. agreed to.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, enti-  
tled, An Act for regulating the Court House Ground at Amherst, in the County  
of Cumberland, and had made an amendment thereto,

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

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

H. A. agree to Con-  
ference.

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference de-  
sired by this House, on the General State of the Province.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. McDougall, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee  
to manage the said Conference.

Report

And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, Mr. Morton re-  
ported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had commu-  
nicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly.

Pet. of J. Esson and  
others.

Mr. Tobin presented the Petition of John Esson, and others, praying for a repeal  
of the Act for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, which was read, and ordered to  
lie on the Table.

Flour and Meal Bill,

Mr. Tobin presented a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts for the Inspec-  
tion of Flour and Meal, which was read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Adjourn.

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

THURSDAY, 18th MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXR. CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. MCDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Court House Ground at Amherst, in the County of Cumberland, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Court House, Amherst Bill, read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

And sent to H. A.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent obstructions to the Ferry across the Harbor of Halifax; also, Ferry, Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Boundary Line between the Counties of Cape-Breton and Richmond; also, Boundary, C. Breton and Richmond,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Dartmouth Water Company; also, Dartmouth Water Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Loans for the relief of Distressed Settlers; also, Distressed Settlers, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Digby, Sessions, Digby, Bills,

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

And sent to H. A.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and alteration of, the Acts for establishing regulations for the disposal of Crown Lands within this Province; also, Crown Lands, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Commissioners of Streets and Highways in certain Towns and Places therein mentioned, Commissioners of Streets Bills,

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to with am.

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

And sent to H. A.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, was read a second time. Flour and Meal Bill read 2d time, and Ordered,

Ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Tobin, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Bell, Mr. Black, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.

Com. on Registrars of Deeds Bill rep.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Registrars of Deeds, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found it to be a copy of the Act passed on the 19th day of April, 1844, which was not assented to by Her Majesty, as will appear by a Despatch from the then Colonial Secretary Lord Stanley, bearing date the 15th November of that year, in which he states, that for certain reasons Her Majesty could not be advised to assent to it.

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

Com. to present Inter-Colonial Trade Res. rep. Address to H. A.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to present to the Lieutenant-Governor the Resolution passed by this House on the 16th instant, relative to the Inter-Colonial Trade, reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

Address

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JOHN HARVEY,

*Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

### THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The Legislative Council beg respectfully to present to your Excellency a Resolution which they have passed, with reference to the Inter-Colonial Trade of the British North American Provinces.

The Legislative Council pray your Excellency will be pleased to take such measures as to your Excellency may seem best, to promote and facilitate the objects which the Legislative Council have in view.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be adopted.

Com. to present to H. E.

*Ordered*, That the Committee who prepared the said Address be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency.

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

Highways Bill.

A Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.

£5 change of appropriation, Pictou,

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Pounds, granted during the last Session, to repair the Road from the School House, Caribboo River, to William McKay's, and undrawn, be appropriated in repairing the Road from Ruddock's Mill, Caribboo, past Widow Morrison's.

£7 10 change of appropriation, Kings' Co.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, appropriated out of the Road Money for King's County, in 1845, to repair the Road from A. Coil's, on the Nictaux Road, easterly, not expended, and returned undrawn, be now applied to the building of a Bridge on the new Road from Trenholm's Mill to William Taylor's, in Horton.

To

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

The same were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Highways Bill ref. to Sel. Com.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Keith, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

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

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

Adjourn.

FRIDAY, 19th MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP,

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. McDOUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The following Resolutions, viz :

£5 0 0 change of appropriation in Pictou.  
7 10 0 ditto, ditto, in King's County,

Changes of appropriation,

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

Read 2nd time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

And sent to H. A.

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

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Highways Bill report.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Bill read 2nd time,

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

And ord. to Com.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Harbor of Saint Mary's, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on St. Mary's Harbor Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time

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

And ord. to Com.



Com. to present Address to H. E. rel. to Inter-Colonial Trade report.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the Resolution of this House relative to the Inter-Colonial Trade, and the Address of this House relative thereto, reported that the Committee had waited upon His Excellency, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Resolution and Address, and to express his concurrence in the views of this House, and to state he would cheerfully lend his aid to facilitate the objects the Legislative Council had in view.

Pet. of Alumni of King's College, Windsor.

Mr. Almon presented the Petition of the Alumni of King's College, at Windsor, praying for an Act of Incorporation—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

S. O. suspended on Highways Bill.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges.

Com. on Bills.

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

Report, Adminis. of Law, and Highways Bills,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through, A Bill, entitled, An Act further to improve the Administration of the Law; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges,

Without amdt.

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

Message from H. E. with Despatches, &c. rel. to vote for relief Ireland and Scotland.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House an extract from a Despatch, dated 27th February, 1847, from the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Colonial Secretary, to His Excellency Sir John Harvey, acknowledging the receipt of the sum of £1000 Sterling, given by the Legislature for the relief of the sufferers by Famine in Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland.

Also, a Letter dated 20th February, 1847, from S. S. Lloyd, Chairman of the British Association for the relief of the extreme distress in Ireland and Scotland, acknowledging the receipt of the said sum of £1000 Sterling.

(*Vide Appendix No. 25.*)

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

Report of Com. on Flour and Meal Bill.

Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, was referred, reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and were not able to agree upon any Report thereon.

Sel. Com. discharged Bill ord. to Com. of whole.

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

H. A. agree to Summary Trials before J. P. Bill with amdt.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, with an amendment—to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House.

Colonial Duties.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills:  
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts 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.

Impor. of Goods.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods.



- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling, Smuggling.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the general regu- Regulation of Duties  
lation of the Colonial Duties.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the Warehousing Warehousing.  
of Goods.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts concerning Goods ex- Drawbacks.  
ported, and for granting Drawbacks.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Flour and Molasses.  
Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour  
and Molasses, in certain cases.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Acts to amend the Act con- Distilled Liquors.  
cerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain Duties of Customs. Duties of Customs.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Duties of Impost for the support of Her Duties of Impost.  
Majesty's Government within this Province.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the collection and securing of the Colo- Collection of Rev.  
nial Revenue.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses Licences.  
for the sale of Spirituous Liquors.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses Do. Halifax.  
for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction in Halifax.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act concerning the support and regula- Light Houses,  
tion of Light Houses.
- To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
- The said Bills were read a first time. Read 1st time.
- Ordered, That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and Ref. to Sel. Com.  
report upon.
- Ordered, That Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Almon, Mr. Morton, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Committee.  
Black, be a Committee for that purpose,
- On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at One Adjourn.  
o'clock.

SATURDAY, 20th MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

- A Bill, entitled, An Act further to improve the Administration of the Law ; also, Admn. of Law, and  
A Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Highways, Highways Bills,  
Roads, and Bridges,  
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3rd time,  
Whether this Bill shall pass ?  
It was resolved in the affirmative. A Agreed to,

- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Am. to Sum. Trials before J. P. Bill considered, The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.  
The same was read as follows :
- FIRST CLAUSE.
- 12th line.—After the word “Justices” insert the words, “Provided such Debtor be in the County where the debt may have been contracted.”
- Agreed to, And the said amendment being read a second and third time, was agreed to.
- And Message to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,  
To carry down the said Bill and amendment, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to their amendment to the said Bill.
- Com. on Colonial Duties, Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the following Bills, viz :  
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts 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.
- Impor. of Goods, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods.
- Smuggling, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.
- Regulation of Duties A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.
- Warehousing, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the Warehousing of Goods.
- Drawbacks, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.
- Flour and Molasses, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty’s Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases.
- Distilled Liquors, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Acts to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.
- Duties of Customs, A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain Duties of Customs.
- Duties of Impost, A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty’s Government within this Province.
- Collection of Rev A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the collection and securing of the Colonial Revenue.
- Licences, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors.
- Do. Halifax, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax.
- Light Houses Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses,
- Report Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and found that the Duties were the same as those of the last year, until the new system of abandoning the differential Duties should come into operation.
- Bills read 2nd time, The said Bills were then read a second time.
- And ord. to Com. Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Alumni of King's College, Windsor. *Resolved*, That Five Pounds, part of the grant of 1844 for the repair of the Road from Eaton's to Henry Christie's, be expended on the Road from William Irving's to Robert Johnston's; and that Five Pounds, granted in 1842 for the Road from Vance's to McCully's, be expended on the Road from McVie's to DeBurt River Meeting House—all in the County of Colchester; said sums having been reported undrawn.

Alumni King's College Bill, and Changes of appropriation, Colchester.

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

The same were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

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

Com on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Harbour of Saint Mary's, and had made an amendment thereto.

Report St. Mary's Harbour Bill with amdt.

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

Amdt. read,

SECOND CLAUSE.

At the end of the clause add the following Proviso :

*Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall apply, or be construed to apply, to fishing, coasting, or other vessels, resorting for shelter, or supplies of wood, water, or provisions, to the said harbour of Saint Mary's, and not anchoring within the Bar.

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

And agreed to.

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

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

Adjourn.

MONDAY, 22nd MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP,

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON.

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Harbour of Saint Mary's, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass ?

St. Mary's Harbour Bill read 3rd time.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to with am.  
And sent to H. A.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.

Alumni King's College Windsor Bill read 2nd time, And ord. to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Alumni of King's College, Windsor, was read a second time.

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

Changes of appropriation, Colchester, read 2nd time,

The Resolution changing the appropriation of two sums of Five Pounds each, for Roads in Colchester, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

And sent to H. A.

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

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

Message from H. E. with papers relative to Emigration,

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House :

Printed copies of Papers laid before the Imperial Parliament, relative to Emigration.

Canadian Post Office

Also, printed copies of Papers laid before the House of Commons, relative to the Canadian Post Office.

Differential Duties, and

Also, printed copies of Papers laid before the House of Commons, relative to the Differential Duties in the Colonies.

Provisions for support of Poor.

Also, printed copies of Papers laid before the House of Commons, relative to the Provisions made for the support of the Poor in the different Colonies.

The same were ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of James Crosskill and others.

Mr. Rudolf presented the Petition of James Crosskill, and others, Cordial Manufacturers and Confectioners, stating that a Drawback of the Duty on the imported articles used in their Manufactures was not granted by the Revenue Bills passed in the House of Assembly, and praying for relief—which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Co-partner's Bill read 1st time.

Mr. Fairbanks presented a Bill, entitled, An Act to limit the responsibility of Co-partners in certain cases, which was read a first time.

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

Petition of Daniel Hockin and others.

Mr. Almon presented the Petition of Daniel Hockin and others, of Pictou, praying that the provisions of the Law relating to Licences for the sale of Spirituous Liquors in Halifax may be extended to Pictou, which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Crown Land Department,

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Crown Land Department of this Province.

Petit Juries, Halifax,

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the drawing of Petit Juries for the Supreme Court in Halifax, for the present year.

Penalties for Marriages, and

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to exempt from Penalties, Ministers and others who have heretofore solemnized Marriages under certain circumstances.

Sale of R. W. Crookshank's Estate Bills,

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act authorizing the Committee of the Estate and Person of Robert W. Crookshank, the younger, found Lunatic in the Province of New Brunswick, to sell Real Estate within this Province.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bills were read a first time.

*Ordered*,

- Ordered*, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Crown Land Department Bill ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Bell, Mr. Keith, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ordered*, That the second and third Bills be read a second time at a future day.
- Ordered*, That the fourth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Crookshank's Estate Bill ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.
- Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Tobin, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Mr. Rudolf presented the Petition of the Committee of the Person and Estate of Robert W. Crookshank, praying for the passing of a Law authorising the sale of his Real Estate, which was ordered to lie on the Table. Petition of R. W. Crookshank's Com.
- On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills.
- The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to Marriage Licences, and had agreed to the same without any amendment. Report Marriage Licence Bill without am.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and had directed him to report that the Committee recommended a Conference on the General State of the Province should be held with the House of Assembly relative to the said Bill. Report Conference on Duties of Impost Bill.
- Ordered*, That the said Report be received, and that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly on the General State of the Province, relative to the said Bill. Report received.
- The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through— Report
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts 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. Colonial Duties of Impost,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods. Import. of Goods,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling. Smuggling,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties. Regulation of Duties
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the Warehousing of Goods. Warehousing,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks. Drawbacks,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases. Flour and Molasses,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Acts to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province. Distilled Liquors,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain Duties of Customs. Duties of Customs,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the collection and securing of the Colonial Revenue. Collection of Rev. and
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses. Light Houses Bills,
- And had agreed to the same without any amendment. Without amdt.
- Ordered*, That the said Bills be read a third time, at a future day.

Report Liquors Bill  
with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and had made several amendments thereto.

Amdt. read,

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

IN THE TITLE.

1st line.—After the word “continue” insert the words “and amend.”

FIRST CLAUSE.

12th line.—After the word “mentioned” insert the words “and in this Act.”

At the end of the Bill add the following clauses :

“*And be it enacted*, That the Second Section of the Act passed in the Seventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, entitled, An Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, so far as the same relates to the Town of Pictou, shall be repealed ; and that hereafter General Licenses may be granted within the said Town of Pictou, in the same terms and under the like restrictions as were imposed on the granting of such Licenses previous to the passing of the said last mentioned Act.

“*And be it enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force until the Thirty-first day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-eight, and no longer.”

And agreed to.

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

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

Recommend Flour  
and Meal Bill to  
be def. 3 months.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, and had directed him to report that the Committee recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

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

H. A. agree to Sum.  
Trials before J. P.  
Bill as am.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly have agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, as amended.

Also, with the following Resolutions :

340l 11s 11d Tran-  
sient Paupers.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Three Hundred and Forty Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven Pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the several amounts following, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the subject of expenses incurred for the support of Transient Paupers, that is to say :

To the Overseers of the Poor	1st section Township of Pictou,	£55	6	4
“	“ 4th do do,	8	2	8
“	“ 3rd do do,	6	12	0
“	Township of Egerton,	9	5	0
“	“ Argyle,	6	3	5
“	“ Cornwallis, 12 11s 3d of } which to be paid Dr. Forsyth, }	24	8	3
“	“ Wilmot, Co. of Annapolis,	9	0	0
“	“ Windsor,	9	0	6
“	“ Granville,	12	12	7
“	“ Parrsboro’,	8	0	6
“	“ Liverpool,	8	18	6
“	“ Digby, for supplying } wrecked Seamen, }	2	7	11
“	“ Clements,	5	15	2

To.



To Joshua Snow, Shelburne, for expences incurred for a sick Seaman,	£16	17	6
Doctor Robert Leslie, Annapolis, for attending persons infected with Small Pox, by order of the Board of Health,	11	10	0
Doctor C. Tupper, Amherst, for his services, by order of the Board of Health,	27	13	0
Doctor Hoffman, Health Officer, Halifax, for his services,	15	5	0
The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Londonderry,	5	5	9
The Board of Health, Bridgetown, for expenses incurred in a case of Small Pox—£7 of which to pay Doctors' Bills,	11	2	6
Doctor Harvey, of Kempt, for attending two Sailors infected with Small Pox, and for vaccinating 120 persons,	20	0	0
William Mortimer, Port Medway, for passage of three shipwrecked seamen from Porto Rico to Halifax, by order of the British Consul,	12	0	0
The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Truro,	35	7	4
James Whidden, for passage to Halifax of four Seamen, of the barque Burley, of Liverpool, G. B., stranded at Cienfuegos de Cuba—by order of two British Merchants,	20	0	0

*Resolved*, That the sum of Eight Pounds and Five Shillings be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Wilmot, County of Annapolis, in full for expenses incurred in supplying and sending to the Poor House in Halifax, a Transient Pauper, by the name of Thomas Hussey.

81. 5s. Overseers of Poor, Wilmot.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty-three Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Broad Cove, in the County of Lunenburg—to be drawn and applied to that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Ninety-eight Pounds and Ten Shillings has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

331. Breakwater, Broad Cove, Lunenburg.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-four Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Hogan's Cove, Bay Shore, Granville—to be drawn and applied to that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Seventy Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

241. Breakwater, Hogan's Cove, Granville.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty-nine Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Meteghan, in the County of Digby—to be drawn and applied to that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of One Hundred and Sixteen Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

391. Breakwater, Meteghan, Clare.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in opening an Outlet from a Lake, to improve the shelter at the Breakwater at Whale Cove, Clare—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such undertaking, and that the Site of such Breakwater has been conveyed for the use of the public.

1001. Breakwater, Whale Cove, Clare.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in repairing the Arisaig Pier, in the County of Sydney—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Pier, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

1251. Arisaig Pier.



100l. Breakwater,  
Cheticamp.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Cheticamp, in the County of Inverness—to be drawn and applied to that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

25l. Breakwater,  
Canada Creek,  
Cornwallis.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Canada Creek, Cornwallis—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Seventy-five Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

75l. Breakwater,  
Pitch Brook, Col-  
chester.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Seventy-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Pitch Brook, in the County of Colchester—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

34l. Breakwater,  
Little Harbour,  
Shelburne.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty-four Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Little Harbour, in the County of Shelburne—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of One Hundred and One Pounds and Ten Shillings has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

125l. Breakwater,  
Tidnish, Cumber-  
land.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Tidnish, in the County of Cumberland—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

125l. Breakwater,  
Port Hood.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Port Hood, in the County of Inverness—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

25l. Breakwater,  
Marshall's Cove,  
Wilmot.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Seventy-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the repair of the Breakwater at Marshall's Cove, Wilmot—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Seventy-five Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

25l. Breakwater,  
Margaretville.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in extending the Breakwater at Margaretville—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Seventy-five Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

100l. Breakwater,  
Robinson's Point,  
Digby.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Robinson's Point,

Point, in the County of Digby—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to John Givan, being a balance due him for work done to secure the Givan Wharf, Cornwallis. 5l. 10s. John Givan

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to aid John Copeland in building a Ferry Boat suitable to convey Horses and Carriages across the mouth of the Shubenacadie—to be paid when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that a good and sufficient boat for that purpose has been completed. 10l. John Copeland.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, (including the grant formerly made for the same service,) be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the purpose of building a Light House on Isle Haute, in the Bay of Fundy. 1250l. Light House, Isle Haute.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted for the support of the Transient Poor for the present year, to be paid to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax. 1350l. Transient Poor.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to such person as will run a proper Packet between Guysborough and Arichat, touching occasionally at Fox Island and Canso, under the regulation of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Guysborough—to be paid upon the Certificate of such Sessions that such Packet has been properly kept and run during the present year: Provided that the 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 between Guysborough and Arichat, if required. 50l. Guysborough Packet.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of the Givan Wharf, Cornwallis—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds has been subscribed by the inhabitants and expended on such Breakwater, and that the Site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public. 25l. Givan Wharf, Cornwallis.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Eight Pence be granted and paid to Thomas E. Maberly and Robert S. Eakins, for Duties on seizures made by them, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. 8l. 17s. 8d. Maberly and Eakins.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Seven Pounds Seven Shillings and Six Pence, be granted and paid to Joseph Stoneman, for Drawback on Sugar exported, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. 7l. 7s. Jos. Stoneman.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Pounds be granted and paid to Diadem McNeil, for Province Paper destroyed by Fire, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. 5l. Diadem McNeil.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to Robert Stone, Seizing Officer at Wilmot, for his services under special circumstances, as reported by the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. 50l. Robert Stone.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-eight Pounds and Fifteen Shillings be granted and paid to John Romans, as a further compensation for his services as Chief Inspector of Distilleries, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. 28l. 15s. J. Romans.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Pounds be granted and paid to David Landers, for return of Duty on Dye Stuffs, &c., agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. 5l. David Landers.

*Resolved*,

51. Cornwallis Agricultural Society. *Resolved*, That the sum of Five Pounds be granted and paid to Richard Starr, President of the Cornwallis Agricultural Society, for Return of Duties on Agricultural Implements, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.
101. 18s. 9d. F. Bourneuf. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence be granted and paid to Francis Bourneuf, Esquire, for Return Duties on Books imported by him for Educational purposes, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.
21. Clare Agricultural Society. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Pounds be granted and paid to the Clare Agricultural Society, being a Return of Duties paid by them upon Farming Implements for the advancement of Agriculture.
251. weekly Mail in County of Annapolis. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will enable him to defray the expense of a Weekly Mail from the Post Office at Gibbon's, in Wilmot, to Lawrencetown, passing through the districts lying on the South side of the Annapolis River, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee, provided the same do not exceed Twenty-five Pounds.
- Sum for Weekly Mail from Halifax to Sambro. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will enable him to defray the expense of a Weekly Mail between Halifax and Sambro, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee.
71. 10s. Mail from Windsor to Songster's in Falmouth. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will enable him to defray the expense of a Courier between Windsor Post Office and James Songster's, in Falmouth, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee, provided the same do not exceed Seven Pounds Ten Shillings.
- Sum for weekly Mail from Sydney to Lunenburg. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will enable him to defray the expense of establishing and maintaining a Mail once a week between Sydney and Louisburg and Main-a-Dieu, in the Island of Cape-Breton, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee.
- Mail County of Pictou. *Resolved*, That such sums be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will enable him to defray the expense of a Courier to convey the Mail from the Seven Mile House at the West River Road, in Pictou, to New Larig, and thence back by the Middle River Road, by way of Ruddock's Mills, provided the same do not exceed Twenty Pounds.
- Mail from Bridgetown to Gut of Annapolis. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will enable him to defray the expense of carrying the Mail from Bridgetown the whole distance to the Gut of Annapolis, instead of stopping at a place called Black Point, as at present, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee, provided the same do not exceed Five Pounds.
- Mail communication Truro to Earltown. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will enable him to defray the expense of an extension of Mail Communication, weekly, from Truro to the Way Office, Earltown, by the North River, Onslow, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee, provided the expense of the service do not exceed Twenty Pounds.
101. Lemuel Morehouse. *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, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee.
7531. 13s. 11d. Medical services to Indians. *Resolved*, That the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eleven Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor to defray sundry charges incurred for prevention of disease among the Indians during the past year—Eighty-five Pounds of which to be paid to Dr. Jennings, in full, for his medical services, and for horse hire and other expenses of a journey to Maitland—and One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds of which to be paid to Doctors Anderson and Johnson, in full, for their Medical services.
251. Dr. Desbrisay. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to Dr. Desbrisay, to compensate him for his services in attending sick Indians, and administering Medicines to the destitute.

*Resolved,*

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-six Pounds, and Five Shillings, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied towards defraying the expense of a Deaf and Dumb Boy, the son of James Allison, of Windsor, at an Asylum at Hartford, pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

26l. 5s. James Allison's deaf & dumb child.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-six Pounds and Five Shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied towards defraying the expenses of a Deaf and Dumb Boy, the son of James Stephens, of Horton, at an Asylum in Scotland, pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

26l. 5s. James Stephens's deaf and dumb child.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Sixty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied towards the maintenance and education of two Deaf and Dumb Boys, the children of John Campbell, of St. Paul's, pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

60l. deaf and dumb children of John Campbell.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Ten Pence, be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Provincial Penitentiary, to pay certain balances due on account of that establishment for the last year, and to pay the Salaries of the Officers, (including a Salary of Twenty-five Pounds for a Chaplain,) and to defray the outlay and other expenses for the present year, pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

1850l. 15s. 10d. expenses of Provincial Penitentiary.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners, for issuing Treasury Notes, for their services in that capacity for the last year, and to enable them to remunerate their Clerk.

175l. Commissioners for issuing Treasury Notes.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in clearing out the Channel of the Harbor of Antigonish, and repairing the Tow Path in that place—to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, in Council, that the sum of Thirty Pounds has been raised by private subscription, and expended on those services.

30l. Channel and Tow Path, Antigonish.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty-six Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the purpose of repaying the following advances made for the care and keeping of the Stud Horse "Norfolk," pursuant to the Report of the Committee—viz:

56l. 18s. 4d. expenses of stud horse Norfolk.

Advanced by Hon. Lewis M. Wilkins, £11 18 4

Reginald B. Porter, Esqr. 45 0 0

£56 18 4

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to George R. Grassie, Esquire, in full, for his services as High Sheriff of Colchester, in returning seven Members to the General Assembly, and not drawn from the Treasury as by Law authorised, pursuant to the Report of Committee.

10l. 10s. G. R. Grassie for returning Members.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Two Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to Joseph Oxley, for his services as Commissioner in laying out an alteration on the line of Road from Pictou to Amherst, pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

2l. 10s. Joseph Oxley

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to Mark Amiro, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on his Petition.

15l. Mark Amiro.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to David Chute, to compensate him for loss sustained to prevent the spreading of Small Pox, pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

15l. David Chute.

*Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, as will suffice to pay the respective sums following, advanced by the Governor, or now due, for the following services, that is to say:

Advances by Government.

For relief of sufferers by Fire at Newfoundland, £1048 15 10

Preparing Case and obtaining Opinion in reference to

Coal Mines,

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*Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to enable him to continue a suitable Revenue Boat at Sydney, Cape-Breton.

40l. Revenue Boat Sydney, C. B.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the purpose of continuing a suitable Boat to assist in the protection of the Revenue at the Port of Picton, for the present year, under the direction of the Collector of Excise at that Port.

30l. Revenue Boat Picton.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand and Seventy-three Pounds Six Shillings and Five Pence be granted and paid to the Commissioners of Public Buildings, to defray the expenses incurred by them during the last year, including the sum of One Hundred Pounds already advanced from the Treasury.

1073l. 6s. 5d. Commissioners of public buildings.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Three Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the 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.

300l. for Indians.

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners of Schools for the Western District of the County of Hants do, out of the Common School Funds which may be first at their disposal, on or after the first of May next, pay the sum of Five Pounds to William F. Bowes, a Schoolmaster of that County, for services performed by him; and unpaid, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Education.

Change of appropriation school money, Hants, 5l. to W. F. Bowes.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds, set apart for the support and maintenance of an Academy in the County of Lunenburg, in the year 1846, and not drawn from the Treasury by reason of the said Academy not going into operation during that year, be paid to the Trustees of the said Academy, out of which sum they shall pay to the Teacher of the Grammar School in Lunenburg the sum of Fifty-one Pounds, being the balance of his salary due him for the year 1846; and that the residue of the said sum be applied to the use of the said Academy, or transferred to the Commissioners of Schools for the general education of the County, as the said Trustees may deem most advisable, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Education.

Change of appropriation schools, Lunenburg, 100l.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Pounds, at present appropriated out of the allowance for Grammar Schools in the County of Cumberland for the support of a Grammar School in the District comprising the Township of Parrsborough, and other parts of Cumberland thereto annexed, may be applied by the Commissioners of Schools for that District, if they shall think fit so to do, towards the support of a superior Common School, wherein shall be taught, in addition to the common branches of Education, one or more classes in the Classics, Algebra, and the practical branches of Mathematics, or some of them.

Change of appropriation schools in, Parrsboro'.

To which Resolutions they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

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

Adjourn.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP,

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. McDougall,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
HENRY G. PINEO,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

## PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Contingent expenses On motion, *resolved*, that Mr. Tobin be substituted for Mr. Almon, on the Committee for taking into consideration the Contingent Expenses of this House for the present Session.

The following Resolutions for granting money, viz :

Money Votes.

£8	5	0	Overseers of Poor, Wilmot.
33	0	0	Breakwater, Broad Cove, Lunenburg.
24	0	0	do Hogan's Cove, Granville.
39	0	0	do Meteghan, Clare.
100	0	0	do Whale Cove, Clare.
125	0	0	Arisaig Pier.
100	0	0	Breakwater, Cheticamp.
25	0	0	do Canada Creek, Cornwallis.
75	0	0	do Pitch Brook, Colchester.
34	0	0	do Little Harbor, Shelburne.
125	0	0	do Tidnish, Cumberland.
125	0	0	do Port Hood.
25	0	0	do Marshall's Cove, Wilmot.
25	0	0	do Margaretville.
100	0	0	do Robinson's Point, Digby.
5	10	0	John Givan.
10	0	0	John Copeland.
1250	0	0	Light House, Isle Haute.
50	0	0	Guysborough Packet.
25	0	0	Givan Wharf, Cornwallis.
8	17	8	Maberly and Eakins.
7	17	6	Joseph Stoneman.
5	0	0	Diadem McNeil.
50	0	0	Robert Stone.
28	15	0	John Romans.
5	0	0	David Landers.
5	0	0	Cornwallis Agricultural Society.
10	18	9	Joseph Bourneuf.
2	0	0	Clare Agricultural Society.
25	0	0	Sum for Weekly Mail in County of Annapolis.
			Sum for Weekly Mail from Halifax to Sambro.
7	10	0	Mail from Windsor to Songster's.

Sum



			Sum for Weekly Mail from Sydney to Louisburg.
			Mail, County of Pictou.
			Do Bridgetown to Gut of Annapolis.
			Do Truro to Earl Town.
£10	0	0	Lemuel Morehouse.
753	13	11	Medical services to Indians.
25	0	0	Dr. Desbrisay.
26	5	0	James Allison's Deaf and Dumb Child.
26	5	0	James Stephens' do do.
60	0	0	John Campbell's do Children.
1850	15	10	Expenses of Provincial Penitentiary.
175	0	0	Commissioners for issuing Treasury Notes.
30	0	0	Channel and Tow Path, Antigonish.
56	18	4	Expenses of Stud Horse "Norfolk."
10	10	0	George R. Grassie, for returning Members.
2	10	0	Joseph Oxley.
15	0	0	Mark Amiro.
15	0	0	David Chute.
			Advances by Government.
25	0	0	Daniel Farrell.
510	0	0	Oatmills.
10	0	0	Bounties for killing Wolves.
5000	0	0	Grant for Main Roads.
250	0	0	Annually, for two years, Steam Boat from Pictou to P. E. Island.
750	0	0	Annually, for two years, Steam Boat on Western Shore.
40	0	0	Revenue Boat, Sydney, C. B.
30	0	0	Revenue Boat, Pictou.
1073	6	5	Commissioners of Public Buildings.
300	0	0	For the Indians.
5	0	0	Change of Appropriation of School Money in Hants County.
100	0	0	Do Schools in Lunenburg.

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

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. And agreed to.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Crown Land Department of this Province, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Crown Land Department Bill report.

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

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

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act authorizing the Committee of the Estate and Person of Robert W. Crookshank the younger, found Lunatic in the Province of New-Brunswick, to sell Real Estate within this Province, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the further consideration of the House. Com. on Crookshank's Bill report

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to Marriage Licences, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Marriage Licence Bill read 3rd time,

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

And agreed to.

Dissent with reasons

**DISSENTIENT.**

1. Because the Law as it now stands imposes so few restrictions upon the solemnization of Marriage, that no necessity for this Bill can be shewn.

"*All duly ordained and settled Ministers of any congregation of Christians*" may now solemnize Marriage, not only in the place of their residence, but in every portion of the Province which they may visit ; nor are they limited as to the residence of the parties applying to them who may come to them from the most distant section of the Province. The only restraint of the existing Law requires that either the man or the woman shall belong (not to the congregation of the Minister to whom they apply, but) to the same denomination of Christians to which the Minister shall belong.

2. Because this Bill, by removing this single restriction, will diminish the means (already too limited) for detecting any attempted fraud, and so facilitate clandestine and illegal Marriages, of which several have lately occurred ; and the tendency of such Marriages is demoralizing and most injurious to the peace and happiness of families, and manifestly alike injurious among all denominations of Christians.

JOHN NOVA-SCOTIA.

The following Bills, viz :

- Colonial Duties of Impost, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts 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.
- Import. of Goods, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods.
- Smuggling, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.
- Regulation of Duties A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.
- Warehousing, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the Warehousing of Goods.
- Drawbacks, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.
- Flour and Molasses, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases.
- Distilled Liquors, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Acts to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.
- Duties of Customs, A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain Duties of Customs.
- Collection of Rev. and A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the collection and securing of the Colonial Revenue.
- Light Houses Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses.
- Read 3rd time, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?
- And agreed to. It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Licences Bill read 3rd time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,
- Agreed to with am. Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?  
It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

To

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and alteration of, the Acts for establishing Regulations for the disposal of Crown Lands within this Province, with an amendment, to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House. H. A. agree to am. to Crown Land Bill with am.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendment. Amdt. considered,

The same was read by the Clerk, as follows:

“In the amendment, before the word “escheated” insert the word “or.””  
And the said amendment being read a second and third time, was agreed to. And agreed to.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of this House be instructed to suggest to the Committee of the House of Assembly that in consequence of the proposed increase of Duties on Spirits manufactured in this Province, such Spirits should be allowed to be bonded for exportation in the same manner and with the like advantages as Spirits imported into this Province. Conference on Gen. State of Province rel. to Rev. Bills.

And also, that a Drawback should be allowed on Cordials and Confectionary exported to the extent of Duties actually paid on Sugars and other dutiable articles used in their manufacture, within this Province.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, Conference asked.  
To desire the said Conference.

On motion that a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Registrars of Deeds be read a second time, Registrars of Deeds Bill read 2nd time,

Mr. Pineo moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months: which, being seconded, and the question being put, after short debate, was agreed to. And def. 3 months.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, H. A. agree to Conference.  
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House on the General State of the Province.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Tobin, and Mr. Black, be a Committee to manage the said Conference. Committee.

And the Managers went to the Conference; and being returned, Mr. Almon reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly. Report.

Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider of, and report to the House, the amount which will be required for its contingent expenses for the present Session, made his Report, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same, as follows: Com. on Contingent Expenses report.

The Committee appointed to consider of, and report to the House, the amount which will be required for its contingent expenses for the present Session, report as follows: that there is required for—

The salary of the Clerk,	£200 0 0
“ Law Clerk and Clerk of Parliament,	150 0 0
“ Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod and Serjeant at Arms,	75 0 0
“ Chaplain,	25 0 0
The Messengers, viz:	
First Messenger,	£45 0 0
Second do,	30 0 0
W. C. Manning’s Acct. for Stationery, balance of last year and the present, and for binding the Laws and Journals,	71 17 4
Graham & Sons’ Acct. for Stationery—balance of last year,	7 3 3
W. G. Anderson’s Acct.	17 18 6

Gossip

Gossip & Coade's Acct.	£7 10 0
Fuel, to be accounted for by Clerk,	20 0 0
This sum for the contingencies of the Council, to be expended under the direction of a Committee of the House,	69 14 0
	£719 3 1

By order of the Committee,

MICHAEL TOBIN, Chairman.

Committee Room, 23d March, 1847.

- Adopted. *Ordered*, That the said Report be received and adopted.
- Conference on Gen. State of Province relative to. On motion, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of this House do communicate to the Committee of the House of Assembly the amount required to defray the contingent expenses of this House for the present Session.
- Conference asked. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To desire the said Conference.
- Agreed to. A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House on the General State of the Province.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Tobin, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. Black, be a Committee to manage the said Conference.
- Report. And the Managers went to the Conference; and being returned, Mr. Tobin reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly.
- Com. on Contingencies. On motion, *resolved*, that Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Black, be a Committee to superintend the expenditure of the contingencies of this House.
- Message to H. A. With Marriage Licence and 11 Revenue Bills. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to Marriage Licenses. Also, the eleven Revenue Bills, this day read a third time, and agreed to, and to acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said Bills, without any amendment.
- With License Bill and am. Also, to return a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and to acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
- With Crown Land Bill and am. Also, to return a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and alteration of, the Acts for establishing Regulations for the disposal of Crown Lands within this Province, and to acquaint them that this House have agreed to their amendment to the amendment of this House to the said Bill.
- With Money Votes. Also, to return the sixty-four Resolutions for granting Monies, agreed to this day, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Adjourn. On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at One o'clock.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, 24th MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP,

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,

MICHAEL TOBIN,

JOHN MORTON,

HUGH BELL,

STAYLEY BROWN,

ALEXR. McDougall,

The Honorable MATHER B. ALMON,

EDWARD KENNY,

JAMES D. HARRIS,

ALEXANDER KEITH,

DAVID CRICHTON,

JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :—

£350 11 11 Transient Paupers,  
1340 0 0 Transient Poor, Halifax—

Money Votes read  
2nd time,

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

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,  
And sent to H. A.

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

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Report Duties of  
Impost Bill with-  
out am.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Alumni of King's College, Windsor, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Rep. Alumni King's  
College Bill with-  
out am.

Whereupon Mr. McDougall moved that the said Report be not received: which being seconded, and the question being put, passed in the negative.

Motion not to receive  
Report negatived.

It was then moved that the said Report be received: which being seconded, and the question being put thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eight; against the motion, six.

Motion to receive  
Report

For the motion,

Mr. Rudolf,  
Crichton,  
Black,  
Morton,  
Fairbanks,  
Almon,  
Keith,  
Harris.

Against the motion.

The Lord Bishop,  
Mr. Bell,  
Brown,  
Tobin,  
Kenny,  
McDougall.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Agreed to.

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

Recommend Penalties Marriage Bill to be def.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration, a Bill, entitled, An Act to exempt from Penalties, Ministers and others who have heretofore solemnized Marriages under certain circumstances, and had directed him to report that the Committee were of opinion that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

Bill deferred.

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

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

500l. relief of Col'd. Population.

*Resolved,* That the following sums be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the relief of the Colored Population in the respective places following, that is to say :—

At Hammond's Plains, Beech Hill, Sackville, Preston and its vicinities, in the County of Halifax,	£300	0	0
In Hants' County,	25	0	0
In the County of Guysborough,	50	0	0
At Tracadie, in the County of Sydney,	25	0	0
In the County of Shelburne,	25	0	0
“ “ Queen's County,	25	0	0
“ “ Annapolis,	25	0	0
“ “ Digby,	25	0	0
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	£500	0	0

67l. 15s. 4d. wrecked Passengers from Sable Island.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Sixty-seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Four Pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray certain expenses incurred by the Government for maintenance of wrecked Passengers from Sable Island.

1250l. relief of destitute Settlers in C. Breton.

*Resolved,* That the following sums be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the relief of destitute Settlers in the respective Counties following, that is to say :—

In the County of Cape-Breton,	£600	0	0
“ “ Inverness,	350	0	0
“ “ Richmond,	300	0	0
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	£1250	0	0

645l. 19s. 9d. J. H. Crosskill, Queen's Printer.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Six Hundred and Forty-five Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Nine Pence, be granted and paid to John H. Crosskill, for certain services performed by him as Queen's Printer for the last year, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Printing.

252l. 15s. 6d. for Printing.

*Resolved,* That the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay the following accounts for Printing, viz :—

William Cunnabell,	£9	3	3
William Annand,	14	7	0
Ritchie & Nugent,	8	13	9
Edward Young, (Olive Branch,)	4	6	6
English & Blackadar,	3	3	9
Guardian,	2	10	9
Christian Messenger,	2	16	3
Gossip & Coade,	204	4	3
W. C. Manning,	1	5	0
J. H. Crosskill, (Morning Post,)	1	15	0
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	£252	15	6

*Resolved,*



*Resolved*, That the sum of Four Pounds be granted and paid to James Blair the 4l. Jas. Blair, 4th. Fourth, for attending at Halifax from Truro, as a Witness for the Crown in the Prosecution of the Queen against McKenzie.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and alteration of, the Acts for establishing Regulations for the disposal of Crown Lands within this Province, as amended. H. A. agree to Crown Lands Bill as am.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly could not consider the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, as their import is to impose taxation. H. A. cannot consider am. to License Bill.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent Coasting on the Highways.

Coasting,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.

Pickled Fish,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings.

Smoked Herrings,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

Assize of Bread,

A Bill, entitled, 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.

Do. Dartmouth,

A Bill, entitled, 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.

County Rates,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries.

Juries, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses.

Trespases Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

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

THURSDAY,



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 THURSDAY, 25th MARCH, 1847.
 

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. MCDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Duties of Impost Bill  
read 3rd time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Crown Land Bill  
finally agreed to,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and alteration of, the Acts for establishing Regulations for the disposal of Crown Lands within this Province, was read as now amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Am. to License Bill  
considered.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors.

The same were read, and

And adhered to,

On motion, *resolved*, that the said amendments be adhered to.

And Message to H.  
A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,  
To return the said Bill and amendments, and acquaint them that this House adhere to their amendments to the said Bill.

Coasting,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent Coasting on the Highways.

Pickled Fish,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.

Smoked Herrings,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings.

Assize of Bread,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

Do. Dartmouth,

A Bill, entitled, 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.

County Rates,

A Bill, entitled, 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.

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A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries.	Juries, and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses—	Trespasses Bills
Were read a second time.	
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.	Read 2nd time, and Ord. to Com.
The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :	Money Votes
£500 0 0 Relief of Colored Population.	
67 15 4 Wrecked Passengers from Sable Island.	
1250 0 0 Relief of distressed Settlers in Cape-Breton.	
645 19 9 J. H. Crosskill, Queen's Printer.	
252 15 6 for Printing.	
4 0 0 James Blair, 4th—	
Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,	Read 2nd time,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?	
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Agreed to,
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,	
To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.	And sent to H. A.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Alumni of King's College, Windsor, was read a third time—	Alumni, King's College Bill read 3d time.
Whereupon the Lord Bishop moved that the said Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the first clause thereof, by leaving out the words "At the time such Bye Laws, Rules, and Ordinances, may be constituted and established": which being seconded, and the question being put, passed in the negative.	Motion to re-commit
Then the question was put by the President,	
Whether this Bill shall pass ?	
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Bill agreed to,
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,	
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.	And sent to H. A.
A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden,	H. A. agree to am.
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Harbor of Saint Mary's.	to St. Mary's Harbor Bill.
Also with a Resolution specifically appropriating the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, voted for the service of the Main Post Roads.	Resolution dividing £5000 for Main Post Roads
To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.	
The said Resolution was read a first time.	Read 1st. time,
Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.	And ref. to Sel. Com.
Ordered, That Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Keith, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Black, be a Committee for that purpose.	Committee.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Harbor of Saint Mary's, was read as amended, and the question was put by the President,	St. Mary's Harbor Bill finally agreed to,
Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?	
It was resolved in the affirmative.	
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,	
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.	And sent to H. A.
Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the Resolution specifically appropriating	

Com. on £5000 vote report.

appropriating the sum of Five Thousand Pounds voted for the service of the Main Post Roads, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Resolution, and recommended that the same should lie over for the present.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be received.

Com. on Bills.

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

Report Licenses Halifax Bill without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licences for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

Recom. Petit Juries Hx. Bill to be ref. to Sel. Com.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the drawing of Petit Juries for the Supreme Court in Halifax, for the present year, and had directed him to report that the Committee recommended that the said Bill should be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.

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

Bill referred.

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bell, Mr. Black, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.

Message from H. E. with Blue Book.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House, the Blue Book for the year 1845—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Return of Coal.

Also the following statement of Coal, raised and sold by the General Mining Association, from Her Majesty's Coal Mines in Nova-Scotia and Cape-Breton, for the year 1846.

	Chaldrons	Bushels
From Pictou Mines,	23,663	69
Sydney Mines,	21,437	1
Bridgeport Mines,	74	27
<b>Total Chaldrons,</b>	<b>45,175</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Less</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Newcastle Chaldrons</b>	<b>19,175</b>	<b>25</b>

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

Adjourn.

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

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, 26th MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Licenses, Hx. Bill,  
read 3d time,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

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

And sent to H. A.

*Ordered*, That the Standing Orders of this House, as published in the Journals of 1839, be printed in a pamphlet form.

Standing Orders to  
be printed.

Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Drawing of Petit Juries for the Supreme Court in Halifax, for the present year, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed some amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Juries, Hx.  
Bill, report.

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

Bill ord. to Com.

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through—

Report—

A Bill, entitled, An Act authorizing the Committee of the Estate and Person of Robert W. Crockshank, the younger, found Lunatic in the Province of New Brunswick, to sell Real Estate within this Province; also,

Cruikshank's,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent Coasting on the Highways.

Coasting,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.

Pickled Fish,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings.

Smoked Herrings,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

Assize of Bread,

A Bill, entitled, 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.

Do. Dartmouth,

A Bill, entitled, 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.

County Rates,

Juries, and  
Trespasses Bills  
Without amdt.  
S. O. S.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries.  
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses.  
And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

Bills read 3d time,

The said Bills were then read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill,

Agreed to,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Report Juries, Hx.  
Bill, with am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Drawing of Petit Juries for the Supreme Court in Halifax, for the present year, and had made several amendments thereto.

Amdt. read,

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

FIRST CLAUSE.

5th line.—Instead of the word “and” insert the word “or.”

16th line.—After the word “served” insert the words “at any time as Grand Jurors or.”

17th line.—Leave out the word “either.”

18th line.—Leave out the words “Grand or.”

And agreed to.  
S. O. S.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.  
*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.

Bill read 3d time,

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

Agreed, with am.,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

Electric Telegraph  
Bill

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Electric Telegraph Company.

£145 change of ap-  
propriation, Syd-  
ney, Co.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Forty-five Pounds, appropriated for the Great Roads in the County of Sydney, in the year 1840, and remaining undrawn, be applied to open and make an alteration of the Post Road from the County Line, Lochabar, to Antigonishe, and thence by Devost's Bridge, Tracadie, to Edmond Forrestall's Ferry, Gut of Canso.

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

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

Electric Telegraph  
Bill ref. to Sel.  
Com.

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

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Black, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

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



A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors. License Bill,

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

On motion of Mr. Tobin, *ordered*, That Mr. Brown have leave of absence to return home on urgent private business. Leave of absence to Mr. Brown.

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

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SATURDAY, 27th MARCH, 1847.

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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, was read a second time. Licenses Bill read 2nd time,

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

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Electric Telegraph Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Electric Telegraph Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

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

The Resolution changing the appropriation of the sum of £145 for a Road in the County of Sydney; also, Money Votes

The Resolution specifically appropriating the sum of £5,000 for the service of the Main Post Roads—

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

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

And sent to H. A.

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

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

Streets and High-  
ways Bill

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Streets and Highways in certain Towns and Places therein mentioned.

Read 1st time.

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House

The said Bill was read a first time.

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

Division of Road  
Money—

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

*Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the present year, be applied as follows :

In the County of Yarmouth,	£1500
“ “ Shelburne,	1500
“ “ Digby,	1500
“ “ Sydney,	1500
“ “ Guysborough,	1500
“ “ Queen's,	1500
“ “ Richmond,	1500
“ “ Halifax,	2280
“ “ Hant's,	2100
“ “ Inverness,	2070
“ “ Cape-Breton,	2190
“ “ King's,	1650
“ “ Pictou,	2190
“ “ Colchester,	1800
“ “ Cumberland,	1800
“ “ Lunenburg,	1860
“ “ Annapolis,	1560

Cape-Breton,

Inverness,

Richmond,

Guysborough.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Pounds, allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape Breton—the sum of Two Thousand and Seventy Pounds for the same service in the County of Inverness—the sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds for the same service in the County of Richmond—and the sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds for the same service in the County of Guysborough, out of the sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the present year, be respectively placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in that service in said Counties, respectively, as heretofore: *Provided*, that any sum applied for the purchase of Seed or Provisions for the People, shall be first deducted from the Monies for each County respectively.

Subdivision—

Yarmouth,

Shelburne,

Digby,

Sydney,

Queen's Co.

Halifax,

Hant's,

King's Co.

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Yarmouth.

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne.

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Digby.

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney.

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in Queen's County.

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax.

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of Two Thousand and One Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants.

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in King's County.

Also,



Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Eight Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Colchester,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Eight Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis,

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time, and, by order, the same were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution, Read 1st & 2d time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the Fraudulent making of false and pretended Conveyances of Lands, or of interests therein. Fraudulent Conveyance Bill

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time. Read 1st time.

Whereupon Mr. McDougall moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months : which, being seconded, Mr. Rudolf moved in amendment that the said Bill be read a second time at a future day : which, being seconded, and the question being put, was agreed to. Motion to defer.  
Motion in amdt. for 2nd reading.

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

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

MONDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
ALEXR. MCDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Streets and Highways in certain Towns and Places therein mentioned, was read a second time. Streets and Highways Bill read 2d time,

Ordered,

And ord. to Com.

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

Fraudulent Conveyance Bill read 2nd time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the Fraudulent making of false and pretended Conveyances of Lands, or of interests therein, was read a second time—

Motion to be com.

Whereupon it was moved that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day: which, being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared, for the motion, nine; against the motion, four.

For the motion.

Against the motion.

Mr. Kenny,  
Harris,  
Fairbanks,  
Keith,  
Almon,

Mr. Crichton,  
Black,  
Morton,  
Rudolf.

Mr. Tobin,  
Brown,  
McDougall,  
Bell.

Agreed to,

So it passed in the affirmative.

And ord to Com.

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

S. O. S. on Streets and Highways Bill.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Streets and Highways in certain Towns and Places therein mentioned.

Com. on Bills.

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

Report—

Electric Telegraph,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through—

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Electric Telegraph Company; also,

Streets and Highways,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Streets and Highways in certain Towns and Places therein mentioned; also,

Licenses, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors; also,

Crown Land Department Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Crown Land Department of this Province.

Without amdt.

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

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

Crim. Law Bill.

A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Criminal Law.

719l. 3s. 1d. expenses of L. Council.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Seven Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Three Shillings and One Penny, be granted and paid to defray the expenses of the Legislative Council for the present year.

335l. contingencies of H. A.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Three Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds be granted and paid to defray the expense of extra Messengers and other services, and for Fuel and other articles for the House of Assembly, 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.

91l. 4s. 6d. Stationery for H. A.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ninety-one Pounds Four Shillings and Six Pence, be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Stationery and Binding of Journals and Laws for the House of Assembly during the last year.

62l. 3s. 6d. for paper for printing revised edition of the Laws.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Sixty-two Pounds Nine Shillings and Six Pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to pay the Contractor for Printing the proposed revised edition of the Provincial Laws, for

for Paper purchased by him for that purpose, under the conditions stipulated in the Report of the Committee on that subject.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Thirteen Pounds Twelve Shillings and Two Pence, be granted and paid to the Honorable the Speaker, being balance of Account for Books and Parliamentary Papers purchased by him for the use of the House.

13l. 12s. 2d. to Speaker of H. A. balance of Books.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Three Pounds be granted and paid to John Henry, and Studley Horton, Overseers of the Poor for Upper Musquodoboit, to cover expenses incurred in maintaining and burying a Transient Pauper.

3l. Overseers of Poor Upper Musquodoboit.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, be granted and paid to Alexander G. Fraser, and James Tremain, for their services as Commissioners for investigating the Accounts of the former Treasurer, employed by the Governor under a Resolution of this House at the last Session.

150l. Commissioners for investigating Treasury affairs.

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to procure so many of Sykes' Hydrometers as may be required for the use of Out-Port Collectors of Impost and Excise as are not already supplied, and for Distilleries.

100l. Sykes' Hydrometers.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be, from time to time, paid to the Commissioners of Public Buildings, to enable them to carry out the views expressed in the Report of the Committee on Public Buildings, as regards the paying of ready money upon contracts and purchases for said Buildings.

1500l. to Lieut Gov. for public buildings.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, be granted and paid to the Chief Inspector of Distilleries in Halifax, for his services for the present year, instead and in lieu of all other allowances whatsoever.

120l. Chief Inspector of Distilleries.

*Resolved*, That there be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, for the purpose of employing the Schooner Daring, (when not employed in the Sable Island service,) for the protection of the Fisheries on the Eastern Coast of this Province, as far as practicable; and the further sum of Five Hundred Pounds for the employment of a suitable vessel to protect the Fisheries on the Western Coast of the Province.

1000l. for vessels for protection of Fisheries.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to Joseph Wilkins, of Mud Islands, to enable him to keep a suitable Boat and Man at that place, to assist Shipwrecked Seamen, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on his Petition.

20l. J. Wilkins for Boats at Mud Island.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Eight Hundred Pounds Eight Shillings and Nine Pence, be granted and paid to the Commissioners of Sable Island, to defray certain Accounts connected with that establishment—such sum to be charged against the establishment, and repaid out of any Funds that may hereafter be at the disposal of the Commissioners, pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

800l. 8s. 9d. Sable Island.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-two Pounds Three Shillings and Three Pence, be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Horton, to reimburse them for expenses incurred in taking care of a Pauper who had escaped from the Poor Asylum at Halifax, and was taken sick at Horton.

22l. 3s. 3d. Overseers Poor, Horton.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to Joseph Langley, to enable him to open a House of Entertainment for Travellers on the new Guysborough Road, pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

15l. Jos. Langley.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to James Cain, to enable him to keep a House for the Entertaining of Travellers on the new Road leading from Annapolis to Liverpool.

10l. James Cain.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners appointed in 1846 to make further enquiries relative to a Site for a Lunatic Asylum, to pay balance of expenses incurred in procuring Plans, &c.

10l. Commissioners Lunatic Asylum.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Pound and Ten Shillings, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to repay Peter Dawson, for his expenses in inspecting and reporting on the state of the Road between Hamilton's and Windsor, by direction of the late Lieutenant-Governor.

1l. 10s. P. Dawson.

401. Commissioners Lunatic Asylum.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to repay that amount advanced from the Treasury to the Commissioners of the Lunatic Asylum in the year 1846.

1055t. Expenses of Post Office Department.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand and Fifty-five Pounds Four Shillings and Seven Pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray that amount advanced and paid from the Treasury, to support the Post Office Department for the last year.

401. J. Chamberlain.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and paid to John Chamberlain, towards remunerating him for his labor in reporting the Debates at this present Session.

1001. for acct. of passengers and traffic on western road.

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to enable him to procure the services of a competent Person to keep an exact account of Passengers and Traffic that may pass into and out of the City of Halifax to and from Windsor and parts beyond, and to and from other places, by the route of the Main Post Road between Windsor and Halifax, or any portion thereof, in the interval between the appointment of such person and the expiration of one month from the commencement of the first Session of the next General Assembly, in order that the Report of such Person may be submitted to the Legislature as soon as possible after that time.

1001. Commissioners Lunatic Asylum.

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds, be granted and paid to the three Commissioners appointed in 1845 to collect information respecting a Lunatic Asylum—to repay the balance of expenses incurred by them while pursuing that mission, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

201. Bridge in Onslow.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay William Synds, G. H. Blair, Adam McNutt, and others, that sum—to be divided among them in such proportions as they severally contributed in building a Bridge across the North River, Onslow, in 1842, as recommended by a Special Committee of this House in the Session of 1846, and that the same be repaid out of the Road Monies for Colchester in 1848.

501. Sheriffs Sawyer and Kaulback—

*Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to J. J. Sawyer, and J. H. Kaulback, for their expenses and time on a mission to Pictou, having been sent there by the late Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of being present at the last election of a Representative for the Township of Pictou, the previous election having been set aside on account of violence.

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

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

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

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

Message from H. A. rel. to Juries, Halifax, Bill.

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the first amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Drawing of Petit Juries for the Supreme Court in Halifax, for the present year, with an amendment—to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House; and that the House of Assembly did not agree to the other amendments proposed by this House to the said Bill.

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolution:

Advances for Post Office,

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorised and respectfully requested to direct such advances of Monies from the Treasury as may be necessary to keep up the Post Office Communication throughout the Province, for the current year, and that the House of Assembly will provide for the granting thereof in the first Session of the next General Assembly.

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Resolution was read a first time.

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

Adjourn.

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

TUESDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
ALEXR. McDUGALL,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Electric Telegraph Company ; also, Electric Telegraph,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Streets and Highways in certain Towns and Places therein mentioned ; also, Streets and Highways,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors ; also, Licenses, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Crown Land Department of this Province— Crown Land Department Bills,

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ? Read 3d time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,  
And sent to H. A.

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

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

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to the first amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Drawing of Petit Juries for the Supreme Court, for the present year. Am. to Petit Juries, Halifax, Bill considered.

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

Leave out the word "or," by the said amendment proposed to be inserted in the fifth line of the first clause of the said Bill, and also all the words after the word "before" in the said fifth line down to the word "of" in the sixth line, and instead thereof insert the following words, "any two Justices."

On motion, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the said amendment. Conference on moved,

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

And asked.

To desire the said Conference.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act for the regulation of Juries, so far as relates to certain Counties therein mentioned. Juries in certain Counties Bill,

*Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds, at present by Law appropriated for the support of an Academy in the County of Richmond, shall and may, hereafter, during the continuance of the Act passed in the eighth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of Schools, be annually drawn and applied by the Trustees of the said Academy for the support of a Grammar 100l. change of appropriation School in Richmond,

Grammar



Grammar School in connection with a Nautical School, under the direction of the said Trustees : *Provided*, that the same sum be subscribed and raised by the people, as by Law required, in order to draw the allowance for an Academy.

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

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

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

Crim. Law Bill read  
2nd time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Criminal Law, was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Money Votes,

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :—

£719	3	1	Expenses of Legislative Council,
335	0	0	Contingencies of House of Assembly,
91	4	6	Stationery for House of Assembly,
13	12	2	Speaker of House of Assembly, balance for Books,
30	0	0	Overseers of Poor, Upper Musquodoboit,
150	0	0	Commissioners for investigating the Treasury affairs,
100	0	0	Sykes' Hydrometers,
1500	0	0	Lieutenant-Governor, for Public Buildings,
120	0	0	Chief Inspector of Distilleries,
1000	0	0	Vessels for protection of Fisheries.
20	0	0	J. Wilkins, for Boat at Mud Island.
800	8	9	Sable Island.
22	2	3	Overseers Poor, Horton,
15	0	0	Joseph Langley,
10	0	0	James Cain,
10	0	0	Commissioners of Lunatic Asylum,
1	10	0	Peter Dawson,
40	0	0	Commissioners of Lunatic Asylum,
1055	4	7	Post Office Department,
40	0	0	J. Chamberlain,
100	0	0	For account of Passengers and Traffic on Western Road.
100	0	0	Commissioners for Lunatic Asylum,
20	0	0	Bridge in Onslow,
50	0	0	Sheriffs Sawyer and Kaulback.

Also the Resolution authorizing advances for the Post Office Department—

Read 2nd time,

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

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

Com. on Bills.

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

Report Fraudulent  
Conveyance Bill  
without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the Fraudulent making of false and pretended Conveyances of Lands, or of interests therein, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Motion to receive  
Report,

Whereupon it was moved that the said Report be received, and the said Bill be read a third time at a future day : which, being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared, for the motion, eight ; against the motion, four.

For

For the motion.

Mr. Black, Mr. Keith,  
Fairbanks, Morton,  
Harris, Crichton,  
Almon, Rudolf.

Against the motion.

Mr. Kenny,  
McDougall,  
Tobin,  
Bell.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Agreed to.

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

The House proceeded to the further consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to the first amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Drawing of Petit Juries for the Supreme Court in Halifax, for the present year, and also to the amendments proposed by this House to the said Bill—which amendments have not been agreed to by the House of Assembly. The same were read, and—

Am. to Petit Juries, Halifax, Bill considered.

On motion, *resolved*, that the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to the first amendment proposed by this House to the said Bill, be not agreed to; but that the first amendment proposed by this House to the said Bill be adhered to.

Am. of H. A. not agreed to.

1st am. adhered to.

On motion, *resolved*, that the three other amendments proposed by this House to the said Bill be not adhered to.

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

Message to H. A. with Bill.

To return the said Bill and amendments, and acquaint them therewith.

The Resolution changing the appropriation of the sum of £100 for a School in Richmond, was, by order, read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

£100 change of appropriation School in Richmond read 2d time.

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

Agreed to

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

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

S. O. S. on Criminal Law Bill.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be deferred to this day three months.

Bill committed.

Recom. to be def.

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

Bill deferred.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act for the regulation of Juries, so far as relates to certain Counties therein mentioned.

S. O. S. on Juries in certain Counties, Bill.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time and

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

Ord. to Com.

At five of the clock, P. M., His Excellency Lieutenant-General SIR JOHN HARVEY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who being

H. E. comes to Council Chamber.

H. A. attend.



H. E. assents to 38 Bills, viz :	come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to thirty-eight Bills, entitled as follows :
Summary Trials.	An Act to amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.
Halifax Ferry.	An Act to prevent obstructions to the Ferry across the Harbor of Halifax.
Cape-Breton and Richmond Boundaries.	An Act to establish the Boundary Line between the Counties of Cape-Breton and Richmond.
Water Company Dartmouth.	An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Dartmouth Water Company.
Distressed Settlers.	An Act concerning Loans for the relief of Distressed Settlers.
Sittings of General Sessions.	An Act relative to the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Digby.
Administration Law.	An Act further to improve the administration of the Law.
Highways, &c.	An Act in further addition to the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges.
Marriage Licenses.	An Act to amend the Act relating to Marriage Licenses.
Colonial Duties.	An Act to continue the Acts for granting a Colonial Duty for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof.
Importation of Goods.	An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods.
Smuggling,	An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.
Regulation of Duties	An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.
Warehousing,	An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the Warehousing of Goods.
Drawbacks,	An Act to continue and amend the Acts concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.
Flour and Molasses,	An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases.
Distilled Liquors,	An Act to continue and alter the Acts to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors Distilled within this Province.
Duties of Customs,	An Act to repeal certain Duties of Customs.
Collection of Rev.	An Act in relation to the collection and securing of the Colonial Revenue.
Light Houses.	An Act to continue the Act concerning the support and regulation of Light-Houses.
Duties of Impost.	An Act for granting Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province.
Crown Lands.	An Act in addition to, and alteration of, the Acts for establishing regulations for the disposal of Crown Lands within this Province.
King's College, Windsor.	An Act to Incorporate the Alumni of King's College, Windsor.
St. Mary's Harbor.	An Act to regulate the Harbor of Saint Mary's.
Licenses, Halifax.	An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax.
Sell Estate of R. W. Crookshanks.	An Act authorising the Committee of the Estate and Person of Robert W. Crookshank, (the younger,) found Lunatic in the Province of New-Brunswick, to sell Real Estate within this Province.
Coasting,	An Act to prevent Coasting on the Highways.
Inspection Pickled Fish.	An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.
Smoked Herrings.	An Act to continue the Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings.
Assize of Bread.	An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.
Assize of Bread, Dartmouth.	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.
Assessing Co. 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,

An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries.	Reg. of Juries.
An Act to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses.	Trespasses.
An Act to continue and amend the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors.	Licenses.
An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Electric Telegraph Company.	Electric Telegraph,
An Act relating to Streets and Highways in certain Towns and Places therein mentioned.	Streets and Highways.
An Act relating to the Crown Land Department of this Province.	Crown Land Department.
The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.	H. A. withdrew. H. E. retires.
On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve o'clock.	Adjourn.

WEDNESDAY, 31st MARCH, 1847.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. ROBIE, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the LORD BISHOP.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,  
MICHAEL TOBIN,  
JOHN MORTON,  
HUGH BELL,  
ALEXR. McDougall,  
MATHER B. ALMON,

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,  
JAMES D. HARRIS,  
ALEXANDER KEITH,  
WILLIAM A. BLACK,  
DAVID CRICHTON,  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The Resolution for granting the sum of £62 9 6 to pay for Paper, purchased for Printing the revised edition of the Laws, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, 62l. 9s. 6d. Paper for revised Laws read 2d time.

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the Fraudulent making of false and pretended Conveyances of Lands, or of interests therein, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Fraudulent Conveyances Bill read 3d time.

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to an Act for the regulation of Juries, so far as relates to certain Counties therein mentioned, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Regulation of Juries in certain Counties Bill without am.

Ordered,

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

S O S

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

Bill read 3d time.

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

Agreed to,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

Resolution to employ Reporter.

On motion of Mr. Morton, *resolved*, that the Committee appointed to superintend the expenditure of the sum for the Contingencies of this House, be authorised to make arrangements, during the recess, for the employment of a competent person to report the Debates in this House, during the next Session.

Message from H. A. rel. to Petit Juries Bill

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly did not adhere to the amendment proposed by them to the first amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Drawing of Petit Juries for the Supreme Court in Halifax, for the present year.

Also, with the following Bill :

Appropriation Bill.

A 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-seven, and for other purposes.

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time,

The said Bill was read a first time.

And ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell, Mr. Black, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.

Petit Juries, Halifax, Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Drawing of Petit Juries for the Supreme Court in Halifax, for the present year, was read, as now amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass ?

Finally agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Com. on Appropriation Bill, report.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a 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-seven, and for other purposes, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended the same to the favorable consideration of the House.

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

Bill read 2nd and 3d time,

The said Bill was read a second and third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

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

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorised and respectfully requested to direct advances from the Treasury, of such sums as may be required towards defraying the expense of Public Printing: *Provided*, that no greater sum be advanced, in the whole, than Five Hundred Pounds, and this House will provide for the same at its next Session.

Advances for Printing,

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolution was read a first time, and, by order, the same was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,  
And sent to H. A

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

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

At five of the clock, p. m., His Excellency Lieutenant-General SIR JOHN HARVEY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who, being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to four Bills, entitled as follows :

H. E. comes to Council Chamber.

H. A. attend.

H. E. assents to 4 Bills, viz :

An Act to prevent the Fraudulent making of false and pretended Conveyances of Lands, or of interests therein.

Fraudulent Conveyance.

An Act in addition to an Act for the regulation of Juries, so far as relates to certain Counties therein mentioned.

Regulation of Juries in certain Counties

An Act to provide for the Drawing of Petit Juries for the Supreme Court in Halifax, for the present year.

Petit Juries, Halifax, and

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven, and for other purposes.

Appropriation.

After which His Excellency was pleased to close the Session, with the following



Speech.

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

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

The Session which we are about to close has been marked throughout by much industry, and by an evident desire, on the part of all, zealously to discharge their Legislative duties to the Colony.

Besides the careful revision and renewal of numerous expiring Laws, many important measures have been originated and perfected, among which I will advert to two, which I cannot but regard with feelings of peculiar satisfaction, viz : that (the beneficial operation of which I have so recently witnessed in another Colony) which, by providing for simultaneous polling, not only secures to every voter, as far as that object can be effected by Legislative Enactment, the free exercise of the Elective Franchise, but likewise makes more effectual provision for the maintenance of the public peace—and that which has for its object to endeavour to extend to all Her Majesty's Subjects of these Colonies the great benefits which must flow from an unrestricted interchange of their respective Productions and Manufactures;

and I feel a pride in the part which has been taken by Nova-Scotia in the introduction of this important measure.

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

It is my pleasing duty, on the part of our Gracious Sovereign, sincerely to thank you for the liberality with which you have made provision for the exigencies of the public service in all its branches.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen:*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen:*

Looking at the character of the measures which have engaged your attention, and to the manner in which they have been disposed of by you, I feel myself warranted in hoping that your Legislative labors, in this Session, will be found to have eminently promoted the welfare of the Province.

Let us now separate, Mr. President, and Mr. Speaker, Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen, in the humble hope, that, before the Legislature shall again assemble, the grievous calamities with which so many of our fellow-subjects in the Mother Country have been visited, and which have called forth so much of commiseration—of sympathy and relief throughout the Empire, and in which the Legislature and People of Nova-Scotia have so honorably participated, may, through the Divine blessing upon the crops of the approaching Season, have passed away, and comparative abundance have been again shed abroad throughout the Land.

Then the President of the Council, by His Excellency's command, said:

**GENTLEMEN,—**

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Tuesday the first day of June next; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday the first day of June next, to be then here held.

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

**JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,**

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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## APPENDIX No. 1.

(See Page 12.)

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone to His Excellency Viscount Falkland, dated 5th May, 1846, No. 38.*

"I have received, and laid before the Queen, the Addresses enclosed in your Despatch, dated the 31st March, No. 16, from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, praying for the abolition of the Test Oaths, now taken by Protestants, as a qualification for office in that Province.

"Her Majesty is graciously pleased to accede to this request. In order to give effect to the views of the two Houses of Provincial Legislature, it will be necessary to amend, by new Letters Patent under the Great Seal, the existing Commission for the Government of Nova Scotia; and this amendment will be made as speedily as may be found practicable."

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, to His Excellency Viscount Falkland, dated 8th June, 1846.*

"With reference to my Despatch, No. 38, of the 5th ultimo, I transmit, herewith, a Commission, which has been issued under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, for dispensing with the administration of certain Oaths to the Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, and to persons holding office, &c., in that Province."

*By the Queen's Command, Her Majesty VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith.*

To our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin CHARLES MURRAY, EARL CATHCART, Lieutenant-General of our Forces, Commander of our Forces serving in our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New-Brunswick, and the Islands of Prince Edward, Cape-Breton, and Newfoundland, Knight, Commander of our Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath. Greeting.

WHEREAS, we did, by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster, the Sixteenth day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-six, in the ninth

ninth year of our Reign, constitute and appoint you to be our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of Nova Scotia, during our Royal pleasure, as by the said recited Letters Patent, relation being thereunto had, may more fully and at large appear: *And whereas*, we did, by the said recited Letters Patent, amongst other things, require you, the said Earl Cathcart, to take the Oaths appointed to be taken by an Act passed in the first year of the Reign of King George the First, intituled, "An Act for the further security of His Majesty's Person and Government, and the succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being Protestants, and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret abettors," as altered and explained by an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for altering the Oath of Abjuration, and the Assurance," and for amending so much of an Act of the seventh year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled, "An Act for the improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms," as after the time therein limited, requires the delivery of certain lists and copies therein mentioned, to persons indicted of High Treason or Misprision of Treason," or in lieu thereof, the Oath required to be taken by an Act passed in the tenth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act for the relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects," according as the said former Acts, or the said last mentioned Act, should be applicable to your case, and did likewise require you to take the usual Oath for the due execution and performance of the office and trust of our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province, and for the due and impartial administration of justice—all which said Oaths our Executive Council of our said Province of Nova-Scotia, or any three or more of the Members thereof, had by our said Letters Patent, full power and authority, and were thereby required to tender and administer unto you, which being duly performed, you were required to administer unto each of the Members of the said Executive Council, and of the said Legislative Council, respectively, such of the said Oaths mentioned in the said several Acts, as should be applicable to the case of the individual Member of our said respective Councils taking the same; and you were also to administer to them the usual Oath for the due execution of their places and trusts.

And we did further give and grant unto you, the said Earl Cathcart, full power and authority, from time to time, and at any time thereafter, by yourself, or by any other to be authorized by you in that behalf, to administer and give such of the said Oaths in the said several Acts contained, as should be applicable to the case of the individual to whom the same should be administered, to all and every such person and persons as you should think fit, who should hold any office or place of trust or profit, or who should at any time or times pass into our said Province, or be resident or abiding therein.

And we did thereby give and grant unto you, the said Earl Cathcart, full power and authority, with the advice and consent of our said Executive Council, from time to time, as need should require, to summon and call General Assemblies of the Freeholders and Settlers within the said Province under your Government, in such manner and form as had been appointed and used, or according to such further powers, instructions, and authorities, as should at any time thereafter be granted or appointed you under our Signet or Sign Manual, or by our Order in our Privy Council.

And we did further declare our Will and Pleasure to be, that the persons thereupon duly elected by the major part of the Freeholders of the several Counties and places, and so returned should, before their sitting, take such of the Oaths mentioned in the said several Acts as should be applicable to the case of the individual taking the same—which Oaths you were required to commission fit persons, under the Public Seal of our said Province of Nova-Scotia, to tender and administer unto

unto them, and until the same should be taken, no person should be capable of sitting, though elected.

And whereas, we deem it expedient to dispense with the administration of certain of the Oaths so required to be taken by the Members of the Legislative Council, and of the House of Assembly of our said Province of Nova-Scotia, and by every such person and persons as shall hold any office or place of trust or profit in our said Province.

Now, know ye, that we have revoked and determined, and do, by these presents, revoke and determine, so much and such part only, and no more, of the said recited Letters Patent, as prescribes the Oaths thereby appointed to be taken by the Members of the said Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and by every such person or persons as shall hold any office or place of trust or profit in our said Province.

And further know you, and our Will and Pleasure is, that the Oath to be taken by the Members of the Legislative Council, and by all persons who shall be duly elected and returned to the said House of Assembly of our said Province of Nova-Scotia, and by every such person or persons as shall hold any office or place of trust or profit in our said Province, shall be the Oath of Allegiance, and no other; and that the said Oath shall be administered to them previously to their taking their seats, either by yourself, or by such person or persons as you may judge fit to commission for that express purpose. In witness whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent. Witness ourself at Westminster, the Twenty-ninth day of May, in the ninth year of our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal,  
EDMUNDS.

## APPENDIX No. 2.

(See Page 16.)

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No. 22.

Government House,

Halifax, 2nd April, 1846.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit, for presentation to the Queen, an Address from the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, on the subject of the projected Rail Road from Halifax through New-Brunswick to Quebec and Montreal, praying that should the undertaking be found to be a practical and prudent one, Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause to be applied towards its completion the same amount of money as would have been expended on the formation of the Military Road, which it is understood Her Majesty's Government had it in contemplation to construct through Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and Canada.

The Address also prays Her Majesty's favorable consideration of a set of Resolutions, a copy of which accompanies this, and the object of which is to obtain an accurate and careful exploration and survey of such portions of the Province as it is probable the Rail Road will traverse, and by that means ascertain at once the feasibility of the project, and the probable ultimate cost of carrying it into effect.

It will be at once seen from the tenor of these Resolutions that the local Legislatures have followed a wise and guarded course, and one likely to inspire confidence in their future proceedings.

I venture to hope that Her Majesty's Government will therefore be disposed to accede to the wishes of the House of Assembly by sending out qualified Engineers, and by advancing, in any other possible manner, the execution of the work.

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The local Parliament has pledged itself to provide for the expense of this Survey, but as it would of course be desirable to diminish the amount of that charge as much as possible, I would suggest the employment of Military Engineers, the whole or part of whose emolument (as may be deemed just by the Imperial Government,) might be defrayed by the Province; and I venture to add, that the rapid approach of the season, during which all public works are carried on in this country, renders an early communication of your intentions in this respect of the utmost importance.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honorable W. E. GLADSTONE, &c. &c. &c.

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone to the Right Hon. Viscount Falkland, dated 18th April, 1846, No. 28.*

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 2d April, No. 22, in which you enclose an Address to the Queen, from the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, together with certain Resolutions of that House, on the subject of the projected Rail Road from Halifax to Quebec and Montreal:

"You will, I think, concur with me in the opinion, that it would at present be premature to enter upon the consideration of the request of the House of Assembly, that the money which may be voted by the House of Commons for the construction of a Military Road through the British Provinces of North America, should be devoted to the formation of a Railway.

"Whenever the Survey, which it is essential should be first undertaken, shall be completed, I shall be prepared to offer my advice to the Queen as to the course which it may be proper to take in reference to the request of the Assembly for the appropriation of these funds to the Rail Road.

"I am happy to inform you, by this early opportunity, that I have recommended the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to give their sanction to the employment of Officers of Engineers for the Survey in Nova-Scotia, and the neighboring British Provinces, for which the House of Assembly has pledged itself to provide, and that instructions, in accordance with my wishes on this subject, have been given by their Lordships to the Master General and Board of Ordnance, who will communicate with their Officers in North America.

"I enclose for your information, copies of the Correspondence which has passed between this Department and the Treasury, and that Office and the Ordnance Department, and have to add that I shall hope to be able to make known to your Lordship, at a future, and not distant time, the maturer intentions of Her Majesty's Government with respect to this Survey."

(Copy.)

*Downing Street, 16th April, 1846.*

SIR,—

The project of a Rail Road between Halifax and Quebec, having excited considerable attention in the British Provinces of North America, as well as in this Kingdom, Mr. Secretary Gladstone has been in communication with the Governor General of Canada, and the Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces concerned in this undertaking, on the preliminary points which it is necessary to determine before any active proceedings can be adopted for the construction of such an important work.

Mr.

Mr. Gladstone having, by the Mail which arrived yesterday, received from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia a Despatch enclosing an Address to the Queen, from the House of Assembly of that Province, with Resolutions pledging the House to provide for the expense of the Survey of those parts of Nova-Scotia through which it is expected that the Railway would pass, has directed me to request you would represent to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that as Her Majesty's Government consider the proposed enterprize an object of general, as well as Provincial importance, they are desirous of affording their co-operation to the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, in the requisite preliminary measure for which that House has now pledged itself to provide. It will not, however, be sufficient to restrict the proposed Survey only to Nova-Scotia.

Mr. Gladstone does not doubt that the people of Canada and New-Brunswick have been equally animated by a desire to aid in the formation of some great chain of communication, by Railway, between the several Provinces; and (although their Legislatures have not, so far as he is at present aware, adopted proceedings corresponding with those of the Legislature of Nova-Scotia) he considers that it will not, on that account, be proper to withhold from the former Provinces the advantage of the Survey which will be afforded to Nova-Scotia.

The season during which this work can be executed being necessarily very limited, it would not be advisable to defer its commencement, and Mr. Gladstone would therefore impress upon the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury the expediency of an immediate intimation being made to the Board of Ordnance of the wishes of Her Majesty's Government, that instructions should be conveyed by the ensuing Packet to the Commanding Engineer in the British Provinces in North America, to depute such Officers of that corps to undertake the Survey in question, as may be selected by the Master General and Board of Ordnance for that purpose.

I am further to request that the Board of Ordnance may be distinctly apprized that to render this Survey adequate to its object, it will be necessary to examine the question where the port of embarkation for England would most properly be fixed, having regard to the convenience of the Public, the purposes of despatch, and the general safety of the port and terminus in time of War.

Mr. Gladstone hopes to be enabled, before the next Packet, to consider, in connection with the Master General and Board of Ordnance, the specific instructions which it may be proper to give to these Officers.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

JAS. STEPHEN.

C. E. TREVELYAN, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

*Treasury Chambers, 17th April, 1846.*

SIR,—

I am commanded, by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to acquaint you, for the information of the Master General and Board of Ordnance, that a desire having been expressed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia to establish a Rail Road between Halifax and Quebec, and to have the best opinion as to the line which it would be expedient to adopt, their Lordships consider it to be an object of General, as well as Provincial importance, that the best line should be selected; and they therefore request the Board of Ordnance to give to the Legislature of Nova-Scotia the assistance of such Engineers at present in North America as they may consider qualified for this duty, and to send out to them orders to place themselves without delay in communication with the Governor-



General of Canada, and the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, for the purpose of effecting such a Survey as may enable them to form a judgment as to the line most expedient to be adopted.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

C. E. TREVELYAN.

The Secretary to the Ordnance.

(Copy.)

Treasury, 18th April, 1846.

SIR,—

With reference to my Letter, dated the 17th instant, on the subject of the Survey of the proposed Rail Road between Nova-Scotia and Canada, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit for the information of the Master General and Board, a copy of a Letter from Mr. Stephen, dated the 16th instant, stating the wish of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs, that the Survey in question should embrace a comprehensive plan of communication between the Provinces of Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, and Canada, and adverting to certain points to which attention is particularly required, and I am to request that you will move the Master General and Board to send instructions by the Mail about to leave England to the Officers of the Royal Engineers in the three Provinces above mentioned, to take early and effectual steps to carry Mr. Gladstone's wishes into effect, in communication with the Governor General of Canada, and the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

C. E. TREVELYAN.

R. BYHAM, Esq., &c., &c., &c.

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone to the Right Hon. Viscount Falkland, dated 17th June, 1846, No. 49.*

“ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your private Letter of the 2d June, reporting that no steps had been taken by the Military Authorities at Halifax in furtherance of the projected Survey for a Rail Road in Nova-Scotia. I regret that it has been impossible for Her Majesty's Government to give effect to their wishes in respect to this Survey at an earlier period, but my Despatch of the 15th instant, which you will receive by the hands of Captain Pipon, will put your Lordship in full possession of the arrangements which have been made upon this subject, and explain to your Lordship why the Military Authorities at Halifax have received no instructions on this subject.”

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone to the Right Hon. Viscount Falkland, dated 26th June, 1846, No. 53.*

“ I transmit, herewith, for your Lordship's information, copies of a Correspondence between this Department and the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, on the subject of the estimated expenditure to the end of September next, for the Survey of the projected Rail Road in British North America.

“ Your Lordship will communicate to Captain Pipon, and Lieutenant Henderson, a copy of the Letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Treasury, for the information and guidance of those Officers.”

(Copy.)

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*Downing Street, 13th June, 1846.*

SIR,—

I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that the Master General and Board of Ordnance have selected Captain Pipon and Lieutenant Henderson, of the Royal Engineers, to undertake the duty of ascertaining the best line for a Trunk Railway from some Eastern Port in Nova-Scotia, through New-Brunswick, to Quebec and Montreal. In the Letter addressed to you on the 16th of April, I stated that the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia had pledged itself to provide for the expense of a Survey of those parts of that Province through which it was expected the Railway would pass.

I am now to inform you that the House of Assembly of New-Brunswick has by Resolution dated the 2d April, declared, "that they would not be behind hand with their fellow subjects, the people of Canada and Nova-Scotia, in making such provision, both from the Public Funds and Lands, for the establishment of a Railway, as the resources of the Province would warrant."

In Canada, likewise, Mr. Gladstone has reason to believe that the Legislative Assembly of that Province has been recommended by the Government to grant a sum of money to defray the expenses of a Survey and Estimate, for the construction of the proposed Rail Road, and he considers it probable that there will be no objection on the part of that Province, or of the other Colonies, to share in the expense of these preliminary proceedings.

Relying upon the disposition of these Colonies to defray eventually the expenses that will be incurred in the Survey, (and for the repayment of which application will be made by Mr. Gladstone at the proper time,) I am to state that no funds having yet been provided for the commencement of the work, Mr. Gladstone considers it necessary that Her Majesty's Government should make such an advance of money as will enable Captain Pipon and Lieutenant Henderson to proceed upon their destination without loss of time, and to purchase in this country such Instruments, Camp Equipage, Stationery, and other necessaries, as are indispensable for their operations.

Mr. Gladstone also thinks that it will be necessary to authorize the Commissariat Officer in Nova-Scotia to make advances to these Officers when called upon by them so to do.

Mr. Gladstone will obtain from Captain Pipon, and will transmit to the Treasury, as exact an Estimate as can be prepared of the cost of the different articles required for the expedition.

I am to add, that the general expenditure of this service, and the personal allowances of Captain Pipon and Lieutenant Henderson, will be on the same principle and scale as in the case of the Officers employed in laying out the line of boundary under the treaty of Washington.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

JAMES STEPHEN.

C. E. TREVELYAN, Esq., &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

(Copy.)

*Downing Street, 13th June, 1846.*

SIR,—

With reference to my other Letter of this date, on the subject of a Survey for a Rail Road in British North America, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Gladstone to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the copy of a Letter from Captain Pipon, containing an estimate of the probable

bable expenditure of this expedition calculated to the end of September next; and I am to request that you would move their Lordships to issue the necessary authority for providing this Officer with the means of defraying so much of these expenses as their Lordships may think requisite for their immediate purposes.

I am to add that Mr. Gladstone had understood from a previous Letter from Captain Pison, that all the non-commissioned Officers and Privates proposed to be employed on the Survey were actually in America. It appears, however, certain, that seven of these men must now be taken from this country, and it is in some degree doubtful whether the remainder will be met with at Halifax.

This circumstance will occasion some additional, but unavoidable expenditure.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES STEPHEN.

C. E. TREVELYAN, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

London, June 13th, 1846.

SIR,—

With reference to my Letter of the 9th instant, in which I stated that application had been made for authority to employ twelve non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Royal Sappers and Miners, on duties connected with the exploration Survey for a Railway from Quebec to some port in Nova-Scotia, I beg to state that seven of the men nominated for the duty are at present in this country, and that it will be necessary that passages be provided for them to Halifax.

With respect to the other five, who were employed on the North-eastern Boundary Commission, and lately at Washington, orders have been sent out from the Foreign Office to Lieutenant-Colonel Estcourt, directing him to send them to Halifax to wait my arrival, had they not already left on their return to England, of which there seemed to be some doubt, and in which case it will be necessary that they should be sent out again.

With regard to the amount which I think it would be desirable that the Treasury should advance, in the first instance, towards defraying the expenses of the expedition, I beg to submit an Estimate of the probable expenditure, up to the end of September:

For purchase of Instruments, as estimated in Letter of June 9th,	£171	4	0
Two passages for Officers proceeding from Liverpool to Halifax, at £40 19s. each, in Mail Steamer,	81	18	0
Seven do. for Soldiers do. at £20 each,	140	0	0
Five do. from Washington to Halifax, at about £10 each,	50	0	0
Camp Equipage, including Tents, Cooking Utensils, Axes, &c.,	150	0	0
Provisions to be purchased on arrival, and forwarded to Depots along the Line of Road to be surveyed or explored, 45 men 92 days provisions, at about 1s. 6d. each per day,	310	10	0
Working pay of 12 Sappers, at about average 2s. 6d. each per day, for 92 days,	138	0	0
Pay of 30 Laborers for three months, at 20 dollars a month,	360	0	0
Salary of Officers for quarter ending 30th September,	300	0	0
Do. for arrears previous to 1st July,	120	0	0
Contingent expenses,	100	0	0
	£1921	12	0

This does not include Blankets and Stationery, which it is presumed would be supplied from the Government Stores.

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There is not time now to get the Camp Equipage made in this country.

I think it right, therefore, to acquaint you, that some delay will take place on our arrival in Halifax, before the parties will be prepared to take the field.

Before determining on the precise plan of operations, I am desirous to ascertain at what time it is intended that the negotiations or examinations respecting the Boundary Line between New-Brunswick and Canada shall commence?

The plan on which, generally, I would propose to carry on the exploration Survey, would be by forming four or five parties, each consisting of two men of the Sappers, and about six Axemen or Laborers, who should explore, and make a rough traverse Survey, registering the heights of the Barometer along a given section or line of country; two parties, consisting of one Sapper and one Labourer each, would, in the meantime, be stationed at convenient points, (of known altitude) such as a point on the Sea Coast, whose height above mean-tide level could easily be ascertained with stationary Barometers, which would be registered every hour, and with which the Barometric Observations made along the different lines of Survey would be compared, and the relative heights deduced.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN H. PIPON,  
Capt. Royal Engineers.

The Right Hon. W. E. GLADSTONE, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

*Treasury Chambers, 18th June, 1846.*

SIR,—

With reference to your Letters dated the 13th instant, I have it in command to acquaint you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Gladstone, that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to direct the Paymaster General to issue the sum of Seven Hundred Pounds to Captain Pipon, of the Royal Engineers, as an advance to meet such portion of the expenditure specified in his estimate, as would become payable previously to his arrival at Halifax, on account of the preliminary Survey of a line of Rail Road in British North America; and have also directed further advances, to the extent of One Thousand Three Hundred Pounds, to be made from the Commissariat Chest in Nova-Scotia to that Officer, to meet the residue of the expenditure for that service.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

C. E. TREVELYAN.

J. STEPHEN, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone to the Right Hon. Viscount Falkland, dated 26th June, 1846, No. 54.*

"I transmit to your Lordship, herewith, the copy of a Letter from the Secretary of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, signifying the opinion of their Lordships upon the question which has been referred to them, as to a proper site for the Terminus in Nova-Scotia for the projected Rail Road to Quebec and Montreal, and I have to request that your Lordship would communicate the copy of this Letter to the Commissioners appointed to ascertain the most eligible line for a Rail Road through the British North American Provinces."

(Copy.)

*Admiralty, 17th June, 1846.*

SIR,—

Having laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your Letter of the 13th instant, representing that various propositions for the construction of a Railway between Halifax and Quebec, have been brought under the consideration of Mr. Secretary Gladstone, and requesting to be furnished with such information as my Lords may possess upon this subject, more especially with reference to the Port to be selected for the Terminus on the Sea Coast, and also with their opinion thereon, I have it in command to acquaint you, for Mr. Secretary Gladstone's information, that my Lords have received from Captain Owen certain suggestions on the subject of a Railway to Quebec, of which the following are the main points :

Captain Owen shows in his Letter, that from a Western Port of Ireland to the nearest Port of Nova-Scotia, (Canso Harbour,) is about 2000 miles, or ten days steaming.

From Cape Canso to Quebec, by direct distance, is 480 statute miles, or by a practicable Railway 540, which would be performed in twenty-two hours. He further assumes that London is twenty-six hours from a Western Irish Port, and that Quebec would therefore be twelve days from London.

The first line of Rail would, from Canso, run along the Northern Shore of Nova-Scotia to the head of Petit-Coudiac, after passing the Coal Mines of New Glasgow, thus ensuring a constant supply of Coals. The Ports of Canso he says are good, not incommoded by drift ice, have deep water, and no outlying dangers,—they were used by the French before 1760, as a winter rendezvous, and are now a rendezvous for our Merchant Vessels.

At the head of Petit-Coudiac he proposes that a branch should turn off to Halifax, from which it is distant 150 miles, or six hours.

The sea route to Halifax would require fifteen hours more than to Canso, and it is a more difficult Harbour to enter.

I am, however, to remark, that the tenor of Captain Owen's statement is to show the advantage which would accrue from the English Packets going direct from England to Canso, as regards communications with Quebec ; and if the Rail Road were continued from Canso to Halifax, the communication with the latter would be equally quickly preserved ; but if there were to be but one Terminus in Nova-Scotia, my Lords doubt whether the advantages of Canso would compensate for giving up the rapid communications with the far more important Port of Halifax as the Terminus.

My Lords, however, would strongly recommend, that the plan suggested by Captain Owen of a Railway between Halifax and Canso, and between Canso and Quebec, should be the course adopted.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

W. A. B. HAMILTON.

JAMES STEPHEN, Esq., &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

(Copy.)

*Fredericton, April 3, 1846.*

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to enclose to your Lordship the copy of an Address, with a series of Resolutions passed by the House of Assembly of this Province, pledging

pledging their support to Her Majesty's Government in the establishment of a Railway to connect the Provinces of Canada, New-Brunswick, and Nova-Scotia.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient servant,

(Signed)

W. M. S. COLEBROOKE.

His Excellency VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c., Halifax, N. S.

*New-Brunswick, House of Assembly,  
April 3d, 1846.*

*Resolved*, That copies of the Resolutions passed yesterday, on the subject of a Railway to connect the British Colonies on this Continent, be furnished His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to Her Majesty's Government, as well as to the Right Honorable the Governor General of Canada, and the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia.

(Signed)

CHAS. P. WETMORE, Clerk.

*New-Brunswick, House of Assembly,  
April 2d, 1846.*

First.—*Resolved*, That nothing would tend more to advance the prosperity of the British Colonies on this Continent—to cement their union, and preserve their integrity as valuable appendages of the Crown, than a Railway connecting the Provinces of Canada, Nova-Scotia, and New-Brunswick.

Second.—*Resolved*, That this House confidently looks to Her Majesty's Government for its parental aid toward this great National Undertaking.

Third.—*Resolved*, That this House viewing the establishment of such Railway as a measure of the greatest importance to these Colonies, both politically and commercially, will not be behind hand with their fellow subjects, the people of Canada and Nova-Scotia, in making such provision both from the Public Funds and Lands as the resources of the Province will warrant.

(Signed)

CHAS. P. WETMORE, Clerk.

### APPENDIX No. 3.

(See Page 16.)

(Copy.)

*Government House, Montreal, 20th November, 1846.*

SIR,—

On the recommendation of the Executive Council of this Province, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a Letter from the Board of Trade of Montreal, urging the co-operation of the respective Governments of the British North American Provinces, for the establishment of an Electric Telegraph from Halifax to Toronto, on which subject the projectors of the measures here are desirous of eliciting information as to the extent of support which would be likely to be afforded by each Province;



Province ; and with this view I would invite your Excellency to communicate to me the views entertained by yourself and your Executive Council on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most  
Obedient, humble servant,

(Signed)

CATHCART.

His Excellency SIR J. HARVEY, K. C. B., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

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

SIR,—

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

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

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

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

vincial Governments, with the view of eliciting, previous to the ensuing Session of the Canadian Legislature, the degree of support which each may be disposed to afford to it.

I have, &c.

(Signed) **FREDERICK A. W. WILSON**, Secretary.

APPENDIX No. 4.

(See Page 16.)

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone to His Excellency Viscount Falkland, dated 4th May, 1846.*

“I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 17, of the 2d April, in which you enclose certain Resolutions adopted on the 19th of March last, by the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, expressive of their satisfaction at the changes which Her Majesty has been pleased to sanction in the constitution of that House.

“Provision having been made in the Commission to Earl Cathcart, as Governor of Nova-Scotia, for increasing the number of Members of the Legislative Council of that Province from fifteen to twenty-one, (of which your Lordship could not have been aware at the date of your Despatch,) I shall be prepared, on receiving the recommendations which you promise me, to submit to the Queen the names of those gentlemen whom you shall consider qualified for seats at the Board.

“It has not been deemed necessary to insert in the Royal Instructions the Rule restricting the number of Councillors holding office. Your Lordship will therefore, in accordance with my Predecessor’s intention, observe the practice which subsists in the neighbouring Province of New-Brunswick, and frame your recommendations in conformity with the Queen’s commands, that henceforward of the twenty-one Members of the Legislative Council, seven only shall be persons holding office at the pleasure of the Crown.

“I am not aware that I can make any addition to the instructions already conveyed to you by my Predecessor, in regard to the vacating of seats at the Legislative Council, unless it be to state, that if any Member of that Board, placed in the position described in my Predecessor’s Despatch of the 20th August, 1845, shall not voluntarily resign his office, you will consider it your duty to resort to the measure of suspension.”

APPENDIX No. 5.

(See Page 16.)

(Copy.)

*Downing Street, 14th May, 1846.*

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship, that since I addressed you on the 29th of last month, I have brought under the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury the question raised in the late Address to Her Majesty, from the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, as to the validity, in point of law, of the Grant to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, of certain Mines situated in that Province, and in Cape-Breton, and that their Lordships have made the following observations upon the subject :

“As the Grant was made after communication with the eminent Lawyers who were at the time the Law Officers of the Crown, and has been repeatedly, since that period, under the consideration of Lawyers of no less distinction, who succeeded to those Officers, and as it has, moreover, been recognized both in judicial proceedings in this country, and by an Act passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in 1841, for granting corporate powers to the General Mining Association, it is conceived by the Lords Commissioners that the validity of the Grant cannot be called in question.”

Their Lordships have also stated, that neither “have they seen any reason to doubt the propriety of completing, without delay, in the manner specified in their minute of the 27th June, 1845, the arrangements for carrying into final effect the agreement with the General Mining Association, which was entered into with the recommendation of the Secretary of State in 1828, and under which payments to the Colonial Government have been made to a very large amount by the Association.”

Your Lordship will be pleased to communicate these observations to the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, in reference to that part of their Address to Her Majesty which relates to the validity of the Grant.

I have, &c.

W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant-Governor the VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

#### APPENDIX No. 6.

(See Page 17.)

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone to His Excellency Viscount Falkland, dated 2d June, 1846.*

“With reference to your Lordship’s Despatch, No. 36, of the 16th May, with its enclosure, on the question of the legality of the Annexation, in 1820, of the Island of Cape-Breton to Nova-Scotia, and to previous Despatches relating to the same subject, I have now to inform your Lordship that the Petition addressed to the Queen in Council by certain Inhabitants of Cape-Breton, praying for the separation of that Island from Nova-Scotia, having, by Her Majesty’s command, been referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the hearing was brought on on the 1st of April, and was continued to the 2d, 6th, and 7th, of that month, when Counsel were heard on the part of the Petitioners, and the Attorney and Solicitor Generals were likewise heard on behalf of the Crown.

“A Report has since been made, which Her Majesty was pleased to approve on the 19th May, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, stating that “the Inhabitants of Cape-Breton are not by law entitled to the Constitution purported to be granted to them by the Letters Patent of 1784, mentioned in the above Petition.”

“I have to request that you should make known this decision to the Inhabitants of the Colony under your charge.”

## APPENDIX No. 7.

*(See Page 17.)*

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. Earl Grey to Sir John Harvey, dated Downing Street, 4th October, 1846.*

"I transmit to you, herewith, the copy of a Letter addressed to me by the Publishers of Hansard's Parliamentary Debates, stating that they have some copies of the work to dispose of, which they are prepared to sell at a very reduced price.

"It is possible that the Colony under your Government may not be in possession of a copy of this work, and that the Legislature may wish to avail themselves of this opportunity of procuring it at a comparatively small price, I have, therefore, thought it my duty to communicate to you Mr. Gye's Letter, leaving you to exercise your discretion as to the manner of acting upon it."

*(Copy.)*

*Hansard's Parliamentary Debate Office,  
32, Paternoster Row, 17th Sept., 1846.*

MY LORD,—

I beg leave, with much respect, to inform your Lordship, that having come to the determination of selling off the remaining copies of Hansard's Parliamentary History, 36 vols. royal 8vo, at a very reduced price, I should be obliged if your Lordship would have a few copies for the principal Colonies, where it would be useful in the Libraries of the Government Offices. A few years ago, when your Lordship's revered father was at the head of the Administration, no less than twenty-six copies of the Parliamentary Debates were supplied to the Colonies, but which have gradually dropped off. The present work was published at £70, and we are enabled to dispose of it at 10 guineas per copy, 36 vols.

No doubt your Lordship is conversant with the work, but it is decidedly the most valuable of Historical collections ever published, containing the proceedings of the British Parliament from the Conquest in 1062 to 1803.

The great bulk of Debates, which are fast accumulating, has induced us to make the sacrifice; and I should consider it as a personal favour if your Lordship would instruct that a number of copies may be taken for the chief Colonies.

*(Signed)*

J. GYE.

EARL GREY.

## APPENDIX No. 8.

*(See Page 17.)**(Copy.)*

*Government House, St. John's, Newfoundland,  
June 11th, 1846.*

MY LORD,—

It is my painful and melancholy duty to acquaint your Lordship that Almighty God has been pleased to visit this Town with an awful and devastating Conflagration, which has reduced the chief part of it to ashes.

The fire broke out about half-past eight o'clock on the morning of Tuesday last, the 9th instant, in the western extremity of the Town; and the flames, borne onward by a strong wind from the same quarter, which prevailed during the whole of that day and the succeeding night, overcame every effort to subdue them, and involved

volved in one common ruin (with scarcely an exception) the whole of the Mercantile Establishments, with their stores of goods and provisions, very many of the Public Buildings, and at least three-fourths of the Dwelling Houses of the Inhabitants.

It has not been possible, as yet, to obtain a correct return of the number of Edifices burnt, but it is estimated that in all about two thousand have been destroyed, and nearly twelve thousand persons rendered houseless.

I beg leave, herewith, to enclose for your Lordship's information a copy of certain Resolutions, yesterday adopted by a meeting of the Heads of Departments and principal Inhabitants of the Town, convened by me at the Government House; and in consideration of the state of utter destitution and distress to which many thousands of the poorer classes of the inhabitants have been reduced, by the suddenness of this awful visitation of Divine Providence, and, on their behalf, I have, through your Lordship, to make an earnest appeal to the sympathy and philanthropy of the inhabitants of the Province under your Government, for that relief, which I cannot doubt will be promptly extended to their fellow subjects in this Colony, who have been overwhelmed by so stupendous a calamity.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Excellency's most obedient,  
Humble servant,

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

To His Excellency the Right Hon. Lord VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

&c.

&c.

&c.

(Copy.)

*Government House, Halifax, 27th June, 1846.*

SIR,—

The distressing intelligence conveyed in your Excellency's Despatch of the 11th instant, of the almost entire destruction of the Town of St. John's, by fire, reached me yesterday.

I immediately communicated it to the Executive Council, who, participating with myself in the deep concern felt in this City, and throughout the Province, for the many thousands whom that awful calamity has rendered houseless and destitute, and in the full confidence that we could not perform an act that would be more grateful to the whole body of the inhabitants of this Colony, or more cheerfully sanctioned by their Representatives, at once concurred with me in the propriety of advancing from the Public Chest 4000 dollars, to be applied in mitigation of the pressing wants of our suffering fellow-subjects in Newfoundland: which sum, in cash, contained in two boxes, addressed to your Excellency, I shall have the pleasure to forward in three or four days by the Steamship Unicorn.

I have transmitted copies of your Excellency's Despatch to the senior Magistrates in the several Counties of this Province, and requested them, in conjunction with their brother Magistrates, to take such steps as they shall deem most likely to promote the objects of the appeal, which your Excellency, through me, has so forcibly made to the sympathy of the inhabitants of this Province; and as Committees appointed at a Public Meeting, convened by the Mayor of Halifax during my absence, and before the receipt of your Excellency's announcement of this almost unexampled calamity, have been for some days actively engaged in collecting subscriptions and supplies in aid of its numerous victims, I doubt not it will soon appear that Nova-Scotia has not been wanting, on the present most unhappy occasion,

sion, (as it never has been on like occasions) in commiseration for misfortune, or in readiness to relieve it.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

His Excellency Major General SIR JOHN HARVEY, Newfoundland.

(Copy.)

*Newfoundland, Government House, St John's,  
July 8th, 1846.*

MY LORD,—

With feelings of very great satisfaction I comply with the wishes of the General Assembly of this Colony, now in Session, by transmitting to your Lordship the copy of an Address, which has this day been presented to me by a deputation of that body, in grateful acknowledgement of the promptitude and munificent liberality with which the appeal to your Excellency, the Government, and People of Nova Scotia, has been responded to by you and them—thus adding another to the many proofs which that noble Colony has so often given of the generous sympathies by which she has been invariably animated towards her fellow subjects of other Colonies in their hour of distress.

I have, &c. &c.

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

His Excellency LORD VISCOUNT FALKLAND, G. C. H.,  
&c. &c. &c.

J. HARVEY.

His Excellency the Governor has great pleasure in transmitting to the House of Assembly copy of a Communication received from the Governor of Nova-Scotia, on the subject of the late calamitous fire. This Communication, His Excellency feels assured, will be duly appreciated by the House, and be as gratifying to them as it has been to His Excellency.

*Government House, 7th July, 1846.*

*To His Excellency Major General SIR JOHN HARVEY,  
K. C. B. and K. C. H., Governor and Comman-  
der in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The General Assembly beg to thank your Excellency for your Excellency's Message of yesterday, transmitting to the House copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Viscount Falkland, which accompanied the munificent donation of One Thousand Pounds from the Executive Government of Nova-Scotia, to aid the sufferers in St. John's by the calamitous fire of the 9th June. We lose no time in recording the feelings of admiration and deep gratitude which the noble and benevolent conduct of His Lordship, and the Executive Government of Nova-Scotia, towards their suffering fellow subjects in this Colony, have excited within us.



The patriotism of the people of Nova-Scotia, in tendering their treasure and their persons to repel aggression, is matter of history,—their public spirit in promoting and developing the resources of their own Province, has been long conspicuous in Colonial annals,—and the affectionate earnestness with which His Lordship, and the inhabitants of Nova Scotia, have now sympathised with us in our calamity, and the unparalleled promptitude and liberality with which they have extended relief to the sufferers, have placed their benevolence on a par with their patriotism, and, beyond doubt, will obtain for them that general tribute of respect which is the fit concomitant of such noble deeds.

We request that your Excellency will be pleased to convey to the Right Honorable Lord Falkland, and through His Lordship to the people of Nova-Scotia, this unanimous, though inadequate, expression of our gratitude, admiration, and esteem, for the conduct of which this Colony has thus become the object.

Passed the General Assembly, July, 8, 1846.

(Signed)

JOHN KENT, Speaker.

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#### APPENDIX No. 9.

(See Page 17.)

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. Earl Grey to Sir John Harvey, dated Downing Street, 5th November, 1846.*

“Her Majesty’s Government having had under their consideration the representations which have been received from the Governors of some of the British North American Provinces, complaining of the effect in those Colonies of the Imperial Copy Right Law, have decided on proposing measures to Parliament in the ensuing Session, which, if sanctioned by the Legislature, will, they hope, tend to remove the dissatisfaction which has been expressed on this subject, and place the Literature of this country within the reach of the Colonies, on easier terms than it is at present. With this view, relying upon the disposition of the Colonies to protect the Authors of this Country from the fraudulent appropriation of the fruits of labours, upon which they are often entirely dependent, Her Majesty’s Government propose to leave to the Local Legislatures the duty and responsibility of passing such enactments as they may deem proper for securing both the rights of Authors, and the interests of the Public.

“Her Majesty’s Government will accordingly submit to Parliament a Bill authorizing the Queen, in Council, to confirm, and finally enact, any Colonial Law or Ordinance respecting Copy Right, notwithstanding any repugnancy of any such Law or Ordinance to the Copy Right Law of this Country, it being provided by the proposed Act of Parliament that no such Law or Ordinance shall be of any force or effect until so confirmed, and finally enacted by the Queen, in Council; but that from the confirmation and final enactment thereof, the Copy Right Law of this Country shall cease to be of any force or effect within the Colony in which any such Colonial Law or Ordinance has been made, in so far as it may be repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the operation of any such Colonial Law or Ordinance.”

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## APPENDIX No. 10.

(See Page 18.)

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of May, 1846.*

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;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 February, 1846, pass two Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2610. An Act to disable certain persons from holding seats in the Executive or Legislative Councils, or House of Assembly, within this Province.

No. 2611. An Act to continue and amend the Act, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Militia.

And whereas, the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations ; and the said Committee having reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should be left to their operation, Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said report ; whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

W. L. BATHURST.

## APPENDIX No. 11.

(See Page 18.)

*At the Court of Buckingham Palace, the 1st day of August, 1846.*

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, 1845, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2559. "An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbour Dyke Company."

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)

W. L. BATHURST.

## APPENDIX No. 12.

(See Page 18.)

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey to His Excellency Sir John Harvey, dated the 12th November, 1846.*

“ Eighty-five Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in the months of February and March last, having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Acts should be left to their operation.

“ I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, an order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 30th of October last, approving that Report.

“ Of the Acts thus left to their operation by Her Majesty, I observe that the Act No. 2621 recites, that certain Members have set aside for the relief of the Poor monies which were voted for the service of the Roads, and proceeds to authorize them to dispose of by loan instead of by gift. I do not observe, however, and I should wish to be informed by what authority the money voted by the Legislature was thus diverted from its purpose. I only gather from the statement of the Attorney General that some authority was given.

“ I also observe that the Act No. 2623 for the relief of Insolvent Debtors is to be administered by two Commissioners “duly appointed” for the purpose; but I cannot find that the Act contains any provision for their appointment. You will judge for yourself how far it is necessary to call the attention of the Legislature to this apparent omission.

“ You will also consider whether an amendment is not required in the 6th section of the Act 2651, for admitting Barristers and Attornies of Cape-Breton to practice in the Supreme Court of Nova-Scotia. It appears to me that in the 6th line of that section the words “Barristers or” have been accidentally omitted before the word Attornies.

“ The Act No. 2666 empowers certain Assessors to levy on the inhabitants of Halifax, certain Rates which are to be determined, partly by the value of their Real Estate, partly by their “ability or capacity to pay.” I do not observe that the Assessors are furnished with any guide for deciding what proportion of these Rates shall be charged on Real Property, and what on “ability or capacity,” nor with any effective means of ascertaining what that ability may be. I cannot refrain from expressing to you my conviction that these provisions cannot fail to lead to the same litigation and dispute, which, as I learn from the report of the Attorney General, have resulted from the previous Acts which have been passed on this subject.

“ The Act No. 2641, which vests certain Lands in the Trustees of St. Matthew’s Church in Halifax, does not contain the usual saving of the rights of other parties. Till this saving is added, I shall not think it right to advise Her Majesty that this Act should be left to its operation. The remaining Acts of the Session are still under consideration. When Her Majesty’s decision is taken upon them, I shall not fail to communicate it to you.”

(Copy.)

(Copy.)

*At the Court at Windsor, the 30th day of October, 1846.*

PRESENT—

## THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant-Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the months of February and March, 1846, pass eighty-five Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2612. An Act in relation to the expenditure of Public Monies on the Highways.

No. 2613. An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company.

No. 2614. An Act to provide for the repayment of monies advanced towards the completion of the Main Road from Halifax to Chester.

No. 2615. An Act to amend the Act to establish the Boundary Lines of the Township of Barrington.

No. 2616. An Act in amendment of the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth.

No. 2617. An Act to continue and amend the Acts to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands within the Province of Nova-Scotia.

No. 2618. An Act further to amend the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of Digby.

No. 2619. An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-six, and for other purposes.

No. 2621. An Act in relation to Loans out of the Road Monies for the present year.

No. 2622. An Act for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers.

No. 2623. An Act for relieving Insolvent Debtors from Imprisonment.

No. 2624. An Act in relation to Bastard Children.

No. 2625. An Act relating to the Treasury Notes, the Funded Debt, and the Halifax Savings' Bank.

No. 2626. An Act to alter the Terms or Sittings of the Supreme Court on the Western Circuit.

No. 2627. An Act for the regulation of Sheriffs' Fees.

No. 2628. An Act to amend the Act to encourage the killing of Wolves.

No. 2629. An Act to amend the Act relating to Commissioners of Sewers, so far as respects the Wickwire Dike in Horton.

No. 2630. An Act relative to the Boundary Line between the Counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth.

No. 2631. An Act to amend the Act to divide the Township of Maxwelton into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.

No. 2632. An Act relating to the appraisement and sale of Property taken under attachment.

No. 2633. An Act in relation to the Conveyance of Lands by Married Women.

No. 2634. An Act to continue and amend the Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court.

No. 2635. An Act in relation to the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Shelburne.

No. 2636. An Act relating to the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness.

No. 2637. An Act to prevent Coasting on the Highways.

- No. 2638. An Act to authorize the Conveyance of Lands for the benefit of Schools.
- No. 2639. An Act in relation to Roads over the Ice.
- No. 2640. An Act to alter the Act for the encouragement of Schools.
- No. 2642. An Act in addition to the Act to improve the Administration of the Law.
- No. 2643. An Act to provide for the running of Division Lines between different Counties.
- No. 2645. An Act to Incorporate the Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova-Scotia.
- No. 2646. An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the Regulation of Juries.
- No. 2647. An Act to regulate the Weighing and Selling of Beef.
- No. 2648. An Act in relation to the carting of Deals and Timber on certain Roads in the County of Cumberland.
- No. 2649. An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province, and also further to amend the same.
- No. 2651. An Act to continue and amend the Act in relation to Barristers and Attornies.
- No. 2652. An Act for shutting up a new Road at Napan, in the County of Cumberland.
- No. 2654. An Act further to amend the Act concerning the performances of Statute Labor on Highways.
- No. 2655. An Act to amend and explain the Act to alter the Laws for making Lands liable for the payment of Debts.
- No. 2656. An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Fishery in the River Shubenacadie.
- No. 2657. An Act to vest in Trustees certain Lands and Real Estate of the Presbyterian Congregation assembling in the Town of Pictou, in the Church in which the Rev. John McKinlay now officiates, and to empower the said Congregation to appoint Trustees for that and other purposes.
- No. 2658. An Act to define and establish the Lines of the Township of Dartmouth.
- No. 2659. An Act further to amend the Criminal Law.
- No. 2660. An Act to authorise an appraisement of damages on a certain line of New Road in the County of Sydney.
- No. 2661. An Act in relation to Promissory Notes or Undertakings payable in Produce, or otherwise than in Money.
- No. 2662. An Act further to amend the Act for the encouragement of Schools.
- No. 2663. An Act to continue and amend the Acts for appointing Supervisors to take charge of Public Grounds, and for other purposes.
- No. 2664. An Act to Incorporate the Commissioners of the Poor for the Town and Peninsula of Halifax.
- No. 2666. An Act to amend and continue the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.
- No. 2667. An Act to establish the times and places for holding the Polls at Elections of Representatives.
- No. 2668. An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships.
- No. 2669. An Act to continue the Acts more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Province.
- No. 2671. An Act to continue the Act for the suppression of Lotteries.
- No. 2672. An Act to continue the Acts to prevent the spreading of Contagious Diseases, and for the performance of Quarantine.

No. 2673. An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges.

No. 2674. An Act to continue the Act to authorise the Grand Jury and Court of 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. 2675. An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber.

No. 2676. An Act to continue the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of King's County.

No. 2677. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Public Landing at Windsor.

No. 2678. An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.

No. 2679. An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Antigonishe.

No. 2680. An Act to continue the Act for making Regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose.

No. 2681. An Act to continue the Act for the preservation of Moose.

No. 2682. An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.

No. 2683. An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor.

No. 2684. 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.

No. 2685. An Act to continue the Act respecting the Collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, as amended.

No. 2686. An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrook, in the District of St. Mary's, as a separate District for the support of the Poor.

No. 2688. An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape-Breton.

No. 2689. An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pugwash.

No. 2690. An Act to continue the Act to make provision for a Harbour Master at Spanish River, in the County of Cape-Breton.

No. 2691. 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. 2698. An Act to continue the Acts for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.

No. 2699. An Act to continue the Act 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. 2701. An Act to continue the Acts to direct and ascertain the mode of Assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

No. 2702. An Act to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses.

No. 2703. An Act to continue the Act to prevent injuries to the Fisheries within the County of Lunenburg, by Mill Dams, or any other obstruction.

No. 2704. An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.

No. 2705. An Act to continue the Act for the Regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.

No. 2706. An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.



No. 2707. An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction, in Halifax.

No. 2708. 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.

No. 2709. An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the the Sale of Spirituous Liquors.

No. 2711. An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.

No. 2712. An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels.

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.

#### APPENDIX No. 13.

(See Page 18.)

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. Earl Grey to His Excellency Sir John Harvey, dated 16th December, 1846.*

" I have had under my consideration the Act passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Marine Insurance Company.

" The joint effect of the 31st and 34th sections of this Act do not appear to me altogether free from difficulty.

" The object of the 31st section is to make the Directors personally liable for contracts entered into after the funds of the Company have been expended; the object of the 34th section is to make the Shareholders personally liable for contracts entered into against the provisions of the Act.

" If the meaning of this latter clause is simply to give the public a right of action against the Shareholders, without prejudicing the right of action which the Shareholders would have against the Directors under section 31, I see nothing objectionable in it.

" But if it is so construed as that the Directors, when sued under section 31, for granting Policies after the loss of the Capital, can set up any illegality in the grant of the Policy as an answer to the suit under section 34, then it appears to me, that section 34 renders section 31 a nullity, and affects the position of the Shareholders very injuriously, since nothing could be easier than for the Directors, when granting a Policy after the loss of the Capital, so to frame it as to make it repugnant to the provisions of the Act, (if indeed the very granting such a Policy would not in itself constitute a sufficient breach of them,) and thus shift the responsibility from themselves to the Shareholders.

" I have therefore to instruct you to bring the points to which I have adverted, under the consideration of the Provincial Legislature, and state to them that it would.

would be advisable, in the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, that a declaratory enactment should be passed to obviate any difficulties in the construction of the present Act.

"The necessary order of the Queen in Council, leaving this Act to its operation, will be transmitted to you by an early opportunity."

## APPENDIX No. 14.

(See Page 18.)

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon. Earl Grey to His Excellency Sir John Harvey, dated 15th December, 1846.*

"I have had under my consideration the Act passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia on 28th February last, and entitled, "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."

"As the validity of this Act might, not without some plausibility, be denied, on the ground of its apparent repugnancy to the 20th section of the Imperial Statute, 8 and 9 Vict. Cap. 93, to regulate the Trade of British Possessions abroad, I have been unable to advise Her Majesty to give her assent to it. On the other hand, I have been unwilling, on this ground, to advise the disallowance of it, as that measure must be productive of much inconvenience, and as it is possible that some method of reconciling the two Laws may be suggested, which has escaped my notice.

"You will call the attention of the Legislature to this subject, and if, (as I anticipate,) they shall be of opinion that the repugnancy to which I refer does really exist, they will of course make such a further Law as may be necessary for the correction of this error.

"In the mean time Her Majesty's final decision upon the present Act will be suspended."

## APPENDIX No. 15.

(See Page 18.)

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey to His Excellency Sir John Harvey, dated 31st December, 1846.*

"Thirteen Acts, passed by the Council and Assembly of Nova-Scotia, in the months of February and March, 1846, having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Acts should be left to their operation.

"I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated 19th December, 1846, approving that Report. With reference to the Act 2620, for granting Colonial Duties of Impost, and to the Act 2693, for the general regulation of Colonial Duties, I have to call your attention to the generally high Duties which the Tariff contains in respect to articles of Agricultural Produce, many of which appear to have been fixed with a view to the protection of domestic interests. I apprehend that duties of this kind are likely to prove injurious to the real interests of all classes, and that they are moreover calculated to produce dissatisfaction in the neighboring Colonies, from which Nova-Scotia might be expected to derive a considerable supply of these articles."

*At the Court at Windsor, the 19th day of December, 1846.*

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 months of February and March, 1846, pass thirteen Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz. :

No. 2620. An Act to continue and amend the 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.

No. 2644. An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Marine Insurance Company.

No. 2650. An Act to Incorporate the Pictou Gas Light Company.

No. 2653. An Act to Incorporate the Dartmouth Water Company.

No. 2665. An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Western Steam Navigation Company.

No. 2670. An Act to continue the Acts relating to Passengers arriving in this Province.

No. 2692. An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases.

No. 2693. An Act to continue the Acts for the general regulation of Colonial Duties.

No. 2694. An Act to continue the Act for regulating the importation of Goods, and the Act in amendment thereof.

No. 2695. An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

No. 2696. An Act to continue the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks, and the Act in amendment thereof.

No. 2697. An Act to continue the Act for Warehousing of Goods, and the Act in amendment thereof.

No. 2710. An Act to continue the Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses.

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.

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## APPENDIX No. 16.

(See Page 18.)

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT GENERAL

SIR JOHN HARVEY,

*Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, 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,—

In conformity with the following Resolution, which was passed by the House of Assembly at its last Session, viz :

“That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to make such enquiries as may be necessary for ascertaining the most suitable Site in the Province for a Lunatic Asylum, and for ascertaining the probable expense of founding and sustaining such an Establishment, and to report the same to this House at its next Session, together with Plans and Specifications.”

We, the undersigned, were appointed by your Excellency's Predecessor in the Government to obtain information on the subjects above specified, and, in fulfilment of that duty, we now have the honour to submit to your Excellency the following Report ; and, at the same time, take the liberty to express the hope, that when your Excellency shall see fit to transmit the same to the House of Assembly, the subject to which it refers may be deemed by your Excellency worthy of your Excellency's warmest recommendation, not only on the ground of such an Institution being imperatively called for by the circumstances of the Country, but also as being probably to be the parent of a number of public charities besides, and which we humbly conceive are calculated, next to religion itself, to exert the most beneficial influence on the social and moral interests of the Country.

**SITE.**—From personal intercourse with men who, from long official connection with Institutions for the Insane, are well entitled to deference on all points relating to them ; and also from numerous reports which we have collected both of European and American Institutions, we are strongly of the opinion expressed in the printed Report of the Commission which lately visited the United States for the purpose of collecting information on Lunatic Asylums, viz. “That the Hospital should be somewhere in the neighborhood of the Capital, as the most central part of the Province, and more easy of communication by land or water than any other portion of it.” The advantages in regard to supervision would be in favor of such a locality—materials and mechanics would be more easily obtained, and would cost less—and there would be less difficulty in providing the necessary officers and attendants so essential to the good management of an Institution requiring more than any other a combination of skill, firmness and fidelity. The ready access to the Institution which proximity to the Capital affords both to the friends of patients and to transient visitors, would incite a greater diligence and activity on the part of the officers on the one hand, and to gratification and confidence on the part of the public on the other. To this very circumstance is attributable much of the success of the different Asylums in the United States.

Notwithstanding our unanimous convictions, however, on this point, being desirous to elicit the opinions of others also, and to escape the charge of acting with precipitation in a matter which concerned the whole Province, we advertised in several of the Newspapers to the following effect :—“That being authorized to

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“ obtain a Site for a Provincial Lunatic Asylum, we were ready to receive offers from such as had places to dispose of, corresponding to the description in our advertisement.”

Our advertisement elicited offers from only three or four quarters, and of these there are only two localities that the Commissioners think suitable.

One of them is at Dartmouth, and is owned partly by Edward Wallace, Esq., and partly by George Crichton, Esq. It contains in all one hundred acres, and may be obtained for £500.

The other is the property at Birch Cove, owned by Mr. Peter Donaldson. It contains nine hundred acres, and may be had for £1200. Either the whole or part of this may be obtained, but in the event of this being finally selected as the Site, we would recommend that the whole be purchased.

Either of these places would be a good situation for the proposed Asylum.— That at Dartmouth is the most commanding situation of the two. It is nearer the City also, and has probably a more beautiful, and certainly a more extensive prospect than Birch Cove. Yet on a careful comparison of both places, the majority of the Commissioners incline to give the preference to the latter, on the following grounds :

Though the Site at Dartmouth be rather nearer the City than Birch Cove, yet this is more than out-weighed by the expense and inconvenience incident to a continual crossing and re-crossing the Harbour.

Birch Cove, on the other hand, is accessible both by land and water, a convenience that cannot well be over-estimated in an Institution of the kind in question ; and it is near enough the City to render a walk or ride thither a matter of pleasure both to visitors and officers of the establishment.

In selecting a Site for an establishment of the kind proposed, a great desideratum always to be kept in view, is, to have an abundant supply of good water, and that coming from a source at such an elevation as will admit of its being conveyed directly into the upper part of the building, and from thence to all parts of the establishment.

This advantage is possessed by Birch Cove in an eminent degree, whereas at Dartmouth the supply of water coming from the Lakes, and the Site of the building being a lofty eminence, at a considerable distance from them, the water would have to be elevated to a very great height above the surface of the Lakes, by artificial means, at great outlay in the first instance, and at considerable labour and expense afterwards.

A much larger tract of ground can be had at Birch Cove, and at a price proportionably much lower than at Dartmouth.

The grounds at the Cove possess, in point of soil, greater facilities for profitable cultivation, and being very picturesque and finely wooded, are better adapted for ornament, for open walks and shady retreats, than those of Dartmouth.

Birch Cove is already indeed fit for cultivation, and ornamented to a considerable extent, whereas great outlay of labour and money, and much time, would previously have to be expended at Dartmouth ; and besides these disadvantages as to labour, expense, and loss of time, in respect to soil. The Commissioners entertain the opinion that the expense of constructing such a Building as is requisite, would necessarily be greater on the Dartmouth than on the Halifax side of the Harbor.

On these, and various other grounds that might be named, therefore, the Commissioners are disposed to recommend Birch Cove as the preferable Site of the two, but with every desire at the same time that the matter should meet with all the consideration it merits, and that which after due deliberation shall be adjudged the better Site of the two, by those appointed finally to decide, shall be selected.

It may be proper to mention here, that within a few days the Commissioners have been offered the property nearly adjoining the Cove, commonly known as the  
“ Prince’s

“Prince’s Lodge.” It contains about four hundred and seventy acres, and may be had for £1500.

Were Birch Cove not obtainable, the Commissioners might possibly be disposed to recommend the Lodge also as a suitable Site for the Asylum; but as it is in no respect superior to that at Birch Cove, and as a much higher price is asked for it, notwithstanding that it contains little more than half the number of acres that the property at the Cove does, they deem any further remarks on this locality unnecessary, unless the proprietors would consent to part with it at a much lower price.

The plans of the above mentioned properties have been handed to us by the respective proprietors, and are submitted with this Report.

**EXPENSE OF FOUNDING.**—The very lowest rate of founding an Institution for the Insane, consistently with the modern improvements, has been ascertained to be, on an average, in a direct ratio to the number of patients to be accommodated, reckoning each patient, at the lowest calculation, at £80—or making a moderate allowance for the cost of land, stock, implements, and household furniture, at £100—that is, a Lunatic Asylum for the accommodation of one hundred patients, will cost, exclusive of land, stock, &c., £8,000—of one hundred and twenty patients, £9,600. This, taking into account the many unforeseen contingencies incident to a large, and (in this country) a new undertaking, is, probably, as near an approach to the ultimate cost as can be made; and in respect to the above estimate, apparently so large, the Commissioners feel bound to say that the greatest economy would have to be exercised to make even that sum sufficient for the construction of such an establishment as the condition and prospects of the country demand.

The Asylum at New-Brunswick, it is calculated, will cost £15,000 for one hundred and fifty patients. That at Toronto, £50,000 for three hundred patients, so that the estimated cost of our Institution is very moderate compared with that of either of the above. The whole amount was raised in Canada by the imposition of a very small tax on real property, and in New-Brunswick the amount was granted by the Legislature.

**COST OF SUSTAINING.**—It were an easy matter to say what the yearly cost of sustaining the Institution would be, under the most favourable circumstances, that is supposing the Asylum to be full of patients, say one hundred and twenty, and all of them able to pay. There is no doubt that it would amply sustain itself, officers’ salaries, and all contingencies included, by a weekly charge of three dollars per week for each patient, which would yield a revenue of £4,680.

Supposing, on the other hand, that the patients consisted of individuals from the different Townships, the standard price of board, were the Asylum full, might be reduced to two dollars per week, which should be met in each case by the Township in which the patient had resided, or by which he had been sent to the Asylum. The revenue in this case would be £3,120, leaving the officers’ salaries, say £1,200, to be made up, and which would make the total annual cost £4,320.

But it is more than probable that a large proportion of the Lunatics, say one third, would be Transient Paupers, not referable to any Township, the revenue arising from all the Townships, as above calculated, would, in this case, be reduced one third, or £1,040—which sum, in addition to the £1,200 for officer’s salaries, would have to be met by the Legislature. The case would stand thus:

80 patients, at 10s. per week,	-	-	-	£40 x 52	£2,080
40 “ “ “ “	-	-	-	20 x 52 = 1,040	} 2,240.
Officers’ salaries, say	-	-	-	1,200	

Making the total annual cost **£4,320.**

Of which the above sum of £2,240 would have to be provided.



As it is impossible to say, however, what proportion of the patients would be pay, and what pauper, and how many would be supported by Townships, so it is impossible to say what amount would have to be made up.

The annual expense of the Institution, however, under any circumstances, reckoning the number of patients at one hundred and twenty, would be about £4,500, or £35 for each patient, in which sum officers' salaries are included. On the whole, the Commissioners would recommend that a maximum of Twenty Shillings, and a minimum of Ten Shillings, per week, be fixed as the price of board, with a view to the expense of the Institution being met by its own income, or in other words, to making it a self-sustaining Institution.

To the maximum price there could be no reasonable objection on the part of the wealthier patients, and none to the minimum on the part of the Townships; and as respects the provision to be made for pauper Lunatics, and for officers' salaries, it should be borne in mind that the sum to be made up, whether large or small, would be yearly diminishing from the following causes :

The produce of the Farm would, under good management, go far, together with sundry branches of profitable industry, to meet the expenses of the Institution.

The pay of the more opulent Lunatics, who now resort to Foreign Asylums for treatment, would be attracted to our own Institution, especially as it gained, as no doubt it would do, on the confidence of the public.

Legacies from wealthy individuals would among us, as in other countries, occasionally fall to the Institution; and by all these means combined, its revenue would be gradually increasing, and its dependance on the public bounty proportionally lessening; and there is every probability that ere long the Institution would sustain itself.

This is precisely the history of many of the Asylums in the United States, and there is no reason to doubt but it would be that of ours also.

While on this branch of the subject, the Commissioners would suggest the propriety of a Law being passed making it compulsory on the Townships to send the pauper Lunatics to the Asylum, and to make provision for their support. Such is the case in the State of Massachusetts, where a discretionary power is vested in the Judge of Probate in each County, as to the support and maintenance of Lunatics.

**SIZE AND PLAN OF THE BUILDING.**—As the basis of suggestions which it devolved on us to make, respecting the dimensions of the contemplated Asylum, we took considerable pains to ascertain the extent to which Lunacy prevails in the Province.

The following Circular was addressed by us to all the Members of both branches of the Legislature, also to the Sheriffs, Chief Magistrates, and principal Medical Men in the different Counties :

*Halifax, June 25, 1846.*

SIR,—

“The Commissioners appointed with reference to a proposed Lunatic Asylum, are desirous to ascertain the number of Lunatics in the Province who would be subjects for such an Asylum, as a guide to them in their calculations of expense, &c.; and are also desirous to be informed whether such persons or their friends are in circumstances to contribute to their support, and whether they have obtained a legal settlement in the different Townships in which they reside. Will you therefore be pleased, at your earliest convenience, to obtain and forward the necessary information. This Circular will be addressed to all the Members of the House of Assembly, and others. The Town Members will please make a return of the Lunatics within their respective Townships; and the County Members those in the different parts of the County which do not send a Member for a Township.

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“The Board will be glad to ascertain at the same time the numbers of Deaf and Dumb persons in the respective Counties, and also to receive any suggestions that you think fit, as regards the Site or Plan of a Lunatic Asylum, or any matter connected with its arrangement. Please address your answer to me, under cover to Sir Rupert D. George, Provincial Secretary, ‘On Service.’

“I remain,

“Your obedient servant,

“CHARLES TWINING, Secretary.”

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We have failed, notwithstanding, to arrive at that certainty which is desirable, as but few returns have been made to our enquiries. From such as have been made to us, however, from the average number of Lunatics in the Poor House (40)—from the number who seek refuge in the Asylums of the United States (25)—and taking into account the statistics of insanity of other countries, in a similar social and intellectual condition with ourselves, we feel warranted in saying that there are not fewer than three hundred Lunatics in Nova-Scotia.

The proportion of this class of persons in the New England States is about one in 800. That we are not behind our neighbours in this respect at least, will be evident on an inspection of the following Table of J. D. B. Fraser, Esq., of Pictou, who appears to have taken great pains to render the return for the County of Pictou accurate.

Lunatics able to pay expense of support,	-	-	-	-	19
“ upon the Town, unable to pay,	-	-	-	-	18
“ Transient Paupers,	-	-	-	-	9
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Assuming the population of the County to be 30,000, the return would give one Lunatic for every 652 persons; and taking the population of the whole Province at 250,000, the total number of Lunatics, should the County of Pictou be taken as the standard, would be 383.

Notwithstanding we would recommend that the Building be constructed for only one hundred and twenty patients at first, yet so as easily to admit of future additions or rear wings—that is, that the whole front, say of three hundred feet, be completed, also, that it be of brick, with the exception of the ornamental parts, which should be of hewn granite, or of free stone. That the whole structure be substantial, and of the best materials; and that all the architectural arrangements be designed and finished with undeviating reference to the health, comfort, and cleanliness of the patients, by the introduction of hot and cold baths, of the most approved means of heating and ventilating the apartments and corridors, and of an efficient system of draining away impurities and bad odours from all parts of the building.

For the better accomplishing these ends, and that nothing be left undone to make the building in all its parts as perfect as possible, (and with a view to obtain minute and accurate information on all points relating to the internal economy of such an establishment,) the Commissioners submit the propriety of some person or persons being appointed to visit Europe or America, and empowered also to engage an Architect practically acquainted with the various arrangements of Lunatic Asylums, and highly recommended, to superintend the construction of the proposed Institution for this Province. At most of the recently constructed Institutions in the United States, this measure was adopted with the greatest advantage.

PLAN.—Respecting the particular Plan of the Building, the Commissioners having no experience of their own, can undertake, nevertheless, to recommend one

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on the ground of information which they have obtained from sources on which they can place the utmost reliance.

The Trustees of the Butler Asylum at Providence, in Rhode Island, previous to commencing their Institution, succeeded in obtaining the services of Dr. Bell, of the Maclean Asylum at Boston, a gentleman of high repute, especially in whatever relates to insanity, and of acknowledged architectural taste also, to aid them in coming to a decision respecting a Plan of Building; and he, previous to suggesting any, visited Europe for the purpose of examining such of the recently constructed edifices of that country as were acknowledged to contain the most recent improvements; and the result of his visit, and of his observations, was his recommending the Plan of Construction for the Butler Asylum, which the Trustees of that Institution very cordially adopted, and which is now in course of erection.

We understand that New-Brunswick has adopted the Butler Asylum as the model of the Institution about to be erected in that Province, and that same model we also feel confident in recommending as the one best adapted to Nova-Scotia.

One of our number, the Secretary of the Board, while on a visit to the United States last summer, had an opportunity of inspecting the Butler Asylum, and of communicating with the Trustees, Superintendent, and Architect, and from them he obtained much information as to the cost of workmanship and materials, and the comparative expense of them in the United States and in this country; also, from funds placed at his disposal by your Excellency's Predecessor, for the purpose of procuring Plans, &c., he procured, besides the Plan and Estimates of the Butler Asylum, a variety of others also, with illustrations of the most approved modes of heating and ventilating such buildings—all which are herewith submitted.

The Commissioners have also procured a copy of the "Report of the Metropolitan Commissioners on Lunacy," a copy of "Dr. Jacob's Work on the construction and management of Hospitals for the Insane," a work of high repute, also, a copy of "two Acts of the Imperial Parliament, passed for the regulating of Lunatic Asylums, and the treatment of Insane persons"—all of which will be found to be of the most essential service to those to whom the construction and organization of the proposed Asylum shall be intrusted.

The Butler Asylum is of brick, ornamented with free stone. It measures three hundred feet front. The centre portion of which is three, and the main wings two stories above the basement. The end wings, or projections, running back at right angles from the main wings, are each one hundred and ten feet, and the centre one seventy-five feet. The cellar is eight feet, 1st and 2d stories twelve feet, and 3d story of centre building twelve feet, corner buildings ten feet. The roof rises at an angle of  $22\frac{1}{2}$  degrees.

It is intended to accommodate one hundred and thirty patients. One sixth are to be provided with larger and more expensive apartments than are required for those who do not pay a remunerating price.

The estimated cost is \$80,000, a large item of which, however, is for ornament and a style of finish, which we probably will not adopt in this country, at least for some time to come.

The expense of materials and workmanship upon which the ultimate cost of the Butler Asylum is predicated, is as follows:

Pressed Brick, for outside of buildings, \$17 per thousand; Common Brick, \$5 $\frac{1}{2}$  per thousand; Wrought Iron, 13 cents per lb.; Seasoned Pine Lumber, \$15 to \$30 per thousand, according to quality; Cut Granite, per foot, 50 cents; Cast Iron, for Sashes and Gratings, 5 cents per lb.; Labourers, \$1 per day; Carpenters and Masons, \$1—50 per day; Locks, with extra keys, \$3 to \$5; Architect, \$5 per day.

Much of the Carpenter's Work is done by machinery, such as planing boards and making window sashes.

And upon the whole, from the foregoing statement, the Commissioners think that the expense of workmanship and materials in this country will be fully equal to what they are in the United States.

Having thus, by adverting at sufficient length, as we believe, to all the points embraced in the Resolution, fulfilled the duty assigned us, we now beg to leave the Report in your Excellency's hands, with a repetition of the hope, that your Excellency's warmest recommendation of the subject, to which it refers, will accompany its transmission to the House of Assembly.

We have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's  
Most obedient servants,

H. BELL, Chairman.  
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,  
ALEXR. F. SAWERS,  
A. M. UNIACKE,  
CHAS. TWINING, Sec'y.

Halifax, January 1st, 1847.

*Additional suggestions as regards the Site, made by Mr. Fairbanks.*

The Site at Dartmouth is less than half the distance of Birch Cove from the City. It is in the very neighborhood of a rapidly increasing Village, where many Mechanics have their residence, and may, on an average, be reached in fifteen minutes from the centre of the City.

The Committee also are led to believe that the facilities in crossing the Harbor will speedily be extended, and that an arrangement may be entered into with the Steam Boat Company, by which the present expense of crossing the Harbor for the officers of such an establishment may be materially reduced.

In selecting a Site for such an Institution, the gentlemen in charge of the Maclean and Worcester Institutions, have both stated their opinion that it is always desirable that the Site should be surrounded by scenery of a lively and cheerful character. That at Dartmouth presents an extensive view of the mouth of the Harbor—its Islands—Shipping, &c., and also of the beautiful Chain of Lakes by which it is bounded on its South and East sides, and the rising grounds in front fast yielding to cultivation.

APPENDIX No. 17.

(See Page 22.)

DR. THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA,

*For Payments made by the Treasurer, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1846, inclusive.*

To paid sundry Warrants to the Lieutenant-Governors and Administrators, as per Abstract, viz :

His Excellency Lord Falkland, to 31st March,		£625	0	0
Ditto Ditto 30th June,		350	0	0
Ditto Ditto 30th June,		275	0	0
Ditto Ditto 2d Aug.,		224	3	8

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To paid Major-General Dickson, 28th August,	£88	6	3	
His Excellency Sir John Harvey, 30th Sept.	312	10	0	
Ditto                      Ditto 31st Decr.	625	0	0	
	<hr/>			£2499 19 11
Sundry Warrants for Salaries to Officers of Government, as per Abstract, viz :				
The Acting Treasurer,	£150	0	0	
The Officers of H. M. Customs	1786	4	8	
Ditto                      Ditto	1786	4	8	
Ditto                      Ditto	1786	4	8	
Ditto                      Ditto	1786	4	8	
Officers of Government,	1186	5	0	
Ditto                      Ditto	1320	8	4	
Ditto                      Ditto	1273	15	0	
The Master of the Rolls,	106	17	0	
Officers of Government,	1423	15	0	
	<hr/>			12605 19 0
Sundry Warrants for Legislative Expenses, including pay of Members, as per Abstract,				4360 10 5
Sundry Warrants for support of Colleges, Academies, and Common Schools, as per Vouchers and Abstract,				14379 16 6
On Account of Sundry Warrants for en- couragement of Agriculture, as per Vouchers and Abstract,				929 3 4
Sundry Warrants for allowance to Ex- cise Waiters, Revenue Boats, and other expenses, in aid of Revenue, as per Abstract,				1937 0 11
Sundry Warrants for Drawbacks, as per Abstract,				422 4 2
Sundry Warrants for Bounty on Whale and Seal Fisheries, and for killing Wolves, as per Abstract,				173 3 9
Sundry Warrants to Commissioners of Poor, Halifax, viz :				
Commissioners of Poor,	£150	0	0	
Ditto,	150	0	0	
Ditto,	150	0	0	
Ditto,	150	0	0	
	<hr/>			600 0 0
Commissioners Poor, on account of ten per cent. Collections, as per Vouchers and Abstract,				650 0 0
Sundry Warrants to Commissioners of Provincial Penitentiary,				1170 0 0
Sundry Warrants for improvement of Roads and Bridges, per Abstract, as follows :				
County of Halifax,	£2236	0	9	
County of Hants,	2016	7	7	
County of King's,	1615	13	4	
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County of Annapolis,	£1554	4	3
County of Digby,	1232	9	6
County of Yarmouth,	1479	1	11
County of Shelburne,	1419	0	10
County of Queen's	1473	6	8
County of Lunenburg,	1854	12	2
County of Cumberland,	1769	3	4
County of Sydney,	1490	10	0
County of Guysborough,	1518	19	0
County of Cape-Breton,	2194	16	8
County of Pictou,	2098	15	7
County of Inverness,	1876	11	8
County of Colchester,	1775	10	0
County of Richmond,	1419	18	3

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To paid sundry Warrants for Roads and Bridges,  
granted in former years, and undrawn,  
as per Abstract,

2314 19 10

Sundry Warrants for compensation to  
Proprietors of Lands taken for Road  
alterations, as per Abstract,

1038 17 4

Sundry Warrants for advances from the  
Casualty Vote, as per Abstract, viz :

Halifax County,	£40	7	3
Hants County,	59	16	7
King's County,	34	19	1
Cumberland County,	50	11	9
Cape-Breton County,	9	1	9
Pictou County,	15	5	5
Inverness County,	30	0	0
Colchester County,	109	4	6
Queen's County,	7	17	10

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357 4 2

Sundry Warrants for support of Light  
Houses, &c. as per Abstract,

5111 4 3

Sundry Warrants to Commissioners of  
Sable Island, as per abstract,

1504 10 4

Sundry Warrants for expense of cleaning  
Militia Arms,

134 16 4

Sundry Warrants for holding Coroner's  
Inquests, per Abstract,

185 0 0

Sundry Warrants for Rations to Troops  
en Route,

121 12 0

Sundry Warrants for Grants to Transient  
Poor, per Abstract,

326 9 9

Sundry Warrants of expenses of Crimi-  
nal Prosecutions, per Abstract, viz :

F. W. DesBarres,	£35	3	4
John Creighton,	42	18	8
William Sterns	7	4	0
Charles Twining,	6	19	8
W. F. DesBarres,	31	4	4
Hon. L. M. Wilkins,	85	16	0
Charles Twining,	21	17	2

John



John Creighton,	£20	4	0	
W. F. DesBarres,	57	9	0	
Hon. L. M. Wilkins,	24	0	10	
				£332 17 0
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To paid sundry Warrants for Grants in aid of Steam Boats, Packets, and Ferries, as per Abstract :				
Isaiah Smith,	£30	0	0	
William Weeks,	20	0	0	
John G. Peart,	50	0	0	
Richard Carter,	10	0	0	
George Handley,	100	0	0	
Duncan McPhee,	10	0	0	
James Whitney,	125	0	0	
John Copland,	10	0	0	
John and Charles Pernette,	15	0	0	
Cornelius Craig,	10	0	0	
James Whitney,	50	0	0	
Alexander McMillan,	30	0	0	
McDonald & Richardson,	20	0	0	
James Whitney,	50	0	0	
Cunningham & Knowles,	15	0	0	
Isaiah Smith,	30	0	0	
James Whitney,	25	0	0	
				600 0 0
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Sundry Warrants for Grants in aid of Piers and Breakwaters, per Abstract, viz :				
Cape-Breton, (Margaree)	£200	0	0	
King's County, (Hall's Harbour)	100	0	0	
Annapolis, (Margaretville)	100	0	0	
Do. (Marshall's Cove)	24	13	0	
Digby, (Montegon)	40	0	0	
				464 13 0
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Sundry Warrants on Grants for Miscel- laneous Services, as per Abstract :				
Moody & Rogers,	£6	10	0	
Sheriff of Queen's County,	1	10	0	
Fraser & Tremain,	210	0	0	
Boyer & Murphy,	61	9	0	
Robert Stone,	30	11	8	
Drummond & Murphy,	18	0	0	
J. B. M. Chipman,	25	0	0	
Thomas Wilson,	30	0	0	
James Fuller,	14	3	0	
Simon Donovan,	15	0	0	
Ezra Whitter,	30	0	0	
John L. Tremain,	19	11	5	
Doctor Forman,	10	16	7	
Secretary of the Province,	39	6	8	
John Crerar,	16	17	1	
Margaret Nickerson,	12	0	0	
J. W. Nutting,	5	2	0	
Hector McNeil,	98	15	0	

David Cumming,	£5	0	0		
A. M. Uniacke,	100	0	0		
James Fulton,	24	16	0		
John Hopkins,	15	0	0		
Attorney General,	502	10	2		
Gregor & Sterling,	50	0	0		
J. W. Nutting,	8	2	0		
Edmund Crowell,	20	0	0		
Blair & Archibald,	10	15	0		
Clerk of the Peace, Yarmouth,	5	0	0		
J. H. Crosskill, and others,	232	6	11		
Commissioners of Public Buildings,	371	11	1		
Lemuel Morehouse,	10	0	0		
				<u>£1999</u>	13 7
To paid sundry Warrants on account of Grants for relief of Indians, per Abstract,					215 0 0
Sundry Warrants and Orders for Post-ages and extension of Mail Routes, to Dy. Post Master General, per Abstract,					1104 5 8
Warrants for Principal and Interest of 4 per cent. Funded Debt,					10385 19 10
Sundry Warrants for Interest to Saving Bank and Funded Debt, per Abstract,					2181 19 5
Sundry Orders for advances on purchase of Provisions for Distressed Settlers, per Abstract,					1467 7 6
Sundry Orders for advances towards relief of Sick and Distressed Indians, per Abstract,					203 4 9
Warrants for expenses incurred relating to Mines and Minerals, viz :					
To purchase Exchange for remittance to Counsel in England,	£125	11	1		
To Commissioners, services drawing up Case, and submitting for opinion Counsel,	106	10	0		
				<u>232</u>	1 1
Sundry Orders for advances, viz :					
Commissioners of Lunatic Asylum, Secretary of Province, to pay importation of new Plate and Paper, Treasury Notes,	£40	0	0		
Commissioners of Public Buildings,	214	2	4		
Remittance to Newfoundland, in aid of sufferers by Fire, with Freight and premium of Insurance,	100	0	0		
	1048	15	10		
				<u>1402</u>	18 2
Sundry advances from Passenger Act Fund, per Order, as per Abstract,					74 7 2
Sundry Warrants for Travelling Expenses of Judges, per Abstract, viz :					
Judge Hill,	£36	3	4		
Chief Justice Halliburton,	35	0	0		
Judge Haliburton,	40	16	8		
	L. c.	10			Judge

Judge Bliss,	£50	3	4	
Judge Hill,	31	10	0	
Chief Justice Halliburton,	40	16	8	
Judge Bliss,	33	16	8	
Judge Haliburton,	53	13	4	
				£322 0 0
				£100834 0 8
Balance,				24349 19 9
				£125184 5 0

IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, TREASURER. CR.

By this sum received, being balance in the Treasury 31st December, 1845, including defaced Paper,				£14232 15 6
Received from the Collectors of Impost and Excise at Halifax:				
March Quarter,	£8375	0	0	
June do.	13950	0	0	
September do.	11925	0	0	
December do.	15950	0	0	
				50200 0 0
Received from Collectors of Impost and Excise at the Out Ports, as follows:				
Lunenburg,	£463	15	4	
Amherst,	231	13	6	
Wallace,	96	7	0	
Guysborough,	20	0	5	
Yarmouth,	1201	14	2	
Pictou,	1297	13	4	
Digby,	343	16	0	
Annapolis,	427	6	1	
Windsor,	305	0	0	
Maitland,	188	6	10	
Westport,	18	2	6	
Weymouth,	34	18	1	
Cornwallis,	37	16	8	
Liverpool,	182	6	6	
Shelburne,	208	1	7	
Port Hood,	55	0	0	
Londonderry,	283	0	0	
Parrsboro'	32	14	0	
Sydney, C. B.	347	5	10	
Antigonish,	3	0	6	
Tatamagouche,	80	0	0	
Barrington,	33	0	10	
Truro,	182	8	9	
Wilmot,	55	8	9	
Arichat,	276	12	1	
				6405 8 9

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## By Received from Collectors of Light Duty, viz :

Halifax,	£1200	15	7		
Maitland,	31	8	2		
Lunenburg,	54	4	0		
Cumberland,	71	10	0		
Port Hood,	3	0	0		
Canso, Hadley,	220	2	1		
Annapolis,	10	18	1		
Arichat,	116	2	1		
Guysborough,	46	1	10		
Windsor,	212	2	9		
Shore, by Jacob Miller,	7	5	3		
Shelburne,	24	2	0		
Wallace,	316	15	10		
Argyle,	53	6	0		
Weymouth,	48	4	4		
Pictou,	829	12	5		
Yarmouth,	259	3	5		
Cornwallis,	16	1	6		
Digby,	114	17	2		
Barrington,	5	13	6		
Sydney, C. B.	396	12	1		
Liverpool,	100	10	10		
Londonderry,	12	10	0		
Westport,	11	0	0		
Wilmot,	5	15	0		
Antigonish,	5	14	9		
Parrsboro',	66	4	10		
Canso, Bigelow,	42	8	2		
				£4282	-1 8
Received from the Collector of H. M. Customs,				36706	6 1
Received from the Collector of H. M. Customs, Annapolis, on account of Seizures,	£20	15	1		
Ditto, ditto, King's County,	8	17	5		
					29 12 6
Received amounts repaid by Counties to Casualty Vote, as per Abstract,					188 13 7
Received from the Collector of H. M. Customs on account of Head Money, Passengers' Act, as per Abstract,					129 15 1
Received for Proceeds of Provisions sold at Public Auction, and repayment by Counties, as per Abstract,					2297 13 7
Received from Province of Canada, towards support of St. Paul's and Scatarie Light Houses,	£860	19	2		
Ditto, St. John, New-Brunswick,	250	0	0		
Ditto, Prince Edward's Island,	98	10	1		
				1209	9 3
Received from Cashier of Savings' Bank, in sundry payments,				8000	0 0
Received this amount, being proceeds of Bill of Exchange drawn on British Government towards support of Sable Island,				502	4 5
					By

By Received from the Collector of Impost and Excise, Halifax, proceeds of 10 per cent. Duties,	£850 0 0
Received from the Hon. Atty. General, on ac- count of balance by C. W. Wallace, Esq., late Treasurer,	150 0 0
	£125184 0 5

[Errors excepted.]

Treasurer's Office, Halifax, N. S., 31st Decr., 1846.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, *Treasurer.*

### APPENDIX No. 18.

(See Page 22.)

### ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1847.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Four Assistant Justices of Supreme Court,	Currency, £2500 0 0
Travelling Expenses of ditto on Circuit.	
Hire of Vessels 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.	

#### LEGISLATURE.

Speaker of House of Assembly.	
Pay and Travelling Expenses of Members.	
Clerk of Legislative Council.	
Law Clerk.	
Chaplain of ditto.	
Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.	
Clerk of House of Assembly.	
Clerk Assistant of ditto.	
Chaplain of ditto.	
Sergeant at Arms of ditto.	
Assistant ditto ditto.	
Messenger of Legislative Council.	
Assistant ditto of ditto.	
Messengers, &c. of Assembly.	
Stationery, Fuel, Contingencies of Legislative Council and Assembly.	

#### REVENUE.

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
Revenûe Boats.	

MILITIA.

## MILITIA.

Adjutant General.  
 Quarter aMster General.  
 Adjutants of Battalions.  
 Cleaning Militia Arms.

## EDUCATION.

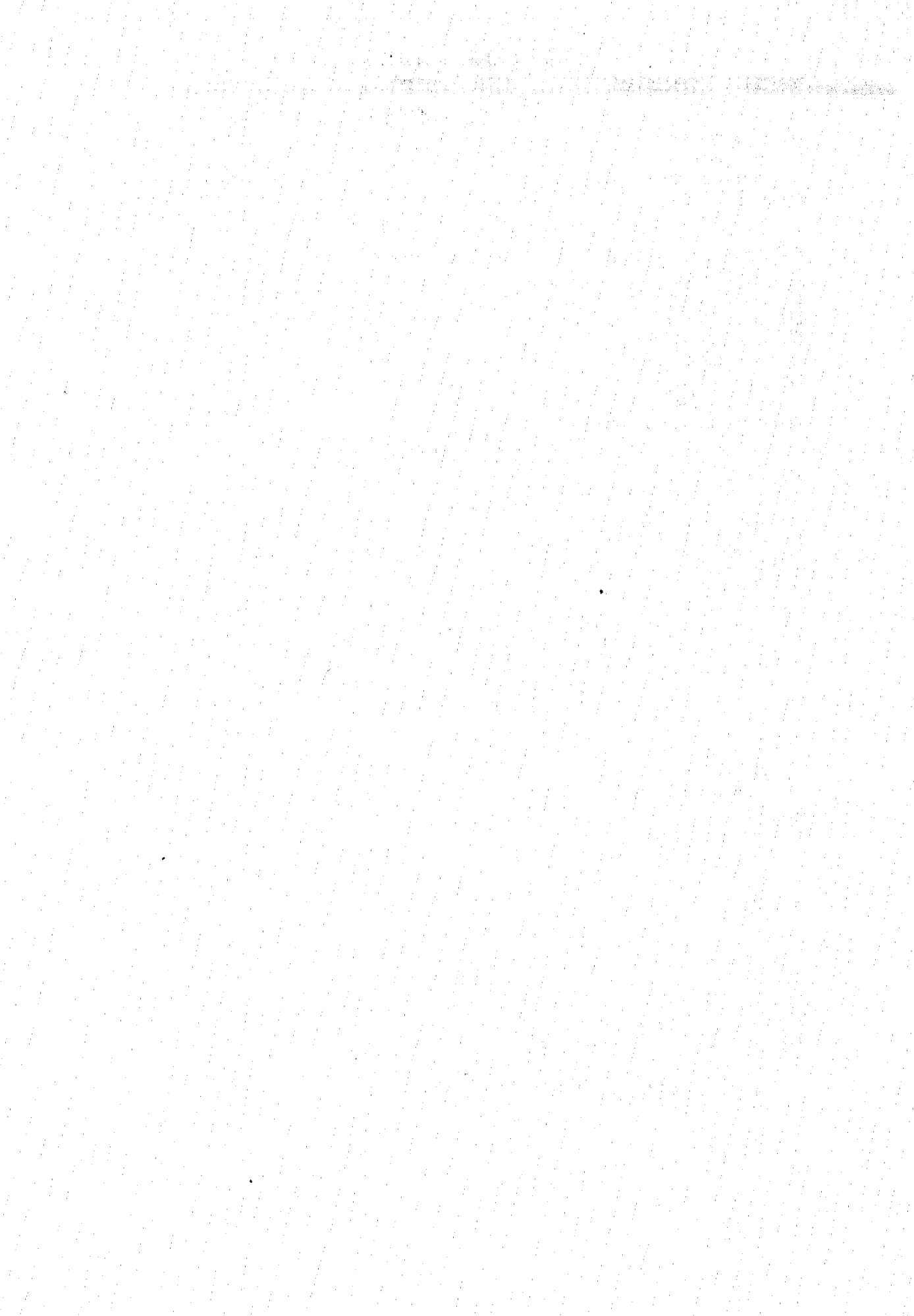
Common and Combined Common and Grammar Schools.			
King's College,	444	8	8
Pictou Academy and Dalhousie College,	400	0	0
Halifax Grammar School,	150	0	0
Horton Academy,	300	0	0
Other Academies in various parts of the Province.			
National, Acadian, Catholic, African, and Reverend Mr. Uniacke's Schools, Halifax,	460	0	0
Infant and Poor House Schools,	75	0	0

## MISCELLANEOUS.

For maintaining Light Houses.			
For Establishment on Sable Island,	400	0	0
Expense of keeping up Post Communication.			
Encouragement of Steam Boats, Sailing Packets, and Ferries.			
Commissioners for Poor Asylum,	600	0	0
Towards support of Bridewell and Penitentiary.			
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 Army,	£300	0	0
Repairs of Public Buildings.			
For assisting Indians.			
For purchasing Seed Potatoes for Blacks at Preston and Hammond Plains,	100	0	0
Towards support of Halifax Dispensary,	50	0	0
Towards support of the Mechanics' Institute,	50	0	0
Rations of Troops en route.			
Drawbacks.			
Keeping of Gunpowder at Halifax Magazine.			
Hire of Vessels to protect Fisheries.			
Supplies of Provisions purchased for Distressed Settlers.			
For freight of Provisions sent to			

J. HARVEY.

Government House, Halifax, 29th January, 1847.





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APPENDIX No. 19.

(See Page 24.)

NO. 1.

(Copy.)

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN,—

Having, on various occasions since my arrival in this Province, as well in the Answers which I have returned to Public Addresses, as in verbal communications with yourselves; so far explained the principles upon which I have hitherto conducted the Civil Administration of other Colonies, and which it is so much my wish to apply to this, as I trust to render it unnecessary that I should now repeat them, I will proceed at once to invite your assistance in the formation of such a Government as may be in accordance with those views, so far at least as the state of Public feeling in this Province may render practicable.

In the communications which I deemed it to consist with my duty to hold with the leading individuals of the Opposition Party, I have not failed fully to possess them of the opinions which I entertain, and the object which I have so much at heart, viz: the formation of a mixed Government, including the talented and the influential of all parties. To the memorandum which was placed by me in the hands of these gentlemen on the 14th September last, I would invite your particular attention, as well as to an extract of a private and confidential communication, which I have recently received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to whom a copy of that memorandum was communicated by me; and, upon the principle therein enunciated, I now call upon you to propose to me the names of the gentlemen whom you would recommend to supply the existing vacancies at this Board, with the understanding that, *in order to facilitate the arrangement*, I should be quite prepared to assent to the extension of its numbers to an amount not exceeding twelve, and immediately to make the required additional appointments, provisionally, of course, and subject to the confirmation of Her Majesty.

I further offer myself as a medium of communication with the leading individuals of the Opposition, should such mediation be deemed necessary or desirable. A fair distribution of official patronage (in which I am also ready to concur) will necessarily constitute the basis of the proposed coalition or fusion of parties, and to this reasonable proposition I am persuaded that neither party will offer any opposition.

In conclusion, I will observe, that the accomplishment of this object, which can only be effected by the surrender of party and personal feeling at the shrine of patriotism, and for the sake of harmony, public peace, and consequent prosperity, could not fail to place the leading men of Nova-Scotia in a position of enviable pre-eminence throughout the widely extended Colonies of the British Empire.

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

Government House, 2d Decr., 1846.

Copy of a Memorandum placed in the hands of Messrs. Joseph Howe, Doyle, and George Young, dated 14th September, 1846.

I am induced to regard the distracted state of things at present existing in this community as owing its origin far more to personal than to political causes, or rather to differences arising out of the latter, having been suffered unnecessarily to interfere with and disturb the relations connected with the former. Such differences, namely, the disruption of social relations and personal friendly intercourse, are susceptible only of a gradual remedy—but, looking to the feelings which have

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been so kindly manifested towards myself from all quarters since my arrival in this Province, I should not despair, if allowed a little time, of being able so to soften down personal asperities, by making myself both a mediator and moderator between the influential of all parties, by inducing them occasionally to meet at my table, &c., as gradually to bring them to view differences of political opinions as constituting no sufficient cause for personal disputes, and by degrees to cherish towards each other sentiments of greater moderation. It is accordingly my wish to devote myself to this object exclusively, and, if duly sustained, I cannot allow myself to entertain any doubt of a successful result. To this plan, which I have not only expounded to the Home Government but substantially to the whole of the community in my answers to Addresses and by other modes, more especially by personal communication with all who have approached me, an appeal to the political constituency of the Province would be utterly and fatally opposed, by leading to the renewal of political struggles throughout the whole length and breadth of the land, and thereby reviving personal strife and animosity with augmented bitterness. Moreover, I know of no grounds upon which I could justify such a course without a wide departure from those principles of Administration to which I regard myself as pledged by the whole tenor of my public life, and opposed as I am known to be, to seeking to sustain my Government by identifying myself with any one party, but on the contrary pledged as I equally am to rest it upon the support of *all*.

These views have been successfully carried out in every Colony over which I have been appointed to preside, and if I were to depart from them here, I should regard myself as having come among you to bring you "a sword and not peace."

Let the Legislative existence therefore run its course (it will be brief.) Let us endeavor to get through the remaining Session as quietly as may be possible, more especially as there will be few matters of importance to engage its attention, and let us indulge the hope that when Her Majesty's loyal subjects of this most interesting and important Colony, are again called upon to exercise their elective franchise it may be done in a spirit which may best tend to ensure its prosperity and their own future peace and tranquility, under the Legislative guidance of those on whom they can repose their confidence, and under the superintendence of one who has never shewn a bias, or entertained an opinion or a view disconnected with what he has regarded as the truest and best interests of the Colony committed to his charge, and who may be considered as having entitled himself to a fair and reasonable measure of the confidence of the people of Nova-Scotia, by the success which has hitherto crowned his efforts to conduct his Administration in accordance with the well understood wishes of their fellow subjects elsewhere.

(Signed)

J. H.

Government House, Sept. 14, 1846.

*Extract from a private and confidential Despatch from Earl Grey, of the  
3d November, 1846.*

"Of whatever party your Council may be composed, it will be your duty to act strictly upon the principle you have yourself laid down in the memorandum delivered to the gentleman with whom you have communicated, that, namely—'of not identifying yourself with any one party, but instead of this making yourself both a mediator and a moderator between the influential of all parties.'"

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NO. II.

(Copy.)

*Halifax, 4th December, 1846.*

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—**

We have considered the communication which your Excellency has been pleased to address to us relative to the formation of a Council on the principles which you have announced, and we beg to assure your Excellency that we have given to the written papers, and verbal explanations, with which you have honored us, the attention so justly due as well to the importance of the interests involved as to the commands of your Excellency.

It gratified us to hear your Excellency distinctly propound that, whilst you desired the aid of a Council composed of influential men of all parties, you disclaimed the principle of equal numerical representation at the Board, and entirely rejected the idea that questions should be decided in Council by majority of votes. With such sentiments the practice of this Province and our opinions comport; and we also entirely accede to the principle announced by your Excellency that, in the distribution of the patronage of the Crown, in relation to offices which by vacancies hereafter arising may be placed at your disposal, your Excellency would be regulated (as far as the Public Service would permit,) by a just and equal regard to the claims of individuals of all classes. In this connexion of the subject under consideration, we deem it proper to explain to your Excellency, that if either the existing Constitution of the Council, or any thing in the recent administration of the affairs of the Province, should seem to be at variance with the principles thus announced by your Excellency, and of which we have respectfully expressed our approval, the apparent inconsistency is not attributable to the late Lieutenant-Governor, or his advisers. With a view to conciliation, the offices of emolument vacated by the Members of Council who retired in the end of 1843, were kept vacant, or filled only conditionally for as long a period as the Public Service would permit. Three unsuccessful overtures were made to the Opposition for the construction of the Executive Council, and when the fruitless issue of these efforts, and an uncompromising opposition, rendered further proposals hopeless and inexpedient, and unavoidably forced upon the Government a Party aspect that would gladly have been averted, nothing remained but, by keeping the vacancies in the Executive Council unfilled, to evince the principle on which it was wished to act.

It follows from the observations we have made, that we are prepared to submit to your Excellency the assurance that, as we have been ever willing; so are we now ready, to unite at the Council Board with gentlemen who bear a different Party name from that which has been attributed to those who have now the honor to address your Excellency; and, in obedience to your Excellency's desire that we should offer our advice on this subject, we recommend that the vacant seats in the Executive Council should be tendered to gentlemen belonging to the party in opposition, when your Excellency shall be in a condition to make such tenders with benefit and effect.

Here, may it please your Excellency, we might stop, but, convinced that the character of the Province and its improvement and welfare are deeply and injuriously affected by the continuance of Party hostilities having no questions of public moment to justify them, we feel that the duty to be imposed on us to make every advance toward conciliation consistent with principle and the position we occupy.

In considering the means by which we might promote the restoration of harmony, we are aided by your Excellency's information that no stipulations have been made by the other side. Had it been otherwise we should have felt ourselves unable with propriety to make the advances we are about to do; for it would be wrong, in a case that demands perfect candor, to conceal that what we are willing spontaneously

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taneously to surrender on considerations affecting our own minds, we should feel on principle required to withhold had it been demanded, or even suggested, by others.

With this explanation, we beg to inform your Excellency that, influenced by a desire to promote the peace and welfare of their Country, Mr. Almon and Mr. Dodd have placed in the hands of their colleagues the declaration of their readiness to resign, the former his seat in the Executive Council, the latter the Solicitor Generalship, so soon as that union of parties at the Council Board which, in common with your Excellency, we think the interests of the Province demand shall be arranged, and those resignations be required for carrying it into full effect.

The course thus adopted by Messrs. Almon and Dodd has placed their colleagues in a trying situation, who desire not to withhold from your Excellency that, when the proposal was first suggested by those gentlemen, they rejected the idea of this sacrifice on the part of their friends with repugnance, and have only finally yielded acquiescence in consequence of the urgent solicitation and arguments with which they pressed their proposition.

We shall regret if this act on the part of the Executive Council be disapproved by our friends, or our motives be the subject of misapprehension or misrepresentation by any. We believe we fulfil our duty in taking advantage of the assumption of the Government by your Excellency to endeavour to bring into operation in this mode the same principles for which during more than three years we have contended, when the situation of affairs and the welfare of the Province demanded their maintenance by a different line of action.

Your Excellency having required the free expression of our opinion, we think it right to say that the increase of the Executive Council to twelve, is liable to objections which only some strong public exigency should counter-balance, and we are aware that there are gentlemen in the Assembly, whose opinions are entitled to consideration, who are opposed to any augmentation beyond nine, the number named in the Royal Institutions.

Upon mature deliberation we also consider it inexpedient that we should at present suggest to your Excellency the names of the Members of the Opposition to whom in our opinion offers of seats in the Executive Council might with most propriety and advantage be made. We think that, preliminary to any overture, we should be informed, in some definite manner, whether the willingness we have expressed to unite in the formation of a Council with gentlemen of the Opposition is met by a reciprocal sentiment; for, if this be not the case, any further proceeding is impracticable, and all that we have proposed in this paper becomes inoperative.

Should the result of this inquiry be such as to lay a foundation for proceeding towards the object of your Excellency's communication, we shall be prepared cordially to co-operate with your Excellency, with an earnest desire to elevate the Country and promote the efficiency of your Excellency's Administration.

If the principle of union of parties in the Executive Council should be acknowledged by the other side, your Excellency will have four seats in the Executive Council and the Solicitor Generalship to use as means of conciliation and evidences of the sincerity of our professions.

If this principle be rejected in the outset, or if being admitted, any appointments or arrangements shall be required to which we cannot accede, we shall but stand in the position we occupied previously to your Excellency's appeal to us on Wednesday last, having afforded the additional evidence contained in this paper of our desire to promote the harmony of the Province.

(Signed.)

S. B. ROBLE,  
RUPERT D. GEORGE,  
J. W. JOHNSTON,  
E. M. DODD, by J. W. J.  
M. B. ALMON,  
LEWIS M. WILKINS.

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NO. III.

(Copy.)

### SUPPLEMENTARY MEMORANDUM.

As it appears to me essential that I should not be misunderstood in respect to a question of so much importance as that of the principle upon which the appointments to office will be made by me, and with reference to a somewhat hurried conversation which I had this afternoon with Mr. Wilkins on this subject, I deem it proper to state, that the object of the Memorandum which I this day read to, and placed in, the hands of the Executive Council, was to impose upon that body, or rather to request it to undertake the task of suggesting to me the means of supplying the existing vacancies at that Board upon the principle therein indicated, the *modus operandi* being confided wholly to them. A suggestion was introduced into that Memorandum as to the basis upon which (alone) it appeared to me that that object could be accomplished, and in which I expressed my readiness to concur, viz., a fair and equal partition of offices of emolument; but in this point the initiative must be taken by the Council, and not by me, if they sincerely desire, (as I am entirely convinced they do,) to carry out the object which they have undertaken.— As Her Majesty's Representative, I will be no party to depriving any of Her Majesty's Servants of the offices they hold, otherwise than by giving my assent to a voluntary surrender of them should they think fit to make it for the attainment of a great public object; but, as Her Majesty's Representative, I will take care that all *future* appointments shall be made upon the principle which I have announced, viz., of perfect impartiality.

It will be remembered that I have, on several occasions, expressed a strong desire that an office of emolument should be found for *one* of the leading Members of the opposition party.

(Signed)

J. H.

Government House, Wednesday Evening, 2d December, 1846.

NO. IV.

(Copy.)

Halifax, 7th December, 1846.

We have the honour to acknowledge your Excellency's supplementary memorandum, bearing date the 2nd of December, and which was delivered to Mr. Wilkins by your Excellency on Saturday the 5th instant, after Mr. Dodd's departure for Cape-Breton.

Previously to its delivery by your Excellency, and as early as Thursday forenoon while Mr. Dodd was in town, we had with him fully considered the subject of your Excellency's original memorandum, and had concurred in and arranged the proposals and sentiments that are contained in the communication which your Excellency will receive with this, and which is dated on the 4th instant. It has been necessary for us to refer to this circumstance, because our communication was prepared solely in reference to the first memorandum presented to us by your Excellency, in connexion with the oral explanation of a passage in it which your Excellency was pleased to convey to us through Mr. Wilkins, whilst neither the passage alluded to, nor the explanation of it as communicated to us by Mr. Wilkins, contained any allusion to the suggestion of your Excellency made in the supplementary memorandum as to your "willingness to assent to a voluntary surrender of offices, should any of the incumbents of them think fit to make it for the attainment of a great public object;" and because we are persuaded it will be gratifying to your Excellency to perceive that we had thus anticipated your Excellency in regard to that suggestion, two of the Members of the Executive Council having, before it had been im-



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parted to us, spontaneously expressed their willingness to make such surrender, whenever it might become the means of accomplishing such an object.

Some of the Members of your Council cannot call to mind that any reference was at any time made by your Excellency in their presence to the subject of the concluding paragraph of your Excellency's supplementary memorandum; and none of us have looked upon it as entering in any way into the considerations to which our attention has been directed by your Excellency's communications to us previously to the supplementary memorandum. On a point which may be deemed to touch very essentially the interests of individuals, and yet more deeply the public welfare, we would be wrong to remain silent after your Excellency has thus brought it to our notice, and our duty to your Excellency requires us unreservedly to say that, while two of our number have been willing, of their own accord, to offer the surrender of offices held by themselves for the purpose of conciliation, it would be entirely repugnant to our principles as public men, and to our feelings as individuals, to advise or influence any gentleman holding an office of emolument to surrender it for the purpose to which your Excellency has alluded.

(Signed)

S. B. ROBIE,  
R. D. GEORGE,  
J. W. JOHNSTON,  
M. B. ALMON,  
L. M. WILKINS.

NO V.

(Copy.)

### *Memorandum for the Members of the Executive Council.*

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN,—

I have perused with much satisfaction the letters which you have addressed to me, under date the 4th and 7th instant, (received by me yesterday,) in reply to my Memoranda of the 2nd; and I willingly recognise in them the evidence of a sincere desire on your part to co-operate with me in the endeavour to conduct such an Executive Council Board as, while it may fairly represent the two political parties to which the inhabitants of the Province appear respectively to adhere, may, at the same time, give to the head of the Government the benefit of the assistance of the most talented and influential individuals of each in conducting the administration of its Civil affairs.

To Messrs. Dodd and Almon I feel a degree of obligation beyond what I am able to express, and, in bringing their disinterested and patriotic conduct to the knowledge of the Queen's Government, it will afford me much gratification to express my opinion that they have, respectively, established a strong claim upon the approbation of their Sovereign, which will, I am convinced, be cheerfully recognised.

No time will be lost by me in bringing the propositions embodied in your papers into discussion with some of the leading individuals of the opposite party, and in communicating to you the result.

With regard to the concluding paragraph of my supplementary memorandum, you are correct in believing that it was not intended to be placed before you by me as embodying any distinct proposition for your acceptance or rejection; or, that it had ever been meant to be propounded to you collectively. To three of your body it certainly had not, and to the other three it was mentioned, incidentally, as an object which appeared to me very desirable, if attainable without undue interference with the rights and interests of others. In these views Mr. Dodd appeared entirely to agree with me, in my conversations with him both in Cape-Breton and here,

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here, as I believed had the Attorney General and Sir Rupert George, though all admitted the difficulties in the way of its present attainment.

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

*Government House, Decr. 11, 1846.*

NO. VI.

(Copy.)

TO THE LEADING MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION,—

### MEMORANDUM.

In laying before you, and inviting your attentive consideration and that of your friends, to the enclosed correspondence, which I have held with the Members of Her Majesty's Council, having for its object the formation of an united Government, it appears to me proper to observe, as my desire is, while endeavouring to combine both parties in the public service, not to give a political triumph to either, that it would be premature to proceed to the discussion of details or individual selections for office previous to the affirmation by both, of the principle upon which it is proposed to construct such a Government.

I repeat my conviction that the distinct admission by both parties of the principle propounded as a basis, would tend to clear the question, and the discussions connected with it, of many of its difficulties.

With these remarks, I invite as early an expression of your sentiments upon the proposition as may be convenient.

(Signed)

J. H.

(Copy.)

NO. VII.

*Halifax, December 17, 1846.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We have given to the papers handed to the Speaker and Mr. Howe on Monday last, the grave consideration to which any communications coming through or from the head of the Government are entitled, and we now proceed to discuss their contents with the frankness which seems to be expected from us, and in the confident belief that your Excellency desires candor and distinctness from all the parties who have been called by their public positions to take part in this enquiry.

Lest the mode adopted should be drawn into precedent, we must express our regret that your Excellency should have been advised to lay before the Members of Opposition the communications, oral and written, which have passed between your Excellency and the Executive Council. These, we humbly conceive, ought to be of the most private and confidential nature. If a distinct proposition is the result, the Opposition have something tangible to deal with; but they ought not be called upon to criticize communications, out of which, so far as they can perceive, nothing has yet grown but a dextrous evasion of a clear and positive command.

Your Excellency, in your address to the Executive Council, dated 2nd December, calls upon them to aid you in the formation of a "mixed Government," including the talented and influential of all parties,—to propose to you the names of the gentlemen whom they would recommend to supply vacancies; and you inform them that "a fair distribution of official patronage (in which you are ready to concur) will necessarily constitute the basis of the proposed coalition or fusion of parties."

These directions are clear and specific, and we can perceive at once the object which your Excellency had in view, and recognise the means by which you propose to arrive at it as constitutional and legitimate. We regret to observe that in no one particular



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particular have your requirements been met, or your commands obeyed, and, but for some irrelevant matters very improperly introduced, we feel that we might fairly decline to interfere until your Excellency's instructions had been complied with, or the want of ability and inclination to comply with them had been ingeniously confessed.

In discussing questions of this nature, English precedents are our safest guide. If a Cabinet at home is weak, and a more extended basis is desirable, the Leader of the Government does not wait to be reminded of his duty by the Sovereign, but suggests promptly the *modus operandi* by which a change should be effected. If new appointments are required, he proposes the names of those *who are willing to serve with him*. If offices are to be vacated he takes the initiative and places them at the Sovereign's disposal. If he delays or neglects his duty until formally called upon, he then obeys the command which his own inertness has rendered imperative, and if he is unable or unwilling to comply, tenders his resignation. He does not travel out of his official note in which the commands of his Sovereign are conveyed, to attribute to her expressions and opinions that it does not contain, which either were or were not dropped in the Royal Closet, but which Her Majesty has not conceived it politic or wise to throw out as materials for controversy among any portion of her subjects. It is to be regretted that this time-honored practice has not been adhered to by your Excellency's advisers. They have waited three months without discovering their weakness, or informing your Excellency that the Council was defective in numbers and strength. When their attention is called to the fact, they profess adherence to a principle which, for three years, they have violated in practice,—give your Excellency the name of one gentleman who is ready to retire, but of none who are willing to go in,—attribute expressions and seek to retract opinions which might embarrass rather than facilitate the arrangement they profess to desire by involving your Excellency in the unhappy controversies of the past; and in obedience to your Excellency's command, that a "fair distribution of official patronage should constitute the basis of the proposed coalition," argue in favor of a life tenure of office, and place the Solicitor-Generalship alone in your hands, wherewith to satisfy the claims of the Opposition, and convince us "of the sincerity of their professions."

Such being the mode in which the gentlemen from whom your Excellency had a right to expect a liberal construction of your appeal, and prompt obedience to your wishes, have obeyed your commands, we might be pardoned for declining to interfere; but we are reluctant to evade the main questions raised by your Excellency from any dislike to the form in which they have been presented, or from any desire to shrink from the responsibilities which our positions impose.

We understand your Excellency to desire to know whether the leaders of Opposition will, at the present moment, enter into a coalition with five of the six gentlemen who have signed the papers submitted to us, accepting four seats at the Council Board, and the Solicitor-Generalship. That your Excellency may not suspect us of any desire to mislead or to create embarrassment by the concealment of our opinions, we deem it our duty to answer in the negative, for the following among other reasons:

1st.—Because, even if a mixed or Coalition Government were in any case to be thought of, after the experience we have had, the leaderships in one or the other branch should be conferred on the Liberal Party, a fair distribution of patronage should be arranged at the formation, and justice to all Her Majesty's Subjects be the rule thereafter. To ask the opposition, embracing nearly half the House, and, as we believe, a vast majority throughout the country, to share the responsibilities and labors of Government, holding but one office of subordinate importance, while the opposite party were left in possession of all the other employments of the Province, securing to them the influence of every Department; would be far from meeting our ideas of equal justice.

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2nd.—Because, except under peculiar circumstances, coalitions rarely work well. If the Members act in good faith they ultimately form one party; while another, as surely arises to oppose them, with whom, if the principle is to be carried out, another coalition must be formed. The experience of the Mother Country is not favorable to such combinations, and the coalition in which several of the present Council served was continually weakened by their conduct, and ultimately shattered by the appointment of the gentleman who now professes his willingness to resign.

3rd.—Because, though we shall be at all times ready to act with gentlemen with whom we can agree in common measures, and in whose patriotism and discretion we confide; with the Members of the existing Council we can enter into no political alliance until the people of Nova-Scotia decide between them and us upon various matters drawn into controversy during the last three years. Though they now desire to make it appear that there are "no questions of public moment" dividing parties in Nova-Scotia, they well know that, while the Liberals have sought to introduce into this Province the system of Government suggested by Lord Durham, and sanctioned by Lord Sydenham and his successors, the Conservatives have as steadily opposed it, practically denying to the people the power which should result from the possession of representative institutions. While the Liberals hold that public offices are public trusts held by the tenure propounded by Lord John Russell's Despatches of 1839, and recognised by your Excellency's Circular addressed to the Heads of Departments in New Brunswick, the gentlemen whose alliance we decline regard the posts which every Governor should have in his gift wherewith to strengthen and sustain his Administration as a species of freehold; and broadly state that it is utterly repugnant to their principles and feelings to advise their surrender for any such purpose.

While the Members of Opposition have labored for years to obtain a surrender of the Casual and Territorial Revenues on fair and equitable terms, the Members of Council have endeavored to obstruct them, by public action in the Legislature and representations to Her Majesty's Government.

While the Opposition have desired to introduce into the Legislative Council gentlemen of talent and political influence, fairly reflecting the opinions of all parties in Nova-Scotia, the persons whose alliance we decline, have used the power they possessed to give to the upper branch a decidedly partizan character, by which the efforts of any fair and liberal government may be permanently obstructed. Upon these, and many other points, of almost equal importance, we patiently and confidently await the judgment of the Country, and are reluctant to enter into any coalition with those whose opinions upon them all we believe to be unsound, and whose public conduct we anticipate a majority of the constituency will condemn.

We are gratified to perceive that the Members of the Executive Council decline taking the responsibility of advising your Excellency to increase the number of that Board to twelve. It would have been strange if they had forgotten that such a proposition, suggested by themselves to your Excellency's predecessor, was signally defeated in 1844, and that when made to the Liberals it was unanimously rejected. On this point we are happy to find they have adopted our views. By the Royal Instructions we are reminded the people of Nova-Scotia are entitled to have their affairs conducted by a Council of nine. We were afraid that this fact had been forgotten, as those instructions have been strangely violated for three years, the number never during that period having exceeded six, and sometimes being reduced to five.

That Mr. Almon should be willing to resign his seat in the Council now, we confess does surprise us. The reason given for his elevation in 1843, was his "affinity" to the Attorney General. As the relationship still exists, we presume that the near approach of a general election has awakened the conviction that the people of this Province might resent the elevation of a person comparatively unknown to them, who had never represented a Constituency or won any portion of their confidence, over the heads of all the

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Members of both branches of the Legislature, many of whom had devoted themselves faithfully to the public service for a series of years.

We cannot discover any reason for attempting to raise a discussion about numerical representation at the Council Board, except it be to couple your Excellency's proposal with the language of one brought to us by Mr. Dodd in 1844, and to create an impression that some party in Nova-Scotia are pressing upon the Governor an idea too absurd for any body to entertain.

With respect to the mode in which business is transacted in the Cabinet, the people of Nova-Scotia, like the people of England, are wisely indifferent. These are matters of internal arrangement, about which any discussion is unnecessary at the present time. Whether questions are decided by a majority of votes, or by a single voice of the Queen's Representative, we shall continue to hold those whom the constitution teaches us to assume have been consulted, responsible for every exercise of the Prerogative, and every act done by the Government of which they are Members.

If disposed to trouble your Excellency with a history of the past, we could shew that we have given many substantial proofs of a desire for harmony and conciliation, and that we were only driven to take the ground we now occupy, by a growing conviction of the insincerity of the persons, association with whom we now respectfully decline. From 1840 to 1843, they were protected by the Liberal party in the Assembly, who magnanimously left them and their friends in possession of nearly all the emoluments of office, and most of the seats in Council. In 1843 they broke up a mixed Government by inducing the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint a seventh Conservative, the Liberals at the time occupying but two seats: that act drove into opposition the gentlemen who held them, and another who, though previously identified with the opposite interest, resented what he believed to be a gross injustice to a party that, for three years, had steadily supported the administration.

Finding a Government which, while it possessed our confidence, was sustained by four-fifths of the Members of the Assembly, reduced by the appointment of Mr. Almon to a majority of one, the gentlemen who now seek our aid found themselves compelled to invite our co-operation on several occasions. In every proposition made to us they sought, as they do now, a "party triumph," and not the peace of the country. Their overtures were rejected; but, influenced by a sincere desire to strengthen the Government, we indicated the fair and honorable terms which we were ready to accept. Our opponents preferred a monopoly of official income, and the individual possession of power. They have had both, and so long as a majority of the Assembly, however small, sustain them, or your Excellency deems it right to conduct the Government with advisers powerless or unwilling to carry out in practice the principle they profess, we are satisfied to hold a position, honorable in the estimation of the country, to preserve our consistency without seeking any share in the administration.

In conclusion, we beg to assure your Excellency that we rejoice to find in the extract from Lord Grey's despatch the true position which a Colonial Governor should occupy so accurately defined. This Province has suffered much from the want of that mediation and moderation proffered by your Excellency and enjoined by the Colonial Secretary; but under your auspices we anticipate the courteous observances and rigid impartiality which make the working of Representative Institutions so easy, and draw from them so much of personal independence and practical utility. Your Excellency will always find us prompt to sustain you by the public expression of the respect which we collectively and individually feel, and, if we cannot consent to act with a party who do not possess our confidence, we shall, nevertheless, give our best consideration, and if possible our support, to any measures which your Excellency may suggest for the advancement of the public interests.

The Members of the Legislative Council, with whom we have deemed it advisable to consult, approve of the course we are taking, and of the sentiments we have expressed. We have only to regret that, from the apparent necessity for an early reply, we have not

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not been able to submit the documents referred to us to gentlemen residing at a distance whose judgment we respect, but whose opinions we confidently anticipate will be coincident with our own.

We have, &c.

(Signed)

JOSEPH HOWE.  
L. O'C. DOYLE.  
JAMES McNAB.  
GEO. R. YOUNG.

### MEMORANDUM.

Although I have not thought it advisable, from the position I hold in the Assembly, to affix my name to the reply given by the members of the Liberal party in Town to the proposition submitted to them, through Mr. Howe and myself, I beg to be understood as entirely approving of it, and perfectly concur with my friends in rejecting any alliance with the present Executive Council, until, at least, an appeal shall have been made to the people.

(Signed)

WM. YOUNG.

*Halifax, 17th December, 1846.*

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NO. VIII.

*Halifax, Monday Morning, 21st December, 1846.*

The Members of H. M. Executive Council have the honor to acknowledge your Excellency's Memorandum, dated the 11th instant. It afforded them much pleasure to observe by it that your Excellency recognizes in the letters of the Executive Councillors of 4th and 7th instant, the evidence of a sincere desire on their part to co-operate with your Excellency in the endeavor to construct such an Executive Council Board as would fairly represent both parties, and give to your Excellency in the administration of the Government, the united aid of influential individuals from each.

The manner in which your Excellency mentions your high appreciation of the motives that influenced Messrs. Dodd and Almon, in the resignation of offices they were willing to make, and the expression of your Excellency's opinion that their conduct would meet the approbation of their gracious Sovereign, are most gratifying.

The Members of the Council in Halifax have also the honor to acknowledge having received, through your Excellency's Private Secretary, on Friday evening the 18th instant, the copy of a paper communicated to your Excellency by Joseph Howe, L. O'C. Doyle, James McNab, and George R. Young, Esquires, accompanied by a Memorandum from the Speaker of the Assembly; and they regret to perceive from it the failure of your Excellency's endeavors to promote the harmony of the Province.

A copy has been sent to Messrs. Dodd and Wilkins, and, after hearing from them, it may be deemed proper to ask your Excellency's permission to correct some of its statements.

NO. IX.

*Halifax, 28th January, 1847.*

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :**

The arrival of Mr. Dodd in Halifax has afforded us the first opportunity of answering the paper dated 17th December last, signed by Messrs. J. Howe, L. O'C. Doyle, J. McNab, and G. R. Young, accompanied by a Memorandum of approval signed by Mr. W. Young, which was received by your Excellency after Mr. Dodd's departure from Halifax, and the copy of which furnished by your Excellency,

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lency, the Members of the Executive Council in Halifax had the honor to acknowledge in a note dated the 21st December.

On the general tone of discourtesy, and the derogatory observations of this document, we offer no comment.

Your Excellency ought not to be made the channel for ebullitions of party or personal resentments, and we owe it to our own character and position to bring individual feelings into subjection to the restraints of official decorum, in the conduct of the business in which we have been engaged by your Excellency.

The paper before us advances statements which we consider in the highest degree inaccurate, and pretensions altogether unwarranted by the past or present history of the country.

We therefore feel it to be incumbent on us to request your Excellency's attention to some statements of facts which we shall make as briefly, and with as little comment as possible.

In most, if not all, of the instances, it will be unnecessary to enquire whether parties, who may be referred to, were right or wrong in their conduct. The indisputable facts, irrespective of the motive, being in our view inconsistent with the statements that have been made to your Excellency, and being their conclusive answer.

Not the least conspicuous passage is that in which your Excellency is seriously told, that from 1840 to 1843 we were protected by the Liberal party in the Assembly, as they have assumed to style themselves, who, it is said, magnanimously left us and our friends in possession of nearly all the offices of emolument, and most of the seats in Council.

Contrasted with the sordid politics that debase Nova-Scotia, such an instance of generous forbearance would be indeed refreshing. But when and how it was that "the Liberal party" became possessed of the power and of the right to distribute the offices of emolument and the seats in Council; and still more, that being so possessed, they magnanimously forbore the tempting prize in favor of their political antagonists, we confess ourselves profoundly ignorant.

We trust we shall not be deemed ungrateful in declining to acknowledge the obligation until that ignorance is dispelled: On such an issue your Excellency may not be averse from receiving a brief sketch of the circumstances.

The mixed Government we are said to have broken up in 1843, had its immediate origin in the Governor General's visit to Nova-Scotia in 1840.

He proposed as a general principle, that the Members of the Council should ordinarily be Members of the Legislative Council or Assembly, and offered a seat to Mr. Howe, provided he would modify his views on Responsible Government as advanced in a pamphlet he had some time before published, and a copy of which had been sent to Lord John Russell, then the Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Howe having consented to the condition, and fulfilled it to the satisfaction of the Governor-General, the Executive Council was formed in the Autumn of that year, on instructions to Lord Falkland to carry out the Governor-General's views, by the retirement of such of the Members as belonged to neither Branch of the Legislature, and the introduction of Mr. Archibald, the then Attorney General, Mr. Uniacke, who had retired from Sir Colin Campbell's Council, Mr. McNab, previously recommended for a seat, and Mr. Howe. These new Members being added to those who remained, viz: Mr. Robie, Sir Rupert D. George, Mr. Johnston, then Solicitor General, Mr. Dodd, and Mr. Stewart, formed the Executive Council.

On the united influence of this Council, and not on the influence of any one or more of its Members, Lord Falkland went to the Country on the General Election in the end of 1840, and obtained and preserved the support of the new House. Should it be said that in the majority that supported the united Council, the Liberals, as they are called, preponderated, we doubt not that we should have occasion



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to modify the nomenclature and classification which party interest might now dictate; but the enquiry is unnecessary. It is enough to show that the party had not power to effect what it is vainly pretended they "magnanimously" abstained from doing.

When the Council was remodded in 1840, we never heard it suggested that any of that party had the opportunity afforded them of displaying the disinterestedness thus assumed to have been exercised.

On the contrary, it was matter of public notoriety, that some of the party were highly dissatisfied with having been omitted from the Council; and it cannot occasion surprise, that the declarations of being "sacrificed and betrayed," which were publicly made on that occasion, were not understood at the time, and cannot now be accepted as the manifestation of disregard of office, and generous forbearance.

From that period to the dissolution in '43, there was exhibited on several occasions a disposition among some individuals of their party to displace certain Members of the Executive Council.

These desires were prevented from breaking into open act by Lord Falkland's sense of justice and propriety. He firmly put down every such intrigue by declaring his fixed purpose to appeal to the Country if the Assembly were agitated by any questions aimed at *individuals* of his Council: an appeal from which they shrank with a prudence the event has justified.

In 1843, a dissolution at length became necessary, and the new Assembly in 1844 being required to decide between two opposite parties, into which the Council had become divided, that section whose pretensions to magnanimous forbearance we are considering, was found in the minority, although strengthened by the vote and influence of a gentleman who they tell your Excellency had been "previously identified with the opposite interest."

The assumption that Mr. Almon's appointment was the origin of the divisions that followed it, is far from conveying a faithful representation of the circumstances. That appointment was indeed the immediate occasion of the retirements, but it was itself but the consequence of previous dissensions, which there is sufficient evidence to know, would have agitated the Assembly at its approaching Session in a manner not the less mischievous from being more covert—although that appointment had never occurred; and when your Excellency is told that "*the reason given*" for that gentleman's appointment was his affinity to the Attorney General—the concomitant facts being suppressed—the parties who have signed and sanctioned the document under review, have been drawn into an assertion that evinces a carelessness and inaccuracy in dealing with facts for which the advantage they might expect from the sneer it introduces seems an inadequate recompense. The reasons that were given for Mr. Almon's appointment are contained in Lord Falkland's letter to the retired Councillors, dated 25th Decr., 1843, and afterwards published. The extracts from it, which we subjoin, render argument on this point unnecessary.

We proceed to subject to a like comparison with facts, the unqualified declaration, that in every proposal made to the opposition for an union of parties, we have sought "a party triumph, and not the peace of the Country."

No sooner had a majority of the Assembly, in 1844, sustained the Government after the disruption of the Council, than the Lieutenant-Governor offered to reinstate the three retired Councillors in all the offices they had vacated; and, in addition, to appoint to the Executive Council a Roman Catholic gentleman of their own politics, thus removing as far as possible the appearance of party triumph, by restoring the relative position of the parties in the Council, as it had stood before the appointment of Mr. Almon. Some time after this offer was rejected, Mr. DeWolf was appointed to the Excise Office, and immediately following that ap-  
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pointment there was commenced a system of ribaldrous abuse of the Lieutenant-Governor, which was pertinaciously followed to the close of his Administration.

In the summer of the same year an offer was made to introduce five members of the opposition into a Council of twelve—the publisher of the abuse referred to being excluded from the proposal. In reference to this proposition, it being suggested by a member of the opposition to one of ourselves, that if it were modified so as to contemplate a Council of nine in the whole, an arrangement would probably be effected, the Lieutenant-Governor lost no time in authorizing the Attorney General to meet a gentleman understood to be empowered on the other side. Between these gentlemen a personal communication took place, which, from the authority given the Attorney General, and the feelings of the Executive, could scarcely have failed to result successfully, although it must have been attended with sacrifices on the part of the Executive Council; but this negotiation abruptly terminated, from the failure of some of the opposition to confirm the authority of the gentleman acting for that party. With the circumstances of the proposal recently made your Excellency is fully acquainted. It is unnecessary that we should unveil the secret springs that have defeated all proposals for conciliation—enough appears in what is acknowledged and apparent to enable you to estimate the value of the construction put on our conduct, and to appreciate the correctness and good taste of the vaunting assertion founded on the proposition made in 1844, to increase the Council to twelve. To complete the sketch, we subjoin the copy of a Resolution passed in the Assembly on the 26th February, 1845, and to which we beg your Excellency's particular attention, and from which will be gathered, in no dubious terms, the sense entertained by a majority of the Assembly, of the course pursued in this respect, during the late administration of the Government. Your Excellency's opinion of our conduct in the recent proposals, we are happy to know, to be equally favourable.

Your Excellency has been furnished with a distinct catalogue of public benefactions which the paper under review would lead you to believe, "the Liberals" would have conferred on Nova Scotia, had not the influence of the Conservatives frustrated their purposes. Most of that which is thus advanced has been reiterated again and again in every varied form that might serve to awaken popular prejudice, and on every suitable occasion has been met, and, as we believe, successfully repelled.

Your Excellency will therefore not be surprised that we, at this time, deal with these points in general terms only.

Your Excellency is told that "while the Liberals have sought to introduce into this Province the system of Government suggested by Lord Durham, and sanctioned by Lord Sydenham and his successors, the Conservatives have as steadily opposed it, practically denying to the people the power which should result from the possession of representative institutions."

Sorry beyond the expression of language should we be, did we not believe that those who support us both in the Legislature and through Nova-Scotia, as well as we ourselves, entertain at least as high a value for representative institutions, and reverence for constitutional liberty and British connexion, as do those who are accustomed to arrogate their own superiority. It is because we thus feel that we are unwilling to trust the wisdom and disinterestedness of those who see in the circumstances of this small Colony an existing adaptation for the whole British system, acquiring neither previous modification nor preparation, and who, on a foundation in our eyes so irrational and unsound, seek for changes from which, as an immediate consequence, they do not affect to conceal that they hope to attain their own advancement to offices of emolument. Their next claim is one which doubtless gives value to all the others, and is expressed with a guardedness of language well suited to the delicacy of the subject. Your Excellency is told that "the Liberals hold that public offices are public trusts." So we hold. The public trust we would regard



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is the promotion of the public interest by the faithful execution of the duties of office. *Their* public trust appears to us to be alone subservient to private interests, before which, in the present state of the Provincial Government, the public welfare would inevitably bend. Before the consummation, which seems so desirable in the eyes of these gentlemen, can be effected, by making the public offices the prize of political aspirants, great changes are required to be made, entailing a large increase of the public burdens. Until these changes shall be judged advisable, and be carried into effect, we hesitate not to avow the opinion that to turn a faithful officer out of his situation for the purpose of bribing into quietness an enforced agitation, would be altogether inconsistent with British practice and precedent, as it would be "utterly repugnant" to the principles and feelings we desire ever to cherish; and we have little hesitation in believing that the noble Statesman referred to in the passage in question, would recognize in the condition of this Country and its institutions, the necessity of great and serious changes, before the system advanced by the Opposition could be introduced without manifest injury to the Province.

The next theme is the transfer of the Casual and Territorial Revenues, and on a subject so much hacknied to party purposes, we may be permitted to leave undisturbed by any reminiscences the complacent comparison drawn between the Members of the Opposition and of the Council.

Last in the catalogue is the composition of the Legislative Council. One of the first acts of Lord Falkland, after the retirement of the Executive Councillors in 1843, was to appoint a Roman Catholic Gentleman of the Liberal Party to that body, and to the attempts of that party to give it a partizan character, may be traced the appointments they complain of.

The parties who have presented to Your Excellency the document we are considering, profess themselves dissatisfied with the style in which our recent offer for conciliation was made, and are pleased to describe the mode that should have been pursued for the purpose of following English example.

Five pages are occupied in instructing your Excellency in the Etiquette of the Royal Closet; descanting on the duties that attach to the Prime Minister of England; and in exposing the derelictions of duty into which they assume our ignorance has led us.

We are not ambitious of the credit to be derived from the display of knowledge on matters of no very deep erudition, and shall therefore leave those Gentlemen in undisturbed possession of the high places they emulate, content to believe that the course we pursued was that best suited to the humbler circumstances in which we were placed. While our desire is to adopt every British principle and practice of Government as far and as fast as our own condition will allow, we revolt from the attempt as alike inconsistent with common sense and the welfare of the Province, that would apply to a small Colony, what may be suited only to a state of greater maturity.

If, however, in fulfilling the duty imposed on us by your Excellency, we did not indulge in exaggerated comparisons, we yet within our narrower sphere felt the importance of the trust, and followed the course best adapted, as we believe, for its honorable and successful accomplishment.

To estimate perfectly our position, it might be necessary to enter into statements more personal than we deem expedient for this paper. We may, however, be permitted to say, that the experience of the past was fraught with pertinent instruction. When, therefore, your Excellency was pleased "to invite our assistance in the formation of such a Government as might be in accordance with your well known views, so far as the state of public feeling in the Province might render practicable," our unreserved declaration of readiness in general terms to unite with gentlemen of opposite party name, laid as far as we were able the foundation necessary for carrying your Excellency's object into effect, should a corresponding disposition exist  
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on the other side, and warranted the advice we offered, that previously to any overtures, the sentiment entertained on this preliminary principle by those of the Opposition your Excellency was in communication with, should be ascertained.

In deferring our selection of names from the other side to fill the vacant seats in Council—(your Excellency is aware we were willing to assume the duty if subsequently it should be required to be fulfilled)—we avoided an appearance of dictation that might have been offensive to those opposed to us; and as we were aware that the union would call for some surrender of party and personal feeling on the other side, we felt that the tendered resignation of Messrs. Dodd and Almon would evince that we had been willing to set the example. Thus, if our opponents should possess a desire to promote the harmony of the Province, an opportunity was afforded for the arrangement of such names to fill the vacant seats in the Executive Council from their side as we could acquiesce in, in a manner the least likely to excite jarring feelings among their own party—while, if there should exist no real purpose of union, the course we pursued withheld from them the plausible excuse of proscription and its fruitful harvest of excitement.

“The irrelevant matters very improperly introduced,” as the document before us authoritatively determines, were statements calculated to put your Excellency in possession of our views, and thereby enable you to correct misapprehension, and to secure a proper understanding in a case where explicitness was necessary.

In all these communications our intercourse was with your Excellency, not with our opponents. Your Excellency fulfilling the office of “mediation and moderation” which the paper we are considering professes highly to value, exercised exclusively your own discretion in communications you made to the opposition, and we doubt not, (for we are ignorant of their exact nature and extent,) your Excellency was guided by a spirit of generous confidence which you had reason to suppose would not be misapprehended or perverted.

It is insinuated in terms not the most delicate, that the proposal we thus made, involving Mr. Almon's retirement, was dictated under a sense of weakness and dread of the future, for the purpose of seeking the aid of our opponents, whose cooperation you are told we had found ourselves compelled to invite on former occasions.

Your Excellency is aware, and we were not insensible to the fact, that an offer of conciliation from one of two contending parties, is liable to be misinterpreted into evidence of weakness, by minds incapable or unwilling to exercise generous sentiments; and we can have no interest in objecting to this practical exhibition which these gentlemen have seen fit to make of their sense of official propriety—rendered more conspicuous by its contrast with the lofty terms in which they profess to hold up for example the high observances of British Statesmen.

But whatever may have been our motives, it is satisfactory to know that neither the success of their Parliamentary opposition, nor the conduct of public affairs, furnishes evidence of any necessity on our part to seek their aid.

The supporters of the Administration in the Assembly have ever had strength sufficient to resist, with entire success, the most strenuous and pertinacious efforts of the opposition,—a strength, too, which has gone on steadily increasing as the contest has advanced; and not only has the management of the Provincial business, and the supervision of public offices, been as efficient as when individuals from the other side were in the Council, (we think we may go thus far at least without dread of any contradiction,) but during the last three years some of the principal public offices have undergone great and acknowledged improvements—while a large reduction of the Provincial Debt, and the Revenue flourishing and increasing in no ordinary measure, have furnished no ground of dissatisfaction.

Vanity or self interest may magnify beyond their due proportion the affairs of this small Colony, and the ability necessary for advising the Lieutenant-Governor

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on their conduct : but the experience of many years, during which, at different times, most of us have been associated with many of the leading men on the other side, has given us moderate views on this subject : therefore, in seeking an union of parties the evils to be averted formed our paramount consideration, and the suppression of a debasing agitation calculated only to disturb the peace and retard the welfare of the country, was to us an object far more controlling than the advantage to be expected from the talents of any set of men.

A reason is assigned by the other side for the rejection of the recent offer made for conciliation, which is perfectly significant to all who apprehend the import of the terms in which it is expressed, and which, in connection with other circumstances on which it is unnecessary to enter here, renders transparent the real object for which the Country is now agitated ; but which is yet so expressed as to leave multitudes of this Province in ignorance as to the tendency of the course pursued.

It is said that " a fair distribution of patronage should be arranged at the formation" of the United Council, and that to induce the opposition, " to share the responsibilities and labors of Government" Offices of adequate value, had not been offered them.

Here a ready key is furnished to the extravagant comparisons instituted between the Government of Nova-Scotia, and that of Great Britain, and the overstrained and unsound analogies attempted to be deduced from English precedents, which overspread the documents we are considering, to a degree calculated to give to it an air of burlesque and caricature in the eyes of those acquainted with the real nature of *both* Governments, and the circumstances of the two countries ; but which, to a stranger, unacquainted with our affairs, and to those among ourselves ignorant of incidents that distinguish the British Government, have a tendency to create plausible and deceptive opinions.

Let the English Statesmen be informed that in Nova-Scotia the system of administration by Heads of Departments has never been introduced, and that the greater number of the chief Public Officers have not seats at the Council Board, and that the larger number of the Councillors, since the re-construction in 1840, have been unconnected with office ; and he would understand that Party Government, and the transfer of offices of emolument and trust contemplated by the Opposition, could not take place on English principles, until such mode of administration had been introduced. But further, when he should learn the structure of the Provincial Government, the mode of the Legislative action in the grant of money, and its appropriation and expenditure for local improvements,—when he should know that some of the chief Officers fulfil in fact the duties which in England are performed by subordinate Clerks, and are dependant for the necessary support of their families on salaries not more than adequate for that object, he would assuredly be satisfied that the administration by Heads of Departments could not be introduced without the erection of new offices, and a pension fund, the Government initiative in money votes, and many important changes in the present system, involving the sacrifice of much that the people of Nova Scotia, from long usage, have become attached to, and necessarily entailing a very largely increased expense in the administration of the Provincial Government.

Whether these changes would be beneficial, or if beneficial, whether their advantages would be equivalent to the enlarged expenditures they would create, are questions of very serious moment to every Nova-Scotian—but on these questions we do not enter—our object is to strip the matter of specious but delusive glosses ; for of this we are assured, that were the people of this Province to understand what is really meant by the Opposition leaders by the phraseology of the paper we are considering, and the necessary consequences of the system they are aiming at ; and could they know the expenses it *must* induce, and the new offices it requires, with the operation and effects of its other requisite changes, there is not one constitu-

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ency in Nova Scotia that would not reject the system with scorn, let it be offered from whose hands soever it might.

But the real end and tendency of the course pursued are concealed under terms and phrases not understood by the generality of the people, and gilded by high sounding references to England, and self complacent comparisons with British Institutions.

We believe that English precedent sanctions not the turning out of office on a change of administration, of men not engaged in the administration, unconnected with the Ministry or the Legislature, and performing subordinate duties of office.

The public interest, we think, equally forbids that an officer who, in his own person, receives and secures the public duties, or at the counter receives and pays the public revenues, and is compelled to fulfil a large share of the ordinary duty of a Clerk, should be drawn away from his office to attend to the administrative and legislative duties devolving on a Member of Government—should be exposed to the influences and temptations of Elections—or be led every few years, to spend, in securing the return of himself or some political leader, on which his continuance in office, and consequently his daily bread, would depend, much more than the amount of all his annual income.

Hence our reason for asserting that new offices must be created—increased expense incurred—and pensions established—to carry out the views of the Opposition—unless they design to violate English precedent, of which they talk so loudly, or to trample on the substantial interests of the Province, for which they profess so high a regard.

If the object of the Opposition be to introduce the perfect English system, then honesty to the people demands that their intention should be openly avowed, and the full effect, and all the consequences be distinctly explained. This they have never yet done. If their object be to introduce just so much as suits the interest of a few individuals by giving them the power to turn out the holders of offices of emolument merely, without altering the nature of the offices, so as to bring them into analogy with the Departments in England, then the object is alike destructive of the best interest of the people and repugnant to British principle and practice, and its authority and example must be sought for, not in the Constitution of Great Britain, but in one of the worst features of the practice in the United States of America.

We offer to your Excellency no apology for the length of this paper. Bound to Nova-Scotia by the strongest ties—her welfare (at stake upon the issue raised between our opponents and ourselves) cannot be indifferent to us—nor could we, without injustice, be insensible to the claims of our political friends in the Legislature and country, who, in common with ourselves, are attacked in the document we have been considering.

The appeal of your Excellency—a new Governor—opened under favorable auspices a renewed prospect of quieting an agitation which, as we conceive, without any considerations of the public good to warrant it, disturbs and injures the country.

That appeal demanded the surrender of our personal feelings to no ordinary extent, and we prepared to make the sacrifice as far as public duty and propriety would permit. In this we but carried out the principles we have maintained for the last three years; and if the mode in which our advance has been repelled, has altered some of the relations in which we were willing to place ourselves, we are not answerable for that consequence. The opposition leaders deal confidently with the future. In the struggle of the last three years, may it please your Excellency, anticipations equally bold and confident have again and again been thrown across our path, which it has been our fortune to find realised in nothing except disappointment to their authors. Content to leave the future in the disposal of a wise Providence, we trust that as far as we may be called to mingle in its scenes, we shall

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shall at least bring to the duties it may present a firm determination to promote the welfare of our country according to our best ability.

In contemplating, however, the prospect before us, it is our good fortune that the recollections of the past throw no discouragement over the anticipations of the future: as it is also our pride and happiness to know, that the exertions we formerly made for promoting the harmony of the Province, met the approval of your Excellency's noble predecessor, while administering this Government, and secured the firm, unwavering confidence and support of a majority of the Representatives of the people; and that our recent efforts obtained your Excellency's approbation; nor should we fulfil our duty, were we to close this paper without thanking your Excellency for the declaration you have so kindly expressed, that you recognised in the course we pursued in our recent proposals the evidence of a sincere desire on our part to co-operate in your Excellency's endeavours to construct a Council fairly representing both parties, and that you beheld in the conduct of Messrs. Dodd and Almon a disinterestedness that entitled them to their Sovereign's approval.

S. B. ROBIE,  
R. D. GEORGE,  
J. W. JOHNSTON,  
EDMUND M. DODD,  
M. B. ALMON,  
LEWIS M. WILKINS, Jr.

*Extract from Lord Falkland's Letter to Messrs. Uniacke, Howe, and McNab,  
dated 25th December, 1843.*

The reasons which made the appointment of Mr. Almon expedient, in my opinion, at this time, are such as far from indicating a change of policy, appear to me to afford convincing evidence of the sincerity of my desire to avoid a change. On the late dissolution of the Assembly, the Council became openly divided on the question whether a Party Government is or is not adapted to the actual condition of Nova-Scotia, I myself entertaining a strong opinion that such a Government would be injurious to the best interests of the Country, and that a Council formed on the principles on which the Board which had up to that time assisted me in the conduct of affairs was constituted, is better adapted to the exigencies of the Colony than any which could be formed on any other principle. The Members of the Government went to the hustings, each stating his own views, Mr. Howe declaring at Halifax that if he and his party succeeded in obtaining a majority he should expect those who differed with him to retire, and that he would retire if he found himself in a minority.

Mr. Johnston at Annapolis unequivocally denounced the system of Party Government, and avowed his preference for a Government in which all parties should be represented.

On the Elections taking place, a House was returned which I believed would be opposed to the views of Mr. Howe, I sent for that Gentleman and expressed my conviction to him that such was the case, inviting him to remain in the Government. Mr. Howe differed with me as to the probable feeling of the new House of Assembly, and said that nothing but the most imperative necessity would induce him to retain his seat in the existing Executive Council, but after consulting his political friends, agreed to do so, and to give a cordial support to the Administration.

After such a public manifestation of difference of opinion between Members of the Council, it seemed to me absolutely necessary that the mode in which the Government was in future to be conducted should be made apparent. A vacancy in the Executive Council gave me an opportunity of appointing a Gentleman known

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to be hostile to a party Government, and by so doing, of shewing to the country that I was averse to that principle, in other words, that I was desirous of continuing to govern as I always had done with the advice of a Council, consisting of the leading men of all parties. This was no change, nor do I conceive that Mr. Howe, or those who act in conjunction with him, had any right to complain of such a course, especially as they had so lately, though so reluctantly, given in their renewed adhesion to the Government.

I selected Mr. Almon for advancement, because although the recent declarations (at the Halifax Election) of his sentiments with regard to a Council composed exclusively of persons belonging to one party, rendered my motives for his elevation unlikely to be misinterpreted in this respect; he had previously to that event been so little engaged in political life that it was not probable that the distinction conferred on him would offend the prejudices of any portion of the community, he being known to entertain liberal views on questions of general policy; and further, because from his affinity to Mr. Johnston, the leader of my Government, his appointment would be looked upon by the public as a proof of my confidence in that gentleman. Had Mr. Howe been in a position to insist on Mr. Johnston's dismissal, he would have done so. Mr. Johnston only requested that a vacancy in the Council might be filled up by a gentleman agreeing with him in principle on one subject of deep importance, and I cannot allow that a compliance with his request could, under the circumstances of the case, afford any ground for assuming that I intended to change my policy.

*Extract from the Journals of the House of Assembly, for 1845.*

WEDNESDAY, 26th FEBY., 1845.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the House to adopt the following Resolution:

*Whereas*, this House, on the 12th day of April last, resolved, that placing implicit confidence in His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the House felt satisfied that His Excellency would, as soon as circumstances permitted, carry out his intention, as declared in his opening Speech, of calling to his Executive Council men representing the different interests of this Country.

*And whereas*, it being just that the people of this Province should have the fullest means of judging of the endeavours of His Excellency to carry out the principles of equal justice to all parties, as far as practicable, announced in that Speech this House is of opinion that the recent communication by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of the Correspondence and Despatches relating to the offers of certain seats in the Executive Council, and other offices, was consonant with sound policy, and the just claims of the House and people, and that the frank and unreserved communications made by His Excellency on the subject, tend to increase the confidence of this House in His Excellency, and are entitled to its grateful acknowledgments.

*And whereas*, while this House continues to entertain the opinion that the retirement of the gentlemen who seceded from the Executive Council in December, 1843, was not made necessary by the appointment of which they complained as the cause of their resignations, this House is further of opinion, that when, on the 24th February, these gentlemen were invited to resume their seats and offices, together, with an additional member of the Roman Catholic persuasion, of the same political sentiments, the chief ground of complaint assigned for their resignations was removed, as they would have occupied the same relative positions in the Council as to numbers as when they retired; and the House is of opinion that there was nothing in the terms offered, and the stipulations demanded, to justify the rejection of the proposal.

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*And whereas,* The proposition made by His Excellency in July last, to James B. Uniacke, Herbert Huntington, James McNab, George Brennan, Esquires, and the Honble. Michael Tobin, two of whom were of the Roman Catholic persuasion, and all of them of the party styling itself the Opposition, to enter the Council with Benjamin Smith, Esqr., having the office of Solicitor General placed also at their disposal, was fair and liberal.

*And whereas,* the ready acquiescence of His Excellency, on the rejection of the foregoing proposition, to consent, at the request of the party in opposition, to form a Council of nine Members, in which that party should be fully represented, and which was intended to have involved the retirement of at least one of His Excellency's present Councillors, evinced the earnest and sincere desire of His Excellency Lord Falkland and his advisers, to advance the interests of the people, restore harmony to the Country, and do justice to all parties; and this House regrets that the party in opposition, by withdrawing from the negotiation, should have frustrated His Excellency's beneficent and disinterested intentions, and perpetuated party strife to the great detriment of the public peace and welfare; and this House is of opinion that the exclusion of one of the retired Councillors from the last mentioned offer and negotiation, afforded no just, proper, or reasonable ground for the rejection by the said party of His Excellency's offer; or for their terminating His Excellency's negotiation.

*And whereas,* His Excellency having felt that he could not consistently, with the respect due to the high office of Her Majesty's Representative in this Province, confided to him by his Sovereign, or include Mr. Howe in the offers and negotiations made and entered upon in July, (in consequence of his having publicly and grossly insulted the Queen's Representative in the Newspaper of which he is an Editor), this House is deeply sensible of the disinterestedness of the Lieutenant-Governor in tendering to his Sovereign the resignation of his office in case the interests of the Province should be considered to require the re-admission of that Gentleman to the Council Board, and this House cannot fail to express its decided satisfaction in the feelings and conduct of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as expressed in his Despatch in approving of his Excellency's conduct and views in a case of unusual occurrence and difficulty, and in securing to the Province the continuance of His Excellency as our Sovereign's Representative, and the head of the Government in Nova Scotia.

*Resolved therefore,* That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a copy hereof, informing His Excellency that this House has taken into consideration the Correspondence and Despatches submitted by His Excellency on this subject to the House, and has thereupon come to the conclusion as herein expressed, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to communicate the same by transmitting a copy of the foregoing opinions and this Resolution of the House, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be submitted to Her Majesty.

Passed same day, after rejection of an Amendment, 27 to 23.

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### MEMORANDUM.

*In answer to the question submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor by two gentlemen of the Opposition this morning, February 1, 1847.*

Previously to the 14th December last, I had derived impressions from general conversations that no objection would be made by any of the present Members of the Executive to serve in Council with any particular Members of the Opposition; but on that day, in consequence of an enquiry which had just been put to me by

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some of the gentlemen in Opposition, I communicated with the Attorney General on the subject, when that gentleman told me that he was willing to sacrifice all merely personal feelings for the sake of public harmony, but there was one gentleman with whom, for reasons of a public nature which he stated to me, he could not consent to be united at the Council Board.

J. H.

NO. XI.

Windsor, December 24th, 1846.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

I have lately had the honor to receive a copy of a communication, dated the 17th instant, addressed by Messrs. Howe, McNab, Doyle, and George R. Young, to your Excellency, and which, together with a written paper accompanying it, and signed by the Speaker of the House of Assembly, you have been pleased to submit to the Members of the Executive Council.

Separated from my Colleagues by a distance of forty five miles, without having, however, any reason to suppose that a diversity of opinion will be found to exist between them and me, I beg leave to submit to your Excellency my individual impressions as to the communications referred to, though it is quite possible that this expression of them will reach your Excellency's hands simultaneously with a more detailed statement of the sentiments entertained by the whole body to which I have the honor to belong, in relation to the subjects under consideration.

I should not have troubled your Excellency with any remarks upon the contents of the papers thus transmitted to your Council, had they not been characterized by a perversion of motives and of facts, respecting our communications to your Excellency to which they refer, so gross, as to demand some observations at my hands. But, before I notice them, I must premise that, though in the course of this letter, I shall be obliged frequently to mention, in connexion with myself, the gentlemen with whom I am associated at the Council Board, the sentiments contained in these sheets are those for which I alone am responsible.

The gentlemen by whom you have been thus addressed have been pleased, in a manner as gratuitous as unreserved, to tender to your Excellency their opinions, as to the principles by which your intercourse with your Council should be regulated; but I conclude that you will not sympathise very deeply with the regret which they have expressed that "*you should have submitted to them the communications that had passed between your Excellency and your advisers,*" in a case from its nature, entirely within your own discretion, and in regard to which no suggestion of communication to a third party, on the one hand, or of privacy on the other, was deemed proper to be made by those whose oral and written intercourse with your Excellency, in this instance, arose entirely out of your own commands.

Mr. William Young, adverting to the high position which he holds in the Assembly, has, I perceive, declined subscribing his name to the paper addressed to your Excellency by Mr. Howe and the three gentlemen who have signed it with him; but as the scruples of the Speaker have been confined to the mere act of affixing his name to the particular paper which bears the signatures of his political associates, your Excellency, through the medium of a separate and accompanying sheet, has, nevertheless, received the full benefit of an expression of his entire concurrence in the sentiments avowed by his friends.

Whilst the gentlemen who have thus been in correspondence with your Excellency, can perceive "nothing as the result of our communications with you," which they complain of "having been called upon to criticize," but "a dexterous evasion of a clear and positive command," and, whilst they ascribe to an interested, and unworthy motive, the spontaneous proposal of Mr. Almon to make the sacrifice of his

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his own rank and position an instrument of conciliation and peace, it is extremely gratifying to me to turn to your Excellency's written memorandum of the eleventh instant, which records your just appreciation of the motives that dictated our letter to which that memorandum refers, together with the high sense entertained by your Excellency of the disinterestedness and patriotism evinced by Mr. Dodd and Mr. Almon.

To these sentiments of your Excellency I refer with the more satisfaction, because, from your high and impartial position, we might confidently have anticipated, as we have realized, that just view of our motives, and that honest construction of our expressions, which could, perhaps, hardly have been expected from angry political opponents.

In respect for "English precedents" and the "time honored practice of English Statesmen," I profess myself not to be behind the gentlemen who so eloquently recommend them, but when they suggest, for the adoption of your Council, the course pursued at home, in the case of "a cabinet weak, and desiring a more extended basis," in which case they remind us that the leader takes the initiative with regard to new appointments, it must surely occur to them, that the reiterated, though unsuccessful efforts of themselves and their party, to overcome their opponents in the House of Assembly, have demonstrated the utter inapplicability of the precedent in question, whilst it is obvious that if the Council be *weak*, as they find it convenient to represent it to be, the opposition which has been long, vainly, though strenuously striving to overthrow it, cannot prefer any very reasonable claim to the attribute of *strength*.

These gentlemen, advertng, probably, to this imputed imbecillity, of which your present advisers have, stupidly perhaps, been unconscious hitherto, have asserted that "we had invited their aid in the formation of a Council," but, whilst your Excellency well knows how utterly unwarranted such an assumption is, it is morally impossible that they could have made it in a *conviction of its foundation in fact*, after reading those very written communications between your Excellency and us, which, they say, ought not to have been submitted to them, but which carry on their surface conclusive evidence to the contrary of that which they have been so pleased to assume.

Your Excellency will, perhaps, permit me to review the present position of the negotiation which has taken place between your Excellency and those with whom it has been conducted, and to glance at its probable eventual results. You have been pleased to communicate with the leaders of the Opposition, and to invite them to unite with your present advisers in the formation of a Council representing the opposite political opinions to which the people of the Province are supposed to be attached; and have, also, communicated to them that surrenders of one of the Crown offices, and one of the existing seats in the Executive Council, would, respectively, be voluntarily made, if by such means a reconciliation of conflicting parties could be accomplished. Your Excellency's overtures have been declined, but, *as is worthy of remark*, not absolutely under any and every possible combination of future circumstances, but with a guarded reference to *the present time*; and we perceive that the Speaker restricts his approval of the rejection by his friends of the proposed alliance, *until at least an appeal shall have been made to the people*. I should not have noticed this, were it not that my intimate acquaintance with the tact and forecast of these gentlemen leads me to infer, from the cautious phraseology in which their refusal of your Excellency's invitation to their party is couched, that, in the possible event of their being found in a minority in the next House, similar overtures would not then be declined. This inference, clearly deducible from their language, though in many respects inconsistent with their professions, opens up some views which are not, perhaps, unworthy of passing consideration. "We cannot," say they, "enter into any political alliance with the present Council, un-  
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til the people of Nova-Scotia decide between them and us, upon various matters drawn into controversy within the last three years." But what, if the people should decide these questions *against them*, and place them in a minority in the next Parliament? Will they who now declare that they will not compromise their principles by acting with us, because we do not possess their confidence, be *less reluctant then*, to enter into that alliance with us or those holding the same opinions with us, which they now reject? Again, in what position will your Excellency be placed if, at the next general election, the suffrages of the people shall place in a majority in the House, the party to which these gentlemen belong?—It is obvious that none of these latter, whom you might deem it judicious to select to sit at the Council Board, can, consistently with their declared principles, unite with either your existing Council, or with any of the future Members of the House professing a community of political opinions with them; and it is as obvious that, in that case, your Excellency must change your avowed principles of administration, or encounter the fixed opposition of those gentlemen and their party: so that I cannot conceal from myself the fact that, if they adhere to their principles, there must be, at no distant period, a contest between those principles, and the principles of Colonial Government announced by your Excellency.

It is not a little remarkable that there is no part of your Excellency's memorandum delivered to your Council, and submitted by you to the Opposition Leaders, on which they more delight to dwell, or on which they insist with more eloquence, than that passage in which you were pleased to suggest that "a fair distribution of official patronage should constitute the basis of the proposed coalition," and in striking contrast to this, we are represented as placing the Solicitor Generalship *alone* in your hands, *wherewith to satisfy the claims of the opposition*, whilst we are gravely rebuked by them for not placing at their disposal a larger amount of official patronage. Again, the very principle of a coalition is objected to, "unless indeed," say they, "a fair distribution of official patronage should be arranged at its formation"; and again, "the opposition cannot think of sharing the responsibilities and labors of government, holding but one office of subordinate emolument." So that all the reasons on which their refusal to aid your Excellency with the counsels of their party rests, resolve themselves into *an objection to the small amount of official emolument proposed to be placed within their grasp*. I am irresistibly driven to the painful and humiliating conclusion, that your Excellency's benevolent desire to surround yourself with advisers representing the political parties into which the Province is supposed to be divided, cannot be accomplished unless some means can be devised of rewarding with substantial offices the Leaders of Opposition, whom you have invited to share the labors and responsibilities of Executive Administration.

We have been taunted with "not having ingenuously confessed our want of ability, or of inclination, to accomplish the formation of a *Mixed Government*, in accordance with your Excellency's wishes." Now, whilst we are conscious of a sincere desire to aid you in your endeavours to attain that object, and, whilst you have been pleased to express yourself satisfied with the evidences which we have afforded of our inclination to effect it, we frankly confess our *want of ability to do so*, and we make this confession with as much, or as little, claim to *ingenuousness*, as the Opposition Leaders may be pleased to accord to us. None know better than they do, to what cause that want of ability is attributable, and no better evidence of its existence and character can be afforded than is supplied by their last communication to your Excellency. We do not advise the completion of your Council from the number of those with whom we are politically associated, because, whilst happily for the public service, none of the existing vacancies relate to public offices, of which the machinery is, nevertheless, in most efficient operation every hour, we believe that the interests and opinions of the people are at present represented at the

the Council Board in a manner more satisfactory than they would be by means of an accession of members holding the same political opinions with ourselves, of which the effect would be merely to increase the number of the Council, without any corresponding benefit to the country. On the other hand, we have the happiness to concur with your Excellency in the desire that, so far as it may be practicable, all our fellow subjects, without exception, should have associated with us in the Councils of your Excellency, representatives of their sentiments and advocates of their interests, selected from amongst those entertaining with them a community of political opinions. Our opponents, however, either disapprove of this principle *absolutely*, or with this qualification, "*unless their leaders have at their command such a measure of the substantial fruits of office as shall be deemed sufficient to compensate them for the toils and anxieties of Government.*" They do not, indeed, indicate precisely what that measure is, but I am unable to perceive any evidence of their willingness to make a sacrifice of personal ambition, in obedience to the dictates of unpaid patriotism. Hence, and hence alone, arises that want of ability on our part to effect, on just and honorable principles, a Coalition Government—a circumstance which we regret, but of which it is with exceedingly bad grace that our political opponents complain.

Your Excellency's correspondents have certainly established high claims to our grateful acknowledgments for the courteous compliment they have paid us, in stating "that in every proposition which we had previously made to the opposition, as well as in that which formed the subject of your Excellency's communication to them, and which they were pleased to refer to us, *we had sought a party triumph, and not the good of the country.*" In relation to this last, with which alone your Excellency is personally acquainted, you have been pleased to give us credit for other and worthier motives, whilst we indulge a confident expectation that, when the experience of future years shall have enabled your Excellency to form a comparative estimate of our character and acts, as public men, with those of our political adversaries, we shall be found governed by motives not less pure than theirs, and distinguished by conduct not less disinterested and patriotic.

In the communication of the gentlemen of the opposition, now under consideration, we perceive many extremely confident assertions respecting our acts and opinions, new, and perhaps startling to your Excellency, whilst for us they have long since lost the charm of novelty, seeing that they have, over and over again, been heard by us, and as often refuted on the floors of the House and before the country. These are, probably, some of "the various matters drawn into controversy during the last three years, between those who have lately been in correspondence with your Excellency, and those who have now the honor to be your advisers," and respecting which the former have declared "that they intend to ask for the decision of the people of Nova-Scotia." As that decision, if invited, must be pronounced at no very distant period, I forbear troubling your Excellency with any remarks upon the subjects thus alluded to.

Before I conclude, however, there are one or two features in the communication of Mr. Howe, and his associates, which demand a passing observation. They inform your Excellency that "they are gratified to perceive that the members of the Executive Council decline taking the responsibility of advising your Excellency to increase the number of that board to twelve," and they take to themselves the credit of having suggested the view which they say, we have adopted, of *limiting it to nine*, according to the Royal Instructions: "*Fas est et ab hoste doceri,*" but it is a curious fact that two of the four gentlemen whose names are subscribed to the letter to your Excellency now under review, have, as has, also, the Speaker, evinced how principle and precept may be at variance with professions, by actually holding seats in a Council of *ten* members.

According to the information afforded to your Excellency by these gentlemen, we owed our very political existence, from 1840 to 1843, to the kind protection of the Liberal party, under the shadow of whose wings we reposed during the whole of that period, and they have assured your Excellency that "during that interval, they *magnanimously* left us and our friends, in possession of nearly all the emoluments of office, and most of the seats in the Council." The modesty of these statements is on an exact level with their truthfulness, and it will suffice to leave them with this remark, *that it may be gravely questioned, how much of this boasted forbearance should be ascribed to magnanimity, and how much to a painful, but overpowering necessity.*

Apologizing for having trespassed so long upon your Excellency's valuable time,

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient humble Servant,

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

*Laid before the House 4th February.*

#### MEMORANDUM.

In placing in the hands of the Opposition the Papers from Her Majesty's Council, offering to them four seats at that Board with the office of Solicitor General, I made no restriction as to any Member of the Opposition, nor did I deem it necessary to do so at any subsequent period.

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#### APPENDIX No. 20.

(See Page 24.)

Dr. *Account of Receipts and Payments of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue in Nova-Scotia, for the half year ended 30th June, 1846.*

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#### PAYMENTS.

Currency.

July 3.—The Lieutenant-Governor, the portion of his Salary charged on this fund, for the half year ended 30th June last,	£937	10	0
Ditto, his allowance for Contingencies, same period,	125	0	0
Private Secretary of ditto, his Salary for same period,	156	5	0
The Solicitor General, his Salary for same period,	62	10	0
The Surveyor General of Cape-Breton, ditto,	62	10	0
The Superintendent of Mines, ditto,	62	10	0
The first Clerk in the Secretary's Office, ditto,	156	5	0
The second ditto, ditto,	100	0	0
The third ditto, ditto,	62	10	0
Miss Cox, her Pension for the same period, with exchange,	63	1	1
For Cryer and Fuel of Chancery and Vice Admiralty, same period,	18	15	0
Stationery for Lieutenant-Governor, (Mr. McKenzie's Bill)	13	17	8
Messenger of Secretary's Office,	6	0	0
Stationery for ditto, (Mr. McKenzie's Bill)	16	0	3
Ditto, ditto, (Mr. Manning)	4	3	1

July



July 3.—	Surveyor General of Cape-Breton, Office Rent,	£10. 0. 0
	Executors of the late Master of the Rolls, the allowance to him in aid of Salary from 1st to 28th January, 1846,	8 4 4
	The following Officers, on account of their Salaries or Allowances for the half year ended 30th June, 1846; viz:	
	Chief Justice,	296 17 6
	Judge Hill,	50 9 4
	Judge Bliss,	50 9 4
	Judge Wilkins,	50 9 4
	*Master of the Rolls, (to 30th June,)	17 19 6
	Provincial Secretary,	296 17 6
	Attorney General,	178 2 6
	Clerk of Crown,	29 13 9
	Surveyor General Nova-Scotia Proper,	44 10 7
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Jan. 19.—	Balance in hand,	£3 1 3
29—	One moiety of proceeds of Timber cut on Crown Land seized by Mr. Lewis Jenks, received from Commr. of Crown Lands;	1 5 0
30—	Fees collected at the Secretary's Office for the half year, On account of proceeds of Sales of Crown Lands, received from the Commissioner for Nova-Scotia Proper;	338 2 3
July 1—	Rent of H. M. Mines in Nova-Scotia and Cape-Breton, for the half year ending 30th June, 1846,	800 0 0
	Rent of H. M. Mines under the late Duke of York's Lease, for the year ending 24th June, 1846,	1666 13 4
	Premium on Dollars, in which the two preceding sums are payable,	1 5 0
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		£2776 15 5
	Balance due to the Treasurer,	0 14 1
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		£2880 10 9
	Halifax, 3d July, 1846.	
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*56 days on half pay, (being absent) at £106 5s. per an., equal to	£16 6 0½
37 days full pay, at £212 10s. per an.,	21 10 9½
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	£37 16 10
	Paid 9s. 6d. in the Pound,
	17 19 6
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	£19 17 4
	Leaving due,
	DR.

*Dr. Account of the Receipts and Payments of Her Majesty's Casual and Territorial Revenues in Nova-Scotia, for the half year ended 31st Decr., 1846.*

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July 3—	The Treasurer, balance due him,	£0 14 1
August 2—	The Right Hon. Viscount Falkland, the portion of his Salary as Lieutenant-Governor, borne on this fund from 1st July to 2d August, 1846, both days inclusive,	168 2 9
	His Lordship, the allowance for Contingencies of the Lieutenant-Governor for same period, at £200 Stg. per annum,	22 8 2
	His Lordship's Private Secretary's Salary, at £250 Stg. per annum, for the same period,	28 0 5
	Mr. McKenzie's Bill, Stationery for the Lieutenant-Governor,	2 11 1
29—	Major General Sir Jeremiah Dickson, Administrator of the Government from 3d to 28th August, a moiety of the allowance of Lieutenant-Governor, at £1000 Stg. per annum,	44 3 0
	Lieutenant-General Sir John Harvey, the other moiety of the Lieutenant-Governor's allowance of £1000 Stg. per annum, from 3d to 28th August, both inclusive,	44 3 0
	Also, a moiety of the allowance for Contingencies for the same period,	8 16 7
Decr. 31—	Lieutenant-General Sir John Harvey, the portion of his Salary as Lieutenant-Governor, borne on this fund from 29th August to 31st December, both days inclusive, at £1000 Stg. per annum, until the rate of the Lieutenant-Governor's Salary shall be determined,	424 11 9
	Also, the allowance for Contingencies for same period,	84 18 4
	The Private Secretary of the Lieutenant-Governor, his Salary for the same period, at £250 Stg. per annum,	106 2 11
	The Chief Justice's Salary, for the half year ended this day,	625 0 0
	Judge Wilkins, ditto ditto,	106 5 0
	Judge Hill, ditto ditto,	106 5 0
	Judge Bliss, ditto ditto,	106 5 0
	The Master of the Rolls ditto ditto,	106 5 0
	The Attorney General, ditto ditto,	375 0 0
	The Solicitor General, ditto ditto,	62 10 0
	The Clerk of the Crown, ditto ditto,	62 10 0
	The Provincial Secretary, ditto ditto,	625 0 0
	The Surveyor General of Nova-Scotia, ditto,	93 15 0
	The Surveyor General of Cape-Breton, Salary for same half year,	62 10 0
	The Superintendent of Mines, ditto,	62 10 0
	Miss Cox, her Pension, with premium of Exchange,	63 1 1
	Commissioner of Crown Lands in Nova-Scotia, being 5 per cent. Commission on £2325 11s. 3d. surplus proceeds of Sales of Crown Land, paid in by him,	116 5 6
	Mr. James' Salary as 1st Clerk in Secretary's Office,	156 5 0
	Mr. Keating's do. 2d ditto,	100 0 0
	Mr. Pyke's do. 3d ditto,	62 10 0
	Mr. McKenzie's Bill, Stationery for Lieutenant-Governor, £8 13s. 11d.; Secretary, £18 9s. 3d.,	27 3 2

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Decr. 31—Mr. McKinlay, Stationery, £1 10s. 3d., Mr. Bolton 10s.	
Mr. Graham £1 7s. 6d.,	£3 7 9
Messrs. Passow £10, and LeBlanc £8 9s. 3d. copying Papers,	18 9 3
Messenger £6 10s. 6d., Fuel £7 1s.,	13 11 6
C. D. Archibald, 5 vols. Pro. Laws for Colonial Office,	4 0 0

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Jany. 25—The following Officers, on account of Arrears of their respective Salaries, as explained in the annexed paper, viz :

Chief Justice,	640 12 7
Judges Wilkins, Hill, and Bliss, each £108 18s. 2d.,	326 14 6
Attorney General,	384 7 6
Provincial Secretary,	640 12 7
Representatives of late Master of the Rolls,	53 2 6
Present Master of the Rolls,	19 7 4
Clerk of the Crown,	64 1 3
Surveyor General,	96 1 11

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£6118 10 6

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Currency.

Octr. 20—From James Soy, on account of Rent of one fourth of Lot and Quarry demised to him in Cumberland for four years, ending 1st March, 1846, at £5 per annum,	£7 10 0
Novr. 26—From Joseph Read, being amount of Rent of three fourths of Lot and Quarry demised to him in Cumberland for four years, ending 1st March, 1846, at £15 per annum,	60 0 0
27—From James Soy, on account of Rent of one fourth of Lot and Quarry demised to him,	7 10 0
Decr. 31—Fees collected at the Secretary's Office for the half year,	350 0 1
From the Commissioner of Crown Lands in Nova-Scotia Proper, on account of surplus proceeds of Sales of Crown Lands,	1500 0 0
Rent of H. M. Mines in Nova-Scotia and Cape-Breton for this half year,	1666 13 4
Premium on Dollars on ditto—the Rent being payable in Dollars,	69 8 10

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Jany. 15—Balance of surplus proceeds of Sales of Crown Lands paid in by the Commissioner for Nova-Scotia Proper,	253 9 11
16—Royalty on 19,175 chaldrons 25 bushels Coal, Newcastle measure, surplus raised in 1846,	1917 10 8
Premium on ditto, payable in Dollars, but received in Currency,	79 17 11
26—From the Commissioner of Crown Lands in Cape-Breton, surplus proceeds of Sales of Crown Lands in 1846,	160 11 1
From the Provincial Treasurer, out of monies deposited in the Treasury on that account—this amount being Fees on Grants of Land in Cape-Breton completed in 1846,	40 19 2

Jany. 26—From H. W. Crawley, Esq., Fees on Militia Commissions,	£2 11 0
	£6116 2 0
Balance due to the Treasurer,	2 8 6
	£6118 10 6

Halifax, 2d February, 1847.

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	Bal. of arrears of Salaries or Allowances for half year ended 30th June, 1846.	Do. for half year ended 30th June, 1845.	Do. for half year ended 30th Decr., 1844.	A moiety of arrears of Salaries or allowances for half year ended 30 June, 1844.	Total amount paid on account of Arrears.
Chief Justice,	328 2 7	62 10 0	62 10 0	187 10 0	640 12 7
Judge Wilkins,	55 15 8	10 12 6	10 12 6	31 17 6	108 18 2
“ Hill,	55 15 8	10 12 6	10 12 6	31 17 6	108 18 2
“ Bliss,	55 15 8	10 12 6	10 12 6	31 17 6	108 18 2
Late Mr. of Rolls,		10 12 6	10 12 6	31 17 6	53 2 6
Clerk of Crown,	32 16 3	6 5 0	6 5 0	18 15 0	64 1 3
Surveyor General,	49 4 5	9 7 6	9 7 6	28 2 6	96 1 11
Provincial Sec'y.,	328 2 7	62 10 0	62 10 0	187 10 0	640 12 7
Present Mr. Rolls,	19 17 4				19 17 4
Attorney General,	196 17 6	37 10 0	37 10 0	112 10 0	384 7 6
					£2225 10 2

*Statement shewing the sums due to the undermentioned Officers, respectively, at this date, for arrears of Salaries or Allowances charged on the Crown Revenues in Nova-Scotia (in Currency).*

Late Lieutenant-Governor,	£2375 0 0
Chief Justice,	1270 16 8
Judge Wilkins,	216 0 10
Judge Hill,	216 0 10
Judge Bliss,	216 0 10
Late Master of the Rolls,	216 0 10
Ditto, for Fuel and Cryer,	32 10 0
Attorney General,	762 10 0
Ex Solicitor General,	108 6 8
Clerk of the Crown,	127 1 8
Provincial Secretary,	812 10 0
Surveyor General of Nova-Scotia,	190 12 6
Ditto Cape-Breton,	108 6 8
Superintendent of Mines,	108 6 8
	£6760 4 2

February 2, 1847.

R. D. GEORGE.

*Abstract*

*Abstract of the Accounts of the Commissioner of Crown Lands in Nova-Scotia  
Proper, for the year 1846.*

Amount received from purchasers of Land sold in 1846—332 Lots, 35,784 Acres,	£3974 6 2½
Amount received on account of Lands sold in preceding years,	151 18 8
Gross Proceeds,	<u>£4126 4 10½</u>

## DEDUCTIONS.

For Surveys,	£760 7 6	
Returned to Purchasers,	48 15 7	
Clerks,	186 10 0	
Messenger, Printing, Stationery, and Postage,	43 11 9	
Commissioner's Salary,	625 0 0	
Paid Crown Officers,	7 10 0	
	<u>1572 14 10</u>	
Paid into Casual Revenue,		<u>£2553 10 10</u>

*Abstract of the Accounts of the Commissioner of Crown Lands in Cape-Breton,  
for the Year 1846.*

Sums received on Account of Lands applied for in 1846,	£1111 13 11½
Received on Account of Sales made in former years,	367 0 3
Gross Proceeds,	<u>£1478 14 2½</u>

## DEDUCTIONS.

For Surveys,	£272 3 3½	
Amount returned to Applicants,	153 3 1½	
Paid Mr. Sheriff Lawrence, amount of damages and costs of suit brought against him for seizing Timber cut on Crown Lands at Why- kokomagh,	191 13 0	
Postages,	6 0 3½	
Clerk,	50 0 0	
Printing and Stationery,	11 14 5	
Commissioner's Salary,	625 0 0	
	<u>1309 14 1½</u>	
Take off Mr. Crawley's 5 per cent. commission,		<u>£168 0 1</u> 8 9 0
Paid into Casual Revenue,		<u>£160 11 1</u>

R. D. G.

2nd February, 1847.

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Copy.

London, May 12, 1846.

SIR—

In compliance with the wish of the Lieutenant-Governor, conveyed to me in your Letter of the 2nd ultimo, I lost no time after my arrival in this Country, in making arrangements for a new Plate, and Sixty Thousand Notes to be issued in Nova-Scotia, under the Act of the last Session.

I hope His Excellency and the Legislature will approve what I have done. I believe I have effected their object on the very best terms; and that my personal superintendance of the business, has saved the Province a considerable sum. It was, you will remember, supposed that the new Plate, &c., would cost at least £500, whereas, I think, the whole will be furnished at little more than half that sum.

You will, however, not receive the whole number of the Notes until the first, or perhaps the second, June Steamer.

Messrs. Perkins & Co., have promised me that a portion (8000 Notes) shall go by the first of these Steamers.

Mr. Attwood, Cashier of the Bank of B. N. America, informs me that the Engravers are gentlemen of the highest character; and I believe it will be found that the mechanical execution of the work, and the watered paper, will afford additional protection to the Province against forgeries.

I have incurred some expenditures, and had a good deal of negotiation and trouble, in attending to this business; but I shall feel amply compensated, if what I have done shall be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Assembly.

I do not send the Letters, &c., which have passed between Messrs. Perkins & Co., and myself, as it is not worth while to incur needless expense in postage. I will hand them to you on my return, which I hope will be soon, but I am not quite certain as to my movements, having some intention of going into the Country before I leave England.

Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Petch, will address the package to you, and send their account also. The latter is to be certified by me, before they are entitled to their money.

As to the Plate, it will be for the Legislature to determine whether it shall become entirely Provincial property, or left, as is customary, with the Engravers.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obdt. Servant,

Signed,

A. STEWART.

The Hon. Sir R. D. GEORGE, Bart., Halifax, N. S.

(Copy.)

No. 69, Fleet Street, 24th April, 1846.

SIR—

We have now the honor of returning you the original Letter of the 2d inst., from the Secretary of the Province of Nova-Scotia to you, as promised. It had got caught in the drawer, and lodged in the back thereof, when our Mr. Bacon saw you, and had been thus overlooked.

We are preparing the order you gave us for Bank Notes, and shall look to the Government of the Province of Nova-Scotia, and not to you, for payment; and if we



we can make the paper, and induce the men to work the Plates, at the same expense as the Notes for the Bank of British North America cost us, and which we hope to do, then our charge for this order will be just the same as that Bank pays us; but as you have ordered an unusual wide Note, being considerably deeper than theirs also, it is possible that their will be a slight, and but a slight difference.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Very respectfully,  
Your humble Servants,

Signed,

PERKINS, BACON, & PETCH.

Hon. ALEX. STEWART, &c. &c.

Copy.

*No. 69, Fleet Street, 11th May, 1846.*

SIR—

We have had the honor of receiving your favor, dated the 4th inst., requesting that "the Notes for the Province of Nova-Scotia, may be sent by the Steamer of the 4th June, from Liverpool, packed in a box, addressed The Hon. Sir R. D. George, Bart., Halifax, Nova-Scotia, British North America, requesting the care of the Captain of the Steamer to see its safe delivery, by a letter to him that the contents of the box are of a public nature, and intended for the Province, that we had better pay the freight, and send our bill, (enclosed in an unsealed letter to you for your certificate) in the box; and that Sir R. D. George may have a person in attendance at the wharf on the arrival of the Steamer at Halifax. Please apprise him by the next Steamer, of what we shall do by the following Steamer."

All the above instructions shall be attended to as far as practicable, and if you think it worth while to divide the shipment, Two Thousand Sheets, or 8000 Notes, shall go by the Steamer of the 4th June, and the other Thirteen Thousand Sheets shall follow on the 4th July; but to send the whole at that time would have been a physical impossibility.

We only received the order on the 20th April, and set about it instantly, but the Water marked Paper Moulds require 16 days to make, and the paper 16 days more to make and deliver us for printing, so that we cannot have the paper until the 22d inst. In consequence of what you said, we shall have the plate ready for printing on that day, but it will only be so by most extraordinary exertions, and the production of an amount of work, which, considering its quality, we never accomplished in so short a time before.

As the box, to be safe, must leave here on Saturday the 30th inst., it allows but seven days for printing, drying, and binding, and in that time we can only promise 2000 Sheets, as before mentioned, and by working night and day we can ship the other 13,000 Sheets that day month.

300 Sheets per day, of a folio plate of four Notes, requires a quick printer to accomplish, and thus the 15,000 Sheets would have taken from the date of the order to the 9th June to prepare, even had the paper and plates been in waiting. A note from you, Sir, to say whether we shall divide the shipment as proposed, in time for us to write by the next Steamer, will greatly oblige,

Your most obdt. Servants,

(Signed)

PERKINS, BACON, & PETCH.

Hon. ALEX. STEWART, &c. &c.

(Copy.)

69, *Fleet Street, London, May 18, 1846.*

SIR—

By request of the Hon. Alexander Stewart, we have the honor of informing you that we are preparing Plates, and shall forward you by the next Steamer of the 4th June, a small box containing 2000 Sheets, being Eight Thousand 20s. Notes, for the Province of Nova-Scotia, and he requests you will have a Messenger in attendance at the wharf, so as to receive the box on her arrival. On the 4th July we shall send the remaining 13,000 Sheets Notes.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your humble Servants.

PERKINS, BACON, &amp; PETCH.

The Hon. Sir R. D. GEORGE, Bart., Halifax.

(Copy.)

*London, 3rd June, 1846.*

SIR—

We had the honor of addressing you on the 18th ult., by the last Steamer, and have, as there promised, the pleasure of forwarding, per Steamer Caledonia, Capt. Lott, which takes this Letter, a box addressed—

“The Hon. Sir R. D. George,

“Halifax, B. N. A.

“To the care of Capt. E. G. Lott,”

in which you will find 2,000 Sheets, of four each, making 8,000 20s. Notes for the Province of Nova-Scotia; and by the Steamer of the 4th July, we shall send the remaining 13,000 Sheets, or 52,000 Notes.

We trust you will be satisfied with the manner in which we have executed this order, but the time we had for preparing the water marked Paper Moulds, as also the Plates and Printing, have been very short.

We shall send our account with the remainder of the Notes, and

Have the honor to be,

Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your Humble Servants,

(Signed)

PERKINS, BACON &amp; PETCH.

The Hon. Sir R. D. GEORGE, Bart., Halifax.

(Copy.)

*London, 2d July, 1846.*

SIR—

On the 20th of April last, the Hon. Alexander Stewart honored us with an order from you to prepare water marked Paper Moulds, and paper therefrom, to engrave a folio Steel Plate of four 20s. Notes, and print 15,000 Sheets, including 60,000 Notes, to bind them in 60 books of 25 sets each, and to forward the same to you by Government Steamer, we paying all expenses, including freight, and our bill to be sent him for certification and approval.

On that day we handed him an estimate of our charges, founded upon a supposition that you would wish to be charged for the Plates, Paper, Printing, and Moulds,

Moulds, separately; but as he had been recommended to employ us by Mr. Attwood, the Secretary of the Bank of British North America, he wished us to execute this order on just the same terms as we charge that Bank, and although they are very low, we consented to do it. As Mr. Stewart assured us you were in great want of the Notes, we forwarded, at his suggestion, 2,000 Sheets by the Steamer of the 4th June, which you will have doubtless received, and by this Steamer, the Cambria, we send a tin and deal case, addressed—

“The Honble. Sir R. D. George, Bart.,

“Halifax, B. N. A.

“To the care of Capt. C. H. E. Judkins,”

containing the remaining 13,000 Sheets of Notes. Every thing has been done in the way, and at the periods arranged with Mr. Stewart; but on sending to his late lodgings to get our bill certified, we learn that he has left London for the Colony.

He informed us some weeks back that he was going into the Country, but we were not at all aware that he intended returning before this time to Halifax, and therefore, without any fault of ours, we were deprived of the power of getting his certification of our account. In this state of things, Mr. Attwood has kindly certified that the only important charge in the account, viz: the £150 is the same as his Bank pays us for similar work, the Moulds are always a separate charge, and indeed, are not mentioned in your Memorandum; but Mr. Stewart ordered them to be made. The binding is in a different form from that used by Mr. Atwood's Bank; and the cash charges are those connected with the shipment.

The whole Account amounts to £170 10s. 8d., and we shall feel obliged by a draft on London for the amount. The Notes are printed in black, by the order of Mr. Stewart.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your humble Servants,

(Signed)

PERKINS, BACON, & PETCH.

The Hon. Sir R. D. GEORGE, Bart.

Copy.

London, August 3rd, 1846.

SIR—

Your favor of the 17th ult., was received on the 1st inst., conveying a draft on the Bank of British North America, for £170 10s. 8d., say One Hundred and Seventy Pounds Ten Shillings and Eight-pence, being the amount of our Account for Bank Notes for the Province of Nova-Scotia, and for which we are obliged. One explanation, however, is required as to this account.

By strict orders from Hon. Mr. Stewart, we had to send the Account by the same Steamer which took the last of the Notes; but we cannot get the charges from Messrs. McIver at Liverpool, until after her departure. This being the case, and having paid £1 7s. 9d. for the 2,000 Sheets, we supposed that £3 12s. 6d. would about cover the 13,000 Sheets, as follows:

	We did pay on 2,000 Sheets,			We expected to pay on 13,000 Sheets,			It was
Carriage to Liverpool,	£0	4 4	do.	£1	1 0	do.	£0 4 4
Export Duty,	0	0 4	do.	0	1 0	do.	0 0 2
Freight to Halifax,	0	12 6	do.	2	2 0	do.	1 0 0
Commission,	0	2 6	do.	0	8 6	do.	0 2 6
This sum we actually paid,		£0 19 8	This sum we charged,		£3 12 6	£1 7 9	
But we only paid,					1 7 9		
Leaving due the Province,					£2 4 9	Which	

Which we will deduct from our next account, or pay in any other way which may be preferred. We have given you the facts, and that is all you or we have to do with; but we are even now unable to comprehend how the two sets of charges have been made, when either the weight or admeasurement of the cases are taken into consideration.

When Mr. Stewart gave us the order, he said the Plate would be required to be kept by us, and that, together with his wish that you should be put upon the same terms as Mr. Attwood's Bank, caused us to make out the bill in the same way. If you look at our account, you will see that there is no charge for the Plate, and which remains a joint property of the Province and us. We, of course, can only use it for you, and by your order; and you can have it broken up at any time, but cannot take it to be printed by others.

The Bank of British North America, and almost all our other customers prefer leaving the Plates in our custody, to any other; but being a Government affair we can understand that you may prefer a third party, which we do not object to, with the understanding as above.

Should you prefer the *perfect* ownership and controul of the Plate, we will send you our charge in that shape, and allow what you have paid on account of it, or we can send you an account, and you can determine what you will do after seeing it.

We are, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your humble Servants,

(Signed)

PERKINS, BACON, & PETCH.

The Hon. Sir R. D. GEORGE, Bart., &c.

#### APPENDIX, No. 22.

(See Page 33.)

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone, to the Right Honorable Viscount Falkland, dated 29th April, 1846. No. 32.*

I have received your Lordship's Despatches dated the 2nd April, Nos. 23 and 25. I have laid before the Queen the Address to Her Majesty from the Assembly of Nova-Scotia, transmitted with the first of those Despatches, suggesting that "the question of Arrears now pending may not be complicated with any further additions, and that the Public Officers of Nova-Scotia should for the future be paid according to the Scale of Salaries contained in the Civil List Bill referred to in that Address."

I have received the Queen's commands to instruct your Lordship to inform the House of Assembly that Her Majesty disclaims any wish to fetter the discretion of that House respecting the amount of the Salaries which it may be proper to provide for the various servants of the Crown in Nova-Scotia, subject only to the strict maintenance of the faith of the Crown as lawfully pledged to any person actually serving Her Majesty. The Queen does not think that it is incumbent on Her to stipulate in any single case for the payment of any greater emoluments to any of Her Majesty's servants in Nova-Scotia, than such as the Local Legislature may regard as a reasonable equivalent for their services. On the other hand, Her Majesty is convinced that her faithful subjects in Nova-Scotia would deprecate and oppose any measures by which the public faith, so pledged, could be violated in any instance, or to the slightest extent.

From these positions, it follows that no Civil List Bill can ever be accepted by the Crown, which does not make provision for the payment of all the Arrears due  
to

to all Her Majesty's Officers in Nova-Scotia. The same principle not less clearly forbids the acceptance of any Civil List Bill which involves the reduction of the Salaries of any of the Judges, at present holding office in Nova-Scotia. From the Address presented to Her Majesty, it would appear that the Assembly consider that the terms of the Bill of 1844 were unconditionally accepted. Nothing, however, appears in the correspondence to sustain that opinion. Her Majesty has invariably maintained the position, which she still maintains, that it would be a violation of the public faith, and therefore wholly inadmissible, that the funds on which the existing Civil Establishment has been formed, should be surrendered until provision has been made for the liquidation of every present debt, and of every existing liability, with the payment of which those funds have been lawfully charged.

I am further commanded by the Queen to observe, that the Judicial and other Salaries, when once fixed by a Civil List Act, must not be diminished or increased by any annual votes or grants of the Assembly, or in any other form, except that of an Act, of which the operation should be suspended for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure. To them it will belong to determine the proper Scale of Salaries; but by the Scale, when once so determined, it will be necessary to abide, so long as the Act itself shall continue in force.

Subject to the preceding explanations and conditions, Her Majesty is satisfied that for the present all persons entering Public Office, shall have assigned to them such Salaries only as the Bill of 1844 contemplated.

The pending question regarding the appeal from Cape-Breton, must, for the present, arrest the progress of any further negotiation regarding the Nova-Scotia Civil List Act.

Your Lordship rightly understands that the Act of 1844 is finally disposed of, and will not be assented to by Her Majesty; but that if a Civil List is to be granted, it will be necessary to legislate anew for that purpose. But it would not be according to the established course and rules of proceeding, to make an Order in Council, disallowing or dissenting from an Act suspended for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey to Lieutenant-General Sir John Harvey, dated 17th November, 1846, No. 11.*

I have received your Despatch, dated the 15th of October, 1846, No. 7, in which you discuss the proceedings which it may be fit that you should adopt respecting the surrender of the Crown Revenue in Nova-Scotia in exchange for a Civil List.

In conveying to you the necessary instructions for your guidance on that subject, I shall abstain from adverting to the Despatches of my predecessors—not so much on account of my disinclination to enter on the discussion of such differences as may exist between their opinions and those which I myself entertain, as because I am anxious to explain myself with the utmost precision in my power on a question of so much local importance, and because any such retrospect must, to a certain extent, interfere with and incumber that explanation.

The views which I have submitted to the Queen for Her Majesty's sanction, and which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve, are then as follows:

The transfer to the Local Legislature of the right to appropriate to the public service the proceeds of the Crown Revenue, I do not regard as the sacrifice of any useful or desirable power, but the reverse. I know not what really advantageous object would be effected by retaining that authority, and the inconvenience is at once manifest and considerable.

But though I am not merely willing but desirous to divest the Officers of the Crown of the control over these funds which they have hitherto exercised, there are certain conditions which must be attached to that surrender, and without which it

could not be made, except at the expense of neglecting the highest obligations. Of those conditions the first and most indispensable is, that every debt for which the property to be surrendered is responsible should be fully satisfied before the transfer is made. Of those debts, the arrears of the Salaries of the Public Officers of the Province constitute the most urgent. To give up the only means of satisfying them, without, at the same time, stipulating for their previous payment, would be to commit a breach of the pledged faith and violation of the honor of the Crown, to which no imaginable considerations of convenience or of interest could ever reconcile the Queen or Her Majesty's Confidential Advisers. This therefore you will understand as being the essential and indispensable preliminary to any such arrangement.

If of lower degree, yet of the same general nature, is the claim of all the existing incumbents of public offices appointed by the Queen, to continue, during their incumbencies, in the receipt of the same rate of Salary as they at present enjoy. I have no reason to suppose, that by acting on this principle, any serious burthen will be thrown on the finances of the Province, but I cannot advise the Queen to abandon the means of fulfilling the reasonable expectations and just hopes of Her servants in Nova-Scotia, unless at the same moment some effectual security shall be taken for the fulfilment of those expectations and hopes from other and sufficient sources.

Neither can the Queen be advised to surrender the hereditary Revenue of the Crown in Nova-Scotia except in exchange for an adequate Civil List. By an adequate Civil List, I mean an appropriation as enduring as the surrender, of an annual revenue, amply secured, for the maintenance of those Officers of the Crown who ought not to be dependant on the fluctuating views and feelings of a popular body, and for the accomplishment of those objects in the stability of which the whole Province is alike deeply interested. Of these the support of the Governor and his principal Officers, and the Administration of Justice, are the Chief.

For the support of the Governor I think that £3000 sterling, per annum, is the least sum which ought now to be accepted. I much doubt whether it ought not to be fixed at £3500 sterling. Experience has fully ascertained that the expenditure incident to the office cannot be sustained at a lower rate; and it is in the highest degree unreasonable to expect that any gentleman accepting that high station should impoverish himself and his family in supporting the unavoidable state and dignity of an office which he is so soon to vacate. Under such circumstances I should not have advised the Queen to authorize your acceptance of a Salary of less than £3500 per annum for the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia, if the preceding correspondence had not seemed to pledge the Crown to the lower sum of £3000. But you will not scruple to use the legitimate influence of your official and personal character to induce the Members of the Legislature to concur in the grant for this purpose of £3500 sterling, annually. I am anxious that this larger sum should be granted, because I am persuaded that it is of the greatest importance to the welfare of the Province that the important post of Lieutenant-Governor should be filled by persons of the highest character and ability. But the difficulty of obtaining the services of gentlemen thus qualified, (always considerable,) must be greatly increased, and it must necessarily narrow the range of choice in selecting the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, if the Salary is so low as to render that office not an advantage, but a burden on the resources of any gentleman of moderate fortune, however otherwise well qualified he might be for the discharge of its duties. It must be obvious that Parliament could not with propriety or justice be asked permanently to continue making good by a grant a deficiency in the income of the Queen's Representative in Nova-Scotia, as settled by the Local Legislature. A strong, and, as I conceive, a reasonable objection, is now entertained to the grant even of Military Pay and allowances to an Officer holding the Civil Government of a Colony—a practice which formerly was very generally adopted, but which, in addition  
to



to other reasons against it, is more particularly to be condemned as tending to restrict the choice of Lieutenant-Governors to Military Men.

The spirit in which my present instructions are written, is that of a frank confidence in the Legislative Council and Assembly of Nova-Scotia, and will, I am persuaded, be met in a similar spirit by them.

The other Officers to be provided for by the Civil List are the Judges, the Provincial Secretary, the Attorney General, and the Solicitor General. Provision also should be made for the pension to Miss Cox, which is now borne on the Crown Revenue.

With regard to the future Salaries to be assigned to the Judicial and other Officers thus enumerated, after the end of the existing incumbencies, I avow, without any reserve, that Her Majesty's Government consider the two Houses of Local Legislature the only competent judges, and leave the question in their hands, to be decided exactly according to their view of the public interest.

The principle is obvious, that each Officer's Salary should be considered as the reward of the devotion of his whole time and talents exclusively to the public service, and should therefore be of such amount as to enable him to associate on equal terms with gentlemen of corresponding rank and station in the other departments of life, Professional, Commercial, or Agricultural. But the application of that principle to each particular case, is a question of detail, to the right solution of which much local knowledge is requisite, to which I lay no claim. I know of no reason to suppose that the Representatives of the people of Nova-Scotia would wish to pay the servants of the public inadequately; and if on such a subject mere personal interest could be supposed likely to exercise any influence, there would not be wanting reasons why the Members of the Local Legislature should favor a liberal, rather than a narrow reward of such labors. To them, therefore, I refer the decision of the amount. But it must be distinctly understood and recorded, that when the amounts of the future Salaries of the Public Officers on the Civil List, shall once have been fixed by Law, they must also be unaltered except by Law, and that no Law for the alteration of any of them must be assented to, on Her Majesty's behalf, unless it contain a clause suspending the operation of it till the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure. Any Officer of the Crown, protected by the Civil List, who shall afterwards, in any other form, accept from the Local Legislature, or from either branch of it, any additional grant, advantage, or emolument, will be considered as vacating his Office; and this rule must be inflexibly enforced.

I do not wish that the Civil List Salaries should be granted in one collective sum. I think it better that the Act itself should apportion the amount among the several Officers who are to be supported by it. The opposite method would tend to keep alive discussions and controversies, from which I can anticipate no assignable advantage to any public interest.

Some sum ought to be set apart for the unavoidable contingent expenses of the Civil Government. It is not, I think, conducive to the welfare, or to the honor, of the Province, that the Officer administering the Government of it should be denied the means of defraying those expenses, trifling in detail, but considerable in amount, which must be incidental to such a trust, with whatever parsimony it may be executed. An annual appropriation of £300 for this service, would seem perfectly moderate and reasonable.

You have the Queen's authority to surrender Her Majesty's Territorial and Hereditary Revenue in Nova-Scotia, on the conditions which I have thus indicated; and to assent, in her name, to any Act which may be passed for that purpose. But considering the importance of the subject, the Act must not be made to take effect until it shall have been finally enacted and confirmed by Her Majesty in Council.

## APPENDIX No. 23.

(Copy.)

*Government House, Montreal, 2nd Feb'y., 1847.*

SIR—

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

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

ELGIN &amp; KINCARDINE.

His Excellency Sir J. HARVEY, K. C. B., &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

(Copy.)

No. 6.

*Downing Street, 22d December, 1846.*

MY LORD—

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

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

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

GREY.

The Right Hon. the EARL OF ELGIN, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

(Copy.)

*Office of the British North American Electric Telegraph }  
Association, Quebec, 8th Feb'y., 1847. }*

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, a copy of a Report of a Committee of the Directors of this Association, adopted by them at their meeting of the 4th instant, designating the route which they recommended should be adopted in the establishment of a line of Telegraph between this City and Halifax.

This Report you will be pleased to lay before His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with an expression of the earnest hope, that His Excellency will take it into his early and most favorable consideration.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

W. TIMLIN.

The PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c., Nova-Scotia.

(Copy.)

(Copy.)

*To the Board of Directors of the British North American Electric Telegraph Association.*

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Board, held on the 19th ultimo, to consider and report upon the route, the most advisable to be selected, for the line of Telegraph, have the honor to report :

That they consider the following to possess the strongest claims to a preference, viz : From Metis, through the Kempt Road, to Campbelton, (Baie de Chaleur ; ) from thence to Dalhousie, Bathurst, Miramichi, and the Bend of the Peticodiac, (where a branch should diverge to St. John and Fredericton,) and thereafter the direct and usual route to Halifax, thereby passing all the rising Commercial Ports of the Gulph and River St. Lawrence.

The Political and Commercial advantages to accrue from the adoption of this Line over that *via Riviere du Loup* and Fredericton, are manifold.

In the first place the remotest distance from the American Frontier would be followed, (a consideration of the highest importance in the event of hostilities with the United States), and a safe Line of Communication for the interests of Imperial and Provincial Governments, and the Commercial Inhabitants of the Colonies afforded. By skirting the St. Lawrence, the Merchants of Montreal and Quebec, as well as those of England, would derive incalculable benefits in the receipt of information of the early arrival and outward progress of Vessels to and from their respective Ports—while to the Consignees or Owners of wrecked Ships or Vessels in distress requiring assistance, this Line must be of very great advantage ; and Insurance (a burthen now pressing so heavily on the Canada Trade), for the reasons above stated, would (no doubt) be sensibly lessened.

It is also of great importance for the interests of Her Majesty's Government, that in the Line of Telegraph to be established a safe communication should be afforded for the transmission of Official Instructions to the Governor General, and the Lieutenant-Governors of the Lower Provinces, as well as for the Military Commanders in their several Districts. At the same time it would afford facilities of communication from the Commanders of the British Cruisers in the Gulph protecting our Fisheries, with the Admiral at Halifax, and the Authorities at Quebec ; and in the event of disasters to any of Her Majesty's Ships, Transports, or Emigrant Vessels, the earliest possible assistance might be obtained.

It would also open a new and flourishing Country (now all but isolated during a large portion of the year), and give a ready means of communicating with Nova-Scotia, New-Brunswick, Canada, the Fishing Establishments at Gaspé, and the whole Coast of the Gulph, which afford a large interchange of Commerce with the above Provinces : the Lumbering districts of New-Brunswick would also share in this desirable Line of Communication.

These are but a moiety of the benefits it is believed will arise from the adoption of the route now advocated. The Kempt Road, it is true, is but sparsely settled at present, but no apprehension is entertained of ultimately obtaining from the Provincial Government favorable terms of settlement for persons who may be induced to repair thither ; and it should be the earliest work of the Board to secure for that destination the necessary number.

The Road *via Riviere du Loup* and Fredericton does not present any of the advantages attaching to the route above described. For a distance of about forty miles it runs in close contiguity to the American Line. Woodstock, a settlement of considerable intercourse with the State of Maine, is within twelve miles of the frontier. No new Country has to be opened up—no Political or Commercial advantage to be subserved, commensurate with the adoption of the Metis route. The interests of the people of New-Brunswick, it is believed, will be as fully secured

by the Branch Line from the Bend of the Peticodiac. Its proximity to the American Boundary would render it unsafe for Government purposes, precarious and doubtful for the transmission of Commercial intelligence.—As a remunerative investment it must be looked upon as decidedly ineligible.

The whole nevertheless submitted.

(Signed)

E. BOXER, Chairman.  
J. JONES,  
A. GILLESPIE.

Quebec, 3d February, 1847.

A true copy of the original,

(Signed)

W. TIMLIN, Secretary.

### APPENDIX No. 24.

(See Page 40.)

The joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts, beg leave to report as follows :

#### TREASURER OF THE PROVINCE.

The Accounts of this Department to 31st Decr., 1846, have been received. Balance in hand that date, £24349 19 9

#### COLLECTORS OF IMPOST AND EXCISE.

##### HALIFAX.

£1500	0	0.—Accounts received to 31st December, 1846.	Bonds in hand,	£22509	8	1	
			Bonds in hand of the Att'y. General,	387	2	0	
							22896 10 1

##### LUNENBURG.

		Accounts received to 31st Dec. 1846.	Bonds in hand,	688	18	7	
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##### LIVERPOOL.

		Accounts received to 31st Dec. 1846.	Bonds in hand,	76	5	1	
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##### SHELBURNE.

25	0	0—Accounts received to 31st Dec. 1846.	Due in Cash,	29	0	6	
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##### BARRINGTON.

5	3	8—Accounts received to 31st Dec. 1846.	Due in Cash,	6	19	6	
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##### ARGYLE.

15	0	0—Accounts received to 31st Dec. 1846.	Bonds on hand and Cash,	24	11	7	
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##### YARMOUTH.

34	0	0—Accounts received to 31st Dec., 1846.	Bonds in hand,	£197	9	7	
			Due in Cash,	0	15	0	
							198 4 7

##### WEYMOUTH.

		Accounts received to 31st Dec. 1846.	Due in Cash,	18	8	8	
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##### BRIER ISLAND.

12	0	9—Accounts received to 31st Dec. 1846.	Due in Cash,	16	16	3	DIGBY.
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## DIGBY.

132 10 0—Accounts received to 31st Dec. 1846. Due in Cash, £312 12 4  
This Officer's Accounts are still in the same confused state as reported last year.

## PARRSBORO'.

13 17 10—Accounts received to 31st Dec. 1846. Due in Cash, 34 4 4

## ANNAPOLIS.

198 17 0—Accounts received to 31st Decr. 1846.  
Bonds in hand, 15 13 6  
Due in Cash, 208 17 4  
224 10 10

## WILMOT.

97 12 7—Accounts received to 31st Decr. 1846. Due in Cash, 97 12 7

## CORNWALLIS.

6 9 0—Accounts received to 31st Decr. 1846. Due in Cash, 8 4 0

## WINDSOR.

Accounts received to 31st Decr. 1846.  
Bonds in hand, £120 7 9  
Due in Cash, 1 19 8  
122 7 5

## LONDONDERRY.

£5 0 0—Accounts received to 31st Decr., 1846.  
Bonds in hand, £26 9 4  
Cash in hand, £5 7 6  
Overcharge of Commission, 2 8 10  
7 16 4  
£34 5 3

## AMHERST.

104 4 8—Accounts received to 31st Decr., 1846.  
Bonds in hand, 57 10 4  
Due in Cash, £132 8 3  
Error in bringing forward  
balance in 1845, 1 0 1  
133 8 4  
190 18 8

## PUGWASH.

Accounts received to 31st Decr. 1846. Due in Cash, 0 9 6

## TATAMAGOUCHE.

Accounts received to 31st Decr. 1846. Due in Cash, 74 4 3

## ANTIGONISH.

Accounts received to 31st Decr., 1846. Paid in full. 0 0 0

## GUYSBORO'.

2 12 2—Accounts received to 31st Decr. 1846.  
Due in Cash, £2 12 2  
Balance due on Account of 1845, 4 19 8  
Charge for col'g. Light Duty not allowed, 2 3 1  
9 14 11

ARICHTAT

## ARICHAT.

12 10 0	—The Accounts received to 31st Dec. 1846, are incomplete. There appears to be due from the late Collector, £578 9 10		
	Due in Cash fm. Mr. Turnbull's successor,	64 17 5	
		<u>          </u>	£643 7 3

The late Collector, Mr. Turnbull, made a claim of £154 5s. against the balance due by him, which was referred to the Commissioners of the Revenue, and is not yet adjusted.

## PORT HOOD.

17 0 0	—Accounts received to 31st Decr. 1846.	Due in Cash,	17 15 6
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## SYDNEY, CAPE-BRETON.

88 14 2	—Accounts received to 31st Decr., 1846.		
	Bonds in hand,	£14 18 7	
	Due in Cash,	88 14 2	
		<u>          </u>	103 12 9

## PICTOU.

	Accounts received to 31st Decr., 1846.		
	Bonds in hand,	£419 19 1	
	Due on old Acct. secured by judgment,	1485 9 4	
		<u>          </u>	1905 8 5
	Nothing paid on the Judgment during the year.		

## MAITLAND.

	Accounts received to 31st Dec. 1846.	Bonds in hand,	13 16 10
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## TRURO.

	Accounts received to 31st Decr., 1846.		
	Bonds in hand,	£39 7 1	
	Overcharged on Commission,	8 13 8	
		<u>          </u>	48 0 9

2270 11 10			£4900 1 7
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Due by the Collectors of Impost and Excise in Cash and Bonds to 31st December, 1846, £27796 11s 8d—of which £2270 11s 10d has been paid in since the 1st January, 1847, as noted in the margin.

## LIGHT DUTY COLLECTORS.

## HALIFAX.

		Paid.	Due.
Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	£1100 11 4	£1100 11 4	£0 0 0

## LIVERPOOL.

30 19 10	—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	132 19 2	100 10 10	32 8 4
	Due from last year, £2 9s. 9d.			

## CORNWALLIS.

Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	15 19 8	15 19 8	
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## PICTOU.

75 12 2	—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	738 14 5	663 2 3	75 12 2
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## BARRINGTON.

36 18 3	—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	36 18 3		36 18 3
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WEYMOUTH.



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WEYMOUTH.			
£40	0	0—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	£70 17 5
			£30 0 0    40 17 5
PARRSBORO'.			
		Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	76 6 3
			53 13 4    22 12 11
YARMOUTH.			
33	3	0—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	223 0 7
			189 17 7    33 3 0
SYDNEY, CAPE-BRETON.			
109	3	5—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	400 16 1
			291 12 8    109 3 5
WEST PORT.			
18	17	0—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	18 17 0
		Due for over-charge of Commission, £1 1s.	
			18 17 0
CUMBERLAND.			
7	0	0—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	49 0 0
			14 11 3    7 8 9
CANSO.—( <i>Curry.</i> )			
31	11	6—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	197 16 0
		Less charged for collection,	166 4 6
			£31 11 6
			31 11 6
ANNAPOLIS.			
4	10	3—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	15 18 9
			10 18 1    4 10 8
CANSO.—( <i>Bigelow.</i> )			
34	8	0—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	164 18 6
			Paid.    Due. 0 0 0    164 18 6
ARICHAT.			
		Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	120 14 6
			116 2 1    4 12 5
GUYSBORO'.			
0	3	6—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	29 8 6
		Due for overcharge of Com- mission in 1845,	0 9 5
			28 13 1    0 15 5
WINDSOR.			
		Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	158 9 3
			155 10 0    2 19 3
WALLACE.			
21	12	11—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	290 9 9
			268 16 10    21 12 11
DIGBY.			
8	5	7—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	69 17 1
			61 11 6    8 5 7
ARGYLE.			
21	16	0—Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	65 10 0
			43 14 0    21 16 0
SHELBURNE.			
		Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	18 19 7
			12 18 6    6 11 1
ANTIGONISH.			
		Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	3 2 9
			3 2 9
LUNENBURG.			
		Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	35 4 11
			35 4 11
LONDONDERRY.			
			11 10 0

PORT HOOD.			
Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	£5 16 5	£3 0 0	£2 16 5
Balance of Account, 1845,	—————		5 15 5
MAITLAND.			
Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	31 8 2	31 8 2	
WILMOT.			
Col'd. to 31st Dec. 1846,	8 3 10		8 3 10
<u>£474 1 5</u>	<u>£3924 13 8</u>	<u>£3268 18 10</u>	<u>£655 14 10</u>

Of the Balance due of £655 14s. 10d., the sum of £474 1s. 5d. has been paid in since the 1st January, 1847, as noted in the margin.

Due by old Collectors of Light Duty for collections to 31st Decr., 1844 :

Pugwash—still due,	£9 19 3	
Yarmouth— “	1 15 11	
Windsor— “	53 1 1	
Amherst— “	0 13 4	
Parrsboro', “	21 13 4	
	—————	87 2 11

### THE COMMISSIONERS OF LIGHT HOUSES.

Their Accounts have been received to 31st Decr., 1846, £5096 1 7

CR.

By Cash from New-Brunswick for half expense of Seal Island Light, 1845,	£244 15 8	
From ditto for Brier Island, 1845,	100 0 0	
Cash for Sales of Oil Casks, &c., per acct., 1846,	204 18 2	
Cash from the Treasury to 31st Decr., 1846,	2680 5 9	
	—————	3229 19 7

Balance due Commrs. 31st Decr., 1846—since paid, £1866 2 0  
To cost of erecting the Beaver Harbor Light House, 963 18 9

### LIGHT HOUSES.

To amount of annual expense, per account of the Commissioners, to 31st Decr., 1846, £5096 1 7

CR.

By amount received for Light Duty, 1846,	£3268 18 10	
Amount due for Collections, 1846,	655 14 10	
	—————	3924 13 8
Amount due from New-Brunswick for expense of Seal Island, 1846,	153 12 0	
Amount due from ditto for Brier Island, 1846,	100 0 0	
Contribution of New-Brunswick to St. Paul's, 1846,	250 0 0	
Ditto of Canada to ditto, 1846,	500 0 0	
Proportion of over-expenditure on ditto,	116 9 11	
Annual contribution of P. E. Island to ditto,	30 0 0	
Proportion of over-expenditure on St. Paul's, to be paid by P. Edward Island,	6 19 6	

Cash

By Cash for proceeds of Oil Casks, &c.,	£204 18 2	
		5286 13 3
Balance in favor of General Funds of the Province,		£190 11 8

## CUSTOM HOUSE.

	Sterling.	Currency.
Collected at Halifax to 5th January, 1847,	£25336 7 3	£31670 9 1
Collected at Out Ports to same period,	4982 16 1	6228 10 1
	£30319 3 4	£37898 19 2
Balance due to 5th Jany., 1846, as per former account,		1208 4 8
		£39107 3 10
Cash paid into the Treasury by the Honorable the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs, to 31st Decr., 1846,		36706 6 1
	Due,	£2400 17 9
Of this sum there has been paid into the Treasury since the end of the year;		2095 18 0

## COMMISSIONERS OF SABLE ISLAND.

Their Accounts to 31st Decr., 1846, have been received.—Balance due the Commissioners to that date, per their Account,	£36 10 9
In addition to this Balance they have handed in a memorandum of £684 7s. 1d. due to the servants of the Establishment, and others, not included in the Accounts to 31st Decr., 1846.	

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

By the Commissioners Accounts the expenditure for the past year has been—on Government House to 31st Decr., 1846,	£802 15 3
On the Province Building to same period,	270 11 2
	£1073 6 5
Less received from the Treasury by the Commissioners,	100 0 0
Due,	£973 6 5

## MARSHALL'S JUSTICE.

Balance due, as reported last year,	£59 17 4
Nothing has been received the past year from this source, and it is probable nothing more will be received.	

## FUNDED DEBT.

Balance of amounts funded in 1834, 1835, & 1836, at 5 per cent.,	£20000 0 0
Amount funded in Savings' Bank to 31st Decr., 1846,	35000 0 0
	£55000 0 0

## PROVINCE NOTES.

Amount in circulation to 31st Decr., 1846,	£59846 10 0
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DR.

DR. THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA TO 31st DECEMBER, 1846.

To this sum undrawn on account of Roads and Bridges, as per Abstract,	£2372 16 1
This sum due for other services, undrawn, per Abstract,	8500 0 0
Loan Certificates due sundry persons, including amount funded in Savings' Bank,	55000 0 0
This amount due the Commissioners of Public Buildings,	973 6 5
Province Notes in circulation,	59846 10 0
The following sums included in the Treasurer's Balance as Cash :	
To brig Joseph, and owners,	£400 0 0
Surveyor General of Cape-Breton,	616 10 2
Fines and Forfeitures Account,	285 13 10
St. Paul's & Scatarie Light House Acct.	92 3 3
Clerk of License Account,	159 1 1
Passengers' Fund Account,	210 5 0
	1763 13 4
	£128456 5 10

CR.

By bal. in hands of the Treasurer to 31st Dec. 1846,	£24349 19 9
Balances due by Collectors of Light Duty,	655 14 10
Balances due by old Collectors of Light Duty,	96 18 6
Amount of Bonds and Cash in Excise Office, Halifax,	£22896 10 1
Ditto for Out Ports,	4900 1 7
	£27796 11 8
Deduct probable drawbacks,	2296 11 8
	25500 0 0
By due from Canada for Light Houses, 1846,	616 9 11
Due from New-Brunswick for do, 1846,	503 12 0
Due from Prince Edward Island for do,	36 19 6
Balance due for Book entitled Marshall's Justice,	59 17 4
Loan to Dalhousie College,	5000 0 0
Balance to be received from Collector of Customs to 5th January, 1847,	2400 17 9
	59220 9 7
	£69235 16 3

Balance due 31st Dec. 1846,

£69235 16 3

Balance due by the late Treasurer not included in this Account Current.

The Committee have given their best attention to the examination of the Accounts submitted,—the general arrangement of those from the Treasury evince an improvement in the system heretofore pursued.

The Excise Accounts for the Outports, with trifling exceptions, are satisfactory. The Committee have, however, again to repeat the remark of last year, relative to the Accounts for Arichat and Digby, which are still unadjusted, and recommend that the early attention of the proper authorities should be directed to these matters.

The Returns from the Collectors of Light Duty are, generally, correct, and the amounts paid in. The Committee, however, cannot refrain from calling the attention of the Legislature to the Account of Henry Carre, the Collector at Canso. The charges for collection there, if sanctioned, would exhaust nearly the whole amount

amount collected ; and they suggest the propriety of discontinuing the services in that quarter if it cannot be performed at a reasonable cost to the Province.

The Accounts submitted from the Commissioners of Sable Island have also been examined, and the Committee strongly recommend that these, and all matters connected with the Establishment, be referred to the consideration of a Committee to be appointed for that purpose.

The Accounts for Public Buildings appear satisfactory. The Report by which they are accompanied anticipates the expenditure of a large amount. This subject should, in the opinion of the Committee, undergo a special investigation.

Committee Room, 19th February, 1847.

MICHAEL TOBIN,  
STAYLEY BROWN,  
H. G. PINEO.

JAMES McNAB, Chairman.  
JAMES D. FRASER,  
G. W. McLELAN,  
S. S. THORNE,  
JOHN CAMPBELL.

APPENDIX No. 25.

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*Extract of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey to Lieutenant-General Sir John Harvey, dated 27th February, 1847, No. 21.*

“I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 2d instant, No. 15, in which you transmit a copy of your Message, and of the Addresses which were unanimously adopted by both branches of the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, together with the copy of a Resolution placing at your disposal the sum of £1000 sterling, for the relief of the destitute in the remote parts of Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland.

“Having laid the Despatch before the Queen, Her Majesty has commanded me to instruct you to signify to the Legislature of Nova-Scotia the gratification which she has experienced in learning that the Inhabitants of that Province, have, through their Representatives, given so lively a proof of their sympathy and liberality towards their distressed fellow subjects in Ireland and Scotland.

“I have lost no time in placing the Bill, enclosed in your Despatch, in the hands of the British Association, established in London, for the purpose of distributing the Subscriptions transmitted to them ; and they will apply the gift of the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in the manner which may appear to them most advisable, for the interest of the persons for whom it is intended.

I enclose, herewith, the copy of a Letter from the Chairman of the Association, acknowledging the receipt of this Donation.”

(Copy.)

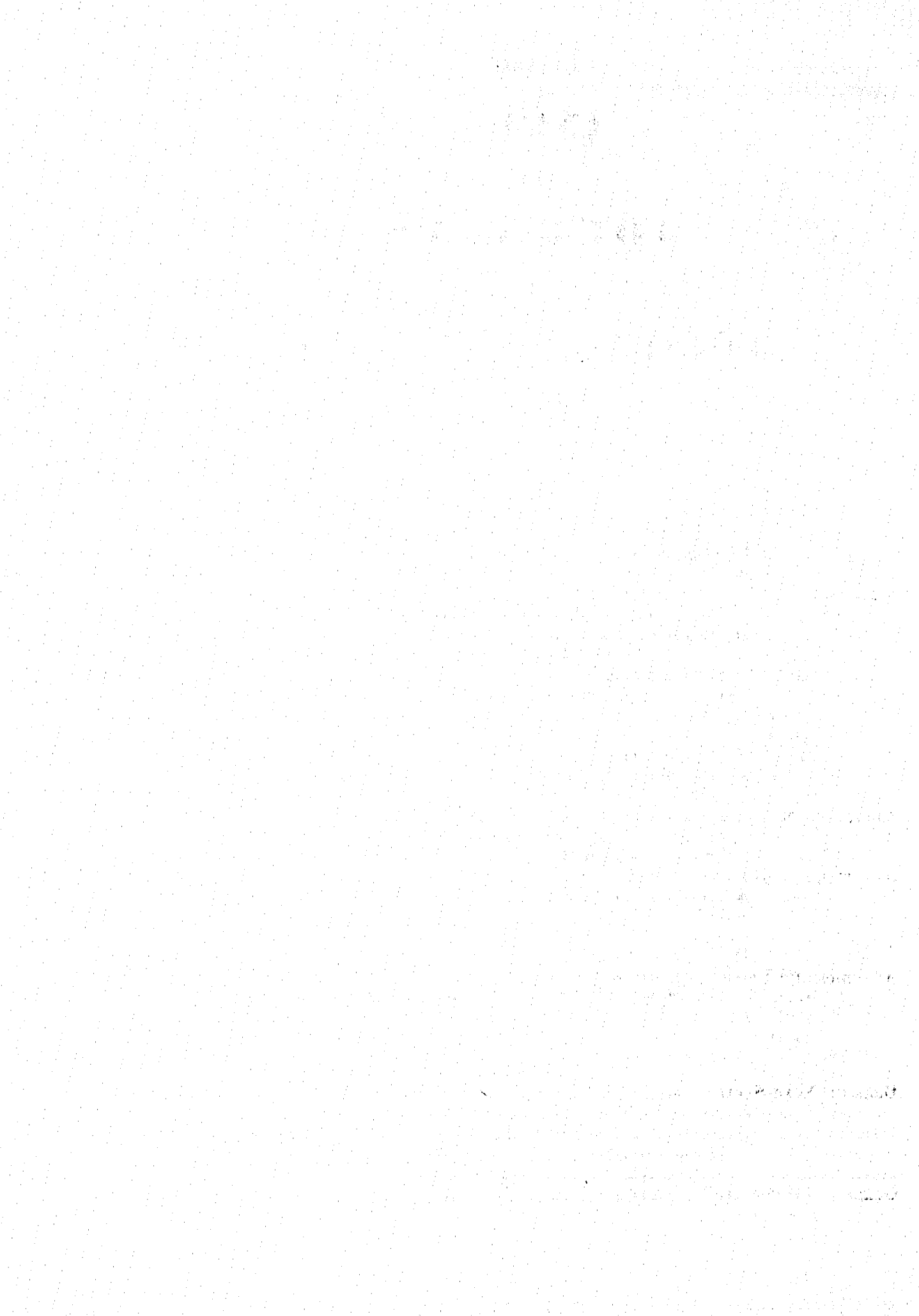
*British Association for the relief of the extreme distress in Ireland and Scotland.  
Committee Room, 20th February, 1847.*

MY LORD—

I am requested by the Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Communication, stating that the Assembly of Nova-Scotia had voted a Grant of £1000 for the relief of the distress in Ireland and Scotland ; and I am instructed to ask the favor of your Lordship's laying before the Assembly, with as little delay as possible, the warm thanks of the Committee for the assistance afforded to them by the countenance and by the liberal grant they have made.

(Signed) S. S. LLOYD, Chairman.

Right Honorable EARL GREY.



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