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L. S. J. HARVEY.

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

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

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this Tenth day of May, in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

JOSEPH HOWE.

God save the Queen.

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By His Excellency Lieutenant-General

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L. S. J. HARVEY.

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

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

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this Twenty-second day of August, in the thirteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

JOSEPH HOWE.

God save the Queen.



PROCLAMATION.

By 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.

L. S. J. HARVEY.

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

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

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this Twenty-third day of October, in the thirteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

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L. S. J. HARVEY.

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

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the Seventeenth 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 First day of December, in the thirteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND.

JOSEPH HOWE.

God save the Queen.

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THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ANNO DECIMO TERTIO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

AT HALIFAX, IN THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Thursday, 17th January, 1850.

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

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable **MICHAEL TOBIN**, President.

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

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

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 Speech:

H. E. comes to
Council Chamber.

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

H. A. attend.
H. E. opens Session
with
Speech.

It is my painful duty to announce to you the demise of Adelaide, the Queen Dowager. The loss of this highly respected and estimable Princess has called forth an expression

expression of deep and universal regret on the part of the British Nation, in which, I am convinced that you, and the people of this Colony, will participate.

While inviting you again to the discharge of your very important functions, I am bound to acknowledge the gratitude we owe to the Giver of all good, for the blessings by which the past year has been distinguished.

Peace and tranquillity have reigned within the borders of Nova Scotia. The great scourge of the earth has passed us by, and several trying years of partial failure have been succeeded by a comparatively secure and productive Harvest.

Deeply convinced as I am, that the Loyal Sentiments of the People of this Colony are unchanged, I do not feel myself called upon to make any reference to the discussions which are taking place in surrounding Colonies.

The Fisheries, though less prosperous than in 1848, have yet supplied our domestic consumption, and yielded, at the high prices which our great staples command abroad, a valuable export.

In resuming our labours for the public good, let us diligently endeavour to deserve by thankfulness, industry and forethought, a blessing upon our efforts, and the continued favours of a beneficent Providence.

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

The Accounts for the past, and the Estimates for the current year, will be laid before you without delay, and you will be gratified to learn that the Supplies, so liberally granted, have been adequate to meet the expences of the financial year, and that the Revenue is on the increase. Though the payment of the Arrears under the Civil List Bill, and the construction of the Electric Telegraph, have required heavy advances, the Loan authorized by the Act of last Session has been largely reduced, and will, I confidently anticipate, be shortly liquidated.

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

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

The Imperial Parliament having passed an Act, authorizing the several Governments of North America to regulate their Internal Posts, a measure will be promptly submitted to you in accordance with that enactment, and I am happy to be able to assure you that no obstacle now exists to the entire control being assumed by the Provincial Government over this branch of the Public Service, and to the establishment of a low and uniform rate of postage throughout British North America.

The School Act expires at the close of the present Session, and a measure aimed at a further extension of the blessings of Education will be submitted to you, which, I trust, will be found to embody the improvements suggested by recent experience.

The absence of any provision for Lunatics has been painfully forced upon my attention during the recess, and I now refer to the subject chiefly for the purpose of submitting whether some arrangement might not be made, either for the erection and endowment of an Asylum for the Insane, or for the maintenance, in suitable Institutions founded in the neighbouring Provinces, of those unfortunates, who, without the light of reason, are unable to support themselves.

The Report of the Commissioners appointed to revise and consolidate the Laws of the Province will be immediately laid before you, and the greater part of the work having been done, I am gratified by the assurance that your united labours, in the present and the ensuing Session, will enable you to perfect this long desired and most valuable improvement.

The tenure of Lands in the Island of Cape Breton, appearing to demand legislation, that Titles may be confirmed and litigation averted, measures will be laid before you, which I trust, matured by your wisdom, will accomplish these desirable results.

The

The subject of the reciprocal interchange of staple productions between the British Provinces on this Continent and the United States of America, brought to my notice last Session, has largely engaged the attention of my Government, and I hope to have, in the delicate and peculiar aspect which the question has assumed, the advantage of your calm and united deliberations.

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

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

Mr. McDougall presented a Bill to abolish Imprisonment for Debt—which was read a first time.

Bill pro forma read.

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

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

Speech reported.

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

Address in answer moved.

To His Excellency 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.

We join in the expression of regret to which Your Excellency has adverted on the demise of the late Queen Dowager Adelaide, Her amiable character, Her benevolent disposition, exemplified by numerous acts of Philanthropy will no doubt receive from the whole British People a similar Tribute.

The Legislative Council can assure Your Excellency that we are truly thankful to Divine Providence for the tranquility which has prevailed in Nova Scotia, that the most terrible Disease with which other Countries have been visited has left us unscathed, and trust that the trying years of partial failure in Agriculture will be succeeded by others of abundance. The Fisheries have indeed been less productive than they were in 1848, but under every circumstance we cannot but hope for improvement and prosperity.

Your Excellency's statement with respect to the probable increase of the Revenue, the fact that the Supplies have been sufficient to meet the Expenses of the Financial Year, and that the Loan authorised last Session has been materially reduced, gives us much gratification.

The Act of the Imperial Parliament respecting the Post Office Department, will, we believe, be satisfactory to all British North America, and we can only assure Your
Excellency

Excellency that we shall endeavour to meet the Spirit of that Act, in order to perfect a system which shall insure a low and uniform rate of Postage.

The amelioration of our system of Education, the Improvement of our Sectional Schools, and the general diffusion of knowledge throughout the whole Province, have for years been subjects of deep consideration and concern, and we feel that our acknowledgements are due to Your Excellency for the announcement respecting them which has now been made to the Legislature.

We agree with Your Excellency on the subject of a provision for Lunatics, whose great and continually increasing number in the Province, requires that an Asylum suitable for their care and cure should, with as little delay as possible, be established, and we will cheerfully co-operate in any measure which will efficiently accomplish that object.

We shall endeavour to assist in effecting the settlement of Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton, and we are happy to find that a Revision and Consolidation of the Laws of the whole Province are likely soon to be effected.

The proceedings of Your Excellency's Government with respect to the reciprocal interchange of Staple Commodities between the British Provinces and the United States of America, will have our most minute attention. We shall gladly receive from Your Excellency all other communications connected with the political, social, or moral condition of the People, and we assure your Excellency that we have a firm persuasion of the unwavering Loyalty of our Fellow Subjects of this Province, and of their undiminished attachment to the Parent State.

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

Com. on reporting
Debates.

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee to make arrangements for reporting and publishing the Debates of this House for the present Session.

Adjourn.

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

Friday, 18th January, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable JOHN MORTON,

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

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

Address to H. E.
read 2d and 3d
time,

And passed.

Ordered,

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

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 to ascertain when H. E. will receive Address.

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

Committee.

The President presented the Memorial of the Honorable Samuel Cunard, relative to the obstructions to the Mail Steamers passing up the Harbour of Halifax, from the irregular mode of anchoring Vessels by their Masters, and praying some legislative provision may be made to prevent such obstructions—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Memorial of Hon S. Cunard, relative to obstruction in Harbour.

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

Adjourn.

Saturday, 19th January, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable JAMES McNAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and ascertain when His Excellency would be pleased to receive this House with their Address, reported, that the Committee had performed their duty, and that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint the hour of half-past two o'clock, P. M. of this day, for receiving the said Address.

Report of Committee to wait on H. E. rel. to Address.

At half-past two o'clock, P. M. the House proceeded to the Government House with their Address, and being returned to the Council Chamber the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to make the following reply thereto:

House wait on H. E. with Address.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

Reply.

Your concurrence of opinion, and the promise of your support and co-operation in carrying out the several objects adverted to in my Speech, and above all, the assurance of your firm persuasion of the unwavering loyalty of your fellow subjects of Nova Scotia, and of your undiminished attachment to the Parent State, have afforded me the highest degree of satisfaction, as I am convinced they will to our Gracious and Beloved Sovereign, to whom it will be my grateful duty to convey them.

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

Adjourn.

Monday, 21st January, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Library Committee,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take charge of the Library of this House, and to make arrangements for its being made more convenient for the use of the Members.

Committee.

Resolved, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. McCully, and Mr. McDougall, be a Committee for that purpose.

Report of Committee
on Reporting and
Publishing
Debates.

Mr. Fairbanks, from the Committee appointed to make arrangements for Reporting and Publishing the Debates of this House during the present Session, reported that the Committee had been waited on by Mr. Thompson, who stated that he was ready to report the Debates on the same terms as for the last Session; and that the Committee had received Tenders from several Papers for publishing the Debates, and that the Tender of the British Colonist was the lowest, but that the Committee preferred referring the matter to the House for its decision, rather than decide themselves.

Mr. Thompson,
Reporter.

Resolved, That Mr. Thompson be appointed Reporter of the Debates of this House during the present Session.

Debates to be pub.
in Colonist and
Recorder.

Resolved, That the Debates of this House be published in the British Colonist and Acadian Recorder, Newspapers.

Adjourn.

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

Wednesday, 23d January, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Monday were read.

Message from H. E.
with

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

- A copy of an Act of the Imperial Parliament for regulating the carriage of Passengers in Merchant Vessels. Imp. Passenger,
- Also of the Act to amend the Laws in force for the encouragement of British Shipping and Navigation. Navigation,
- Also of the Act for enabling Colonial Legislatures to establish Inland Posts. And Col. Postage Acts.
- Which were ordered to lie on the Table.
- Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Orders in Council confirming Acts: Message from H. E. with
- Despatch, dated 4th May, 1849. Despatch and Order in Council con. Departmental Bill.
- An Order in Council, dated 1st May, 1849, confirming the Act passed in the last Session to provide for the more accurate Audit and Inspection of Public Accounts in this Province, and for the appointment of certain Public Officers therein.
- (Vide Appendix No. 1.)*
- Also a Despatch, dated 6th July, 1849, enclosing Order in Council, dated 29th June, 1849, confirming the Crown Land Department and Civil List Bills of last Session. Do. Crown Land, Department, and Civil List Bills.
- (Vide Appendix No. 2.)*
- Also Despatch, dated 6th July, 1849, enclosing Order in Council, dated 29th June, 1849, confirming Trunk Railway to Quebec Act. Do. Halifax and Quebec Railway Bill.
- (Vide Appendix No. 3.)*
- Also Despatch, dated 10th October, 1849, enclosing Order in Council, dated 6th October, 1849, confirming eighty Acts, passed in the last Session. Do. 80 Acts of last Session.
- (Vide Appendix No. 4.)*
- Also Despatch, dated 10th October, 1849, enclosing Order in Council, dated 6th October, 1849, confirming Act to alter the Representation of the County of Colchester. Do. Colchester Rep. Bill.
- (Vide Appendix No. 5.)*
- Also Despatch, dated 10th November, 1849, enclosing Order in Council, dated 6th November, 1849, confirming Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop in Halifax. Do. R. Cath. Bishop Incorporation Bill.
- (Vide Appendix No. 6.)*
- Also Despatch, dated 10th November, 1849, enclosing Order in Council, dated 6th November, 1849, confirming five Acts passed in the last Session. Do. 5 Acts passed last Session.
- (Vide Appendix No. 7.)*
- Also the following Despatches and Letters relative to the Emigrant Tax on certain Passengers by the Barque "Ellen": Despatches and Letters rel. to Passengers of Barque 'Ellen.'
- Despatch, dated 10th May, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing Letter, dated 5th May, 1849, from the Duke of Sutherland to the Colonial Secretary. Letter

Letter, dated 28th April, 1849, Evander Melver to James Loch.

Letter, dated 9th February, 1849, Evander Melver to A. McKay.

Letter, dated 31st March, 1849, A. G. McKay to Evander Melver.

Letter, dated 22d April, 1849, Hon. T. H. Haviland, Colonial Secretary, P. E. Island, to Mr. McKay.

Letter H. Blackadar to Alexander McKay, enclosing Extract from Immigrant Vessels and Passenger Act.

(Vide Appendix No. 8.)

(For Supplementary Appendix vide page 34.)

Despatches, &c.,
and Letters and
Rep. on Admiralty
Fees, Quebec.

Despatch, dated 11th May, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing

Letter, dated 11th December, 1847, from C. E. Trevelyan to Mr. Hawes, with Report on Fees, &c. in the Vice Admiralty Court of Quebec.

Letter, dated 4th April, 1849, from W. A. B. Hamilton to H. Merivale.

Letter, dated 21st April, 1849, J. C. Merivale to W. A. B. Hamilton.

Letter, dated 25th April, 1849, W. A. B. Hamilton to H. Merivale.

And a Table of Fees for the Vice Admiralty Court of Quebec.

(Vide Appendix No. 9.)

Despatches rel. to
Halifax and
Quebec Railroad
Act.

Also a Despatch, dated April 6th, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Halifax and Quebec Railway Act.

And Despatch, dated 1st June, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply thereto.

(Vide Appendix No. 10.)

Consular Fees, U. S.

Also Despatch, dated 5th April, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to Consular Fees in the United States.

Despatch, dated 19th July, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing

Letter, dated 14th July, 1849, from H. U. Addington to H. Merivale.

(Vide Appendix No. 11.)

Coal Mines.

Also Despatch, dated 2d May, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing Address of H. A. on Coal Mines.

Despatch, dated 16th August, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, in reply thereto.

(Vide Appendix No. 12.)

Free Grants to
Officers.

Also Despatch, dated 19th October, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing

Minute in Council, dated 24th September, 1849, discontinuing Free Grants of Crown Lands to Officers of the Army and Navy.

(Vide Appendix No. 13.)

Surplus Postage of
1848.

Also Despatch, dated 16th August, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing

Letter, dated 6th August, 1849, from W. S. Hayter to H. Merivale, ordering payment of the Surplus Postage for the year ending 5th July, 1848.

(Vide Appendix No. 14.)

Also

Also the following Letters and Despatches relative to the Passengers of the Barque "Ellen":

Further Papers rel.
to Pass. Barque
'Ellen.'

Letter, dated 6th June, 1849, from Henry Trew, Controller of Customs, Halifax, to the Provincial Secretary, enclosing

Letter, dated 2d June, 1849, from William Robertson, Controller, Pictou, to Mr. Trew.

Despatch, dated 13th June, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatch, dated 1st August, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Despatch, dated 15th August, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island.

Despatch, dated 15th August, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(For previous Despatches vide Appendix No. 8.)

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Killam, Mr. Mignowitz, Mr. Fulton, and Mr. McDonald, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts jointly with a Committee of the Legislative Council.

Com. Pub. Accounts
H. A.

On motion, *resolved*, that Mr. Brown, Mr. Stairs, and Mr. Morton, 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.

Do. of Council.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to take charge of the Library of this House &c. made his Report, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows:

Rep. of Liby. Com.

The Committee appointed to ascertain the state of the Library, and to report in what mode the Books can be placed so as to make them of more easy access than at present, have attended to that duty, and they recommend that for the present temporary shelves be put up within the Council Chamber to contain such of the Books as are more frequently referred to.

Report.

The Committee strongly recommend to the Council that a Conference be requested with the House of Assembly, to consider the propriety of forming a Public Library, uniting for that purpose the Libraries of both Houses.

The Committee also recommend that the small room now occupied as a Robing Room of the Judges of the Supreme Court, be fitted up as a Committee Room for the use of the Council during the Session of the Legislature.

(Signed)

W. GRIGOR, *Chairman*.

Committee Room, 23rd January, 1850.

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

The President informed the House, that during the recess he had received a Letter, dated "Montreal, Canada, July 3d, 1849," from the Hon. A. N. Morin, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, communicating to him the destruction by fire of the Legislative Library, containing 25,000 volumes; that he had been empowered by the Legislative Assembly to communicate officially with the principal Representative

Letter from Speaker
of L. A. of Canada
com. loss of Liby.,
and requesting
copies of Journals,
&c.

tive Bodies in America and England, acquainting them with the extent of the loss, and soliciting their generous assistance in the endeavor to replace the Library by sending copies of such Legislative Journals, Statutes, or other printed Documents as could be spared.

Whereupon Mr. McDougall moved the following Resolution :

Resolution to send Books.

Resolved, That the Clerk do transmit to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, copies of all Journals, Laws, and other Books, in the Library of this House of which there are Duplicates.

Which being seconded, and the question being put, was agreed to unanimously.

Con. on General State of the Province rel. to Liby.

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 that part of the Report of the Library Committee which relates to an union of the Libraries of the two Houses.

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.

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. McCully, and Mr. McDougall, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference.

Report.

And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, the Chairman reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly.

Adjourn.

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

Monday 28th January, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

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

Mr. McDougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches and Letters, relative to the Post Office and Postage :

Despatch, dated 12th May, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Letter

Letter, dated 4th May, 1849, from Mr. Parker to Mr. Hawes.

Letter from the Earl of Clanricarde to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

Letter, dated 31st March, 1849, from Mr. Bourne.

Despatch, dated 24th July, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatch, dated 10th August, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

(*Vide Appendix No. 15.*)

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

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of Thomas Robson, praying for an Act enabling him to take out a Patent for a Fog Bell—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Petn. of J. Robson

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

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 30th January, 1850.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
STAYLEY BROWN,

The Honorable ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
WILLIAM A. BLACK.

PRAYERS.

At twenty-five minutes past two o'clock, there being but six Members present, the President adjourned the House until to-morrow, at one o'clock.

Adjourn.

Thursday, 31st January, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Monday and Wednesday were read.

Mr. McDougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches relative to the Shubenacadie Canal :

Message from H. E.
with Despatches
rel. to Shuben.
Canal.

Despatch,

Despatch, dated 2d August, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatch, dated 28th September, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Letter, dated 20th September, 1849, from Mr. Hayter to Mr. Merivale.

Despatch, dated 28th November, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(*Vide Appendix No. 17.*)

Emigrants and Shipwrecked Seamen.

Also the following Despatches relative to the Reports of the Committees of the Assembly on the expenses of Distressed Emigrants and Shipwrecked Seamen :

Despatch, dated 27th September, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatch, dated 29th October, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

(*Vide Appendix No. 18.*)

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

Portions of Bill for Consolidating Statutes.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following portions of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia.

Part 1, the Internal Administration of Government ; Title 1, Chapter 1, of the promulgation and construction of Statutes.

Title 5, of Public Buildings and Establishments ; Chapter 23, of the Government House ; Chapter 24, of the Penitentiary ; Chapter 25, of Sable Island.

Title 8, Chapter 32, of the Naturalization of Aliens.

Title 10, of Counties and County Officers ; Chapter 39, of the Boundaries of Counties ; Chapter 40, of Sheriffs ; Chapter 41, of Coroners.

Title 18, Chapter 74, of Shipping and Seamen, viz : of Wrecks, &c., Pilotage, &c.; Partnerships, &c. ; Factors, &c. ; Bills of Exchange &c ; Internal Currency ; Issuing Bank Notes ; Mills, &c. ; Inspection of Provisions, &c. ; Weights, &c. ; Chapter 75, of Wrecks and Wrecked Goods.

Title 21, Chapter 71, of the Preservation of useful Birds and Animals ; Chapter 92, of the Destruction of Noxious Animals.

Chapter 42, of Clerks of the Peace.

Part 4, Of the Criminal Law and the Administration of Criminal Justice.

Title 1, of Offences against the Government ; Chapter 148, of Treason ; Chapter 149, of Offences relating to the Army and Navy ; Chapter 150, of Offences against Religion ; Chapter 151, of Offences against Public Morals ; Chapter 152, of Offences against the Law of Marriage ; Chapter 153, of Offences against the Public Peace ; Chapter 154, of Offences against the Administration of Justice ; Chapter 155, of Offences against the Person ; Chapter 156, of Offences against the Habitation ; Chapter 157, of Fraudulent Appropriations ; Chapter 158, of Forgery and Offences relating to the Coin ; Chapter 159, of Malicious Injuries to Property ; Chapter 160, Definition of Terms in this Title.

Title 2, Chapter 161, of the Administration of Criminal Justice.

To which they desired the concurrence of this House.

The same were read a first time.

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

Leave of absence to Mr. Kenny.

On motion of Mr. Bell, *resolved*, that Mr. Kenny have leave of absence during the remainder of the Session.

Adjourn.

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

Monday,

Monday, 4th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
EDWARD KENNY,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Thursday were read.

William McKeen, Esq., was introduced, and presented his Mandamus—the same was read—whereupon the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office were administered to him by the Honorable the Provincial Secretary (as Commissioner,) and after giving and receiving salutations to and from the Members present, his seat was assigned to him, next to Mr. Grigor.

Mr. McKeen takes Oaths.

Mr. McDougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches and Papers relative to a Seaman of the Ship "Harriet," named "Cornelius Candy," left at Barbadoes:

Message from H. E. with Despatches rel. to C. Candy.

Despatch, dated 24th August, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Letter, dated 16th August, 1849, Mr. Hamilton to Mr. Merivale.

Letter, dated 25th July, 1849, Mr. Robson to Mr. Briggs.

Despatch, dated 17th April, 1849, Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke to the Accountant-General of the Navy.

Letter, dated 14th April, 1849, Mr. Walker to Sir William M. G. Colebrooke, enclosing two Accounts, an Affidavit of Cornelius Candy, Statement of Subsistence, and a Receipt of Thomas Hingsnott.

Despatch, dated Sept. 12, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatch, dated 10th November, 1849, the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

(*Vide Appendix No. 19.*)

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

The portions of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia, received from the House of Assembly on Thursday last, were read a second time.

Portions of Bill for Consolidating Statutes, Read 2d time.

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

Ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Bell, Mr. Grigor, Mr. McKeen, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with Five Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia, viz:

Portions of Bill for Consolidating Statutes.

Chapter 26, of Light Houses.

“ 43, of the times and places of holding the Sessions.

“ 79, of Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.

“ 80, of Interest.

“ 81, of Currency.

Also with the following Bills :

Port Hood Academy, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Land on which the Port Hood Academy now stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor.

Lock-up-house, A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Maxweltown to build a Lock-up-House.

Thos. Robson, Fog Bell, A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Thomas Robson to obtain Letters Patent for the Invention of a Fog Bell.

And Lock-up-house Clare Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for a Lock-up-House in Clare.

Read 1st time. To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The same were read a first time.

S. O. S. on Con. Statutes 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 the five Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia.

Read 2d time, The said Chapters of the said Bill were read a second time.

And ref. to Select Committee. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.

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

Four Bills to be ref. to Sel. Com. *Ordered*, That the four other Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. McCully, Mr. McKeen, and Mr. Black, be a Committee for that purpose.

Pet. of Nat. School. Mr. Grigor presented the Petition of the Trustees of the National School, praying aid to that Institution—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 5th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
JAMES MCNAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN MCCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Petition of Acadian School. Mr. Bell presented the Petition of the Executive Committee of the Acadian School. Also

Also the Petition of the Trustees of the Wesleyan Academy, at Mount Allison, Sackville, New Brunswick, respectively praying aid to those Institutions—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Do. Wesleyan
Academy, Sackville.

Mr. McDougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House an Extract from a Despatch, dated 23d April, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, concerning the Proceedings during the last Session, relative to the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Bill to provide for the more accurate Audit and Inspection of the Public Accounts in this Province, and for the appointment of certain Public Officers therein; and also concerning the Memorial to Her Majesty from the Hon. R. M. Cutler and eight other Members of this House, relative to the said Proceedings.

Message from H. E.
with Despatch rel.
to Proceedings on
Address on Dptl.
Bill, and Memorial
of 9 of the Council.

(Vide Appendix No. 21.)

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

Mr. Grigor presented the Petition of the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, praying aid to the African School—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of African
School.

Mr. McDougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Letters and Papers relative to a proposed negotiation for a Free Trade between the British North American Provinces and the United States of America.

Message from H. E.
with Letters, &c.
rel to Free Trade.

Letter, dated 31st July, 1849, Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick to Provincial Secretary of Nova-Scotia, enclosing

Minute of Council, of the same date.

Minute of Council of Nova-Scotia, dated 8th August, 1849.

Letter of same date, Provincial Secretary of Nova-Scotia to Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick, enclosing above Minute.

Letter of same date, Provincial Secretary of Nova-Scotia to Provincial Secretary of Canada.

Letter, dated 17th August, 1849, Provincial Secretary of P. E. Island, enclosing Minute of Council, dated 16th August, 1849.

Letter, dated 22d August, 1849, Provincial Secretary of Canada to Provincial Secretary of Nova-Scotia.

Letter of same date, from the same to the Provincial-Secretary of New Brunswick.

Letter of same date, Provincial Secretary of Newfoundland to Provincial Secretary of Nova-Scotia, enclosing

A Minute of Council of the same date.

Minutes of a Conference of Delegates held at Halifax on 3rd and 4th Sept., 1849.

Despatch, dated 10th August, 1849, the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatch, dated September 7, 1849, from the same to the same.

(Vide Appendix No. 22.)

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

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

Report of Com. on

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Land on which the Port Hood Academy now stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor.

Port Hood Academy.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Thomas Robson to obtain Letters Patent for the invention of a Fog Bell.

Robson's Fog Bell,

And Lock-up-house, Clare, Bills.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide a Lock-up-House in Clare. Reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.
Bills read 2d time, And ord. to Com.	The said Bills were read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
Adjourn	On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday, at 2 o'clock.

Friday, 8th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, ALEXANDER McDUGALL, MATHER B. ALMON, JAMES D. HARRIS,	The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, WILLIAM STAIRS, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

Com. on Bills	On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
Report	The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through
Port Hood Academy,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Lands on which the Port Hood Academy now stands, and the purchase of a new Site therefor ; also,
Robson's Fog Bell,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Thomas Robson to obtain Letters Patent for the invention of a Fog Bell ; also,
And Lock-up-House Clare, Bills, Without amdt	A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for a Lock-up-House in Clare. And had agreed to the same without any amendment. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
Pet. of J. S. Morse and al.	Mr. McCully presented the Petition of James S. Morse and others, praying aid towards the erection of a Wharf at Parrsborough—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
Do. of Caledonia Academy.	Mr. Keith presented a Petition of the Lay Association of the Established Church of Scotland in Halifax, praying aid to the Caledonia Academy—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Tuesday, at two o'clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 12th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, ALEXANDER McDUGALL, MATHER B. ALMON, JAMES D. HARRIS,	The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, WILLIAM STAIRS, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Land on which the Port Hood Academy now stands, and the purchase of a new Site therefor ; also, Port Hood Academy.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Thomas Robson to obtain Letters Patent for the invention of a Fog Bell ; also, Robson's Fog Bell,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide a Lock-up-House in Clare. And Lock-up-House
Clare Bills,
Read 3d time,

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. 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 has agreed to the same, without any amendment. And sent to H. A.

Mr. McDougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House a copy of a Correspondence relative to the Rent and Royalty on Coals claimed from the General Mining Association. Message from H. E.
Correspondence
rel. to Rent and
Royalty on Coal.

Letter, dated December 3d, 1849, the Provincial Secretary to Honorable S. Cunard enclosing Statement of Claim.

Letter, dated 5th December, 1849, from Honorable S. Cunard to the Provincial Secretary.

Letter, dated 11th December, 1849, from the same to the same.

Letter, dated December 15th, 1849, Provincial Secretary to Honorable S. Cunard.

Letter, dated 17th December, 1849, Honble. S. Cunard to the Provincial Secretary.

Receipt, dated 9th January, 1850, the Receiver General to Honorable S. Cunard.

Letter, dated 31st December, 1849, Honble. S. Cunard to the Provincial Secretary.

(Vide Appendix No. 20.)

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

Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the Accounts of the Asylum for the Poor in the Town of Halifax, for the year 1849—which were ordered to lie on the Table. Do. with Poor House
Accounts.

Mr. Bell presented a Petition from the Trustees of the Wesleyan School in Halifax, praying aid to that Institution—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of Wesleyan
School.

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

Wednesday, 13th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Petn. of J. Skalish, Mr. Bell presented the Petition of Joseph Skalish, praying for the passing of a Bill to naturalize him—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Do. A. Kent and al. Mr. McCully presented the Petition of Alexander Kent and others, on the subject of Education—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Report of Com. on Consolidation of Statutes. Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the portions of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the same, and generally recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.

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

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

Whf. Co. Yarmouth, A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the " Commercial Wharf Company" of Yarmouth.

Convicted Felons, A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the introduction of convicted Felons into this Province.

Vaccination, A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Vaccination.

And Streets Antigonishe, Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal so much of the Act relating to Commissioners of Streets as extends the same to Antigonishe.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

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

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

Committee. *Ordered,* That Mr. Grigor, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Cutler, 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. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through the following

portions

portions of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova Scotia, viz :

Report Chapters 80 and 81 of Consol. Statutes without amendment.

Chapter 80, of Interest ; Chapter 81, of Currency.
And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

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

Adjourn.

Friday, 15th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

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

Committee on

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company of Yarmouth.

Whf. Cy. Yarmouth,
Intro. of Felons,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the Introduction of convicted Felons into this Province.

A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Vaccination.

Vaccination,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal so much of the Act relating to Commissioners of Streets as extends the same to Antigonishe.

And Comms. Streets
Antigonishe, Bills,

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

Report.

The said Bills were read a second time.

Bills 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.

Mr. McDougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House a Copy of a Despatch, dated 26th June, 1849, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor relative to the appointment of Mr. McKeen and Provisional appointments to the Council.

Message from H. E.
with Despatch rel.
to appointments to
Council.

(Vide Appendix No. 23.)

Also a copy of the Despatch dated 21st March, 1849, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting two Memorials of certain Members of this House, and a Letter of the President in reference to the charges and statements therein contained.

With Despatch of
H. E., transmit-
ting Memorials of
Council and Pres-
ident's Letter.

(Vide Appendix No. 24.)

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

The

Message from H. E.
with Accounts of
Pro. Penitentiary,
&c.

The President, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the Accounts of the Provincial Penitentiary for the year 1849, a List of the Prisoners, and an Estimate of the Expenses for the year 1850—which were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

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

Monday, 18th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Petition of J. Trotter
and al.

Mr. McDougall presented the Petition of the Revd. Thomas Trotter and others, on the subject of Education—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Motion relative to
Reciprocity with
U. S., in Ship-
building.

Mr. Almon moved the following Resolution :

Whereas by the Navigation Law lately passed by the Imperial Parliament, and which Law came into operation on the first day of January last, the Controller of the Customs of this Port is authorized to grant a British Certificate of Registry to Vessels built in Foreign Ports, and previously owned by Foreign Subjects. And whereas this House has reason to believe that like facilities are not granted by the Government of the United States of America to Vessels built and owned by the Subjects of Her Britannic Majesty residing in this Province :

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to bring this important subject under the consideration of the British Minister at Washington, in order that a fair reciprocity between the two Countries may be obtained in this valuable Branch of our Provincial Industry.

Resolution in amdt.

Which being seconded, after long debate, Mr. Bell moved the following Resolution in amendment :

Resolved, That as the question of Reciprocity with the United States involves many important subjects bearing on the interests of this Province, it is not expedient to take up any detached portion connected with the subject, as it may embarrass the action necessary to be taken on the general policy.

Carried.

Which being seconded, and the question being put, after long debate, there appeared for the Amendment nine ; against the Amendment, eight :

For

For the Amendment—

Mr. McKeen,
 “ Grigor,
 “ McCully,
 “ McDougall,
 “ McNab,
 “ Brown,
 “ Bell,
 “ Stairs,
 The President.

Against the Amendment—

Mr. Cutler,
 “ Almon,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ Black,
 “ Morton,
 “ Crichton,
 “ Keith,
 “ Harris,

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate a Temperance Hall Company at Maitland.	Tem. Hall Compy., Maitland,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees for the Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth.	Burial Ground Dartmouth,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Middle Stewiacke.	Meeting House, M. Stewiacke,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Carpenter's Society of Halifax.	Carpenter's Society, Halifax,
A Bill, entitled, An Act for taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining Statistical information therein.	And Census Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The same 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 Select Com.

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

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Maxweltown to build a Lock-up-House was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Lock-up-House, Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. Bill read 2d 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. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company of Yarmouth; also, Report
Wharf Company,
Yarmouth,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the introduction of Convicted Felons into this Province; also, Introduction of
Felons,

A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Vaccination; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal so much of the Act relating to Commissioners of Streets as extends the same to Antigonishe. Vaccination,
And Streets, Anti-
gonishe Bills,

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

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

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 12 o'clock. Adjourn.

Tuesday, 19th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Whf. Co. Yarmouth,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company of Yarmouth ; also,
And Introduction of Felons, Bills,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the introduction of Convicted Felons into this Province.
Read 3d time,	Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?
Agreed to,	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Vaccination Bill, Read 3d time,	A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Vaccination, was read a third time. Then the following amendment was made :
Amendment made,	First Clause—2d line.—After the word “Sessions” insert the words “consisting of not less than seven Magistrates.”
Bill agreed to,	Then the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass ? It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment, to which amendment their concurrence is desired.
Message from H. E. with Pub. Accts.	Mr. McDougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House, The Provincial Treasurer’s Accounts from the 1st of January to the 30th of June, 1849. Also, the Receiver General’s Accounts from the 1st July to the 31st of Decr. 1849. <i>(Vide Appendix No. 25.)</i>
	The same were read and ordered to lie on the Table.
Com. on Bills.	On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.

The

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Maxweltown to build a Lock-up-House, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Report Lock-up-House, Maxweltown Bill, without 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 twenty-two Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia, and had agreed to the same without any amendment, viz :

Report 22 Chapters of Con. Statutes without amdnt.

Chapter 23, of the Government House and Provincial Building ; Chapter 24, of the Penitentiary ; Chapter 25, of Sable Island ; Chapter 26, of Light Houses.

Title 8, Chapter 32, of the Naturalization of Aliens.

Title 18, Chapter 74, of Shipping and Seamen ; Chapter 75, of Wrecks and Wrecked Goods.

Title 10, Chapter 39, of the Boundaries of Counties ; Chapter 40, of Sheriffs ; Chapter 41, of Coroners ; Chapter 42, of Clerks of the Peace ; Chapter 43, of the times and places of holding the Sessions.

Title 21, Chapter 91, of the preservation of useful Birds and Animals ; Chapter 92, of the destruction of Noxious Animals.

Part 4, of the Criminal Law—Chapter 160, Definition of Terms in this Title ; Chapter 149, of Offences relating to the Army and Navy ; Chapter 150, of Offences against Religion ; Chapter 158, of Forgery and Offences relating to the Coin ; Chapter 153, of Offences against the Public Peace ; Chapter 154, of Offences against the Administration of Justice ; Chapter 151, of Offences against Public Morals ; Chapter 152, of Offences against the Law of Marriage.

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

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

Wednesday, 20th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Maxweltown to build a Lock-up-House, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Lock-up-House Maxweltown 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,

Agreed to,

To

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

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

Report 2 Chapters of Con. Statutes, without amdt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through two Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Chapter 157, of Fraudulent Appropriations.

Chapter 161, of the Administration of Criminal Justice.

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

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

Thursday, 21st February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Com. on Census Bill Report. Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining Statistical Information therein, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it 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 day.

Streets Antigonishe Bill, read 3d time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal so much of the Act relating to Commissioners of Streets as extends the same to Antigonishe, 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.

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 has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills.

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

Monday, 25th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JAMES McNAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Thursday were read.

Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House, Message from H. E.
with Cas. Rev.
Account.

The Accounts of the Treasurer of Her Majesty's Casual and Territorial Revenue, for the half year ending 30th June, 1849.

Also the Account for the half year ending 31st December, 1849.

(Vide Appendix No. 26.)

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

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Carpenter's Society of Halifax was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Rep. on Carpenters
Soc. Halifax, Bill.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Read 2d time,
And ord. to Com.

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

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Middle Stewiacke 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 not been complied with, but recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Meeting
House Stewiacke
Bill report.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Encouragement of Education.

Education,

- Anchorage, Halifax, A Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Anchorage of Vessels in the Harbour of Halifax.
- Weighing Flour, Halifax, A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Weighing of Flour in the City of Halifax.
- Natn. J. Skallish, A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Joseph Skallish.
- Weighing Machine, Chester, Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide a Weighing Machine, Weights, and Measures for the Township of Chester.
- Chapters of Consol. Statutes Bill, Also, the following Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia, viz :
- Chapter 44, of certain Powers and Duties of the Sessions and Grand Jury ; Chapter 46, of the Powers and Duties of Townships, and the appointment, qualifications, and Duties of Township Officers ; Chapter 47, of Fences and Fence Viewers, and Impounding of Cattle.
- Title 9, Chapter 33, of the Salaries of certain Public Officers ; Chapter 34, of the Appointment, Tenure of Office, and Duties of Judicial Officers ; Chapter 35, of the Offices of Receiver General and Financial Secretary, and the Rendering and Audit of Public Accounts ; Chapter 36, of the Office of Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands.
- Title 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, Chapter 37, of Treasury Notes, the Funded Debt, and the Savings' Bank.
- Title 16, Chapter 60, of Laying out certain Great Roads ; Chapter 61, of Laying out Roads other than certain Great Roads ; Chapter 62, of Surveyors of Highways and Highway Labor, except in Halifax ; Chapter 63, of Commissioners of Streets ; Chapter 64, of Highway Labor in the City of Halifax ; Chapter 65, of the Expenditure of Money upon the Roads ; Chapter 66, of the Preservation of Roads ; Chapter 67, of Supervisors of Public Grounds ; Chapter 68, of Closing Roads ; Chapter 69, of certain Bridges and Public Landings ; Chapter 70, of Ferries.
- Also with the following Resolution :
- £20,000 Roads and Bridges, *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds be granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the present year.
- Read 1st time. To which Bills, Chapters, and Resolution, they desired the concurrence of this House. The same were read a first time.
- 4 Bills ref. to Select Committee. *Ordered*, That the first Bill, the nineteen Chapters of the Bill to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the Statutes of Nova-Scotia, and the said Resolution, be read a second time at a future day.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That the four other Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Report of Com. of Public Accounts. *Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. McCully, and Mr. Stairs, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Mr. Brown, 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.
- (*Vide Appendix No. 27.*)
- Ordered*, That the said Report do 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. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Petn. of J. W. R. Chisholm and al., Mr. McCully presented the Petition of J. W. B. Chisholm and others, relative to Education—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. G. Campbell and al. Mr. Crichton presented the Petition of George Campbell and others, relative to the License Laws—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Adjourn. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, 26th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Middle Stewiacke, was read a second time.

Meeting House,
Stewiacke Bill,
read 2d time,
And def. 3 months.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months, the requisites of the Standing Orders relative to private and local Bills not having been complied with.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate a Temperance Hall Company at Maitland was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Com. on Tem. Hall,
Maitland Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

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

A Bill, entitled An Act for the Encouragement of Education, was read a second time.

Education Bill read
2d time,

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

And ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. Almon, Mr. Morton, Mr. McKeen, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

The Nineteen Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova Scotia, received from the House of Assembly yesterday, were read a second time.

Chapters of Consol.
Stat. Bill, read 2d
time.

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

And ord. to Com.

The Resolution for granting £20,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges for the present year, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

£20,000 Roads and
Bridges, 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,

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

And sent to H. A.

Resolved

S. O. S. on Chap.
Consol. Statutes.

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 Nineteen Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia, which were read a second time to 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 Carpts. Socy.
Halifax, Bill,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Carpenter's Society of Halifax.

And 19 Chapters
of Con. Statutes,

Also, the Nineteen Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia.

Without amdnt.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Census Bill
with amdnt.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Chapters 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 taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining Statistical Information therein, and had made several amendments thereto.

Motion to re-commit
Bill,

Whereupon Mr. Morton moved that the said Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of amending the same, by striking out those provisions which direct that the expense of taking the Census shall be assessed on the Inhabitants of the different Counties, and that the Bill be amended by directing such expenses to be paid out of the Provincial Treasury.

Carried

Which being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared for the motion, thirteen; against the motion, five:

For the Motion—

Mr. McKeen,	Mr. Cutler,
“ Stairs,	“ Black,
“ McCully,	“ Morton,
“ McNab,	“ Crichton,
“ Harris,	“ Keith,
“ Fairbanks,	“ Rudolf.
“ Almon,	

Against the Motion—

Mr. Brown,
“ Grigor,
“ Bell,
“ McDougall,
The President.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Com. on Anchorage
Hfx. Bill rep.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Anchorage of Vessels in the Harbor of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended that the same should be published in the Newspapers for the information of the public.

Bill to be published.

Ordered, That the said Report be received, and the said Bill be published in the “British Colonist” and “Morning Chronicle”, Newspapers, of Thursday the 28th inst.

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

Postage.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Governor in Council to make Orders for establishing an Uniform Rate of Postage in Nova-Scotia, and regulating a Postal arrangement with other Countries.

And Court House,
Kentville, Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Court House and Jail at Kentville.
To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bills were read a first time.

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

Ordered,

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

Court House Kentville Bill ref. to Select Committee.

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

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

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 27th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES MCNAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Carpenter's Society of Halifax, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Carpenter's Soc. Bill read 3d time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

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

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Governor in Council to make Orders for establishing a Uniform Rate of Postage in Nova-Scotia, and regulating a Postal arrangement with other Countries, was read a second time.

Postage Bill read 2d time,

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

And ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Committee.

Mr. Fairbanks presented the Report of the Central Board of Agriculture for the year 1849—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Agricultural Report.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Encouragement of Education, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Education Bill Report.

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

- Petn. of J. S. Morse and al., Do. H. S. Buckerfield.** Mr. McCully presented the Petition of James S. Morse and others. Also the Petition of H. S. Buckerfield, relative to Emigration and the Rail Road to Quebec—which were ordered to lie on the Table.
- Com. on Court House, Kentville Bill, report.** Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Court House and Jail at Kentville, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2d 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 day.
- Com. on Bills.** On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report Temp. Hall Company, Maitland Bill without amendment.** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate a Temperance Hall Company at Maitland, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Report Census Bill with amendments.** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining Statistical Information therein, and had made several amendments thereto.
- Amdts. read.** The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:
5th Clause—3d line.—Leave out the word “present.”
4th line.—After the word “year” insert the words “of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one.”
6th Clause—4th line.—Leave out the words “or Special.”
7th Clause—2d line.—Leave out the words “or Special.”
12th Clause—3d line.—After the word “affirmation” insert the words “in cases where affirmation is allowed by Law.”
14th Clause—2d and 3d lines.—Leave out the words “by an Assessment made on the County,” and insert instead the words “out of the Provincial Treasury.”
8th line.—After the word “purpose” insert the words “such sums of money as shall be agreed upon by the Justices of the Court of Sessions and the Enumerators, and, if the service shall be agreed to be done by days’ work, no greater sum shall be paid than.”
10th line.—Instead of the word “he” insert the words “such Enumerator.”
17th line.—After the word “Board” leave out the remainder of the Clause.
15th Clause—5th line.—Leave out the words “May in each” and insert instead the words “September in every year previous to any.”
16th Clause—8th line.—Before the word “died” insert the words “who have.”
18th Clause—9th line.—After the word “appropriated” insert the words “such Return to be made.”
19th Clause—5th line.—After the word “all” insert the words “such fines and.” After the word “convictions” insert the words “and of all fines and convictions.”
6th line.—Instead of the word “be” insert the words “have been imposed and.” Leave out the word “either.”
7th line.—After the word “Sessions” leave out the remainder of the Clause.
20th Clause—14th line.—After the word “taken” insert the words “or affirmation made.”
- Amdnt. 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.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through the following Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment, viz :

Report 2 Chapters of Consol. Stat. without amendt.

Chapter 156, of Offences against the Habitation.

Chapter 159, of Malicious Injuries to Property.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through the following Chapter of the said Bill, and had made amendments thereto, viz : Chapter 148, of Treason.

Report Treason Chapter of Consol. Stat. with am.

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

Amdt. read.

First Clause—second line.—After the word “Heir,” insert the following words, “and death shall thereby ensue.”

Second, third and fourth lines—Leave out the words, “or shall levy War against Her, or adhere to Her enemies, giving to them aid or comfort.”

Between the second and third Clauses insert the following Clause :

“Whoever shall compass or imagine the death of the Queen, or of Her eldest Son and Heir, and death shall not thereby ensue, or shall levy War against Her, or adhere to Her Enemies, giving to them Aid or comfort, and shall thereof be duly convicted, shall be declared and adjudged to be a Traitor, and shall be imprisoned for the Term of his natural life, and suffer forfeiture, as in cases of High Treason.

Then the first Amendment was read a second time, and the question being put by the President, whether this Amendment be agreed to ?

1st amdt. read,

There appeared for agreeing to the Amendment, thirteen ; against agreeing to it, five :

For the Amendment—

Against the Amendment—

Mr. Morton, Mr. Black,
 “ Keith, “ McKeen,
 “ McDougall, “ Crichton,
 “ Bell, “ Rudolf,
 “ Harris, “ Almon,
 “ Cutler, The President.
 “ Fairbanks,

Mr. Grigor,
 “ McNab,
 “ Brown,
 “ Stairs,
 “ McCully.

So it passed in the affirmative.

And agreed to.

Then the second Amendment was read a second time, and agreed to.

2d amdt. agreed to.

Then the third Amendment was read a second time, and the question being put by the President, whether this Amendment be agreed to ?

3d amendment,

There appeared for agreeing to the Amendment, thirteen ; against agreeing to it, five :

For the Amendment—

Against the Amendment—

Mr. Grigor, Mr. Almon,
 “ McKeen, “ Fairbanks,
 “ McNab, “ Black,
 “ Stairs, “ Morton,
 “ Brown, “ Crichton,
 “ Bell, “ Rudolf,
 “ McCully,

Mr. Cutler,
 “ Harris,
 “ McDougall,
 “ Keith,
 The President.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Agreed to.

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

Report Ch. 155 with
amdnt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through the following Chapter of the said Bill, and had agreed to the same with two Amendments, viz : Chapter 155, of Offences against the Person.

Amdnt. read,

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

13th Clause—4th line.—Leave out the words “suffer death as a Felon,” and insert instead the words “be imprisoned for the term of his natural life, or for any term not less than seven years.”

14th Clause—4th line.—Leave out the words “suffer death,” and insert instead the words “be imprisoned for the term of his natural life, or for any term not less than seven years.”

And agreed to,
Motion to re-commit
Bill.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House. Then Mr. McCully moved that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the first Clause, by substituting the punishment of imprisonment for life for the punishment of death : which being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared, for the motion, six ; against the motion, twelve :

For the Motion—

Mr. Grigor,
“ McNab,
“ Stairs,
“ Brown,
“ McCully,
“ Rudolf.

Against the Motion—

Mr. Cutler, Mr. Black,
“ McKeen, “ Morton,
“ Harris, “ Keith,
“ McDougall, “ Bell,
“ Almon, “ Crichton,
“ Fairbanks, The President.

Negatived

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Com. on Joseph
Skallish Bill rep.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Joseph Skallish, was referred reported, that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ordered to Com.

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

Com. on Weighing
Machine Chester
Bill report.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide a Weighing Machine, Weights, and Measures, for the Township of Chester, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and found that the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to Private and Local Bills had not been complied with.

Ordered, That the said Report be considered at a future day.

Adjourn.

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

Thursday, 28th February, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
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WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining Statistical Information therein, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Census Bill read 3d 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,

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

Mr. McCully presented a Bill, entitled, An Act to confirm the Will of James Dunn— which was read a first time. James Dunn's Will Bill.
Read 1st 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. McCully, Mr. McDougall, and Mr. Stairs, be a Committee for that purpose. Adjourn.

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

Friday, 1st March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
ALEXANDER McDougall,
MATHER B. ALMON,
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The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JAMES McNAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee on Com. on Bills,
Bills

Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Morton reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Rep. J. Skallish's
Bill without am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, **An Act to Naturalize Joseph Skallish**, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Rep. Education Bill
with amendment.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, **An Act for the Encouragement of Education**, and had made an amendment thereto.

Amdnt. read,

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

7th Clause—7th line.—After the word "School" insert the following words, "and the average number of Scholars who have attended during the period since the last Return."

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.

Report Court House
Kentville Bill with
amdnt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, **An Act relating to the Court House and Jail at Kentville**, and had made several amendments thereto.

Amdt. read,

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

First Clause—4th line.—After the word "House" insert the words "and Jail."

6th line.—After the word "are" insert the words "now or may be hereafter."

Third Clause—3d line.—After the word "them" insert the words "(except that portion thereof whereon the said Court House and Jail and the buildings thereto appertaining stand.)"

Fourth Clause—7th line.—After the word "purchaser" insert the words "if the owner shall neglect or refuse to remove them within one month after being required so to do."

Seventh Clause—5th line.—Leave out the words "in manner." At the end of the Clause add the following words "or the enclosing or ornamenting the land."

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.

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

Halifax Mechanics'
Institute,
School Lands,

A Bill, entitled, **An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Institute.**

A Bill, entitled, **An Act concerning School Lands, and the appointment of Trustees therefor.**

And vacating Seats
H. A. Bills,

A Bill, entitled, **An Act to enable Members of the House of Assembly to vacate their seats therein.**

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Mec. Institute, and
School Lands Bill
ref. to Sel. Com.
Committee.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

Adjourn.

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

Monday, 4th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
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ALEXANDER KEITH,

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DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Joseph Skallish, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Joseph Skallish's Bill
read 3d time,
Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Encouragement of Education ; also, Education,
A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Court House and Jail at Kentville, And Court House
Kentville Bills,
Read 3d time,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,
Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Members of the House of Assembly to vacate their Seats therein, was read a second time. Vacating Seats Bill
read 2d time,

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

Mr. Stairs, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Governor, in Council, to make Orders for establishing an uniform Rate of Postage in Nova-Scotia, and regulating a Postal arrangement with other Countries was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Postal Bill
report.

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

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Institute ; also, Com. on Mechanics'
Institute,

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning School Lands, and the appointment of Trustees therefor, And School Lands
Bills,

Were

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

Bills read 2d time,
And ord. to Com. The said Bills were read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

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

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 Seats of Members,
And Postal Bills, The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Members of the House of Assembly to vacate their seats therein ; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Governor in Council to make Orders for establishing an Uniform Rate of Postage in Nova-Scotia, and regulating a Postal arrangement with other Countries.

Without amendt. And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.

Rep. School Lands with amendt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill entitled, An Act concerning School Lands, and the appointment of Trustees therefor, and had agreed to the same, with several amendments.

Amendt read, The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :
 First Clause—3d line.—After the word “ also” insert the words “ three persons.”
 6th line.—After the word “ appointed” insert the words “ for each Township.”
 Fourth Clause—11th line.—Before the word “ Assembly” insert the words “ Legislative Council and House of.”

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 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, 6th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Monday were read.

Vacating Seats, H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Members of the House of Assembly to vacate their Seats therein ; also,

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Governor in Council, to make Orders for establishing an Uniform Rate of Postage in Nova Scotia, and regulating a Postal arrangement with other Countries,</p>	<p>Postal Bills,</p>
<p>Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?</p>	<p>Read 3d time,</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed to,</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning School Lands, and the appointment of Trustees therefor, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?</p>	<p>School Land Bill read 3d time,</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed to with am.</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>Mr. McDougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House,</p>	<p>Message from H. E. with Returns of Flour.</p>
<p>A Return of Flour and Corn Meal imported into the Port of Halifax for the year 1849, Also a Return of Flour and Meal exported therefrom.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Vide Appendix No. 28.)</i></p>	
<p>The same were read and ordered to lie on the Table.</p>	
<p>On motion, <i>resolved</i>, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Contingent Expenses of this House for the present Session.</p>	<p>Com. on Contingent Expenses.</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That Mr. McNab, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Rudolf, be a Committee for that purpose.</p>	<p>Committee.</p>
<p>Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees for the Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill—that the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to Private and Local Bills had now been complied with—and that the Committee recommended the Bill to the favorable consideration of the House.</p>	<p>Com. on Burial Ground Dart. Bill report.</p>
<p>The said Bill was read a second time.</p>	<p>Bills read 2d time,</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.</p>	<p>And ord. to Com.</p>
<p>Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Institute, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill—that the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House, relative to Private and Local Bills, had now been complied with, and that the Committee recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.</p>	<p>Com. on Mec. Ins. Bill report.</p>
<p>The said Bill was read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill read 2d time,</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.</p>	<p>And ord. to Com.</p>
<p>Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Weighing of Flour in the City of Halifax.</p>	<p>Com. on Flour, Halifax,</p>
<p>Also, a Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Anchorage of Vessels in the Harbour of Halifax,</p>	<p>And Anchorage Halifax Bills,</p>

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<p><i>Resolved,</i> That the sum of Five Pounds be granted and paid to each of the two Ferrymen between McMillan's Point, in Cape Breton, and Auld's Cove, in the County of Sydney, in addition to the Grant therefor for the present year, to aid them in respect of their loss of Boats.</p>	<p>£5 each Ferrymen M'Millan's Point.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That the sum of Sixty Pounds be granted and paid to Robert Stone, for his services as Revenue Officer at Wilmot for the past year.</p>	<p>£60 R. Stone.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That a sum of Five Hundred Pounds be granted, to be at the disposal of the Governor, for the purpose of employing the Schooner "Daring," when not employed in the Sable Island Service, for the protection of the Fisheries on the Coasts of this Province.</p>	<p>£500 Schr. Daring</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That a sum of Three Hundred Pounds be granted, to be at the disposal of the Governor, for the benefit of the Indians for the present year.</p>	<p>£300 Indians.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted, to be at the disposal of the Governor, to enable him to pay to the Adjutant-General of Militia the sum of Thirty Pounds; and to the Quarter-Master General the sum of Twenty Pounds, for their services for the past year.</p>	<p>£30 Adj. General, £20 Qr. Mr. General Militia.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That a sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to Margaret Nickerson, to assist her in keeping a House of Entertainment for Travellers on the Road between Shelburne and Barrington.</p>	<p>£15 M. Nickerson.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That a sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to Rebecca Langley, to assist her in keeping a House of Entertainment for Travellers on the Road between Musquodoboit and Saint Mary's.</p>	<p>£15 R. Langley.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted, to be at the disposal of the Governor, to enable him to continue a suitable Revenue Boat at Sydney, Cape-Breton.</p>	<p>£40 Revenue Boat Sydney.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted, to be at the disposal of the Governor, to enable him to continue a suitable Revenue Boat at Pictou for the present year, under the direction of the Collector of Impost and Excise at the Port.</p>	<p>£30 Revenue Boat Pictou.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That a sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted, to be at the disposal of the Honorable the Speaker, to procure various Books and Publications necessary for conducting the business of the Assembly.</p>	<p>£15 Speaker for Books.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to each of the two Chairmen of the Committees of Bills and Supply, for their services for the present Session.</p>	<p>£10 each Chairmen of H. A.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling be granted and paid to the present Lieutenant-Governor, for a Private Secretary for the present year.</p>	<p>£250 Stg. Gov's. Private Secretary.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That the sum of Forty Pounds Sterling be granted and paid to the Clerk of the Crown in the Supreme Court for this Province, for his services for the present year.</p>	<p>£40 stg. Clerk of the Crown.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That the sum of Four Hundred and Sixty Pounds Sterling be granted for the Salaries of the Clerks in the Provincial Secretary's Office for the present year, to be applied and appropriated by the Provincial Secretary.</p>	<p>£460 stg. Clerks in Secretary's Office</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds Sterling be granted for Stationery and other Contingencies of the Provincial Secretary's Office for the present year—the expenditure to be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly.</p>	<p>£100 stg. Contin. Secretary's Office.</p>
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That a sum, not exceeding Five Hundred and Ten Pounds, be granted, to be at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of Oat Mills and Kilns in the different Counties during the present year—provided that no greater amount than Thirty Pounds be allowed for any one County—that no person who has heretofore received aid for such purpose shall be entitled to any participation in the Grant—that no more than Fifteen Pounds be applied in aid of any one Oat Mill and Kiln, and only to that amount in cases where the Kiln is at least fourteen feet in diameter—that no aid be granted where the Kiln shall not be eleven feet in diameter, and only Ten Pounds where</p>	<p>£510 Oat Mills and Kilns.</p>

where such Kiln shall be eleven but not fourteen feet in diameter—and that no sum shall be paid hereafter until it shall appear by Certificate, to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, that the Oat Mill and Kiln for which any such Grant may be claimed are ready to be put in operation, which Certificate shall also state the diameter of the Kiln, and that the person claiming aid has never before received any Grant for that purpose.

£300 Drawbacks on
Officers' Wines.

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 Duties is claimed, were imported for, or consumed by, such Officers of the Army—provided the whole amount do not exceed the sum of Three Hundred Pounds in the year.

£1000 Casualty
Vote

Resolved, That if any of the Bridges on the Main Post Roads of this Province shall be unexpectedly obstructed by any unforeseen obstacle or accident, it shall be lawful for the Governor to order a Commissioner to rebuild or repair such Bridges, or to remove such obstructions; and it shall be lawful further for the Governor to draw Warrants on account and in favour of such Commissioner—provided the sum so to be drawn shall not exceed for the year the sum of One Thousand Pounds, and the respective sums so drawn shall be charged at the next Session of the Assembly as against the several Counties in which the same shall be respectively expended.

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

Com. on Gen. State
of the Province
asked.
Bills and Resolutions
read 1st time,
Bills ref. to Sel.
Com.
Committee.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly desired a Conference with this House, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.

The said Bills and Resolutions were read a first time.

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

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

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

Conf. agreed to

On motion, *resolved*, that the Conference be agreed to, and that the Clerk do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Committee

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference.

Report

And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, the Chairman reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Assembly had delivered to him the following written Paper:

In the House of Assembly, 1st March, 1850.

Whereas, in consequence of recent changes in the Navigation Laws and the Commercial Policy of the British Empire, it has become necessary to secure more extended Markets for the Natural Products of British North America, by a reciprocal free exchange of such products with the United States, and to have the Coasting Trade arranged between this and the adjoining Provinces and the United States on fair and equitable terms, and to obtain from the Government of the United States such modification of their Laws as will admit Colonial built Vessels to the privileges of Registry.

1. *Resolved*, That the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested and is hereby authorised to take the necessary steps, to obtain through the proper authorities the accomplishment of these desirable objects.

2. *Resolved*, That if the United States remove existing Duties on the following articles

articles the growth and production of British North America, the following articles be allowed to be imported into this Province from the United States Duty Free, viz :

Grain, and Bread Stuffs of all kinds, Potatoes and other Vegetables, Fruits, Seeds, Hay and Straw.

Animals, Salted and Fresh Meats, Butter, Cheese, Lard, Tallow, Hides, Horns, Wool, Undressed Skins and Furs of all kinds.

Ores of all kinds, Iron in Pigs and Blooms, Copper, Lead in Pigs.

Grindstones and Stones of all kinds, Earth, Coals, Lime, Ochres, Gypsum Ground or Unground, Rock Salt.

Wood, Timber and Lumber of all kinds, Firewood, Ashes, Bark.

Fish, Fish Oil, Train Oil, Spermaceti Oil, Head Matter and Blubber, Fins and Skins, the produce of Fish or Creatures living in the Water.

3. *Resolved*, That an Address be presented to Her Majesty on the subject of the Coasting Trade of this Province, praying that the same may be opened to the people of the United States, under the provisions of the amended Navigation Act, 12th and 13th Vic., Cap. 29, and the preceeding Resolution.

A true Copy,

(Signed) JOSEPH WHIDDEN, *Clerk*.

On motion, *resolved*, that it be the Order of the Day for Friday next, for this House to take into consideration the foregoing Report of the Committee of Conference.

Report made Order of day.

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

Adjourn.

Friday, 8th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :

Money Votes.

£4000	0	0	Main Roads,
5	0	0	Each, Ferrymen McMillan's Point,
60	0	0	Robert Stone,
500	0	0	Schooner Daring,
300	0	0	Indians,

£30	0	0	{ Adjutant,	} Militia,
20	0	0	{ Qr. Master General	
15	0	0	Margaret Nickerson,	
15	0	0	Rebecca Langley,	
40	0	0	Revenue Boat, Sydney,	
30	0	0	Do. Pictou,	
15	0	0	Speaker of H. A. for Books,	
10	0	0	Each Chairmen of H. A.	
40	0	0	Sterling, Clerk of the Crown,	
460	0	0	“ Clerks in Secretary’s Office,	
100	0	0	“ Contingencies of Secretary’s Office,	
510	0	0	Oatmills and Kilns,	
300	0	0	Drawback on Officers’ Wines,	
1000	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 has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Burial Ground Dartmouth,
And Halifax Mech. Institute Bills,
Read 3d time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees for the Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics’ Institute.
- Agreed to, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,
Whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Order of day on Free Trade. The Order of the Day being read for the House to proceed to the consideration of the Resolutions communicated to the Committee of Conference on the General State of the Province, held on Wednesday.
- Com. on Gen. State of the Province,
Report, agreeing to Res. with amndt., On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province, for the consideration of the said Resolutions.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had gone through the said Resolutions, and had agreed to the same, with one amendment.
- Amendment read, The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:
In the second Resolution, add the word “Hops.”
- And agreed to, And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House.
- Resolution as to Fisheries, Mr. Fairbanks then moved the following Resolution:
“Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that no definite arrangement should be entered into with the American Government, for the admission of their Citizens to the free participation in the Fisheries, until the same shall have been submitted for the consideration of the Legislature, in order that they may judge whether the advantages they are to obtain for the people of this Province are equivalent to the sacrifice of so important a branch of our industry:
Which being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared, for the Resolution, four; against it, sixteen:

For the Resolution—

Mr. Morton,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ Harris,
 “ Crichton,

Against the Resolution—

Mr. McKeen,	Mr. McDougall,
“ Brown,	“ Bell,
“ Campbell,	“ Pineo,
“ McCully,	“ Almon,
“ Stairs,	“ Black,
“ Cutler,	“ Keith,
“ Grigor,	“ Rudolf.
“ McNab,	The President.

So it passed in the Negative.

Negated.

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

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| 1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Fees to be taken in the Court of Marriage and Divorce. | Fees Marriage and Divorce, |
| 2. A Bill, entitled, An Act for settling Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton. | Titles, Cape Breton, |
| 3. A Bill, entitled, An Act for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Undertakings. | Engagements Public Undertakings, |
| 4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate a Temperance Hotel Company at Sydney, Cape Breton. | Temperance Hall Sydney, |
| 5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Her Majesty's subjects to plead and reason for themselves or others in all Her Majesty's Courts within this Province. | Pleading in Courts, |
| 6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate legal proceedings against Companies doing business by Agents in this Province. | Foreign Companies, |
| 7. A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Town Property in Dartmouth. | Town property Dartmouth, |
| 8. A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Insurance Offices. | And Ins. Office Bills. |

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Court House and Jail at Kentville.

Also the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning School Lands, and the appointment of Trustees therefor.

Also to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the encouragement of Education.

Also with the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of Five Pounds, granted in the Session of 1848, on the Road from Black Rock Road to Diligent River Road, in the County of Cumberland, and remaining undrawn, be expended on the Coal Mine Road one mile past Delany's.

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

The said Bills and Resolution were read a first time.

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

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

Ordered, That the third, fourth, fifth, seventh, and eighth Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. McKeen, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

Mr. McCully presented a Bill, entitled, An Act to abolish the punishment of death, in certain cases—which was read a first time.

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

Mr.

Com. on Manage-
ment of Customs,

St. Andrew's Chch,
Sydney,

And Roads C. B.
Bills,

Report.

Bills read 2d time,

And ordered to Com.

Com. on Jas. Dunn's
Will Bill report.

Adjourn.

Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Management of the Colonial Customs and Excise; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Andrew's Free Church at Sydney, Cape-Breton; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize certain Expenditures upon Roads in the County of Cape-Breton,

Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House, although the Standing Orders of this House, relative to Private and Local Bills, had not been complied with respecting the second Bill.

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.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to confirm the Will of James Dunn, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

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

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

Monday, 11th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

The Resolution changing the appropriation of the sum of £5 for a Road in Cumberland, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Court House and Jail at Kentville; also
A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning School Lands, and the appointment of Trustees therefor; also

£5 Change of Ap-
propriation Cumber-
land, read 2d time,

Agreed to,

And sent to H. A.

Court House Kent-
ville,

School Lands,

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Encouragement of Education, 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.</p>	<p>And Education Bills,</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them therewith.</p>	<p>Finally agreed to, And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Weighing of Flour in the City of Halifax was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.</p>	<p>Com. on Flour, Hfx. Bill, report.</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.</p>	<p>Bill ordered to Com.</p>
<p>Mr. M'Dougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Fees to be taken in the Court of Marriage and Divorce ; also</p>	<p>Committee on Fees Marriage and Divorce,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act for settling Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton ; also</p>	<p>Titles Cape Breton,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate legal Proceedings against Companies doing business by Agents in this Province, Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recom- mended them to the favorable consideration of the House.</p>	<p>And Foreign Com- panies' Bills, Report.</p>
<p>The said Bills were read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.</p>	<p>Bills read 2d time, And ord. to Com.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to abolish the Punishment of Death, in certain cases, was read a second time.</p>	<p>Punishment of Death Bill read 2d time,</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>	<p>And ord. to Com.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to confirm the Will of James Dunn, was read a second time. Whereupon it was moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months : which, being seconded, and the question being put, passed in the negative.</p>	<p>Dunn's Will Bill read 2d time, Motion to defer Bill negatived.</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>	<p>Bill ordered to Com.</p>
<p>A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills :</p>	
<p>1. A Bill, entitled, An Act for taking the Census of the Province, and obtaining Statistical Information therein.</p>	<p>Census,</p>
<p>2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the custody of certain Documents relating to the Township of Chester.</p>	<p>Chester Documents,</p>
<p>3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for expenses of Boards of Health, and of Vaccination.</p>	<p>Expenses Boards of Health,</p>
<p>4. A Bill, entitled, An Act further concerning the Act for the Regulation of Juries.</p>	<p>Juries,</p>
<p>5. A Bill, entitled, An Act in aid of Collegiate and Academic Education, and to repeal the Grant to King's College.</p>	<p>And Collegiate Ed. Bills.</p>
<p>To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House. The said Bills were read a first time.</p>	
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the first and second Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.</p>	<p>1st and 2d Bills ref. to Sel. Committee.</p>

- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.
- 3d Bill ref. to Sel. Committee. *Ordered*, That the third Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Stairs, be a Committee for that purpose.
- 4th Bill ref. to Sel. Committee. *Ordered*, That the fourth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.
- 5th Bill ref. to Sel. Committee. *Ordered*, That the fifth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. McKeen, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Keith, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Message from H. E. with Despatches relative to Free Ports, Mr. McDougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House,
A Despatch, dated 18th February, 1850, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to certain Free Ports.
(*Vide Appendix No. 29.*)
- And Inland Posts. Also, a Despatch dated 20th February, 1850, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to Inland Posts.
(*Vide Appendix No. 30.*)
- The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- S. O. S. *Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before the Committee of the whole House.
- Committee on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report Man. of Customs, The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through
A Bill, entitled, An Act for the management of the Colonial Customs and Excise; also,
- Roads, C. B., A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize certain expenditures upon Roads in the County of Cape Breton; also,
- Fees Marriage and Divorce, A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Fees to be taken in the Court of Marriage and Divorce; also,
- And Titles Cape Breton Bills, Without amendnt. A Bill, entitled, An Act for settling Titles to Land in the Island of Cape-Breton.
And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Report Anchor- age Halifax Bill with amendment. *Ordered*, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
- The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Anchorage of Vessels in the Harbour of Halifax, and had made several amendments thereto.
- Amdnt. read, The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :
First Clause—2d line.—After the word “moored” insert the following words : “in that part of the Harbor of Halifax to the southward of Collins’ Wharf within a space to commence fifty fathoms from the eastern extremity of the line of Wharves on the Western Shore of the said Harbour, thence to extend one hundred and fifty fathoms eastwardly towards the centre thereof and to the north of Collins’ Wharf, no Vessel shall lie or be anchored or moored.”

12th and 13th lines.—Leave out the words “ of one hundred and fifty fathoms.”
19th line.—After the word “ expired” insert the following words: “ notice in the latter case being previously given by the Proprietors of any Steamer, their Agents or Servants in that behalf.”

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

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

Tuesday, 12th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

- A Bill, entitled, An Act for the management of Colonial Customs and Excise ; also, Management of Customs, Roads C. B.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize certain Expenditures upon Roads in the County of Cape-Breton ; also,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Fees to be taken in the Court of Marriage and Divorce ; also, Fees Marr. Court,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act for settling Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton, And Titles, C. B.
- Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Bills, Read 3d time,
- Whether this Bill shall pass ? Agreed to,
- It was resolved in the affirmative. And sent to H. A.
- A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
- To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Anchorage of Vessels in the Harbor of Halifax, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Anchorage, Halifax, Bill, read 3d time,
- Whether this Bill with the amendment shall pass ? Agreed to, with am.,
- When there appeared for agreeing to the Bill, sixteen ; against agreeing to it, two :

For agreeing to the Bill—

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

Against agreeing to it—

Mr. Stairs,
 “ Cutler,

So it passed in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Conference on Gen.
 State of the Prov.
 rel. to Free Trade.

On motion, *resolved*, that a further 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 that this House has agreed to the Resolutions communicated to the Committee of Conference of this House on the 6th instant, with the following amendment, viz :

In the 2nd Resolution, add the word “ Hops.”

Conference asked.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
 To desire the said Conference.

Com. on Chester
 Documents Bill
 report.

Mr. Rudolf, from the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the custody of certain Documents relating to the Township of Chester was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ordered to Com.

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

Committee on
 Engagements of
 Public Undertak-
 ings,
 Temp. Hall Sydney,

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee to whom,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Undertakings ; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate a Temperance Hall Company at Sydney, Cape Breton ; also,

Authorising Plead-
 ing,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Her Majesty's subjects to plead and reason for themselves or others in all Her Majesty's Courts within this Province ; also,

And Insurance
 Offices Bills,
 Report.

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Insurance Offices,
 Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bills read 2d time,

The said 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 Census Bill
 report.

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for taking the Census of the Province, and obtaining Statistical information, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it 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 day.

Mr.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for expenses of Boards of Health and of Vaccination, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Expenses
Boards of Health
Bill report,

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Morton moved the following Resolution :

Resolution rel. to
making Council
elective.

“Whereas by the introduction of Responsible Government into this Province, the present Constitution of the Legislative Council has become unsuited to the state of the Country, and the mode of appointment to it by the Provincial Government of their Partizans, is calculated either to render it a mere reflex of the sentiments of the House of Assembly, when their party is in power, or an obstruction to that Branch of the Legislature when they are in a minority. And whereas at present but little sympathy exists between the Legislative Council and the People :

Be it resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her to re-model the Legislative Council, and to confer on the People the privilege of electing its Members, and thus at all times to ensure their harmonious co-operation with the House of Assembly.

Motion for Com. of
whole House on
Gen. State of the
Province.

Which being read by the Clerk,

Mr. Morton further moved that the House be adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of the said Resolution : which being seconded, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nine ; against the motion, ten :

For the Motion—

Mr. Cutler,
“ Pinco,
“ Almon,
“ Fairbanks,
“ Black,
“ Harris,
“ Morton,
“ Keith,
“ Crichton,

Against the Motion—

Mr. McKeen,
“ Grigor,
“ McNab,
“ Stairs,
“ McDougall,
“ McCully,
“ Brown,
“ Bell,
“ Rudolf,

The President.

So it passed in the Negative.

Negatived.

The House then went into consideration of the said Resolution, and, after long Debate, Mr. McCully moved the following Resolution in amendment :

Amendment moved.

“Whereas, on the 18th day of March, 1845, upon the motion of the Hon. John Morton, a Committee of the Legislative Council was appointed to examine and enquire into the Constitution of this House, and also the reasons for the non-attendance of Members in their places—which Committee afterwards, on the 7th day of April in the same year, reported an Address to Her Majesty, which was adopted by the House, and transmitted to the Foot of the Throne in the usual way, as by the Journals of this House for that year, among other things, appears. And whereas by a Despatch, dated the 26th day of August, in the same year, signed by the Right Hon. Lord Stanley, then Her Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, it is among other things stated, in reply to the said Address, that the high and delicate duty of a Legislative Councillor being to arbitrate between the opposite tendencies of the Monarchical and Democratic Branches of the Constitution, and, when necessary, to control and harmonize

Amendment.

harmonize both, in order to elevate the character and to increase the legitimate authority and influence of the Legislative Council, and to give additional stability to the Provincial Constitution, Her Majesty was thereby pleased to change the tenure of office of a Legislative Councillor from that of a term during Her Majesty's pleasure to a term during life. And whereas, this House, on the 19th day of March, 1846, having proceeded to the consideration of the said Despatch, did, among other things, adopt the Resolutions following: 'Resolved, that this House humbly tenders its dutiful and 'most grateful acknowledgments to Her Majesty, for the kind and gracious interest 'which Her Majesty has deigned to evince for the honor and respectability of this 'Branch of the Provincial Legislature. Resolved, that this House, highly valueing 'the increased stability which Her Majesty has been pleased to confer upon the Legislative Council, the Members of that Body humbly express their thanks to Her 'Majesty for a measure so gratifying to them, and, in their opinion, so beneficial to 'the Country.' And whereas, previously to the date of the passing of these Resolutions the principles of Responsible Government had been introduced into this Province, and the Members of the then Executive Government in both Branches of the Legislature had publicly declared their policy to be in conformity with and based upon these principles. And whereas, there are sound reasons for believing that the public acts of the Legislative Council command the confidence of the Representatives of the People of this Province, a People whose loyalty to their Sovereign is a principle, and whose respect for British Institutions increases with their enjoyment. And whereas, the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council of this Province have hitherto, since the introduction of Responsible Government therein, conducted the public business with all the harmony essential to sound Legislation. And whereas, it would be subversive of all principles of good government to alter the Constitution of a Country upon every change of an Executive Administration:

Resolved therefore, That it is at present inexpedient to apply to Her Majesty to remodel the Legislative Council.

Which being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared, for the Amendment, eleven; against it, nine:

For the Amendment—

Mr. Stairs,
 " McKeen,
 " Grigor,
 " Campbell,
 " McNab,
 " McDougall,
 " McCully,
 " Brown,
 " Bell,
 " Rudolf,

The President.

Against the Amendment—

Mr. Keith,
 " Pineo,
 " Almon,
 " Fairbanks,
 " Black,
 " Harris,
 " Morton,
 " Crichton,
 " Cutler,

Agreed to.

So it passed in the Affirmative.

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

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law regulating the Survey of Timber, Lumber, and Shingles.
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Registrars of Deeds.
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate "The Halifax Association in aid of the Colonial Church Society.

Survey of Timber,

Registrars of Deeds,

Col. Church Society,

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Lunenburg. And Luthn. Church Lunenburgh 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. 1st Bill ref. to Sel. Com.,
Ordered, That Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.
Ordered, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. 2nd Bill ref. to Sel. Com.,
Ordered, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Almon, and Mr. McCully, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.
Ordered, That the third and fourth Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. 3d and 4th Bills ref. to Sel. Com.,
Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Cutler, and Mr Rudolf, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.
 Mr. McCully presented the Petition of James Page and others, in favour of the Quebec Railroad—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Petition of Jas. Page and al.
 On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2 o'clock. Adjourn.

Wednesday, 13th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act further concerning the Act for the Regulation of Juries, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Juries' 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 2d time,
And ordered to Com.

Mr.

Committee on Col. Church Society, And Luth. Church Lunenburg Bills, Report. Bills read 2d time, And ord. to Com.	<p>Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Association in aid of the Colonial Church Society ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Lunenburg, Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House. The said Bills were read a second time. <i>Ordered</i>, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>
Com. on Survey of Lumber Bill rep. Bill read 2d time, And ord. to Com.	<p>Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law regulating the Survey of Timber, Lumber, and Shingles, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. The said Bill was read a second time. <i>Ordered</i>, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>
Committee on Bills, Report Census, Insurance Offices, And Pleading Bills, Without amendt. Report Board of Health Bill with amendment. Motion not to receive report,	<p>On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through, A Bill, entitled, An Act for taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining Statistical information therein ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Insurance Offices ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Her Majesty's Subjects to plead and reason for themselves or others, in all Her Majesty's Courts within this Province. And had agreed to the same without any amendment. <i>Ordered</i>, 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 provide for expences of Boards of Health and of Vaccination, and had made several amendments thereto. Whereupon Mr. McCully moved that the said Report be not received, which being seconded, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion seven, against the motion twelve.</p>

For the motion—

Mr. Grigor,
“ M'Nab,
“ M'Cully,
“ Stairs,
“ Brown,
“ Bell,
The President.

Against the motion—

Mr. Campbell,
“ M'Keen,
“ Keith,
“ Pineo,
“ Almon,
“ Fairbanks,
“ Black,
“ Harris,
“ Morton,
“ Crichton,
“ Rudolf,
“ Cutler.

Negatived.

So it passed in the Negative.

Amndt. read,

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

First

First Clause, 16th and 17th lines.—Leave out the words “ at the expense of the County or District.”

Second Clause, 1st to 4th line.—Leave out all the words to the word “vaccination” in the 4th line, and insert instead the words “ the expence of.”

Eighth line.—After the word “ incurred” insert the words “ shall be paid out of the Provincial Treasury.”

Sixteenth line.—Instead of the word “ Sessions” insert the words “ Financial Secretary.”

Third Clause—5th and 6th lines.—Leave out the words “ Grand Jury and Special Sessions”, and insert instead the words “ Financial Secretary.”

Seventh line.—Leave out the words “ by them.”

Eighth line.—After the word “ he” leave out the remainder of the Clause, and insert instead the words “ paid by the Receiver General out of the Provincial Treasury.”

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,

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Masonic Hall in Halifax. Masonic Hall Hfx. Bill.

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed the further Conference desired by this House on the General State of the Province. H. A. agree to Con.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Bill 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. Almon, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee of this House to manage the further Conference on the General State of the Province. Com. of Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, Mr. Bell 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,

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

Thursday, 14th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,

ROBERT M. CUTLER,

DAVID CRICHTON,

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,

HENRY G. PINEO,

JOHN MORTON,

JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,

HUGH BELL,

JAMES McNAB,

STAYLEY BROWN,

WILLIAM STAIRS,

ALEXANDER McDougall,

JONATHAN McCULLY,

MATHER B. ALMON,

WILLIAM GRIGOR,

JAMES D. HARRIS,

WILLIAM McKEEN.

ALEXANDER KEITH,

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

- Census, A Bill, entitled, An Act for taking the Census of the Province, and obtaining statistical Information ; also,
- And Ins. Offices Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Insurance Offices,
Read 3d time, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill,
Whether this Bill shall pass ?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same,
without any amendment.
- Committee on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report Punishment of Death Bill with amendment. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to abolish the punishment of Death in certain cases, and had made an amendment thereto.
- Amdnt. agreed to. 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.
- Report Companies' Agents Bill with amendment. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate legal proceedings against Companies doing business by Agents in this Province, and had made two amendments thereto.
- Amdnts. read, The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :
First Clause.—At the end of the Clause, add the following words :
“ And any person so served, may, during the first term thereafter, come into Court, and shew that he is not an Agent, and upon proof thereof, he shall have judgment against the Plaintiff, with costs of suit.”
Third Clause—11th line.—After the word “ his,” insert the words “ costs and.”
- 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 Engagements in aid of Public Undertakings Bill to be deferred. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Undertakings, and had directed him to report that it was the opinion of the Committee that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.
And the question being put by the President, whether the said Report be received ? there appeared for receiving the Report, twelve—against receiving it, five.
- | For receiving the Report— | | Against receiving it— |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Mr. McKeen, | Mr. Almon, | Mr. McCully, |
| “ McNab, | “ Fairbanks, | “ McDougall, |
| “ Stairs, | “ Morton, | “ Brown, |
| “ Pineo, | “ Crichton, | “ Black, |
| “ Harris, | “ Cutler, | “ Campbell. |
| “ Bell, | The President. | |
- So it passed in the affirmative.
- Report reed. Bill deferred. *Ordered*, That the said Report be received, and the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.
- Com. on Regr. of Deeds Bill report. Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Registrars of Deeds was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
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.

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

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| 1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the County of Halifax into Townships, and to confer certain Municipal Privileges on the inhabitants thereof. | Halifax Townships, |
| 2. A Bill, entitled, An Act for the laying out of certain Great Roads. | Great Roads, |
| 3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the removal of Obstructions from the Liverpool River. | And Liverpool River 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.

1st Bill ref. to Sel. Committee.

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

Committee.

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

2d Bill ref. to Sel. Committee.

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

Committee.

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

3d Bill ref. to Sel. Committee.

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

Committee.

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Town Property in Dartmouth, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill—that the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to Private and Local Bills had now been complied with—and that the Committee recommended the Bill to the favorable consideration of the House.

Committee on Dartmouth Property Bill report.

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.

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

Adjourn.

Friday, 15th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A

Punishment of
Death Bill read 3d
time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to abolish the Punishment of Death in certain cases, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Companies' Agents
Bill, read 3d time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate legal proceedings against Companies doing business by Agents in this Province, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Agreed to,

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 has agreed to the same, with amendments, to which amendments their concurrence is desired.

Authorizing Plead.
Bill, read 3d time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Her Majesty's subjects to plead and reason for themselves or others in all Her Majesty's Courts within this Province was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

When there appeared for agreeing to the Bill, fourteen ; against agreeing to it, five :

For agreeing to the Bill—
Mr. Cutler, Mr. Almon,
" McKeen, " Keith,
" Grigor, " Harris,
" McNab, " Morton,
" Stairs, " Campbell,
" Brown, " Rudolf,
" Bell, The President.

Against agreeing to it—
Mr. McCully,
" McDougall,
" Black,
" Fairbanks,
" Crichton.

Agreed to,

So it passed in the Affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Expenses of Boards
of Health Bill read
3d time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for expenses of Boards of Health and of Vaccination, was read a third time,

Motion to recommit
Bill,

Whereupon Mr. McCully moved that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for the purpose of amending the same by confining its operation to the expense of Vaccination—which being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared for the motion, ten—against the motion, eight :

For the Motion—

Mr. Grigor,
" Cutler,
" M'Cully,
" M'Dougall,
" Stairs,
" Brown,
" Bell,
" Campbell,
" Rudolf,

The President.

Against the Motion—

Mr. M'Keen,
" Black,
" Almon,
" Fairbanks,
" Keith,
" Harris,
" Morton,
" Crichton.

Carried.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered,

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

The Resolution granting the sum of £250 sterling to the Lieutenant-Governor for a Private Secretary, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

£200 Govr's Private Secretary, read 2d time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

There appeared for agreeing to the Resolution, eleven—against agreeing to it nine :

For agreeing to the Resolution—

Mr. McKeen,
 “ Grigor,
 “ McNab,
 “ McDougall,
 “ Stairs,
 “ Brown,
 “ Bell,
 “ McCully,
 “ Campbell,
 “ Rudolf,

Against agreeing to it—

Mr. Cutler,
 “ Morton,
 “ Pineo,
 “ Black,
 “ Almon,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ Keith,
 “ Harris,
 “ Crichton.

The President.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

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

And sent to H. A.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the removal of Obstructions from the Liverpool River, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Liverpool River Bill report.

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 to incorporate the Trustees of the Masonic Hall in Halifax, also ;

Com. on Masonic Hall Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the County of Halifax into Townships, and to confer certain Municipal Privileges on the Inhabitants thereof.

And Halifax Townships Bills.

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

Report.

The said Bills were read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,

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

And ord. to Com.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the laying out of certain Great Roads was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Great Roads Bill report,

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 ordered to Com.

On motion of Mr. McCully, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to revise the Standing Orders of this House, and to report thereon to this House.

Com. to revise Standing Orders,

- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Almon, and Mr. McDougall, be a Committee for that purpose.
- S. O. S. *Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.
- Committee on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report
Juries. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through,
A Bill, entitled, An Act further concerning the Act for the Regulation of Juries ;
also,
- Town Property
Dartmouth,
Masonic Hall Hfx A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Town Property in Dartmouth ; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Masonic Hall in Halifax ;
also,
- And Great Roads
Bills,
Without amendt. A Bill, entitled, An Act for the laying out of certain Great Roads.
And had agreed to the same without any amendment.
- Report Registrars of
Deeds Bill with-
out amendment. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled,
An Act concerning Registrars of Deeds, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Motion not to receive
Report. Whereupon Mr. Pineo moved that the said Report be not received : which being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared, for the motion, nine ; against the motion eleven :

For the motion—

Mr. Cutler,
“ Pineo,
“ Almon,
“ Fairbanks,
“ Black,
“ Harris,
“ Morton,
“ Keith,
“ Crichton.

Against the motion—

Mr. Campbell,
“ McCully,
“ Grigor,
“ McNab,
“ McDougall,
“ Stairs,
“ Brown,
“ Bell,
“ McKeen,
“ Rudolf,
The President.

Negatived So it passed in the Negative.

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

Recommend Survey
of Timber Bill
to be deferred.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law regulating the Survey of Timber, Lumber, and Shingles, and had directed him to report that it was the opinion of the Committee that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

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

Report Boards of
Health Bill with
amendment.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for expences of Boards of Health and of Vaccination, and had made several amendments thereto.

Amendment read,

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

First Clause—19th line.—After the word “ themselves ” leave out the remainder of the Clause.

Second

Second Clause—5th and 6th lines.—Leave out the words “and other necessary expenses of the Boards of Health.”

7th to 13th lines.—After the word “Districts” in the 7th line leave out all the words to the word “and” in the 13th line.

Third Clause—2d, 3d, and 4th lines.—Leave out the words “and other necessary expenses hereinbefore mentioned.”

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, Report Weighing
Flour Halifax Bill
with amendment.
An Act for the Weighing of Flour in the City of Halifax, and had made several amendments thereto.

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

Amendments read,

In the Title—2d and 3d lines.—Leave out the words “in the City of Halifax.”

Before the First Clause, insert the following Clause :

“The Court of General Sessions, or a Special Sessions, may, if they think proper, annually appoint Weighers of Flour and Meal for their respective Counties, or particular Townships or Districts therein, who shall, when sworn into office, have the same authority and perform the same duty as the Weigher of Flour and Meal in the City of Halifax.”

2nd Clause—3d line.—After the word “City” insert the words “or in any of the Counties, Townships or Districts for which Weighers of Flour and Meal may be hereafter appointed.”

7th line.—Leave out the words “exported or.”

8th line.—After the word “City” insert the words “or any such other County, Township or District.”

3d Clause—5th line.—After the word “Christian” insert “name;” after “and” insert “his;” after “Surname” insert “at full length.”

4th Clause—1st and 2nd line.—Leave out the words “or exporting from the City” and insert the word “from.”

3d line.—After the word “City” insert the words “or within any such County, Township, or District.”

After the 8th Clause insert the following Clause :

“These provisions shall not extend to the Weighing of Barrels or Packages of Flour or Meal manufactured within the Province, if branded with the name of the Proprietor of the Mill in which such Flour or Meal was manufactured, and have the net weight thereof distinctly branded thereon, unless the purchaser thereof shall require that the same should be weighed by the Public Weigher; and if any such Flour or Meal shall be sold without being so marked, or the Barrel or Package so branded shall not contain the full weight branded thereon, the Proprietor of such Mill shall be liable to the penalties imposed by the Fourth Section of this Act.”

9th Clause.—At the end of the Clause add the words “within the City of Halifax.”

10th Clause—2d line.—Leave out the 2d “under” and insert instead the words “in the City of Halifax under this Act or.”

9th line.—After the word “shall” insert the words “in the City of Halifax.”

At the end of the Clause add the following words “and in such other Counties, Townships, or Districts, one half to the person suing for the same, and the other half to the use of the Poor thereof.”

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause :

“The provisions of this Act shall not extend to Wheaten Flour which may be warehoused and shall be taken therefrom for exportation from the Province.”

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, with the following Bills and Resolution :

Titles Cape Breton,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to confirm Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton.

Pilotage Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Pilotage at Halifax.

And Fire Engine
Pugwash Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pugwash to raise Money to procure a Fire Engine.

£50 change of appn.
Horton,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Pounds, undrawn from the King's County Road Appropriation in the Township of Horton in the year 1849, be appropriated to repay the like amount drawn from the Casualty Vote for the same year.

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

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

Bills ref. to Sel.
Committee.

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

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

Committee.

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

Adjourn.

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

Monday, 18th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

£50 change of Appn.
Kings Cy., read
2d time,

The Resolution changing the appropriation of the sum of £50 for Roads in King's County, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Juries,

A Bill, entitled, An Act further concerning the Act for the Regulation of Juries ; also,

Town property Dart-
mouth,

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Town Property in Dartmouth ; also

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate Trustees of the Masonic Hall in Halifax ; also</p>	<p>Masonic Hall Hfx.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act for the laying out of certain Great Roads, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?</p>	<p>And Great Roads Bills, Read 3d time.</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed to,</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the expences of Boards of Health and of Vaccination ; also</p>	<p>Boards of Health,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Weighing of Flour in the City of Halifax, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?</p>	<p>And Flour Hfx. Bills,</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed with amdt.,</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments, to which amendments their concurrence is desired.</p>	
<p>Mr. Stairs, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Pilotage at Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.</p>	<p>Com. on Pilotage Hfx. Bill report unfavourably.</p>
<p>The said Bill was read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill read 2d time, And def. 3 months.</p>
<p>On motion, resolved, that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.</p>	
<p>Mr. Stairs, the Chairman of the Committee to whom A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to raise money to procure a Fire Engine, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.</p>	<p>Com. on Fire Engine Pugwash Bill rep.</p>
<p>The said Bill was read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill read 2d time,</p>
<p>Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>	<p>And ordered to Com.</p>
<p>Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to revise the Standing Orders 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 :</p>	<p>Com. on Standing Orders report.</p>
<p><i>Committee Room of the Legislative Council, Halifax, 18th March, 1850.</i></p>	
<p>A majority of the Committee, to whom was referred the duty of examining and reporting upon the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council, beg leave to report as follows : That they have examined the Standing Orders, and recommend that the 60th Standing Order be suspended for the remainder of the Session.</p>	<p>Report.</p>
<p>J. McCULLY, Chairman of the Committee.</p>	
<p>On motion, resolved, that the Standing Order No. 60, relative to Local Bills, be suspended during the remainder of the present Session.</p>	<p>S. O. No. 60 suspended.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Registrars of Deeds—was read a third time, Whereupon Mr. Pinea moved that the said Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of amending the Seventh Clause, by substituting the sum of £300 sterling as the retiring pension of the Hon. Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., instead of £200 currency—which being seconded, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion nine, against the motion, eleven :</p>	<p>Registrars of Deeds Bill read 3d time. Motion to recommit Bill,</p>

For the Motion—

Mr. Cutler,
 “ Keith,
 “ Pineo,
 “ Almon,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ Black,
 “ Harris,
 “ Morton,
 “ Crichton.

Against the Motion—

Mr. M'Keen,
 “ Grigor,
 “ M'Cully,
 “ M'Nab,
 “ M'Dougall,
 “ Stairs,
 “ Brown,
 “ Bell,
 “ Campbell,
 “ Rudolf,
 The President.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.
 Then the question was put by the President,
 Whether this Bill shall pass?

Bill agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

DISSENTIENT—

Dissent with reasons.

Because a Pledge has been given by the Provincial Government to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that if the Office of Registrar of Deeds for the Province should be abolished or re-modelled, the claim of Sir Rupert George, the present holder of the Office, should be fully recognized. In accordance with which pledge Sir Rupert George has hitherto received Three Hundred Pounds sterling per annum in commutation of his Fees, and without any cause assigned for the reduction, or notice to Sir Rupert George, the sum agreed to be received by him, is by this Bill reduced to One Hundred and Sixty Pounds.

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

Bill sent to H. A.

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

3 Chapters Consol. Statutes,

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for revising and consolidating the General Statutes of Nova Scotia, viz :

Chapter 71, of Commissioners of Sewers, and the regulation of Diked and Marsh Lands.

Chapter 72, of Commons.

Chapter 73, of Common Fields.

Also the following Bill :

Electric Telegraph Pictou Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Incorporation of a Company to build a Line of Electric Telegraph from Truro to Pictou.

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

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

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

Electric Telegraph Bill ref. to Select Com.

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

Ordered,

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

Committee.

Mr. Almon presented the Memorial of the Alumni of King's College, Windsor, against the Bill to repeal the allowance to the College—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Memorial of Alumni of King's College.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled. An Act in aid of Collegiate and Academic Education, and to repeal the Grant to Kings College, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Collegiate Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,

Whereupon Mr. Bell moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months, which being seconded, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twelve, against the motion, eight :

Motion to defer.

For the motion—

Mr. Cutler,
 " Harris,
 " Morton,
 " Bell,
 " Fairbanks,
 " Pineo,
 " Almon,
 " Black,

Against the motion—

Mr. McCully,
 " McKeen,
 " Grigor,
 " McNab,
 " McDougall,
 " Stairs,
 " Brown,
 " Campbell.

Carried.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

£251 3s. 7d. Trans. Poor.

Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds Three Shillings and Seven Pence, be granted and paid to defray the several amounts following, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the subject of expences incurred for the support of Transient Paupers, that is to say :

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Truro,	£8 17 8
Overseers of the Township of St. Mary's, Guysborough,	4 17 6
Dr. Bent, Cumberland,	12 0 0
Ebenezer Caldwell, Horton,	8 11 8
The Overseers of Digby, first District,	3 5 4
Yarmouth,	9 8 4
Pictou, first Section,	41 17 0
Dorchester, County of Sydney,	11 3 0
Pictou, second Section,	10 3 6
Granville,	14 12 2
Chester,	4 13 6
Barrington,	15 18 6
Clements,	10 0 0
To Alexander Buchanan, omitted in 1849,	3 15 6
Mary Dougherty, do.	0 15 0
William Mortimer, Queen's County,	5 10 0
Patrick Flinn, do.	3 0 0
Doctor Muir, Colchester,	7 0 0
The Overseers of Cumberland, for Francis Bourgeois,	10 0 0
Doctor Tupper,	10 0 0
The Overseers of Egerton, sixth Section,	19 15 11
Tatamagouche, for Doctor Creed,	2 10 0
Do. do. for Board,	3 8 11
To	

To Doctor Buskirk, Queen's County,	£2 10 0
Doctor Oakes' Estate, Bridgetown,	4 19 6
Doctor E. L. Brown, Horton,	6 11 4
The Overseers of Horton, for Joseph Caldwell,	£4 9 3
John Anderson,	11 10 0
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	15 19 3
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	£251 3 7

£151 13s. 1d. Immigrant Expenses.

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Ten Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor to defray the following amounts, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Immigrant Expenses, that is to say:

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Doctor Wylobycki,	£1 19 9
William M'Sell,	0 18 4
John Carter,	3 0 0
James Anderson,	1 0 0
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	6 18 1

COUNTY OF GUYSBOROUGH.

Doctor John Fox,	£7 0 0
Doctor William Carritt,	22 4 0
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	29 4 0

COUNTY OF PICTOU.

A. G. M'Kay and others, for Buoy,	1 5 0
James Dawson, E. A. M'Donald and others,	8 14 6
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	9 19 6

COUNTY OF RICHMOND.

Doctor A. W. Madden, in full for his services as Health Officer,	12 10 0
Ditto for two Boatmen employed by him, to be divided according to the service performed,	7 10 0
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	20 0 0

CAPE BRETON.

Richard Huntingdon, upon its being duly certified by the Clerk of the Board that the services were performed by the authority of the Board of Health, and that it had not been previously provided for	3 0 0
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YARMOUTH.

To the Board of Health at Yarmouth, for expenses in cases of Small Pox,	16 18 9
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HANTS.

To the Board of Health at Windsor, to re-pay expenditure for Henry Miller,	17 1 0
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GUYSBOROUGH.

To the Board of Health at Guysborough,	13 6 2
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HALIFAX,

To the Commissioners of the Poor, Halifax, to pay expenses of Pauper cases of Small Pox transferred to Small Pox Hospital, to include the balance of Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Ten Pence, balance of Hospital Account,	22 1 4
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To

To Doctor Hoffman, for attendance on Robert Watson,	£6 15 0	
Visiting Ships of War as Health Officer,	6 10 0	
	<u> </u>	<u>13 5 0</u>
		£151 13 10

Resolved, That the sum of Three Pounds be granted and paid to Dr. A. M'Donald, County of Sydney, for his services in a case of Small Pox. £3 Dr. McDonald.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds Five Shillings and Four Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay the following expenses incurred by the Board of Health in the County of Cape Breton, viz: to the Proprietor of the Halifax House, Nine Shillings and Six Pence—to Mr. W. E. McKinnan, One Pound, and to Doctor Foreman, Thirteen Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Ten Pence. £15 5s. 4d. Board of Health, C. B.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to the Board of Health of the Township of Barrington, in full of the Accounts rendered for Medical and other services rendered in the case of William Kenny, afflicted with Small Pox, to be distributed and applied by the Board of Health. £20 do. Barrington.

Resolved, That the sum of Twelve Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five Pence be granted and paid to James G. M'Keen, and the further sum of Three Pounds to Styles Hart, for services connected with cases of Small Pox at Guysborough. £12 13s. 5d. & £3 Small Pox Expenses Guysborough.

Resolved, That there be granted and paid to George C. Lawrence, of Inverness, the sum of Nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings, to re-pay expenditures for the relief of the crew of the Brig Philemon; and also the further sum of Six Pounds Eleven Shillings and Seven Pence for provisions and other outlays incurred for the crew of the Schooner Clarinda, of Newcastle, New Brunswick. £9 15s. & £6 11s 7d. George C. Lawrence.

Resolved, That the sum of Five Pounds Twelve Shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor to defray the expense incurred by the Board of Health at Shelburne, in the case of Andrew Hogan, afflicted with the Small Pox. £5 12s. Board of Health Shelburne.

Resolved; That the sum of Five Pounds Two Shillings and Ten Pence be granted and paid to John H. Freeman, Collector of Colonial Duties at Liverpool, to re-imburse him expense incurred in Weighing Sugar, for the purpose of ascertaining the Duties thereon. £5 2s. 10d. J. H. Freeman.

Resolved, That the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings be granted and paid to Thomas E. Moberly, Collector of Impost and Excise at Yarmouth, being the half of a fine paid by the master of the Schooner Margaret, and remitted to the Treasury. £7 10s T E Moberly.

Resolved, That the sum of Fourteen Pounds One Shilling and Three Pence be granted and paid to Joseph Allison, of Windsor, being the amount of Duties paid by him on Beef and Pork imported at Windsor, for, and re-shipped on board of, the Brig Eclipse, to be used as Sea Stores on a Voyage to California. £14 1s 3d J. Allison.

Resolved, That the sum of Four Pounds Eleven Shillings and Ten Pence be granted and paid to John Aikins, of Falmouth, being the amount of Duties paid by him on Beef and Pork imported at Windsor, and re-shipped as Sea Stores on board the Brig Corsair. £4 11s 10d. J. Aikins.

Resolved, That Charles B. Owen, Collector of Colonial Duties at Lunenburg, be allowed to retain in his hands the sum of One Pound Nine Shillings and Six Pence, being the amount of a Seizure made by him at Lunenburg, to remunerate him for his expenses in securing the same. £1 9s 6d. C. B. Owen.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to James Dawson of Pictou, as a remuneration to which he is equitably entitled, for services rendered to the Province in securing Property saved from the Brig Joseph. £50 J. Dawson.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to William T. Townsend, in full of further amount allowed for his services connected with Sable Island affairs, pursuant to the Report of the Committee. £20 W. T. Townsend.

Resolved,

£15 12s. Dr. Hoffman.

Resolved, That there be granted and paid to Doctor Matthias Hoffman, the sum of Fifteen Pounds Twelve Shillings, for the expenses incurred by him as Health Officer for the Port of Halifax, in defending a suit brought against him by ——— Fitzgerald.

£50 Reporting Decisions Sup. Court.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be paid to such person as shall be appointed by His Excellency to report the decisions of the Supreme Court, on its being made to appear to the satisfaction of His Excellency that such Reports have been duly made and published in a pamphlet form, and that a copy thereof has been presented to every Town Clerk in the different Counties of the Province—such Town Clerks being directed to keep the Reports at all times in their Offices, and open at reasonable hours to the inspection of the public, free of charge.

£850 Penitentiary.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Penitentiary, to defray the Expenses of that Establishment for the present year, including Thirty-five Pounds for the Physician's Salary, and that the sum of Three Hundred and Four Pounds Six Shillings and Four Pence, (consisting of Fifty-two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence in the hands of the Commissioners, and the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings and Nine Pence, being the Balance of former Grants remaining undrawn,) shall be expended by the Commissioners in building a Wall round the Building, and other purposes connected with the Establishment.

95 9s 2d. Printing

Resolved, That the sum of Nine Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds Nine Shillings and Two Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor to repay advances made from the Treasury for Public Printing, and to defray the amounts due therefor, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Public Printing, that is to say :

Advanced on Vote of Credit of last Session,	£500	0	0
Due to William Annand,	15	13	6
English & Blackadar,	1	15	0
Colonist Office,	0	12	0
R. Nugent, Balance,	42	10	10
J. S. Thompson, Queen's Printer, Balance,	364	17	10
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	£925	9	2

£25 Breakwater Hall's Harbour.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in completing a Block now in progress of erection in addition to the Breakwater at Hall's Harbor, in the County of King's, 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 and expended thereon, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to One Hundred Pounds.

£20 do. Windsor River.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in erecting a Breakwater near the Mouth of the Windsor River, in the County of King's, to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that the sum of Sixty Pounds has been subscribed and expended thereon, and that the site has been conveyed for the use of the Public, so that the whole expenditure thereon shall amount to Eighty Pounds.

£50 do. Annapolis Co.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant-Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at or near the Land of George W. Troop, in the County of Annapolis, 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 Fifty Pounds has been subscribed and expended thereon, so that the whole expenditure thereon shall amount to Two Hundred Pounds, and that the site has been conveyed for the use of the Public.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal

posal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Indian Harbor, in the County of Guysborough, 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 and expended thereon, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to One Hundred Pounds, and that the site has been conveyed for the use of the Public.

£25 Breakwater Indian Harbor.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Wharf or Landing Place at or near Parrsborough, in the County of Cumberland, for the accommodation of Steam Boats and other Trade of the Basin of Minas, to be drawn and applied for that purpose when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that the sum of Sixty Pounds has been subscribed and expended thereon, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to Eighty Pounds, and that the site has been conveyed for the use of the Public.

£20 do. Parrsboro'.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in opening a Channel or Canal from Gerge's Harbor to Canso, in the County of Guysborough, 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 subscribed and expended thereon, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to Forty Pounds.

£10 Canal at Canso.

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in opening a new Channel into the Harbor of Tracadie, 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 Two Hundred Pounds has been subscribed and expended thereon, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to Three Hundred Pounds.

£100 Channel Tracadie Harbor.

Resolved, That the sum of Two Thousand Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor for the purpose of causing to be erected, during the ensuing Season, the several Light Houses hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

£2000 Light Houses.

A Light House either upon Baccaro Point or Cape Sable, as the Governor in Council may direct.

A Beacon Light at the South entrance of the Gut of Canso.

A Beacon Light at the South entrance of the Grand Passage, in the County of Digby.

A Beacon Light at Port Medway, in Queen's County.

A Beacon Light at Horton Bluff, in King's County.

The finishing and Lighting of the Beacon at Isle Madame.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Pounds, being part of the sum of Seventy-five Pounds granted to George B. Watson in the last Session for his services as Teacher of the Nautical and Grammar School at Arichat, be paid to him in full for such services for the year ending in May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-eight.

£50 G. B. Watson.

Resolved, That there be granted and paid to Charles E. Ratchford of Amherst, the sum of Twenty-five Pounds, for this year only, to aid in the establishment of a Female Seminary at Amherst.

£25 C. E. Ratchford.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in affording relief to the Colored Population of the County of Halifax, by purchasing Seed or Provisions, as circumstances may require.

£50 Col. Population Halifax.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted to each of the Counties of Hants, Queen's, Yarmouth, Guysborough, Annapolis, Sydney, Shelburne and Digby, to purchase Seed for distribution among the Colored Population in those Counties.

£10 each to 8 Counties, for Colored Population.

Resolved, That the sum of Eighty-nine Pounds and Ten Pence be granted and paid to James Black of Gay's River, being the amount of Money deposited by him in the Provincial Savings' Bank, and fraudulently obtained therefrom by a person who absconded with the amount.

£89 0 10d. J. Black.

Read 1st time.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first 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 twelve o'clock.

Tuesday, 19th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :

Money Votes.

£251	3	7	Transient Poor.
151	13	10	Immigrant Expenses.
3	0	0	Dr. M'Donald.
15	5	4	Board of Health, Cape-Breton.
20	0	0	Do. Barrington.
12	13	5	} Small Pox Expenses, Guysborough.
3	0	0	
9	15	0	} George C. Lawrence.
6	11	7	
5	12	0	Board of Health, Shelburne.
3	2	10	J. H. Freeman.
7	10	0	J. E. Moberly.
14	1	3	J. Allison.
4	11	10	J. Aikins.
1	9	6	C. B. Owen.
20	0	0	W. J. Townsend.
15	12	0	Dr. Hoffman.
50	0	0	Reporting Decisions in Supreme Court.
850	0	0	Penitentiary.
925	9	2	Printing.
25	0	0	Breakwater, Hall's Harbor.
20	0	0	Do. Windsor River.
50	0	0	Do. Annapolis.
25	0	0	Do. Indian Harbor.
20	0	0	Do. Parrsborough.

£10

£10 0 0 Canal at Canso.
 100 0 0 Channel Tracadie Harbor.
 2000 0 0 Light Houses.
 50 0 0 S. R. Watson.

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

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

And agreed to.

The Resolution granting the sum of £50 to James Dawson, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

£50 J. Dawson, read 2d time,

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

And agreed to.

The Resolution granting the sum of £25 to Charles E. Ratchford, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

£25 J. E. Ratchford, read 2d time.

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

There appeared for agreeing to the Resolution, thirteen; against agreeing to it, four: And agreed to.

For the Resolution—

Mr. Cutler, Mr. Black,
 “ Grigor, “ Morton,
 “ McNab, “ Keith,
 “ Pineo, “ Crichton,
 “ McCully, “ Campbell,
 “ Almon, “ Rudolf.
 “ Fairbanks,

Against it—

Mr. McDougall,
 “ Stairs,
 “ Brown,
 The President.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz:

£50 0 0 Colored Population, Halifax,
 10 0 0 Each to Eight Counties, for Colored Population,
 89 0 10 James Black,

Money votes, read 2d 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.

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

To return the foregoing thirty-two Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment. All sent to H. A.

On motion of Mr. Stairs, resolved, that Mr. McCully and Mr. McDougall be added to the Select Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to confirm Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton is referred.

Addition to Select Com. on Titles C. B. Bill.

The following Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova-Scotia, viz:

Chap. Con. Stat.

Chapter 71, of Commissioners of Sewers, and the Regulating of Dyked and Marsh Lands.

Chapter 72, of Commons.

Chapter 73, of Common Fields.

Were read a second time.

Read 2d time,

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

Com. on El. Tel. to
Pictou Bill report.

Mr. Campbell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Incorporation of a Company to build a Line of Electric Telegraph from Truro to Pictou, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d 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 day.

Weighing Machine
Chester Bill read
2d time,
And ord. to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide a Weighing Machine, Weights and Measures, for the Township of Chester, was read a second time.

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

S. O. suspended.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.

Com. on Bills.

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

Report Dunn's Bill
without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled An Act to confirm the Will of James Dunn, 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.

Report Chester Do-
cuments,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through
A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Custody of certain Documents relating to the Township of Chester; also

Weighing Machine
Chester,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide a Weighing Machine, Weights and Measures, for the Township of Chester; also

Tem. Hall Maitland,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate a Temperance Hall Company at Maitland; also

St. Andrew's Chur.
Sydney,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Andrews Free Church at Sydney, Cape Breton; also

Tem. Hall Sydney,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate a Temperance Hall Company at Sydney, Cape Breton; also

Lutheran Church
Lunenburg.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Lunenburg; also

Liverpool River,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the removal of Obstructions from the Liverpool River; also

Col. Church Socy.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Association in aid of the Colonial Church Society; also

And Halifax Town-
ship Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Divide the County of Halifax into Townships, and to confer certain Municipal Privileges on the Inhabitants thereof,

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.

Report Fire Engine
Pugwash Bill
with amdts.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pugwash to raise Money to procure a Fire Engine, and had made several amendments thereto.

Amdts. read,

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

In the Clause—13th, 14th, and 15th lines.—Leave out the words “upon such Inhabitants only of the Harbour of Pugwash as are resident,” and insert instead, the words “only upon the Owners of Property situate.”

20th line.—After the word “ Harbor” leave out the remainder of the Clause, and insert instead the following words, “ and for that purpose shall appoint three persons as Assessors, who, within twenty days after being sworn into office shall make an Assessment of the sum directed by the Sessions upon all Houses, Stores, Buildings, and upon all Goods and Personal Estate within the bounds herein prescribed, according to the several values thereof respectively, by a just and even rate, which shall be collected by Collectors to be appointed by the Assessors.”

“ The Sessions may appoint proper persons as Enginemen, to take charge of the Engine, who shall be responsible for its due keeping and serviceable condition—they shall be bound to attend it at every alarm of Fire—to work the same under the order of the Firewards—one of which Enginemen shall be appointed Captain, who shall have the same authority as a Fireward to command the assistance of persons to take such Engine to and from the Fire.

“ Such Enginemen shall be exempt from serving on Juries and from Militia duty, except on actual service.

“ The provisions of the Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His late Majesty, entitled, An Act for appointing Firewards, ascertaining their duty, and for punishing Thefts and Disorders at the time of Fire, and the Acts in amendment thereof, shall be extended to the Harbour of Pugwash within the limits herein defined.”

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.

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

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act further to continue and amend certain Acts relating to the Colonial Revenue.

Colonial Revenue,

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Trade between the British North American Possessions.

Trade B. N. A. Possessions,

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

Hort. Socy. and

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax and Dartmouth Mutual Insurance Company.

Mut. Ins. Co. 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 and second Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

1st and 2d Bills ref.

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

Committee.

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

3d and 4th Bills ref.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Black, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

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

Adjourn.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 20th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Committee on Col.
Revenue, and

Mr. Stairs, the Chairman of the Committee to whom
A Bill, entitled, An Act further to continue and amend certain Acts relating to the
Colonial Revenue ; also,

Trade B. N. A. Pos-
sessions Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Trade between the British North American Possessions,

Report.

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

Bills read 2d time,

The said 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 Hor. Soc.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society ; also,

And Mut. Ins. Com.
Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax and Dartmouth Mutual Insurance Company,

Report.

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

Bills read 2d time,

The said 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 time.

Com. on Contingent
Expenses dischd.

Mr. McNab moved that the Committee appointed to consider of and report to the House the amount required for its Contingent Expenses be discharged : which being seconded, and the question being put, was agreed to.

Com. on Contingent
Expenses.

On motion, *resolved,* that a Committee be appointed to consider of and report to the House the amount which will be required for its Contingent Expenses for the present Session.

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. McKeen, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province. Duties of Impost,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the better Government of the County of Pictou and to create local and municipal authorities therein. And Pictou Division Bills.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The Messenger also informed the House, that the House of Assembly agreed to the Amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Weighing of Flour in the City of Halifax. H. A. agree to am. to Weighing Flour, Halifax,

Also to the Amendments to a Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate legal proceedings against Companies doing Business by Agents in this Province. Company's Agents,

Also to the Amendments to a Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Anchorage of Vessels in the Harbor of Halifax. And Anchorage Hx. Bills.

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

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

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

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to confirm the Will of James Dunn, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Dunn's Will 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 carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Custody of certain Documents relating to the Township of Chester ; also, Chester Documents.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide a Weighing Machine, Weights, and Measures for the Township of Chester ; also, Weighing Machine, Chester,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate a Temperance Hall Company at Maitland ; also, Temp. Hall, Maitland,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Saint Andrew's Free Church at Sydney, Cape Breton ; also, St. Andrew's Ch. Sydney,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate a Temperance Hall Company at Sydney, Cape Breton ; also, Temp. Hall Sydney,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Lunenburg ; also, Luth. Ch. Lunenburg,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the removal of Obstructions from the Liverpool River ; also, Liverpool River,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Association in aid of the Colonial Church Society ; also, Col. Ch. Society,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the County of Halifax into Townships, and to confer certain Municipal Privileges on the Inhabitants thereof, And Halifax Township 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? Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative. And sent to H. A.

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

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

Fire Engine Pugwash Bill, read third time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pugwash to raise Money to procure a Fire Engine, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Agreed with amdt. and sent to H. A.

Whether this Bill, with the amendments shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Leave of absence to Messrs. McKeen and Crichton.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, *resolved*, that Mr. M'Keen and Mr. Crichton, have leave of absence from Friday next, to return home on urgent private business.

Adjourn.

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

Thursday, 21st March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO.
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES M'NAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN M'CULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM M'KEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Com. on Contingent Expenses report.

Mr. Grigor, 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 :

Report.

The Committee appointed to consider of and report to the House the amount required for its Contingent Expenses for the present Session, beg leave to report as follows :

That there is required for the ordinary expenses of the Council the sum of Eight Hundred and Seventy Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence as per List annexed.

WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WM. MCKEEN,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

Committee Room, 21st March, 1850.

Statement

STATEMENT.

For the Salary of the Clerk,	£200 - 0 0
Law Clerk and Clerk of the Parliament,	150 0 0
Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and Sergeant at Arms,	75 0 0
Chaplain,	25 0 0
Messengers, First Messenger £45, Second £30,	75 0 0
C. H. Belcher's Account for Stationery, &c. balance of last year and the present for Binding Laws, Journals, and Journals of Lords and Commons,	118 15 6
His Account for Books imported for the Library,	36 2 0
Joseph Graham's Account,	11 1 1
Black and Brothers,	0 16 6
E. G. Fuller, his Account for Books imported for the Library,	6 10 0
J. S. Thompson, Queen's Printer's Account,	25 10 0
W. G. Anderson's Do.,	8 8 0
W. Johns and Son's Do.,	2 4 6
Robert Malcolm's Do.,	1 2 6
Dechezeau and Crow's Do.,	1 7 5
Fuel, &c., to be accounted for by Clerk,	20 0 0
This sum for Contingencies, to be expended under the direction of a Committee of the House,	26 0 0
To pay the Reporter,	50 0 0
To pay the British Colonist for publishing the Debates,	18 0 0
To pay the Acadian Recorder for Do.,	20 0 0
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Ordered, That the said Report be received and adopted.

Adopted.

On motion, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to consider of and report to the House the sum that will be required to defray the travelling and other incidental expenses of the Members of this House coming from the Rural Districts.

Com. to consider travelling expenses of Members.

Ordered, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. McKeen, 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. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Committee on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through Three Chapters of a Bill, to be entitled, An Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova Scotia, viz :

Report, Three Chap. Consol. Statutes,

Chapter 71, of Commissioners of Sewers, and the Regulating of Dyked and Marsh Lands.

Chapter 72, of Commons.

Chapter 73, of Common Fields.

Also the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to continue and amend certain Acts relating to the Colonial Revenue ; also,

Colonial Revenue,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Trade between the British North American Possessions ; also,

Trade B. N. A. Provinces,

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

And Horticultural Society Bills,

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Without amendat.

Ordered, That the said Chapters and 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 Bills :

Poor,
And Powder Mag.
Halifax Bills.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the support of the Poor.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Powder Magazine in Halifax.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

H. A. do not agree
to amdt. to Board
of Health Bill.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly did not agree to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for expenses of Boards of Health and of Vaccination.

H. A. desire further
Conference Genl.
State of Province.

The Messenger also informed that the House of Assembly desired a further Conference with this House, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.

Bills read 1st time,
And referred to Sel.
Committee.

The said Bills were read a first time.

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

Committee

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Stairs, Mr. Morton, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose.

Confer. agreed to,

On motion, *resolved*, that the Conference desired by the House of Assembly be agreed to.

And Message to H.
A.

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

Com. of Conference.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference.

Com. on Titles C. B.
Bill report.

Mr McDougall, from the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to confirm Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d 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 day.

Committee of Con.
report.

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee of this House, appointed to manage the Conference with the Committee of the House of Assembly on the General State of the Province, reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Assembly had stated that the House of Assembly desired this House would join in an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Coasting Trade.

Com. on Travelling
Expenses report.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider of and report to the House the sum required to defray the travelling and other incidental expenses of the Members of this House coming from the Rural Districts, 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 appointed to consider of and report to the House the sum required to defray the travelling and other incidental expenses of the Country Members of this House, beg leave to report, as follows :

That there is required to defray the travelling and other incidental expenses of the Members of this House resident in the Country, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WM. McKEEN,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS.

Committee Room, 21st March, 1850.

And

And the question being put by the President, whether the said Report be received and adopted? And the House dividing thereon, there appeared for receiving the Report, ten; against receiving it, nine:

For the Report—

Mr. Cutler,
 “ Grigor,
 “ McDougall,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ Bell,
 “ Harris,
 “ Keith,
 “ Crichton,
 “ Campbell,
 “ Rudolf.

Against the Report—

Mr. McNab,
 “ McCully,
 “ Pineo,
 “ Brown,
 “ Stairs,
 “ Almon,
 “ Black,
 “ Morton,
 The President.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Adopted.

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 on
 Gen. State of
 Province rel. to
 Contingencies.

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 Travelling and other incidental Expenses of the Members of this House coming from the Rural Districts.

Con. on Gen. State
 of the Prov. rel.
 to Trav. Expenses
 of Members.

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

Adjourn.

Friday, 22d March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
 DAVID CRICHTON,
 HENRY G. PINEO,
 JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
 JAMES MCNAB,
 WILLIAM STAIRS,
 JONATHAN MCCULLY,
 WILLIAM GRIGOR.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, now entitled, An Act for the Weighing of Flour; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate Legal Proceedings against Companies doing
 business by Agents in this Province; also,

Weighing of Flour,
 Company's Agents,
 and

- Anchorage Halifax Bills,** A Bill, entitled, An Act for regulating the Anchorage of Vessels in the Harbor of Halifax,
Were read as amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?
- Finally agreed to,** It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills and acquaint them therewith.
- Colonial Revenue,** A Bill, entitled, An Act further to continue and amend certain Acts relating to the Colonial Revenue ; also,
- Trade B. N. A. Provinces,** A Bill, entitled, An Act for Regulating the Trade between the British North American Possessions ; also,
- And Horticultural Society Bills,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society,
- Read 3d time,** Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?
- Agreed to,** It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same without any amendment.
- Message from H. E. with Despatch rel to Free Ports.** Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House a copy of a Despatch, dated 25th February, 1850, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, with Regulations relative to the establishing of new Free Ports.
(*Vide Appendix No. 31.*)
The same was read and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Com. on Pictou Government Bill report.** Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the better government of the County of Pictou, and to create Local and Municipal Authorities therein, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- 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 day.
- Com. on Duties of Impost Bill rep.** Mr. Stairs, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties of Impost for the Support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it 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 day.
- Conference on Gen. State of Province rel. to Con. and Travelling Expenses asked.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To desire a Conference with that House, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.
- Committee on Bills.** On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report,** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax and Dartmouth Mutual Insurance Company; also, Mutual In. Com.
and
 A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Incorporation of a Company to build a Line of Electric Telegraph from Truro to Pictou. Pictou El. Tel. Bills,
 And had agreed to the same without any amendment. Without amendmt.
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 Bills :

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Grand Division and Subordinate Division of the Sons of Temperance of Nova-Scotia. Sons of Temperance,
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Pictou Academy. Pictou Academy,
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Middle Stewiacke to sell the same. Meeting House Mid.
Stewiacke,
4. A Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing Free Trade in certain Articles between the United States and the British North American Provinces. Free Trade U. S.
and
5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to regulate the Inspection of Pickled Fish. Pickled Fish Bills.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House on the General State of the Province. H. A. agree to Con.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Bills read 1st time.

Ordered, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon. 1st Bill referred.

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

Ordered, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon. 2d Bill referred.

Ordered, That Mr. Crichton, Mr. Stairs and Mr. Keith, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Ordered, That the third Bill be read a second time at a future day. 3d Bill to be read 2d
time.

Ordered, That the fourth and fifth Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. 4th and 5th Bills ref.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee of this House to manage the Conference with the Committee of the House of Assembly, on the General State of the Province. Com. of Con. on
Contingencies and
Travelling Ex.

And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, the Chairman reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly. Report.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 12 o'clock. Adjourn.

Saturday, 23d March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES M'NAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN M'CULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mutual In. Com. & El. Tel. Pictou Bills, Read 3d time. Agreed to. And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax and Dartmouth Mutual Insurance Company ; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Incorporation of a Company to build a Line of Electric Telegraph from Truro to Pictou,
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 has agreed to the same without any amendment.

Res. to join in Address on Coasting Trade. Com. to prepare Address. Con. on Gen. State of Province.

On motion, *resolved*, that this House will join the House of Assembly in an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Coasting Trade.
Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon and Mr. Morton, be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the House of Assembly in preparing the said Address.
On motion, *resolved*, that a further 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 foregoing Resolutions.

Conference asked

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To desire the said Conference.

Meeting House Middle Stewiacke Bill read 2d time, And ord. to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the Congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Middle Stewiacke to sell the same, was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

S. O. suspended

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.

Con. 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.

The

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through
A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the Congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting
House at Middle Stewiacke to sell the same ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties of Im-
post for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to confirm Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton,
And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill,
entitled, An Act to provide for the better government of the County of Pictou, and to
create Local and Municipal Authorities therein, and had directed him to report that it
was the opinion of the Committee that the further consideration of the said Bill should
be deferred to this day three months.

Whereupon it was moved that the said report be not received : which, being se-
conded, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, six ; against
the motion, thirteen :

For the motion,

Mr. Grigor,
M'Cully,
Brown,
Bell,
Stairs,
The President,

Against the motion,

Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Harris,
M'Dougall, Morton,
M'Nab, Keith,
Pineo, Crichton,
Almon, Campbell,
Fairbanks, Cutler.
Black,

Report.
Meeting House,
Middle Stewiacke,
Duties of Impost,
And Titles, C. B.
Bills,
Without amendt.

Recommend Pictou
Government Bill
to be deferred 3
months.

Motion not to receive
Report.

So it passed in the negative.

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

Negativd.
Report recd. and Bill
deferred.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the further Conference
desired by this House on the General State of the Province.

H. A. agree to Con.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee of this House
to manage the said Conference.

Committee.

Mr. Crichton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act
relating to the Pictou Academy was referred, reported that the Committee had exam-
ined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Pictou
Academy Bill
report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. M'Dougall, *resolved,* that a Committee be appointed to prepare
an Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the Railway from Halifax to Quebec.

Com. to prepare
Address to Her
Majesty on Rail-
road to Quebec.
Committee.

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

Mr. M'Dougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid
before the House the Blue Book for the year 1848, which was ordered to lie on the
Table.

Message from H. E.
with Blue Book
for 1848.

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee of this House, appointed to hold a fur-
ther Conference with a Committee of the House of Assembly on the General State of
the Province, 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 of Committee
of Conference.

Committee on
Free Trade,

Pickled Fish,

Support of Poor,
And Powder Mag.
Halifax Bills,
Report,

Three first Bills read
2d time,
And ord. to Com.

Fourth Bill read 2d
time.
Motion to defer 3
months.

Negatived.
Bill ord. to Com

Adjourn.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom
1. A Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing Free Trade in certain Articles between the United States and the British North American Provinces ; also,
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to regulate the Inspection of Pickled Fish ; also,
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the support of the Poor ; also,
4. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Powder Magazine in Halifax,
Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.

The three first Bills were read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

The fourth Bill was read a second time,
Whereupon it was moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months : which, being seconded, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seven ; against the motion, eleven :

For the motion,

Mr. Bell,
Fairbanks,
Harris,
Morton,
Keith,
Crichton,
Rudolf.

Against the motion,

Mr. Pineo,	Mr. Brown,
M'Cully,	Almon,
M'Nab,	Black,
Cutler,	Campbell,
M'Dougall,	The President.
Stairs,	

So it passed in the negative.

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

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

Monday, 25th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
ALEXANDER M'DOUGALL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO.
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES M'NAB,
WILLIAM STAIRS,
JONATHAN M'CULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Meeting House Mid.
Stewiacke,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Middle Stewiacke to sell the same ; also,

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties of Impost for the Support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province; also,</p>	<p>Duties of Impost, &</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to confirm Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?</p>	<p>Titles Cape Breton Bills, Read 3d time,</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed to,</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same without any amendment.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bills and Resolutions:</p>	
<p>1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Suitors in the Supreme Court to obtain the testimony of the Judges thereof.</p>	<p>Testimony of Judges</p>
<p>2. A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Law relating to the Courts of Probate.</p>	<p>Courts of Probate,</p>
<p>3. A Bill, entitled, An Act further to continue and amend certain Acts relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors generally, and Sales by Auction in Halifax.</p>	<p>Spirituous Liquors,</p>
<p>4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Halifax Incorporation Act.</p>	<p>Hx. Incorporation.</p>
<p>5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Kerosene Gas Light Company.</p>	<p>Kerosene Gas Co.</p>
<p>6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province.</p>	<p>Province Loan, and</p>
<p>7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the erection of a Dike across Chezetcook Harbor.</p>	<p>Chezecook Dike Bills.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to Silas Bishop, of Cornwallis, being in full of Return of Duties on Machinery imported for the purposes of a Cloth Manufactory, which has recently been destroyed by Fire.</p>	<p>£50 S. Bishop.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Twenty-four Pounds Five Shillings and Ten Pence be granted and paid to Henry Lawson, to compensate him for damage sustained in consequence of the escape of certain Convicts from the Provincial Penitentiary in May last.</p>	<p>£24 5s. 10d. H. Lawson.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Michael Cody, a Courier between Terfry's and Walton, in the County of Hants, for additional services beyond his Contract, during the past year.</p>	<p>£10 M. Cody.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will enable him to extend the Mail Communication from Brookfield to Lawrence Town—provided the expense do not exceed Forty Pounds per annum.</p>	<p>£40 Mail Brookfield to Lawrence Town.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Ten Pounds each be granted and paid to John Pernette and Charles Pernette, for keeping up the Ferry over LaHave River.</p>	<p>£10 Each J. & C. Pernette.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will be sufficient to repay the amount advanced from the Treasury, to defray the expense of Postage of the Public Departments during the past year.</p>	<p>Postage of Public Departments.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Seven Pounds Eight Shillings and Ten Pence be granted and paid to the Commissioners of Public Buildings, to defray the Balance of expenses incurred by them during the last year.</p>	<p>£1307 8s. 10d. Com. Public Buildings balance of last yr.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of 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, in order to the more economical expenditure of the Funds required to be expended thereon, by the payment of ready money and otherwise.</p>	<p>£500 Credit for Public Buildings.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Seventy Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence be granted and paid to defray the expenses of the Legislative Council for the present year.</p>	<p>£870 17 6 Expenses Leg. Council.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds and Fifteen Shillings be granted and paid to Messrs. A. & W. McKinlay, in full of their Account for Stationery and Binding for the House of Assembly for the present year.</p>	<p>£234 15s. Stationery H. A.</p>

Resolved,

£206 7s. 5d. Con-
tingencies of H.A.

Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred and Six Pounds Seven Shillings and Five Pence be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly to defray the expense of extra Messengers, and other services, and to pay for Fuel and other articles for the House during the present Session, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Contingencies.

£100 Each Clerks 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.

£30 Stg. Fuel and
Crier Admiralty
Court, &c.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty Pounds Sterling be granted and paid to the Master of the Rolls, the Judge of Vice Admiralty, and the Judge of Probate, at Halifax, for Fuel and Criers of their Courts for the present year.

Com. of H. A. to
prepare Address
to H. M. on Coast-
ing Trade.

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

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly had appointed the Hon. the Attorney General, Mr. Killam, and Mr. Fraser, to be a Committee of the House of Assembly to join a Committee of this House, to prepare an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Coasting Trade.

Bills and Res. read
1st time.

The said Bills and Resolutions were read a first time.

1st and 2d Bills ref.

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

Committee.

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

3d Bill ref.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Stairs, Mr. Brown, Mr. Crichton, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Keith, be a Committee for that purpose.

4th Bill ref.

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

Committee.

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

5th Bill ref.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Stairs, Mr. Black and Mr. Grigor, be a Committee for that purpose.

6th and 7th Bills to
be read 2d time.
Res. to be read 2d
time.

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

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

Com. report Address
to H. M. on Rail
Road to Quebec.

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Railroad from Halifax to Quebec, 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 :

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of the Legislative Council of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

Address.

We, Your Majesty's Faithful and Loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, approach Your Majesty with the continued expression of our warm attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government, in the full confidence that it is our highest duty, as well as our first interest, to maintain that connection which so happily exists between the Parent State and this Colony. We desire most heartily to respond to the sentiments expressed by Your Majesty's Premier in reference to that connection, and will use our best exertions to continue and maintain it.

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The Legislative Council had the honor, during the last Session, of addressing Your Majesty on the subject of the Rail Road from Halifax to Quebec, and had the pleasure to learn, in reply that Your Majesty had been most graciously pleased to receive the same, and that Your Majesty's Government continued to entertain the most favorable opinions in respect to that enterprise, although some obstructions, (which we trust are but of a temporary nature) presented themselves in the way of its accomplishment.

A year has gone by since the able Report of the Survey of this Line has been completed, and the Acts of the several Legislatures in these Colonies, appropriating large sums of money, and millions of acres of Land, in aid of this noble undertaking; and Your Majesty's Legislative Council have reason to believe, from undoubted evidence, that the most anxious desire prevails, not only among the inhabitants of these Colonies, but also in the minds of a large portion of their fellow-subjects in Great Britain, who regard its accomplishment, in the hope of availing themselves of the rich and boundless field it will develop for the purposes of Colonization and Improvement.

The Electric Telegraph, alluded to in the Address of the Legislative Council last year, is now in operation. By its means the City of Halifax transmits intelligence in a few hours to New Orleans, on the Gulf of Mexico, and by other Lines into the remote Settlements of Canada. The advantages derived from this application of Science stimulates our desire to increase them—to facilitate our intercourse—to enlarge and expand those feelings of national pride—and draw, still closer, those ties of friendship and affection by which we are connected with our fellow subjects around us, and cement an union which shall increase and strengthen with the lapse of time.

While we are free to acknowledge that this great work would operate most beneficially on Colonial interests, we feel also that National objects of high importance are intimately connected with it, and to be obtained only by its successful completion. It would extend our Commerce—increase our population—direct a portion of the streams of labour, capital, and enterprise flowing from other countries towards our shores—tend to the subduing of the wilderness, and calling into action the rich, hidden resources of our Soil, our Mines, our Minerals, and various natural productions now lying waste and useless. While ministering to our convenience, it would furnish the Parent State with speedier and cheaper means of transport for the Mails, the Troops, and Military Stores than now exist, and enable her to apply through British Territory, with a promptitude hitherto unknown, such measures of defence as might be required in any emergency.

These, may it please Your Majesty, among other reasons, have induced the Legislative Council to renew their earnest solicitations to Your Majesty for a continuance of your favor towards this great enterprise, and most respectfully to request that you will be pleased to adopt such measures as will most speedily ensure the accomplishment of our wishes, and tend still further to strengthen those bonds of loyalty and affection which unite us to Your Majesty's person and Government.

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

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Grand Division and Subordinate Division of the Sons of Temperance of Nova-Scotia, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the further consideration of the whole House.

Com. on Sons of
Temperance Bill
report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,
And ordered to Com

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

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for expenses of Boards of Health and of Vaccination, which amendments have not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

Amendments to
Boards of Health.
Bill considered.

- The same were read, and.
 And adhered to. On motion, *resolved*, that the said amendments be adhered to.
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
 To return the said Bill and acquaint them therewith.
- Committee on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report, The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through
 Pickled Fish, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to regulate the Inspection of Pickled Fish; also,
 Pictou Academy, A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Pictou Academy; also,
 Free Trade, A Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing Free Trade in certain Articles between the United States and the British North American Provinces; also,
 And Powder Mag. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Powder Magazine in Halifax,
 Bills, And had agreed to the same without any amendment.
 Without amendt. *Ordered*, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
- Report Support of The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled,
 Poor Bill with am. An Act relative to the support of the Poor, and had made two amendments thereto.
 Amendment read, The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :
 Fifth Clause.—Leave out this Clause.
 At the end of the Bill add the following Clause : “ Nothing herein contained shall extend to the City of Halifax.”
- And agreed to. And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Committee report Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee of this House, appointed to join a Com-
 Address to Her mittee of the House of Assembly to prepare a Joint Address to Her Majesty on the
 Majesty on Coast- subject of the Coasting Trade, reported the draft of an Address which he read in his
 ing Trade. place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk who read the same, as follows :

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Address to H. M.

The Joint Address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the Province of Nova-Scotia in General Assembly now convened.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, Your Majesty's Faithful Subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, now convened in General Assembly, have had under consideration the Act passed by the Imperial Parliament, entitled, An Act to amend the Laws in force for the Encouragement of British Shipping and Navigation, by which the Legislature of this Province is authorized, by Address, to pray Your Majesty to open the Coasting Trade of Nova Scotia, under certain provisions, and after due and deliberate reflection have passed the following Resolution :

“ Whereas in consequence of the recent changes in the Navigation Laws, and the Commercial Policy of the British Empire, it has become necessary to secure more extended Markets for the natural products of British North America by a reciprocal free exchange of such products with the United States, and to have the Coasting Trade arranged between this and the adjoining Provinces and the United States on fair and equitable terms, and to obtain from the government of the United States such modification of their Laws as will admit Colonial built Vessels to the privileges of Registry.

“ *Resolved*, That the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested, and he is hereby

hereby authorized, to take the necessary steps to obtain through the proper authorities the accomplishment of these desirable objects, and that an Address be prepared to Her Majesty on the subject of the Coasting Trade of this Province, praying that the same may be opened to the People of the United States under the provisions of the Act 12th and 13th Victoria Cap. 29."

May it please Your Majesty favorably to consider this our Humble Address, and to grant an Order in Council to authorize or permit the conveyance of Goods and Passengers from one part of the Province to another part thereof in other than British Ships, on such terms and under such conditions as to Your Majesty shall seem good. And as in duty bound, we Your Majesty's faithful subjects in Nova Scotia, will ever pray, &c.

Ordered, That the said Address be received and adopted.

The Chairman also reported the following Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same, as follows :

Address to H. E.

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 Joint Address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly have passed the accompanying Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of opening the Coasting Trade of this Province to the United States of America ; and they pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same, with Your Excellency's favorable recommendation, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the said Address be received and adopted.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the said Address be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Address adopted.
Com. to present to
H. E.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects—

S. O. suspended.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province ; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the erection of a Dike across Chezetcook Harbor.

Provincial Loan,
And Chezetcook
Dike Bills.

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 2d time,
And ordered to Com.

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

Adjourn.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 26th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Money Votes.

The following Resolutions for granting money, viz :—

£50	0	0	S. Bishop,
24	5	10	H. Lawson,
10	0	0	M. Cody,
40	0	0	Mail Brookfield to Lawrencetown,
10	0	0	each J. & C. Pernette,
Postage of Public Departments,			
1307	8	11	Commissioners of Public Buildings,
500	0	0	Public Buildings,
870	17	6	Expences of Legislative Council,
234	15	0	Stationery of H. A.
206	7	5	Contingencies of H. A.
100	0	0	each Clerks H. A.
30	0	0	Sterling, Fuel & Crier for Chancery and other Courts,

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 has agreed to the same without any amendment.

Pickled Fish,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to regulate the Inspection of Pickled Fish ; also

Pictou Academy,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Pictou Academy ; also

Free Trade,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing Free Trade in certain articles between the United States and the British North American Provinces ; also

And Powder Mag.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Powder Magazine in Halifax,

Halifax Bills,
Read 3d time,

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

It

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 has agreed to the same
 without any amendment.

Agreed to,
 And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Support of the Poor, 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.
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
 To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same,
 with amendments, to which amendments their concurrence is desired.

Support of Poor Bill
 read 3d time,

Agreed to,
 And sent to H. A.

Mr. Stairs, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to
 Incorporate the Kerosene Gas Light Company, was referred, reported that the Com-
 mittee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration
 of the House.

Committee on Kero-
 sene Gas Compy.
 Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,
 And ordered to Com.

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

Mr. Stairs, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act fur-
 ther to continue and amend certain Acts relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors
 generally, and Sales by Auction in Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee
 had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee did not recom-
 mend it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Committee on Sale
 of Spirits. Liquors
 Bill report major-
 ity unfavorable.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,
 And ordered to Com.

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

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Suitors in the Supreme Court to obtain the testi-
 mony of the Judges thereof; also,

Committee on
 Judges Testimony,

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Law relating to the Courts of Probate,
 Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recom-
 mended them to the favorable consideration of the House.

And Probate Courts
 Bills,
 Report.

The said Bills were read a second time.

Bills read 2d time,
 And ordered to Com.

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

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to
 alter the Halifax Incorporation Act, was referred, reported that the Committee had
 examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Hfx. Incorporation
 Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Rail-
 road from Halifax to Quebec be read a second time: which being seconded, Mr. Stairs
 moved in amendment, that the House be adjourned during pleasure and put into a
 Committee on Bills—which being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared
 for the Amendment, nine; against the Amendment, ten:

Motion for second
 reading of Address
 on Railroad.
 Motion in amendt.
 for Com. on Bills.

For the Amendment—

Mr. McKeen,
 “ Grigor,
 “ McNab,
 “ McDougall,
 “ Stairs,
 “ Brown,
 “ Bell,
 “ Campbell,
 The President.

Against the Amendment—

Mr. Pineo,
 “ Cutler,
 “ McCully,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ Black,
 “ Almon,
 “ Morton,
 “ Keith,
 “ Crichton,
 “ Rudolf.

Negatived.
 Address read 2d
 time,
 And ord. to Com.

So it passed in the negative.

The said Address was read a second time.

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

Com. on Address,

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Address.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the following Resolution, in amendment of the said Address, had been agreed to :

Report Resolution
 in amendment.

Resolved, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him again to call the attention of Her Majesty's Government to the subject of the proposed Railway from Halifax to Quebec, and to urge the great importance of that undertaking to the welfare and prosperity of the Province, and to use all the Constitutional means in his power to expedite its commencement.

Motion not to rec.
 Report,

Whereupon it was moved, that the said Address be not received : which being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared for the motion, four ; against the motion, fifteen :

For the motion,
 Mr. Fairbanks,
 “ Black,
 “ Pineo,
 “ Morton.

Against the motion,
 Mr. M'Keen, Mr. Bell,
 “ M'Nab, “ Almon,
 “ Grigor, “ Keith,
 “ M'Dougall, “ Crichton,
 “ Campbell, “ Cutler,
 “ M'Cully, “ Rudolf,
 “ Stairs, The President.
 “ Brown.

Negatived.
 Report read.

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said Report be received.

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

£20 change of Appn.
 Richmond.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Pounds (No. 32) appropriated in the Road Scale of Richmond County in 1849, towards erecting a Slip on the north side of Grand Dique Ferry, and yet undrawn, be expended on the Main Post Road, from the Bridge east of McNab's, to Duncan Campbell's, Red Island.

£9 Do. Do.

Resolved, That the sum of Nine Pounds, granted in the Session of 1849, to erect Slips on the south side of Grand Dique Ferry, in the County of Richmond, and undrawn, be expended to cut the Hill at Grand Dique, near Mrs. Wood's, towards Arichat, on the Main Post Road.

£42 4s. 2d. Do.
 Cape Breton.

Resolved, That the sum of Forty-two Pounds Four Shillings and Two Pence, reported by the Committee on Public Accounts to be undrawn, under Commissions Numbers Forty-seven, and One Hundred and One in the year 1847, and Numbers
 Three

Three, Seventy, Six, Seventy-one, and Seventy-two, in 1846, be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape Breton during the year 1850.

Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the purpose of improving the Main Post Roads in the Counties of Yarmouth and Shelburne, to be divided equally between such Counties.

£200 Main Roads
Yarmouth and
Shelburne.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings and One Penny be granted and paid to Simon Donovan, of Arichat, to repay him the balance of expenses incurred in assisting Immigrants per Schooner Barbara Ann.

£28 16s. 1d. S. Do-
novan.

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted to aid Silas Bishop in the rebuilding and setting in operation a Cloth Manufactory in Cornwallis—to be paid when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that he has expended the sum of Five Hundred Pounds in such undertaking.

£500 S. Bishop.

Resolved, That the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, money due to Isaac M'Ann for allowance as a School Teacher in Granville, not paid over to him by the Commissioners, in consequence of one of the Trustees having refused to sign his Certificate, be paid by the Commissioners out of the money for Schools in their hands, not otherwise appropriated; and for want of such money now in hand, that the same be paid by the Commissioners out of the School Money of the County of Annapolis for the present year, on condition that the Commissioners be satisfied that the amount is justly due.

£7 10 Isaac McAnn.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor to provide for the establishment of Ferries across Sheet Harbor and the mouth of the North West Arm.

£20 Ferries County
Halifax.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor to repair and rig the Revenue Boat at Sydney, Cape Breton.

£15 Revenue Boat
Sydney.

Resolved, That the sum of Three Pounds Four Shillings be granted and paid to Eliakim Creelman, of Halifax, in full of his Account for keeping the Stud Horse Bell-Founder Morgan.

£3 4s. E. Creelman.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds and Sixteen Shillings be granted and paid to Samuel Creelman, Esquire, being amount of his Account for keeping Stud Horse Bell-Founder Morgan.

£15 16s. S. Creel-
man.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to James Sangster, Esquire, for expenses incurred in keeping the Stud Horse Norfolk during the Winter 1849—50.

£15 J. Sangster.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be devoted to the aid of Richard Meagher, being afflicted with Blindness, in order that means may be adopted to enable him to acquire the means of independent support—this Grant not to be drawn into a precedent.

£25 R. Meagher.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor for the purpose of paying the debts due by James Stephens, the father of a deaf and dumb boy, to the Asylum in Scotland, where he is being educated.

£30 J. Stephens.

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Six Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor to defray the following amounts due for Services performed under sanction of the Government, viz :

£109 18s. 6d. Govt.
Liabilities.

Surveyor General's Account connected with School Lands Returns,	£61 19 9
Thomas Logan's Account for Surveying in Cumberland,	4 14 0
Small Pox Hospital, Halifax,	43 4 9

£109 18 6

Resolved, That the sum of Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds Two Shillings and Eight Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor to defray the following amounts advanced from the Treasury, viz :

£5722 2s. 8d. Govt.
Advances.

Commissioners

Commissioners of Electric Telegraph,	£4248	5	10
Expenses of Bell-Founder Morgan—			
S. Cumminger's Account,	£6	0	0
Wm. Davy's,	9	12	2
Robert Woodill's,	3	1	6
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		£18	13 7
Thomas Logan, Report on Crown Lands investigation,		10	0 0
Transient Poor, Dorchester,		14	17 5
Doctor Hoffman,		9	15 0
John H. Darby, Passage of W. H. Townsend,		5	0 0
Purchase of Shubenacadie Canal Company Property on assignment of a Judgment against the Company,		1200	0 0
Testimonial to Boudrot and others,		25	0 0
W. Taylor, investigation against Brymer,		12	15 0
Captain Boudrot and others,		17	10 0
Annapolis Indians affected with Small Pox,		18	16 6
Commissioners of Poor, in full for Expenses of Waterloo Hospital, to 31st December, 1849,		87	4 10
Lithographed Plans of Windsor Railroad,		44	16 6
E. Boudrot,		9	7 11
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		£5722	2 8

- £300 Law Commrs. *Resolved*, That the sum of Three Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied towards expenses incurred in the execution of the Commission for Revising and Consolidating the Laws of the Province, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.
- £12 A. Grant. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twelve Pounds be granted and paid to Alpin Grant, in full of his claim for publishing the Debates of the House of Assembly, during the last Session, in the British Colonist Newspaper.
- £300 Rep. Debates. *Resolved*, That the sum of Three Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay for Reporting and Publishing the Debates of this House, during the present Session, to be applied in such manner as shall be directed by a Committee, to be hereafter appointed by the House of Assembly.
- £1350 Trans. Poor, Halifax. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the support of the Transient Poor for the present year, to be paid to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax.
- Collegiate and Academical allowance. *Resolved*, That the allowance now made to the Collegiate and Academical Institutions be continued under the existing conditions for the period of one year only.
- To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.
- Read 1st time. Changes of Appn. and 17 Resolutions read 2nd time. The said Resolutions were read a first time, and by order, the said three changes of Appropriation, and the Seventeen first Resolutions were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,
- And agreed to. Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- 18th Resolution, Collegiate and Academical allowance read. The Eighteenth Resolution was then, by order, read a second time, and the question being put by the President,
- Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
There appeared for agreeing to the Resolution, thirteen : against agreeing to it, five :

For

For the Resolution—		Against the Resolution—
Mr. McCully,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. McKeen,
“ Campbell,	“ Keith,	“ Grigor,
“ Pineo,	“ Crichton,	“ Stairs,
“ Fairbanks,	“ Cutler,	“ Brown,
“ McDougall,	“ Rudolf,	“ Bell.
“ Almon,	“ The President.	
“ Black,		

So it passed in the affirmative.

And agreed to.

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

To return the said three changes of Appropriation, and the said Eighteen Resolutions, and to acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same without any amendment.

All sent to H. A.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.

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. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through
A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the erection of a Dike across Chezetcook Harbor; also,

Report,
Province Loan,
Chezetcook Dike,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Kerosene Gas Light Company.

And Kerosene Gas
Light Com. Bills,
Without amendnt.

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Suitors in the Supreme Court to obtain the testimony of the Judges thereof, and had made several amendments thereto.

Report Judges' Tes-
timony Bill with
amendments.

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

Amendments read,

In the title.—At the end of the title add the following words : “ and of the Heads of Provincial Departments.”

In the Clause—3d line.—After the word “ Court,” insert the words “ or of the Head of any of the Provincial Departments.”

5th line.—After the word “ Judge,” insert the words “ or Head of a Department.”

12th line.—After the word “ Judge” insert the words “ or Head of a Department.”

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

And agreed to.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend certain Acts relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors generally, and Sales by Auction in Halifax, and had made several amendments thereto.

Report Sale of Spi-
rituous Liquors
Bill with amdnts.

Whereupon Mr. Campbell moved that the said Report be not received : which being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared for the motion, three ; against the motion, fourteen :

Motion not to receive
Report,

For the motion,

Mr. Almon,
“ Morton,
“ Campbell.

Against the motion,

Mr. Cutler,	Mr. Bell,
“ Pineo,	“ Fairbanks,
“ Grigor,	“ M'Cully,
“ Keith,	“ M'Dougall,
“ M'Nab,	“ Crichton,
“ Stairs,	“ Rudolf,
“ Brown,	The President.

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived.

Amendments read, The said Amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :
 In the Title—2d line.—Leave out the words “ and amend.”
 First Clause—15th and 16th lines.—Leave out the words “ except as altered by this Act.”
 Second Clause—Leave out this Clause.
 Third Clause—Leave out this Clause.

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.

H. A. agree to amdt. to Expenses of Board of Health 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 their Resolution to disagree to the Amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for Expenses of Boards of Health and of Vaccination, but agreed to the said Amendments.

Vote of Credit for Post Communication. Also with the following Resolutions :
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 Communication throughout the Province for the current year, and this House will provide for the same at its next Session.

Do. for Public Printing. *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.

Read 1st time. To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.
 The said Resolutions were read a first 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 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 27th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Province Loan,
 Chesetcook Dike,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province ; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the erection of a Dike across Chezetcook Harbour ; also,

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<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Kerosene Gas Light Company, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?</p>	<p>And Kerosene Gas Company Bills, Read 3d time,</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed to,</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,</p>	
<p>To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same without any amendment.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Suitors in the Supreme Court to obtain the Testimony of the Judges thereof ; also,</p>	<p>Testimony of Judges,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend certain Acts relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors generally, and Sales by Auction in Halifax, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?</p>	<p>And Sale of Spi- rituous Liquors Bills, Read 3d time.</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed with amdts.</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,</p>	
<p>To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments, to which amendments their concurrence is desired.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>The Votes of Credit for the Post Office and for Public Printing, were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each, Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?</p>	<p>Post Office and Printing Resolu- tions read 2d time.</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed to,</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,</p>	
<p>To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.</p>	<p>Com on Bills,</p>
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Grand Division and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance of Nova-Scotia, and had directed him to report it was the opinion of the Committee that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.</p>	<p>Recommend Sons of Temperance Bill to be deferred.</p>
<p>And the question being put, whether the said Report be received, there appeared for receiving the Report, eleven ; against receiving it, seven :</p>	
<p>For receiving the Report—</p>	<p>Against receiving it—</p>
<p>Mr. Cutler, Mr. Almon, “ McKeen, “ Crichton, “ Grigor, “ McDougall, “ Brown, The President. “ Keith, “ Bell, “ Stairs,</p>	<p>Mr. Harris, “ Black, “ Morton, “ Pineo, “ Campbell, “ McCully, “ Fairbanks,</p>
<p>So it passed in the affirmative.</p>	
<p>Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.</p>	<p>Bill deferred.</p>
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Law relating to the Courts of Probate, and had made an amendment thereto.</p>	<p>Report Probate Court Bill wit. amendment.</p>
<p>The said Amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows : After the Third Clause, insert the following Clause :</p>	<p>Amendment read,</p>

“ It

"It shall not be necessary to serve a Citation preparatory to the final settlement of an Estate, upon any Creditor whose Debt shall have been paid, nor upon any Legatee or next of kin, unless the Judge of Probate shall order such service, and shall in such Order name the parties to be so cited."

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 time.

Report Halifax In-
corporation Bill
with amendments.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Halifax Incorporation Act, and had made several amendments thereto.

Amendments read.

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

After the first Clause insert the following Clause :

"Hereafter at the time of the Annual Election of Aldermen the Mayor shall be elected from the Aldermen of the City, or from such persons as have theretofore served as City Councillors or Aldermen for the period of one year, by the Citizens who are by Law qualified to vote for Aldermen ; and the election of Mayor shall be held and conducted in the several Wards in the same manner as Elections for Aldermen are now held and conducted."

Second Clause—1st line.—Leave out the words "Mayor and all other."

Eighth Clause—2d line.—After the word "of," insert the word "Mayor."

Ninth line.—After the word "of," insert the word "Mayor."

Fifteenth Clause—3d line.—After the word "Persons," insert the words "not in the occupation of Annual Tenants."

Nineteenth Clause—3d line.—After the word "assessed," insert "or their authorized agents."

Twenty-sixth Clause—4th line.—After the word "a," insert the words "Brick or Stone."

Eighth line.—After the word "House," insert the words "or elsewhere."

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 time.

S. O. suspended.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects the said two Bills.

Bills read 3d time,

The said Bills were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A

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

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

Division of Road
Money

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the present year, be applied as follows :

For the County of Yarmouth,	£1000	0	0
Shelburne,	1000	0	0
Digby,	1000	0	0
Sydney,	1000	0	0
Guysborough,	1000	0	0
Queen's,	1000	0	0
Richmond,	1000	0	0

For the County of Halifax,	1520	0	0
Hants,	1400	0	0
Inverness,	1380	0	0
Cape Breton,	1460	0	0
Kings,	1100	0	0
Pictou,	1460	0	0
Colchester,	1200	0	0
Cumberland,	1200	0	0
Lunenburg,	1240	0	0
Annapolis,	1040	0	0
	<u>£20,000</u>	0	0

- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Yarmouth. Subdivision, Yarmouth.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne. Shelburne.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Digby. Digby.
- Also, a Resolution, subdividing the sum of One Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney. Sydney.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Guysborough. Guysborough.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Queen's County. Queen's County.
- Also, a Resolution, subdividing the sum of One Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Richmond. Richmond.
- Also, a Resolution, subdividing the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax. Halifax.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Four Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants. Hants.
- Also, a Resolution, subdividing the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Inverness. Inverness.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape-Breton. Cape Breton.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and One Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of King's County. King's County.
- Also, a Resolution, subdividing the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou. Pictou.
- Also, a Resolution, subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Two Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Colchester. Colchester.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Two Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland. Cumberland.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg. Lunenburg.
- Also, a Resolution subdividing the sum of One Thousand and Forty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis. Annapolis.

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 time.

Boards of Health
Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for Expenses of Boards of Health and of Vaccination, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

Finally agreed to,
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 Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Address to H. E. on
Railroad pre-
sented.

Mr. McCully presented the following Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the proposed Railroad from Halifax to Quebec, 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 of Nova-Scotia have had under their consideration the subject of the proposed Railroad between Quebec and Halifax, and have passed the accompanying Resolution : “ Resolved, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him again to call the attention of Her Majesty's Government to the subject of the proposed Railway from Halifax to Quebec, and to urge the great importance of that undertaking to the welfare and prosperity of the Province, and to use all the Constitutional means in his power to expedite its commencement.” To which they pray Your Excellency's favorable consideration.

Mr. Fairbanks moved the following Resolution in amendment of the Address :

Resolution relative
to Railroad moved
in amendment.

Resolved, That Instructions be given to the Committee to present the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Railroad between Halifax and Quebec, embodying the substance of the following Resolution :

Resolved, That as a strong feeling exists both in this Province and the Mother Country, that a vigorous effort should be made in favour of some measure which may lead to the construction of the Halifax and Quebec Railroad, the Legislative Council, with a deep sense of the importance of this Great Work, most respectfully request that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor will be pleased to appoint Provisional Commissioners, to take such steps as may tend to promote the arrangement which the Law of the last Session, referring to this subject, contemplates—to suggest plans for its execution—conduct correspondence—and to ascertain whether a Company can be formed, by means of which this great public enterprize may be speedily commenced.

Which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, whether this Resolution be agreed to : there appeared for agreeing to the Resolution eight ; against agreeing to it, eleven :

For

For the Resolution—

Mr. Pineo,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ Black,
 “ Harris,
 “ Morton,
 “ Almon
 “ Crichton,
 “ Keith.

Against the Resolution—

Mr. McKeen,
 “ Grigor,
 “ McNab,
 “ McCully,
 “ McDougall,
 “ Cutler,
 “ Bell,
 “ Stairs,
 “ Campbell,
 “ Rudolf,
 The President.

So it passed in the negative.

Then the said Address was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. McDougall, and Mr. Grigor, be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to continue certain Acts relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors generally, and Sales by Auction in Halifax.

Whereas the construction of a Railroad between Halifax and Windsor would stimulate the industry, develop the resources, and elevate the character of the Province,

Therefore, *resolved*, That whenever a Company shall be formed for the construction of such Railroad, the Executive Government shall be, and is hereby authorised to subscribe for one half the necessary Stock, under such guards and restrictions as may appear to the Governor in Council to be judicious, or as may be hereafter prescribed by the Legislature.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to advance the sum of One Hundred Pounds, to pay Samuel P. Fairbanks, Esquire, in full for past services.

Resolved, That the Central Board of Agriculture be authorised to draw during the present year such portion of the Agricultural Grant placed at their disposal for 1851, as may be necessary, in addition to the Grant for the present year, to carry out the views of the Committee on Agriculture, in reference to the importation of Stock.

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

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Support of the Poor.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly did not agree to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Suitors in the Supreme Court to obtain the Testimony of the Judges thereof.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Support of the Poor, 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.

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

To return the said Bill and acquaint them therewith.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by them to a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Suitors in the Supreme Court to obtain the Testimony

Negatived.

Address agreed to.

Com. to present.

Sale of Spirituous
Liquors Bill.

Railroad Halifax to
Windsor.

£100 S. P. Fair-
banks.

Agricultural Grant
for 1851.

H. A. agree to amdt.
to Support of Poor
Bill.

H. A. do not agree
to amendment to
Testimony of
Judges Bill.

Support of Poor Bill,

Finally agreed to,
And sent to H. A.

Amendment to Tes-
timony of Judges
Bill considered.

mony

mony of the Judges thereof, which amendments have not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

The same were read by the Clerk, and,

And not adhered to.

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

Message to H. A.

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

To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House does not adhere to the amendments proposed to the said Bill, but agree to the same as originally sent up.

Division and Sub-division of Road Money, read 2d time,

The Eighteen Resolutions dividing and sub-dividing the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, were, by order, 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 has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Message from H. E. with Correspondence relative to Free Ports.

Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Correspondence between the Controller of the Customs at Halifax and the Board of Customs relative to Free Ports.

Letter, dated 23d March, 1850, Mr. Trew to the Provincial Secretary, enclosing—
Minute from Board of Customs, dated 2nd March, 1850.

Letter, dated Custom House, London, 6th March, 1850, from Mr. Scovil.

Letter, dated, Treasury Chambers, 2nd February, 1850, from Mr. Hayter to the Commissioners of Customs, enclosing—

Treasury Minute, dated 29th January, 1850.

(*Vide Appendix No. 32.*)

Do. with Despatch and New Brunswick Inter-colonial Trade Act.

Also, a Despatch, dated Fredericton, March 20th, 1850, from Sir E. Head to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing—

Act of New Brunswick Legislature relating to the Trade between the British North American Possessions.

(*Vide Appendix No. 33.*)

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

S. O. suspended. Sale of Spirituous Liquors Bill.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act further to continue certain Acts relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors generally, and Sales by Auction in Halifax.

Bill read 2d time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ordered to Com.

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

Committed. Reported without 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 gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Motion not to receive Report,

Whereupon Mr. Campbell moved that the said Report be not received : which being seconded, and the question being put, there appeared for the motion, two ; against the motion, thirteen :

For the motion—
 Mr. Harris,
 “ Campbell.

Against the motion—
 Mr. Cutler, Mr. Black,
 “ McKeen, “ Morton,
 “ Grigor, “ Keith,
 “ Stairs, “ Crichton,
 “ McNab, “ Rudolf,
 “ McCully, The President.
 “ Bell,

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

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

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

Bill read 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 has agreed to the same,
 without any amendment.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to present the Address of
 this House to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the Rail
 Road from Halifax to Quebec, reported that the Committee had performed that duty,
 that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to state he
 would give it his best consideration.

Report of Com. to
 present Address
 on Railroad.

The Resolution relative to the Rail Road from Halifax to Windsor; also,

The Resolution granting £100 to Samuel P. Fairbanks, Esq.; also,

The Resolution relative to the Agricultural Monies for 1851,

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

Railroad to Windsor.
 £100 S. P. Fair-
 banks.
 And Agricultural
 Monies,
 Read 2d time,

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 has agreed to
 the same, without any amendment.

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

Adjourn.

Thursday, 28th March, 1850.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

On motion, *resolved*, that the President and Mr. Almon be added to the Committee
 appointed

Members added to
 Library Com-
 mittee.

appointed to take charge of the Library of this House, and to make arrangements for its being made more convenient for the use of the Members.

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

Appropriation Bill.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty, and for other purposes.

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

H. A. agree to Amendments to Halifax Incorporation,

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Halifax Incorporation Act.

And Probate Courts Bills.

Also, to the Amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Law relating to the Courts of Probate.

Appropriation Bill read 1st time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty, and for other purposes, was read a first time.

Referred to Select Committee.

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

Committee.

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

Halifax Incorp., And Probate Courts Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Halifax Incorporation Act; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Law relating to the Courts of Probate, Were read, as amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

Finally agreed to, 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 therewith.

Com. on Appropn. Bill report.

Mr. Stairs, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty, and for other purposes, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

S. O. suspended.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.

Bill read 2d and 3d time,

The said Bill was then 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 has agreed to the same, without any Amendment.

H. E. comes to Council Chamber.

At three 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 Sixty-two Bills, entitled as follows:

H. A. attend. H. E. assents to 62 Bills, viz:

An

An Act to authorize the Sale of the Land on which the Port Hood Academy now stands, and the purchase of a new Site therefor.	Port Hood Academy.
An Act to enable Thomas Robson to obtain Letters Patent for the Invention of a Fog Bell.	Robson's Fog Bell.
An Act to provide for a Lock-up-House in Clare.	Lock-up-House, Clare.
An Act to Incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company of Yarmouth.	Wharf Company, Yarmouth.
An Act to prevent the introduction of Convicted Felons into this Province.	Introduction of Felons.
An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Maxwelton to build a Lock-up-House.	Lock-up-House Maxwelton.
An Act to repeal so much of the Act relating to Commissioners of Streets as extends the same to Antigonishe.	Streets, Antigonishe.
An Act to Incorporate the Carpenters' Society of Halifax.	Carpenter's Society, Halifax.
An Act to Naturalize Joseph Skallish.	Skallish, Naturaliza- tion.
An Act to enable Members of the House of Assembly to Vacate their Seats therein.	Seats of Members.
An Act to enable the Governor in Council to make Orders for establishing an uniform Rate of Postage in Nova-Scotia, and regulating a Postal arrangement with other Countries.	Postal.
An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees for the Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth.	Burial Ground Dart- mouth.
An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Institute.	Halifax Mechanics' Institute.
An Act relating to the Court House and Jail at Kentville.	Court House, Kent- ville.
An Act concerning School Lands, and the appointment of Trustees therefor.	School Lands.
An Act for the Encouragement of Education.	Education.
An Act for the management of Colonial Customs and Excise.	Management of Customs.
An Act to authorize certain expenditures upon Roads in the County of Cape Breton.	Roads, C. B.
An Act to regulate the Fees to be taken in the Court of Marriage and Divorce.	Fees, Marriage and Divorce.
An Act to confirm Titles to Land in Cape Breton.	Titles, C. B.
An Act for taking the Census of the Province, and obtaining Statistical information.	Census.
An Act concerning Insurance Offices.	Insurance Offices.
An Act to authorize Her Majesty's Subjects to Plead and Reason for themselves or others in all Her Majesty's Courts within this Province.	Authorizing Plead- ing.
An Act further concerning the Act for the Regulation of Juries.	Juries.
An Act concerning Town Property in Dartmouth.	Town Property, Dartmouth.
An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Masonic Hall in Halifax.	Mason Hall, Halfx.
An Act for the laying out of certain Great Roads.	Great Roads.
An Act concerning Registrars of Deeds.	Registrars of Deeds.
An Act to provide for the Custody of certain Documents relating to the Township of Chester.	Chester Documents.
An Act to provide a Weighing Machine, Weights and Measures, for the Township of Chester.	Weighing Machine, Chester.
An Act to Incorporate a Temperance Hall Company at Maitland.	Temperance Hall, Maitland.
An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Andrew's Free Church at Sydney, Cape Breton.	St. Andrew's Church, Sydney.
An Act to Incorporate a Temperance Hall Company at Sydney, Cape Breton.	Temperance Hall, Sydney.
An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Lunenburg.	Lutheran Church, Lunenburg.
An Act to provide for the removal of Obstructions from the Liverpool River.	Liverpool River.
An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Association in aid of the Colonial Church Society.	Colonial Church Society.
An Act to divide the County of Halifax into Townships, and to confer certain Municipal Privileges upon the Inhabitants thereof.	Division of Halifax.
An Act for the Weighing of Flour.	Weighing Flour.

Companies' Agents.	An Act to facilitate Legal Proceedings against Companies doing business by Agents
Anchorage Halifax.	An Act to regulate the Anchorage of Vessels in the Harbor of Halifax.
Colonial Revenue.	An Act further to continue and amend certain Acts relating to the Colonial Revenue.
Trade, B. N. A. Possessions.	An Act for regulating the Trade between the British North American Possessions.
Horticultural Socy.	An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Horticultural Society.
Mutual Insurance Company.	An Act to Incorporate the Halifax and Dartmouth Mutual Insurance Company.
Electric Telegraph Company, Pictou.	An Act for the Incorporation of a Company to build a Line of Electric Telegraph from Truro to Pictou.
Meeting House, Middle Stewiacke.	An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Middle Stewiacke to sell the same.
Duties of Impost.	An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province.
Titles, Cape Breton.	An Act for Settling Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton.
Pickled Fish.	An Act to amend the Act to regulate the Inspection of Pickled Fish.
Pictou Academy.	An Act relating to the Pictou Academy.
Free Trade.	An Act for establishing Free Trade in certain Articles between the United States and the British North American Provinces.
Powder Magazine, Halifax.	An Act relating to the Powder Magazine at Halifax.
Provincial Loan.	An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province.
Chezetcook Dike.	An Act to provide for the erection of a Dike across Chezetcook Harbor.
Kerosene Gas Company.	An Act to Incorporate the Kerosene Gas Light Company.
Expenses Boards of Health.	An Act to provide for expenses of Boards of Health and of Vaccination.
Support of Poor.	An Act relative to the Support of the Poor.
Testimony of Judges.	An Act to enable Suitors in the Supreme Court to obtain the Testimony of the Judges thereof.
Sale of Spirituous Liquors.	An Act further to continue certain Acts relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors generally, and Sales by Auction in Halifax.
Halifax Incorporation.	An Act to alter the Halifax Incorporation Act.
Courts of Probate.	An Act further to amend the Law relating to the Courts of Probate.
Appropriation.	An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty, and for other purposes.

After which, His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following

Speech.

SPEECH:

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

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

Having discharged with great assiduity your Legislative duties, it gives me pleasure, while relieving you from further attendance, to record my approval of the general results of your deliberations.

The consolidation of the Laws—the wider diffusion of Education—the extension of Municipal Privileges—the collection of Statistics—and the munificent provision made for internal improvement, are gratifying features of the Session we are about to close.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

In the Queen's name I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for the support of Her Government, and for every branch of the Public Service.

Mr.

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

I have marked with great satisfaction the enlightened principles of Commercial policy which you have adopted,—the loyal sentiments you have expressed,—and the steadiness with which you have guarded the Constitution established by the struggles and sacrifices of the past.

The best guarantee that the Sovereign can have for the peaceful improvement of this fine Province, will be found in the assurance that they who so judiciously fulfil their public obligations, are no less competent, on *returning* to their homes, to form the sentiments and advance the prosperity of the Districts in which they reside.

Then the President of the Council, by His Excellency's command, said,

GENTLEMEN—

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-third day of May next; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-third day of May next, to be then here held. Prorogation.

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

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

APPENDICES

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

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APPENDICES
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APPENDIX No I.

(Copy.)

No. 162.

Downing Street, 4th May, 1849.

SIR—

An Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, entitled, "No. 2813, An Act to provide for the more accurate Audit and Inspection of Public Accounts in this Province, and for the appointment of certain Public Officers therein," 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 Act should be specially confirmed and finally enacted.

I have the honor to transmit herewith an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 1st instant, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, Nova Scotia.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 1st day of May, 1849.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of April, 1848, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2813. An Act to provide for the more accurate Audit and Inspection of Public Accounts in this Province, and for the appointment of certain Public Officers therein.
And

And whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported, as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Act should receive Her Majesty's special confirmation—Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare Her special confirmation of the said Act, and the same is hereby specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted accordingly—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

WM. L. BATHURST.

APPENDIX No. 2.

(Copy.)

No. 179.

Downing Street, 6th July, 1849.

SIR—

Two Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia in the months of April, 1848, and March, 1849, and entitled respectively, No. 2816, "An Act relating to the Crown Land Department of this Province," and No. 2878, "An Act for transferring the Crown Revenues of Nova Scotia, and providing for the Civil List thereof," having been referred by the Queen, in Council, to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion, that the said Acts should be specially confirmed and finally enacted.

I have the honor to transmit herewith an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated 29th of June, approving that Report.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of June, 1849.

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 April, 1848, and March, 1849, pass two Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:

No. 2816. An Act relating to the Crown Land Department of this Province.

No. 2878. An Act for transferring the Crown Revenues of Nova Scotia, and providing for the Civil List thereof.

And

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 receive Her Majesty's special confirmation—Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare Her special confirmation of the said Acts, and the same are hereby specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted accordingly—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) WM. L. BATHURST.

APPENDIX No. 3.

(Copy.)

No. 180.

Downing Street, 6th July, 1849.

SIR—

An Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia in the month of March last, and entitled, "No. 2879, An Act to enable the Commissioners for erecting and building the Trunk Line of Railway from Halifax to Quebec, to construct the same within the limits of this Province," 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 Act should be left to its operation.

I have the honor to transmit herewith an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated 29th June, approving that Report.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of June, 1849.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1849, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No.

No. 2879. An Act to enable the Commissioners for erecting and building the Trunk Line of Railway from Halifax to Quebec, to construct the same within the limits of this Province.

And whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported, as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Act should 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)

WM. L. BATHURST.

APPENDIX No. 4.

(Copy.)

No. 195.

Downing-Street, 10th October, 1849.

SIR—

Eighty Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in the month of March, 1849, 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 6th instant, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., &c. &c. &c., Nova Scotia.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 6th day of October, 1849.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1849, pass Eighty Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2880. An Act for the amendment of the Law, and the better advancement of Justice.

No.

- No. 2881. An Act to amend the Law relating to the appointment of Sheriffs.
- No. 2882. An Act to extend to the Town of Sydney the several Acts respecting Firewards.
- No. 2883. An Act to extend to the Town of Sydney an Act relating to Streets and Highways.
- No. 2884. An Act in further amendment of the Act respecting County Rates.
- No. 2885. An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the Accommodation and Billetting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.
- No. 2886. An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the Service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-nine, and for other purposes.
- No. 2890. An Act in further amendment of the Acts for the more easy Redemption and Foreclosure of Mortgages.
- No. 2891. An Act to consolidate the Acts respecting the Incorporation of the City of Halifax.
- No. 2893. An Act for the Division of Districts for the Support of the Poor.
- No. 2894. An Act to amend the Acts concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.
- No. 2895. An Act further in addition to the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.
- No. 2896. An Act to incorporate a Temperance Hall Company in Windsor.
- No. 2898. An Act for Improving the Law of Evidence.
- No. 2899. An Act further to improve the Administration of the Law.
- No. 2900. An Act relative to the Rendering by Bail of their Principal.
- No. 2901. An Act concerning the Act for the Regulation of Juries.
- No. 2902. An Act to enable the inhabitants of the County of King's County to rebuild their Court House and Jail, lately destroyed by Fire.
- No. 2904. An Act respecting Suits against Collectors of Poor Rates.
- No. 2905. An Act to abolish Fees of the Clerks of the Peace.
- No. 2906. An Act further to amend the Act for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers.
- No. 2907. An Act relating to the Roman Catholic Cemetery in Halifax.
- No. 2909. An Act to authorize the Sale of the Court House and Jail Grounds at Shelburne, and the purchase of a new site therefor.
- No. 2911. An Act additional to the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth.
- No. 2912. An Act to authorize Assessments for the support of Ferries.
- No. 2913. An Act to raise Funds in the County of Pictou.
- No. 2914. An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province.
- No. 2915. An Act to Incorporate the Chebucto Marine Insurance Company.
- No. 2916. An Act to incorporate the British North American Electric Telegraph Association in the Province of Nova Scotia.
- No. 2917. An Act in addition to the Act to incorporate the Nova Scotia Horticultural Society.
- No. 2918. An Act to Incorporate the Digby Water Company.
- No. 2919. An Act for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies.
- No. 2920. An Act to naturalize Calvin P. Soule.
- No. 2921. An Act to naturalize William Doat.
- No. 2922. An Act concerning the Halifax Steam Boat Company.
- No. 2923. An Act to regulate the Pier or Wharf at Everett's Landing, in the Township of Weymouth.

- No. 2924. An Act concerning a Baptist Meeting House at Bridgewater.
- No. 2925. An Act to continue the Act in relation to Promissory Notes or Undertakings, payable in Produce, or otherwise than in money.
- No. 2926. An Act to continue the Act for relieving Insolvent Debtors from Imprisonment.
- No. 2927. An Act to continue the Acts for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.
- No. 2929. An Act to continue the Act in relation to the Trade between the British North American Possessions.
- No. 2930. An Act to continue the Acts relative to the disposal of Crown Lands.
- No. 2931. An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.
- No. 2932. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing and Selling of Beef.
- No. 2933. An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia.
- No. 2934. An Act to continue the Act for the Suppression of Lotteries.
- No. 2935. An Act to continue the Acts for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.
- No. 2936. An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors.
- No. 2937. An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction in Halifax.
- No. 2938. An Act to continue the Acts for appointing Supervisors to take charge of Public Grounds, and for other purposes.
- No. 2939. An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.
- No. 2940. An Act to continue the Acts 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. 2941. An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island in this Province.
- No. 2942. An Act to continue the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province.
- No. 2943. An Act to continue the Act for making regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose.
- No. 2944. An Act to continue the Act for the preservation of Moose.
- No. 2945. 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. 2946. An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, as amended.
- No. 2947. An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts for the choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships.
- No. 2948. 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. 2949. An Act to continue the Act for setting off part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District for the support of the Poor.
- No. 2950. An Act to continue the Acts for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.
- No. 2951. An Act to continue the Acts to divide the Township of Maxwelltown into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.
- No. 2952. An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the District of St. Mary's, as a separate District for the support of the Poor.

No. 2953. An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.

No. 2954. An Act to continue the Act in relation to the Gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Chester.

No. 2955. An Act to continue the Act to regulate Immigrant Vessels and Passengers.

No. 2956. An Act to continue the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of King's County.

No. 2957. An Act to continue the Acts to prevent the spreading of Contagious Diseases and for the performance of Quarantine.

No. 2958. 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. 2959. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Public Landing at Windsor.

No. 2960. 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. 2961. An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels.

No. 2962. An Act to continue the Act for the Regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.

No. 2963. An Act to continue the Act for the Regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.

No. 2964. An Act to continue the Acts for Regulating the Fishery in the River Shubenacadie.

No. 2965. An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Antigonish.

No. 2966. An Act to continue the Acts to Regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at Sydney, Cape-Breton.

No. 2967. An Act to continue the Acts to make provision for a Harbour Master at Spanish River, Cape-Breton.

No. 2968. An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape-Breton.

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)

WM. L. BATHURST.

APPENDIX No. 5.

(Copy)

No. 196.

Downing Street, 10th Oct., 1849.

SIR—

The Act (No 2910) to alter the Representation of the County of Colchester, passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia in the month of March last, having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade

Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Act should be specially confirmed and finally enacted.

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, an Order of Her Majesty in Council approving that Report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, Humble Servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., &c. &c. &c., Nova Scotia.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 6th day of October, 1849.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS the Lieutenant-Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1849, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:

No. 2910. An Act to alter the Representation of the County of Colchester.

And whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported, as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Act should receive Her Majesty's special confirmation—Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare Her special confirmation of the said Act, and the same is hereby specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted accordingly—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

WM. L. BATHURST.

APPENDIX No. 6.

(Copy)

No. 200.

Downing Street, 10th Novr., 1849.

SIR—

With reference to my Despatch, No. 199, of the 1st instant, I have the honor to transmit herewith, an Order of Her Majesty in Council, specially confirming the Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia in the month of March last, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop in Halifax.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, Humble Servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., &c. &c. &c., Nova Scotia.

At

At the Court at Windsor, the 6th day of November, 1849.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS the Lieutenant-Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1849, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2908. An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop in Halifax.

And whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported, as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Act should receive Her Majesty's special confirmation—Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare her special confirmation of the said Act, and the same is hereby specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted accordingly—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) C. GREVILLE.

APPENDIX No. 7.

(Copy.)

No. 202.

Downing-Street, 10th Nov., 1849.

SIR—

Five Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in the month of March last, having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, 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 herewith, an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated the 6th instant, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, your most obedient, humble Servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., &c. &c. &c., Nova-Scotia.

At the Court at Windsor, the Sixth day of November, 1849.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1849, pass five Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2887. An Act for granting Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province.

No. 2888. An Act to continue and amend certain Acts relating to the Colonial Revenue.

No. 2889. An Act further to provide for the Collection of the Revenue.

No. 2892. An Act to regulate the Inspection of Pickled Fish.

No. 2897. An Act to continue and amend the Law regulating the Survey of Timber, Lumber, and Shingles.

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.

APPENDIX No. 8.

(Copy)

No. 166.

Downing Street, 10th May, 1849.

SIR—

I have the honor to enclose some Letters which have been transmitted to me by the Duke of Sutherland, in which you will find it stated, that certain Emigrants, bound to Prince Edward's Island, having landed for a few hours at Pictou, the Emigrant Tax was levied on them there, owing probably to its not having been set forth with sufficient distinctness in the Passenger List, that they were destined to Prince Edward's Island, and that upon their reaching the latter place they were subjected to a fresh demand for Head Money, and have only been hitherto exempted from its payment in consideration of their having entered into Bond for producing it if ultimately required.

As it would evidently appear as a hardship, and cannot be supposed to have been really designed by the Legislature, that persons who land only for a few hours in their transit to other Colonies should be subject to the payment of Emigrant Tax, I should wish you to consult your Law Advisers on this question, and to transfer, if it be competent to you so to do, the amount of the Head Money levied on these Passengers to the Government of Prince Edward Island.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Lieutenant-Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY.

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(Copy.)

London, 5th May, 1849.

MY LORD—

I take the liberty of appealing to Your Lordship on behalf of some poor Emigrants from Sutherland, who have been put to very great distress by what certainly seems an act of very serious oppression. On account of the destitution on the West Coast of Sutherland, which, in consequence of total failure of the Potato crop, equalled that experienced on the West of Ireland—these poor people were desirous to emigrate, some having had acquaintance in Nova-Scotia, and in Prince Edward Island, preferred those Colonies, and as their poverty prevented their defraying the necessary expenses, I chartered last year three vessels, and paid the whole expenses for 1176 persons, including women and children. They all had prosperous voyages, and the Emigrants in two of the Ships, bound to Canada, have there succeeded, as on a former occasion in the preceding year as well as possible; but these unfortunate people having on the contrary met with unkind, and, in their case, really cruel treatment on the part of persons under Government authority in Prince Edward Island, are in greater distress than could have been apprehended for them. Even supposing they should have been led by mistake to pay at a wrong time and place, this might surely have been set right without subjecting them to the privation, while this already paid Tax was kept still suspended over them without mercy for months in the beginning of their unhappy course, I can have no doubt that the Colonial Government will satisfy the urgent request for consideration, the poor people are in the mean time suffering very severely. I trust that Your Lordship will excuse my thus troubling you, as I feel compelled by the urgency of their case to do.

I send copies of Letters which have been forwarded to me by Mr. McIver, my Factor on the West Coast of Sutherland, and of an extract of the Colonial Act relating to the subject.

I have &c.,

(Signed)

SUTHERLAND.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy)

Evander McIver, Esquire, to James Loch, Esquire.

Scourie, 28th April, 1849.

DEAR SIR—

I regret to trouble you with the enclosed documents relative to some of our poor Emigrants who went to Pictou last year; but as it appears to me to be a case of extreme hardship and injustice, I venture to send them, in the hope you may induce the authorities at the Colonial Office to interfere in the matter.

The Barque "Ellen," chartered by the Duke of Sutherland to land Emigrants at Pictou, was, on her arrival there, strictly subjected to the regulations of the Colony, and the Head Money, amounting to Ten Shillings each, paid by the Captain for every soul on board. Several families intending to settle in Prince Edward's Island, took passage from Pictou in a Packet, and on their arrival, the authorities there insisted for payment of Head Money, which having been paid at Pictou, these poor people refused, consequently

consequently their luggage was seized, and only given up to them on condition that they became bound to pay if the Assembly decided they should have to do so.

If you will take the trouble to read the enclosed, you will know what is the easiest and simplest mode of interfering on their behalf.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

EVANDER McIVER.

JAMES LOCH, Esq., M. P.

(Copy)

Evander McIver, Esquire, to Mr. A. McKay.

Scourie, by No. 12, 9th February, 1849.

SIR—

Having last year chartered as Factor in this district of the Estate of Sutherland, the Barque "Ellen" to carry Emigrants from this coast to Pictou, and having had some correspondence with one of the Emigrants, Hector Falconer, who after this ship's arrival proceeded to Prince Edward's Island, I find that he and others received much attention and sympathy at your hands, and I therefore deem it proper to express to you my sincere and best thanks for your kind and feeling interest in these poor people, in whose welfare and prosperity you may naturally suppose I am much interested.

Falconer writes me, that on their arrival at Prince Edward's Island, they were charged with Head Money, although all the legal charges had been previously paid at Pictou—which I know to be the case, as I gave money for this special purpose to the Captain. Falconer further states, that he came back to Pictou, and got a Certificate from the Custom House Authorities that his Head Money had been paid them for his Family and all those who had accompanied them—that on returning to Prince Edward's Island with this Certificate it would not satisfy the Authorities there—that their luggage was arrested, and they had to sign a Bond agreeing to pay the amount within six months, and that until the Assembly met, he knew not how they were to be dealt by.

This appears a very strange business, and I suppose that Falconer, owing to some ignorance of the necessary forms, did not comply with the Custom House Regulations—still as he was a very decent, honest fellow, I think there must be some truth in his statement, and for the sake of others I am anxious to ascertain the truth. You will therefore add to the obligations you have already conferred on these men, and upon me, by letting me know what you know of the matter, and what is my best plan in case I may be chartering a ship again, to prevent the recurrence of such annoying treatment. If the Authorities at Prince Edward's Island are to blame, you will please to let me know in what respect. Such harsh unfair treatment of poor people would not be tolerated in Britain.

I must apologize for thus troubling you, and again thanking you for your generous conduct to these poor people in their difficulties.

I remain, &c.

(Signed)

EVANDER McIVER.

MR. ALEXR. G. MCKAY, Custom House Pictou, Nova Scotia.

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(Copy)

Mr. Alexr. G. McKay to Evander McIver, Esquire.

Pictou, Nova Scotia, 31st March, 1849.

SIR—

Immediately after receipt of yours, of date the 9th Feby. last, I put myself in communication with His Excellency Sir Donald Campbell, the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward's Island, through the Hon. T. H. Haviland, the Colonial Secretary, touching the subject to which your Letter refers, and I now transmit unto you his answer, being the original, relative thereto. It is correct, as Mr. Falconer stated in his Letter to you, that Captain McLauchlan paid the Head Money for all his Passengers here, together with all other legal charges here, and acted indeed unto one and all of them more like the Head of a Family than a Shipmaster. No praise that they can bestow upon him can be too great. The Passengers having landed here, our Collector refused to refund the same, and subsequently remitted the amount to the Customs Department in Halifax, where, as you will perceive by the Colonial Secretary's Letter to me, it awaits the decision of the two Governments. As you mention in your Letter the probability of Emigrants embarking from your quarter for Nova Scotia, during the ensuing Summer, I took the trouble of seeking information for your future guidance from our Member of Parliament, at present in Halifax, and he has forwarded unto me a Copy of the Immigration Law, which I also enclose. I may here mention, that at the time of the Immigrants leaving Scotland, if the place of their destination accompanied their names on the Ship's Manifest, a similar difficulty might be avoided, as it would only be collected in the quarter where they are bound for. I shall at all times take great pleasure in furthering the interest of my countrymen on their arrival here, and I trust you will appreciate the manner in which I have acted since receipt of yours. In consequence of the destitution which prevails here at present owing to the failure of the Crops during the past year, I think at present it would be an imprudent step to send out Immigrants for some time at least, and do assure you that those who arrived by the "Ellen" would find it a great relief if a small amount were sent to the head of each family to enable them to purchase seed.

I remain, &c.

(Signed) ALEXR. G. MCKAY.

(Copy)

Hon. T. H. Haviland, Colonial Secretary, Charlotte Town, to Mr. Alexander McKay.

Secretary's Office, Charlotte Town, April 22nd, 1849.

SIR—

I have received and laid before His Excellency Sir Donald Campbell, your communication of the 12th instant, as also the enclosed from Mr. McIver, relative to the Immigrants who arrived here from Scotland via Pictou, in the early part of the last Summer, and whose luggage was detained for the payment of the Head Money to which they were rendered liable by law, until released by His Excellency upon their entering into a bond to await the decision of the Legislature in their peculiar case.

I am desired by His Excellency to acquaint you, for the information of Mr. McIver, that the Legislature, which is now in Session, has not yet expressed any opinion upon the question, although there can be no doubt of the legal responsibility of the Immigrants to pay the amount of the Head Money demanded of them upon their landing here, although they have just cause to complain of a law which compelled them to pay Head Money in Pictou, where they remained, as His Excellency understood, but a few hours; the object of the law which is general throughout the British North American Colonies, is to protect each Colony against the evil consequences of the introduction of Pauper Immigrants, by raising a fund out of which to provide for the necessities of those who may become chargeable to the Colony in which they locate themselves,—consequently as the ultimate destination of the Immigrants referred to by Mr. McIver was this Colony, the right to demand Head Money upon their arrival here was indisputable, and I would recommend Mr. McIver, in any future arrangements he may make for sending out Emigrants to this part of the world, to cause them to be landed in the Colony which they propose to make their home, and thus prevent a recurrence of the vexatious proceeding to which the Emigrants by the Ellen were subjected.

I have &c.,

(Signed)

T. H. HAVILAND,
Colonial Secretary.

(Copy.)

H. Blackadar, Esqr., Member for the Township of Pictou, to Mr. Alexander McKay.

SIR—

I herewith enclose to you a copy of the Act, passed during the last Session, regulating the arrival of Emigrants in this Province from any part of the United Kingdom. This Act is in no way changed or altered by any Legislation during the present Session; such, therefore, as wish to emigrate to Nova-Scotia will see what they will have to provide for.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

H. BLACKADAR,
Member for the Township of Pictou.

Section XIV of an Act to regulate Immigrant Vessels and Passengers.

“XIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, on the arrival of any Ship or Vessel, at any Port or Place in this Province with Passengers or Immigrants, and liable to the Quarantine or Head Money by the Second Section of this Act imposed, to relieve the Owner, Charterer, Captain, or Agent of said Ship or Vessel from the payment of the said Quarantine or Head Money, in whole or in part, as to the said Governor in Council as aforesaid may appear just and reasonable, and on such terms as they may think it necessary to impose.”

APPENDIX No. 9.

(Copy)

No. 170.

Downing Street, 11th May, 1849.

SIR—

I transmit for your information and guidance copies of correspondence which has passed between this Department and the Boards of Treasury and Admiralty, relative to the establishment of a revised Table of Fees for the Vice Admiralty Court at Quebec, together with a copy of the joint Report of the Queen's Advocate, the Advocate of the Admiralty, and Mr. Rothery, on this subject.

Treas. 11th Dec. '49.
Admiralty, 2d April,
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The result is that the Table of Fees, (of which I enclose a printed copy,) has been recently established at Quebec, under the authority of an order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated the 2d of March, 1848.

You will bring these documents under the consideration of your Executive Council, with a view to the adoption of any measures which the Legislature of Nova Scotia may deem expedient for making the same scale of fees applicable to the Courts of the Province under your Government.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Lieutenant-Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY.

(Copy)

Treasury Chambers, 11th December 1847.

SIR—

With reference to the communications made to this Board by direction of Earl Grey, on the 26th August 1846, and 17th June last, respecting the establishment of a Tariff of Fees for the Vice Admiralty Court at Quebec, and to the previous correspondence on that subject, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit to you the enclosed Report from the Queen's Advocate, the Advocate of the Admiralty, the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, and Mr. Rothery; and I am to request that in submitting the same for the consideration of Lord Grey, you will observe to His Lordship, that as the arrangement for remunerating the Judge, and partly remunerating the Registrar and Marshal of the Court, by salaries to be provided for by the Provincial Government, and also the Tariff of Fees submitted in this Report, are, with very trifling exceptions, in conformity with propositions of the Committee of the Canadian Executive Council, approved by the late Governor General, Lord Grey may possibly not deem it necessary that the subject should be further referred to the authorities in Canada; and in such case my Lords would be prepared to cause the Report to be forwarded to the Lords of the Admiralty, in order that the requisite steps may be taken for the establishment of the Table of Fees by the authority of Her Majesty in Council, as provided for by the Act of 2d and 3rd Wm. IV., Cap. 51.

Adverting

Adverting also to the propositions which have been submitted to the Secretary of State for modification of the Fees levied in other Vice Admiralty Courts in the N. American Provinces, I am to request you will further move Lord Grey to cause my Lords to be informed whether his Lordship is prepared to make any reference on the subject to the Governments of those Colonies, which would seem a requisite preliminary to the establishment in them of a similar Tariff, inasmuch as the adoption of such Tariff would involve the necessity for provision, as in the case of Canada, for the payment from Colonial Funds of salaries to the Judges and other officers of the respective Courts.

I have &c.,

(Signed)

C. E. TREVELYAN.

B. HAWES, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

VICE ADMIRALTY COURT OF QUEBEC.

In obedience to the reference made to us, respecting the establishment of a Table of the Fees to be taken by the Officers and Practitioners of this Vice Admiralty Court, we have taken into our consideration the Table of Fees framed and established under the Act of the 2d of Wm. IV. C. 51; also the Order of His Majesty in Council, dated the 20th of November, 1835, which annulled and revoked such Table of Fees so far as it had been made applicable to this Vice Admiralty Court. We have also had reference to a variety of documents connected with this subject, and to a Form of Table of Fees submitted by us in August, 1843, for the consideration of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and we have also perused and fully considered the Letters from the Colonial Office to the Treasury, respectively dated the 26th of August, 1846, and the 17th of June, 1847, together with the several documents transmitted with the said Letters; and we have moreover especially directed our attention to the Report of a Committee appointed by His Excellency Lord Metcalfe, late Governor General of Lower Canada, for the purpose of revising the aforesaid proposed Form of Table of Fees; and we have also taken into our consideration the whole of the evidence given before the said Committee, together with the Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive in Council of Lower Canada,—and we are of opinion that as it has been customary for the Judge of this Vice Admiralty Court to receive a Salary for the performance of his official duties, and as we are further instructed that such Judge has hitherto invariably united in his person a higher and more lucrative Judicial appointment, together with that of Judge of this Vice Admiralty Court, we concur in the opinion expressed by the Committee of the Honorable the Executive in Council, that the Judge of this Vice Admiralty Court should be paid a Salary of Two Hundred Pounds per annum out of the Provincial Funds of the Colony, and not be permitted to receive any fees from any of the suitors in the Court.

We are further of opinion, that the Registrar and Marshal should be paid partly by Salary, and partly by a reduced or moderate Scale of Fees. And we think that the Salary of the Registrar should be One Hundred Pounds per annum, and that of the Marshal should be Fifty Pounds per annum, in addition to the Fees to which they will respectively be entitled for the duties they may have to perform.

We advert to that part of the Report of the Committee which alludes to the Merchant Seaman's Act, the 7th and 8th of Victoria, Cap. 112, wherein they express their regret that the Jurisdiction of this and other Courts of Admiralty in respect to Seamen's Wages, in cases under £20, had been taken from those Courts, and transferred to Magistrates; and the Commissioners suggest the repeal of this part of the Seaman's

Act.

Act. We consider however, that it would not be within the scope of our reference to give any opinion on this subject; but we think it right to direct attention to that part of the Commissioner's Report which states that this Act will have the effect of taking away the greater part of the Fees proposed to be taken by the Officers of this Court Vice Admiralty.

We also think it advisable to refer to that part of Lord Cathcart's Letter, of the 28th of July, 1846, which transmits several of the documents to which we have adverted, in order, as His Lordship states, "that they may be submitted to the proper Officers, before the final enactment by Her Majesty in Council, of a Tariff of Fees for the several Courts of Vice Admiralty in British North America," and to observe that the Vice Admiralty Court at Quebec is the only Court to which the several documents we have had before us in any manner relate, and inasmuch as it is the only Court where the Fees established by the said Act of the 2nd and 3rd of Wm. IV., Cap. 51, have been annulled and revoked by Order in Council—consequently the Table of Fees to be taken in all the other Vice Admiralty Courts in British North America must be made conformably to that Act of Parliament, until such Act be revoked by order of Her Majesty in Council. On this point however, we think our safer course is to refer to that part of the Report of the Committee wherein they state, "we have not failed to advert to the desire which has been expressed, that if practicable, a Tariff should be framed applicable to all Colonies in North America; but in the absence of information as to the practice and the relative position of the different Officers of the Vice Admiralty Courts of the other Colonies, compared with that of Canada, we have felt that we best discharged the duty imposed upon us by confining ourselves to suggesting what we conceived to be the most desirable for the Vice Admiralty Court of this Province."

The following is the proposed Table of Fees to be taken by the Officers and Practitioners of the Vice Admiralty Court at Quebec.

JUDGE.

No Fees to be allowed to the Judge. His Salary to be in lieu of all Fees,	£200 0 0
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BY THE SURROGATE

Fees in the progress of a Suit or Cause—Sterling Money.

For administering an Oath, as to a witness or party in a Cause; taking Bail, whether by one or more persons; Decreeing Monition, Commission, Attachment, or for any other instrument; or for any Judicial Act done before or after the hearing of a Cause,	0 1 6
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BY THE REGISTRAR.

1. *Fees on Instruments prepared by the Registrar.*

For Drawing and Ingrossing—	
Warrant to arrest Ship, Goods, or Person,	0 4 6
Copy and filing Affidavit,	0 4 6
Bail Bond,	
Monition Commission or Decree, whether of Unlivery, Appraisement, or Sale, or otherwise,	0 9 0
Writ, or Instrument of Restitution,	0 9 0
Compulsory or Subpœna against Witnesses,	0 3 0
Writ of Attachment,	0 9 0
If either of the preceding Instruments exceed in length ten folios, for every folio beyond ten,	0 1 0

NOTE.—The folio mentioned throughout this Table of Fees must contain 90 words, reckoning each figure as a word.

Should the Registrar be required to prepare any other Document, Instrument, or Matter whatsoever, not specified in this Table, he will be entitled to the same charge as a Proctor, viz :

For drawing, for every folio,	0	1	0
For fair copying or engrossing, for every folio,	0	0	6

2. *Fees on Documents not prepared by the Registrar, but by the Proctor, Solicitor or Advocate in a Cause.*

On a Decree pronouncing for the interest of a party proceeding in pœnam, being signed by the Judge, including the drawing the Act,	0	6	0
On filing Affidavit or Protest of a Master or Mariners, without reference to the number of persons making the same,	0	1	6
On filing Libel, Information, Claim, Proxy, or similar document,	0	2	3
On filing Exhibit annexed thereto, or to any Affidavit,	0	0	6
On signing and filing personal answers of a party in a Suit, including drawing the Act,	0	3	0

3. *Fees on taking the Examination of Witnesses.*

On the Examination of every Witness, on an Information, Libel, Interrogatories or Plea, whether <i>viva voce</i> , or otherwise, a Fee of	0	4	6
For each folio to which the Examination shall extend, if in English,	0	1	0
If by Interpretation, Interpreter included,	0	2	0

NOTE—It should be understood that the Registrar, or whoever acts as the Examiner for him, should take Depositions in chief of the Witnesses, on the Libel, Information, or Plea itself, without written Interrogatories, putting such relevant questions *viva voce*, as may suggest themselves, and care should be taken not to lead the Witness. The Libel, Information, or Plea, should therefore always be drawn sufficiently precise and full to enable the Examiner to take the Examinations accordingly.
The Cross Examinations must of course be taken in written Interrogatories.

4. *Fees on Office Copies of Papers or Proceedings.*

For Office Copy of Sentence or Interlocutory Decree certified under seal,	0	6	0
For Office Copy of any Affidavit, Examinations, answers of a party, or other Document, or proceedings in a Cause, or Extract therefrom, if under 12 folios,	0	4	6
If exceeding 12 folios, for each folio beyond 12,	0	0	6
Office Copies of Papers and Proceedings to form a process to be transmitted to the Court of Appeal, or for any other purpose, for each folio contained therein,	0	0	6

5. *Fees on Translation of Papers,—where papers are translated the Registrar should charge the Disbursement actually made to the Translator, with an addition of one-fourth to compensate himself for his trouble, advance, &c.*

6. *Incidental Fees in the progress of a Cause.*

On subduction of an Action,	0	4	6
For entering every ordinary Act of Court, not specified in this Table,	0	1	0

On

On every Default pronounced against parties in contempt in cases proceeding in pœnam,	0	4	6
On every Interlocutory Decree or Sentence, including drawing the Act, to be paid by the party succeeding,	0	9	0
For every attendance before a Judge or Surrogate, at which any Decree is made other than an Interlocutory or Sentence, including the Act drawing the Act,	0	4	6
For a receipt for Original Documents delivered out of the Registry,	0	1	6
On a Search or Examination of the Records by any person, not being a party in the cause in which the Search is made,	0	1	0
NOTE.—No Fee to be charged to a party in the Cause, or to any Seaman applying for a Search.			
For advertising an intermediate or extra Court day, in addition to the sum paid for the Advertisement,	0	4	6
<i>7. On paying out Money.</i>			
For preparing Receipt for Money to be paid out of the Registry,	0	1	6
Poundage on Money paid out of the Registry, for every Pound, Sterling,	0	0	2
<i>8. Taxing Costs.</i>			
For taxing a Bill for Costs, if under six folios from the party at whose instance the taxation takes place,	0	4	6
<i>9. References of Accounts, &c., by the Judge to the Registrar and Merchants.</i>			
To the Registrar,	2	2	0
To the Assistant Merchant,	2	2	0
If two Merchants two Guineas each.			
BY THE MARSHAL.			
For arresting a Vessel, Goods, or Person,	0	18	0
For keeping possession of a Vessel and Cargo jointly, or either of them singly, when the same are not under the responsible charge and custody of the Officers of the Customs, for each day in which they remain in the Marshal's charge, exclusive of charge for Keepers when necessary,	0	3	0
NOTE.—This Fee not to be chargeable in cases where the Goods have been put into Store or Warehouse.			
For enquiring into and certifying the sufficiency of persons proposed as Sureties in any Suit,	0	2	3
For release of a Vessel, Goods, or Person, from arrest,	0	2	3
For executing any Monition or Decree for answers of a party or compulsory, or other instrument not specified,	0	4	6
For any Default or Decree pronounced for the interest of a party proceeding in pœnam,	0	3	0
For every attendance in Court when a Sentence or Interlocutory Decree is pronounced,	0	4	6
For executing every Decree or Commission of Appraisement, exclusive of the Appraiser's Fees, but including the making of the Inventory, if the value should not exceed £500 Sterling,	1	1	0
For the like duty when the value exceeds £500 Sterling,	1	16	0
For executing every Decree or Commission of Sale of Ships or Goods by Public Auction, when the gross proceeds are under £200 Stg.	1	1	0
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And in every additional £100 Sterling,	0 10 6
On attending the execution of a Decree or Commission, or unlivery of Cargo, (when not done for the purpose of Sale,) per day,	0 16 0
For taking a person in execution after sentence, if the sum due from such person does not exceed £20 Sterling,	0 18 0
For the like duty when the sum is above £20 and under £50 Sterling,	1 16 0
For the like duty when the sum is above £50 and under £100 Sterling, for every Pound Sterling due,	0 1 0
And on every additional Pound Sterling after the first £100,	0 0 6
NOTE.—Should it be necessary for the Marshal to go any distance to execute any of the above duties, there should be paid to him for the loss of time and travelling expenses in addition to the preceding Fees, the following :	
If the distance exceed four and be under six miles,	0 1 1
If the distance be still greater the allowance to be increased by an addition of Two Shillings and Three Pence for each additional league, and his reasonable disbursements.	

BY THE ADVOCATES.

As the profession of Advocate and Proctor are not as yet separated in Lower Canada, the Fees of both are inserted under the following head

BY THE ADVOCATES AND PROCTORS.

Retaining Fee, Instructions to prosecute or defend,	0 10 6
For attending before the Judge or Judge Surrogate, either in Court or Chambers,	0 6 0
On extracting any Warrant, Monition, Commission, Writ, or other Instrument,	0 6 0
Drawing Libel, Information, Claim, and Affidavit, Act or Petition, Responsive Plea, (or Replication,) to Libel or Information, or Act on Petition,	0 18 0
Engrossing Copies, each,	0 9 0
Drawing Interrogatories, Answers, Affidavits, or any other proceedings whatever, not herein specified, for each folio,	0 1 0
Fair Copying or Engrossing, for every folio,	0 0 6
NOTE.—It should be understood that in preparing Interrogatories for the cross examination of witnesses, they are not to be drawn separately for each witness to whom the same are to be administered, but that when practicable, as in most instances will be the case, one set of Interrogatories should be prepared generally applicable to all the witnesses.	
For Consultation with party for the purpose of taking instructions for the Libel, Information, Plea, Act on Petition, or for any other important purpose during the dependence of a Suit,	0 6 0
The Fee for the final hearing must depend upon the length of the Evidence, and the importance and difficulties of the Cause, but in cases of no great intricacy the Fee should be from two to three Guineas, and not to exceed the latter sum, unless where the proceedings are voluminous or unusually important or difficult, and in this last case not to exceed five Guineas.	

For any necessary attendance on the Registrar, or on the adverse Proctor during the progress of a Cause, to adjust any incidental point in the Suit, or on the Marshal to instruct him as to the service of any Instrument, reporting Bail, &c.	0 4 6
On all Office Copies of Depositions, &c. obtained from the Registrar, one third of actual sum paid at the Registry is to be added for trouble of collating and extracting the same.	
For perusing and considering any Papers, Exhibits, or Documents, furnished or introduced into a Cause by the adverse party to his own Proctor, for the purpose of being brought forward as Evidence in the Suit, if not exceeding 12 folios,	0 3 0
For every additional 12 folios,	0 1 6
For attending Informations on the final hearing of a Cause when it occupies only a short time,	0 10 0
If a few hours,	0 16 8
If a whole day,	1 6 8

In some of the Vice Admiralty Courts, Proceedings for the forfeiture of Ships or Goods, and for the recovery of Penalties consequent thereon, have, in some instances, been carried on by two separate Suits, one for the condemnation of the property, and the other for the penalties. This mode of proceeding should be discontinued, one suit only being necessary to accomplish both objects.

In all cases under £20 sterling, wherein the Judge shall see fit to order that the Proceedings be Summary, and the Evidence taken *viva voce*, the Fees to be taken by the several Officers of the Court shall become half of the foregoing Fees, and no more, save and except as to the Fee for the Warrant of Arrest, Arrest, and Bail Bond, which shall remain as above.

So also as to cases under £20 sterling, settled before the return of the Warrant.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES.

The Rules and Regulations established by the King's Order in Council of the 27th of June, 1832, are not to be construed to have set aside the former practice in the Courts of Vice Admiralty, of allowing the Defendant to require from the Promoter to Libel with Sureties unless the Promoter should be admitted by the Court to his juratory caution.

From the shortness of the Season of the Navigation at the Port of Quebec, and the danger and risk to ships towards the close of the Navigation in the Autumn from even so short as twenty-four hours notice of Bail to answer an Action, this period of notice of Bail, as provided by the Eleventh Section of the above Rules and Regulations, shall not be required, where the parties who are proposed as the Bail make oath that they are respectively worth more than the amount for which they are proposed as Bail or Security, over and above their just debts.

(Signed)

J. DODSON,
JOSEPH PHILLIMORE,
WM. ROTHERY,
H. B. SWABEY.

(Copy.)

Admiralty, 4th April, 1849.

SIR—

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to transmit to you, for the information of Earl Grey, the enclosed copy of the Table of Fees of the Vice Admiralty Court at Quebec.

(Signed)

W. A. B. HAMILTON.

H. MERIVALE, Esqr.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 21st April, 1849.

SIR—

I am directed by Earl Grey, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 4th instant, transmitting by command of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of the Table of Fees of the Vice Admiralty Court at Quebec.

Lord Grey requests to be informed, whether the Table of Fees thus communicated to him in copy, has been forwarded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to Canada, and if so, at what period it was so sent. His Lordship also wishes to be informed, whether the Table has been confirmed by an Order of the Queen in Council, and if so, of the date which that Order bears.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

J. C. MERIVALE.

Captain W. A. B. HAMILTON, R. N.

(Copy.)

Admiralty, 25th April, 1849.

SIR—

With reference to your Letter of the 21st instant, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request that you will acquaint Earl Grey that a copy of the Table of Fees of the Vice Admiralty Court at Quebec was sent from this Office to the Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court of Quebec, on the 30th May, 1848, and that the Order in Council, establishing these Fees, was dated 2d March, 1848.

(Signed)

W. A. B. HAMILTON.

H. MERIVALE, Esq.

TABLE OF FEES,

To be taken by the Judge, Registrar, Marshal, Advocates, and Proctors of the Vice-Admiralty Court, Quebec. Sterling Money.

JUDGE.

No Fees to be allowed to the Judge. His Salary to be in lieu of all Fees,

£200 0 0

BY THE SURROGATE.

Fees in the progress of a Suit or Cause.

For administering an Oath, as to a witness or party in a Cause; taking Bail, whether by one or more persons; Decreeing Monition, Com-

mission,

mission, Attachment, or for any other instrument ; or for any Judicial Act done before or after the hearing of a Cause, 0 1 6

BY THE REGISTRAR.

1. *Fees on Instruments prepared by the Registrar.*

For Drawing and Ingrossing—			
Warrant to arrest Ship, Goods, or Person,			
Copy and filing Affidavit,	0	4	6
Bail Bond,	0	4	6
Monition, Commission, or Decree, whether of Unlivery, Appraisement, or Sale, or otherwise,	0	9	0
Writ, or Instrument of Restitution,	0	9	0
Compulsory or Subpœna against Witnesses,	0	3	0
Writ of Attachment,	0	9	0
If either of the preceding Instruments exceed in length ten folios, for every folio beyond ten,	0	1	0

NOTE.—The folio mentioned throughout this Table of Fees must contain 90 words, reckoning each figure as a word.

Should the Registrar be required to prepare any other Document, Instrument, or Matter whatsoever, not specified in this Table, he will be entitled to the same charge as a Proctor, viz :

For drawing, for every folio,	0	1	0
For fair copying or engrossing, for every folio,	0	0	6

2. *Fees on Documents not prepared by the Registrar, but by the Proctor, Solicitor or Advocate in a Cause.*

On a Decree pronouncing for the interest of a party proceeding in pœnam, being signed by the Judge, including the drawing the Act,	0	6	0
On filing Affidavit or Protest of a Master or Mariners, without reference to the number of persons making the same,	0	1	6
On filing Libel, Information, Claim, Proxy, or similar document,	0	2	3
On filing Exhibit annexed thereto, or to any Affidavit,	0	0	6
On signing (or filing) personal answers of a party in a Suit, including drawing the Act,	0	3	0

3. *Fees on taking the Examination of Witnesses.*

On the Examination of every Witness, on an Information, Libel, Interrogatories or Plea, whether <i>viva voce</i> , or otherwise, a Fee of	0	4	6
For each folio to which the Examination shall extend, if in English,	0	1	0
If by Interpretation, (Interpreter included,)	0	2	0

NOTE.—It should be understood that the Registrar, or whoever acts as the Examiner for him, should take Depositions in chief of the Witnesses, on the Libel, Information, or Plea itself, without written Interrogatories, putting such relevant questions *viva voce*, as may suggest themselves, and care should be taken not to lead the Witness. The Libel, Information, or Plea, should therefore always be drawn sufficiently precise and full to enable the Examiner to take the Examinations accordingly.

The Cross Examinations must of course be taken on written Interrogatories.

4. *Fees on Office Copies of Papers or Proceedings.*

For Office Copy of Sentence or Interlocutory Decree certified under seal,	0	6	0
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For

For Office Copy of any Affidavit, Examination, answers of a party, or other Documents, or proceedings in a Cause, or Extract therefrom, if under 12 folios,	0	4	6
If exceeding 12 folios, for each folio beyond 12,	0	0	6
Office Copies of Papers and Proceedings to form a process to be transmitted to the Court of Appeal, or for any other purpose, for each folio contained therein,	0	6	0

5. *Fees on Translation of Papers,—where papers are translated the Registrar should charge the Disbursement actually made to the Translator, with an addition of one-fourth to compensate himself for his trouble, advance, &c.*

6. *Incidental Fees in the progress of a Cause.*

On subduction of an Action,	0	4	6
For entering every ordinary Act of Court, not specified in this Table,	0	1	0
On every Default pronounced against parties in contempt in cases proceeding in pœnam,	0	4	6
On every Interlocutory Decree or Sentence, including drawing the Act, to be paid by the party succeeding,	0	9	0
For every attendance before a Judge or Surrogate, at which any Decree is made other than an Interlocutory or Sentence, including the Act drawing the Act,	0	4	6
For a receipt for Original Documents delivered out of the Registry,	0	1	6
On a Search or Examination of the Records by any person, not being a party in the cause in which the Search is made,	0	1	0
NOTE.—No Fee to be charged to a party in the Cause, or to any Seaman applying for a Search.			
For advertising an intermediate or extra Court day, in addition to the sum paid for the Advertisement,	0	4	6

7. *On paying out Money.*

For preparing Receipt for Money to be paid out of the Registry,	0	1	6
Poundage on Money paid out of the Registry, for every Pound, Sterling,	0	0	2

8. *Taxing Costs.*

For taxing a Bill for Costs, if under six folios from the party at whose instance the taxation takes place,	0	4	6
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9. *References of Accounts, &c., by the Judge to the Registrar and Merchants.*

To the Registrar,	2	2	0
To the Assistant Merchant,	2	2	0
If two Merchants two Guineas each.			

BY THE MARSHAL.

For arresting a Vessel, Goods, or Person,	0	18	0
For keeping possession of a Vessel and Cargo jointly, or either of them singly, when the same are not under the responsible charge and custody of the Officers of the Customs, for each day in which they remain in the Marshal's charge, exclusive of charge for Keepers when necessary,	0	3	0

NOTE.—This Fee not to be chargeable in cases where the Goods have been put into Store or Warehouse.

For

For enquiring into and certifying the sufficiency of persons proposed as Sureties in any Suit,	0	2	3
For release of a Vessel, Goods, or Person, from arrest,	0	2	3
For executing any Monition or Decree for answers of a Party or Compulsory, or other Instrument not specified,	0	4	6
For any Default or Decree pronounced for the interest of a Party proceeding in pœnam,	0	3	0
For every attendance in Court when a Sentence or Interlocutory Decree is pronounced,	0	4	6
For executing every Decree or Commission of Appraisement, exclusive of the Appraiser's Fees, but including the making of the Inventory, if the value should not exceed £500 Sterling.	1	1	0
For the like duty when the value exceeds £500 Sterling,	1	16	0
For executing every Decree or Commission of Sale of Ship or Goods by Public Auction, when the gross proceeds are under £200 Stg.	1	1	0
And in every additional £100 Sterling,	0	10	6
On attending the execution of a Decree or Commission of unlivery of Cargo, (when not done for the purpose of Sale,) per day,	0	16	0
For taking a person in execution after sentence, if the sum due from such person does not exceed £20 Sterling,	0	18	0
For the like duty when the sum is above £20 and under £50 Sterling,	1	16	0
For the like duty when the sum is above £50 and under £100 Sterling, for every Pound Sterling due,	0	1	0
And on every additional Pound Sterling after the first £100,	0	0	6

NOTE.—Should it be necessary for the Marshal to go any distance to execute any of the above duties, there should be paid to him for loss of time and travelling expenses in addition to the preceding Fees, the following :

If the distance exceed four and be under six miles,	0	1	1
If the distance be still greater the allowance to be increased by an addition of Two Shillings and Three Pence for each additional league, and his reasonable disbursements.			

BY THE ADVOCATES.

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BY THE ADVOCATES AND PROCTORS.

Retaining Fee, Instructions to prosecute or defend,	0	10	6
For attending before the Judge or Judge Surrogate, either in Court or Chambers,	0	6	0
On extracting any Warrant, Monition, Commission, Writ, or other Instrument,	0	6	0
Drawing Libel, Information, Claim, and Affidavit, Act on Petition, Responsive Plea, (or Replication,) to Libel or Information, or Act on Petition,	0	18	0
Engrossing Copies, each,	0	9	0
Drawing Interrogatories, Answers, Affidavits, or any other proceeding whatever, not herein specified, for each folio,	0	1	0
Fair Copying or Engrossing, for every folio,	0	0	6

NOTE.—It should be understood that in preparing Interrogatories for the cross examination of witnesses, they are not to be drawn

separately

separately for each witness to whom the same are to be administered, but that when practicable, as in most instances will be the case, one set of Interrogatories should be prepared generally applicable to all the witnesses.

For Consultation with party for the purpose of taking instructions for the Libel, Information, Plea, Act on Petition, or for any other important purpose during the dependence of a Suit,	0 6 0
The Fee for the final hearing must depend upon the length of the Evidence, and the importance and difficulties of the Cause, but in cases of no great intricacy the Fee should be from two to three Guineas, and not to exceed the latter sum, unless where the proceedings are voluminous or unusually important or difficult, and in this last case not to exceed five Guineas.	
For any necessary attendance on the Registrar, or on the adverse Proctor during the progress of a Cause, to adjust any incidental point in the Suit, or on the Marshal to instruct him as to the service of any Instrument, reporting Bail, &c.	0 4 6
On all Office Copies of Depositions, &c. obtained from the Registrar, one third of the actual sum paid at the Registry is to be added for the trouble of collating and extracting the same.	
For perusing and considering any Papers, Exhibits, or Documents, furnished or introduced into a Cause by the adverse party, or furnished by a party to his own Proctor, for the purpose of being brought forward as Evidence in the Suit, if not exceeding 12 folios,	0 3 0
For every additional 12 folios,	0 1 6
For attending Informations on the final hearing of a Cause when it occupies only a short time,	0 10 0
If a few hours,	0 16 8
If a whole day,	1 6 8

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In all cases under £20 sterling, wherein the Judge shall see fit to order that the Proceedings be Summary, and the Evidence taken *viva voce*, the Fees to be taken by the several Officers of the Court shall become half of the foregoing Fees, and no more, save and except as to the Fee for the Warrant of Arrest, Arrest, and Bail Bond, which shall remain as above.

So also as to cases under £20 sterling, settled before the return of the Warrant.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES.

The Rules and Regulations established by the King's Order in Council of the 27th of June, 1832, are not to be construed to have set aside the former practice in the Courts of Vice Admiralty, of allowing the Defendant to require from the Promoter to Libel with Sureties unless the Promoter should be admitted by the Court to his juratory caution.

From the shortness of the Season of the Navigation at the Port of Quebec, and the danger and risk to ships towards the close of the Navigation in the Autumn from even

For enquiring into and certifying the sufficiency of persons proposed as Sureties in any Suit,	0	2	3
For release of a Vessel, Goods, or Person, from arrest,	0	2	3
For executing any Monition or Decree for answers of a Party or Compulsory, or other Instrument not specified,	0	4	6
For any Default or Decree pronounced for the interest of a Party proceeding in pœnam,	0	3	0
For every attendance in Court when a Sentence or Interlocutory Decree is pronounced,	0	4	6
For executing every Decree or Commission of Appraisement, exclusive of the Appraiser's Fees, but including the making of the Inventory, if the value should not exceed £500 Sterling.	1	1	0
For the like duty when the value exceeds £500 Sterling,	1	16	0
For executing every Decree or Commission of Sale of Ship or Goods by Public Auction, when the gross proceeds are under £200 Stg.	1	1	0
And in every additional £100 Sterling,	0	10	6
On attending the execution of a Decree or Commission of unlivery of Cargo, (when not done for the purpose of Sale,) per day,	0	16	0
For taking a person in execution after sentence, if the sum due from such person does not exceed £20 Sterling,	0	18	0
For the like duty when the sum is above £20 and under £50 Sterling,	1	16	0
For the like duty when the sum is above £50 and under £100 Sterling, for every Pound Sterling due,	0	1	0
And on every additional Pound Sterling after the first £100,	0	0	6
NOTE.—Should it be necessary for the Marshal to go any distance to execute any of the above duties, there should be paid to him for loss of time and travelling expenses in addition to the preceding Fees, the following:			
If the distance exceed four and be under six miles,	0	1	1
If the distance be still greater the allowance to be increased by an addition of Two Shillings and Three Pence for each additional league, and his reasonable disbursements.			

BY THE ADVOCATES.

As the profession of Advocate and Proctor are not as yet separated in Lower Canada, the Fees of both are inserted under the following head

BY THE ADVOCATES AND PROCTORS.

Retaining Fee, Instructions to prosecute or defend,	0	10	6
For attending before the Judge or Judge Surrogate, either in Court or Chambers,	0	6	0
On extracting any Warrant, Monition, Commission, Writ, or other Instrument,	0	6	0
Drawing Libel, Information, Claim, and Affidavit, Act on Petition, Responsive Plea, (or Replication,) to Libel or Information, or Act on Petition,	0	18	0
Engrossing Copies, each,	0	9	0
Drawing Interrogatories, Answers, Affidavits, or any other proceeding whatever, not herein specified, for each folio,	0	1	0
Fair Copying or Engrossing, for every folio,	0	0	6
NOTE.—It should be understood that in preparing Interrogatories for the cross examination of witnesses, they are not to be drawn			

separately

separately for each witness to whom the same are to be administered, but that when practicable, as in most instances will be the case, one set of Interrogatories should be prepared generally applicable to all the witnesses.		
For Consultation with party for the purpose of taking instructions for the Libel, Information, Plea, Act on Petition, or for any other important purpose during the dependence of a Suit,		0 6 0
The Fee for the final hearing must depend upon the length of the Evidence, and the importance and difficulties of the Cause, but in cases of no great intricacy the Fee should be from two to three Guineas, and not to exceed the latter sum, unless where the proceedings are voluminous or unusually important or difficult, and in this last case not to exceed five Guineas.		
For any necessary attendance on the Registrar, or on the adverse Proctor during the progress of a Cause, to adjust any incidental point in the Suit, or on the Marshal to instruct him as to the service of any Instrument, reporting Bail, &c.		0 4 6
On all Office Copies of Depositions, &c. obtained from the Registrar, one third of the actual sum paid at the Registry is to be added for the trouble of collating and extracting the same.		
For perusing and considering any Papers, Exhibits, or Documents, furnished or introduced into a Cause by the adverse party, or furnished by a party to his own Proctor, for the purpose of being brought forward as Evidence in the Suit, if not exceeding 12 folios,		0 3 0
For every additional 12 folios,		0 1 6
For attending Informations on the final hearing of a Cause when it occupies only a short time,		0 10 0
If a few hours,		0 16 8
If a whole day,		1 6 8

NOTE.—In some of the Vice Admiralty Courts, Proceedings for the forfeiture of Ships or Goods, and for the recoveries of Penalties consequent thereon, have, in some instances, been carried on by two separate Suits, one for the condemnation of the property, and the other for the penalties. This mode of proceeding should be discontinued, one suit only being necessary to accomplish both objects.

In all cases under £20 sterling, wherein the Judge shall see fit to order that the Proceedings be Summary, and the Evidence taken viva voce, the Fees to be taken by the several Officers of the Court shall become half of the foregoing Fees, and no more, save and except as to the Fee for the Warrant of Arrest, Arrest, and Bail Bond, which shall remain as above.

So also as to cases under £20 sterling, settled before the return of the Warrant.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES.

The Rules and Regulations established by the King's Order in Council of the 27th of June, 1832, are not to be construed to have set aside the former practice in the Courts of Vice Admiralty, of allowing the Defendant to require from the Promoter to Libel with Sureties unless the Promoter should be admitted by the Court to his juratory caution.

From the shortness of the Season of the Navigation at the Port of Quebec, and the danger and risk to ships towards the close of the Navigation in the Autumn from even

so short as twenty-four hours notice of Bail to answer an Action, this period of notice of Bail, as provided by the Eleventh Section of the above Rules and Regulations, shall not be required, where the parties who are proposed as the Bail make oath that they are respectively worth more than the amount for which they are proposed as Bail or Security, over and above the amount of their just debts.

(Signed) J. DODSON,
JOSEPH PHILLIMORE,
WM. ROTHERY,
H. B. SWABEY.

APPENDIX No. 10.

(Copy.)

No. 101.

Government House, Halifax, April 6, 1849.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to transmit a copy of an Act passed during the recent Session, entitled, "An Act to enable the Commissioners for erecting and building the Trunk Line of Railway from Halifax to Quebec, to construct the same within this Province," with Addresses from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly on the same subject, which those Bodies respectfully request may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

I do not abstain from expressing to Your Lordship my satisfaction at the manner in which this great question has been dealt with by the Legislature of Nova Scotia.

I have, &c. &c.

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

The Rt. Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

Enclosures—
1. Railway Act.
2. Address of Leg. Council.
3. Address of House of Assembly.

(Copy.)

No. 174.

Downing Street, 1st June, 1849.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 101, of the 6th of April last, transmitting an Act passed by the Provincial Legislature, to enable the Commissioners for erecting and building the Trunk Line of Railway from Halifax to Quebec, to construct the same within the limits of this Province, accompanied by Addresses from the Legislative Council and Assembly.

You will acquaint the Members of the two Branches of the Legislature, that I have laid these Addresses before the Queen, and that Her Majesty was pleased to receive them very graciously.

You will further state to them, that while Her Majesty's Government are most anxious to promote the proposed undertaking, they are not yet prepared to submit to Parliament any measure for that purpose, and without in any degree abandoning the hope that means may ultimately be found of executing so important a National Work, they cannot disguise from themselves that the difficulties to be overcome are very great.

The Order of Her Majesty in Council, leaving the Act to its operation, will be forwarded to you by an early opportunity.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Lt. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY.

APPENDIX No. 11.

(Copy.)

No. 100.

Government House, Halifax, April 5, 1849.

MY LORD—

Enclosure—Address.

I have the honor to transmit and to recommend to Her Majesty's favorable consideration the enclosed Address, passed by the House of Assembly, praying for a reduction of the Fees charged upon Colonial Shipping by British Consuls in Foreign Ports.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

The Right Honorable EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 283.

Downing-Street, 19th July, 1849.

SIR—

I have received your Despatch of the 5th of last April, No. 100, transmitting and recommending to Her Majesty's favorable consideration an Address from the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia to the Queen, praying for a reduction of the Fees charged upon the Vessels of that Province by British Consuls in the United States of America.

Previously to submitting this Address to Her Majesty, I thought it right to refer it to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and the answer, (of which I enclose herewith a copy,) which I have received from him, appearing to show that there must have been some great mistake committed in the statement of facts contained in the Address, I have now to desire that you will furnish me with any explanation which it is in your power to afford of this apparent error, in order that I may be able to judge in what terms it will be right that Her Majesty should be advised to answer the application made to her.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR J. HARVEY, &c. &c. &c.

Copy.

(Copy.)

Foreign Office, July 14, 1849.

SIR—

I have laid before Viscount Palmerston your Letter of the 8th May, enclosing an Address to the Queen from the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, praying for a reduction of the Fees charged upon Colonial Shipping by British Consuls in the United States, and I am directed by His Lordship to state to you, that he apprehends that the grounds upon which this request is made are not sufficient to call for the suggested alteration, inasmuch as it is assumed in the Address that Fees to the amount of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds are levied annually by British Consuls on Nova-Scotia Ships, whereas the total sum received by Her Majesty's Consuls in the United States during the last three years, in the shape of Fees, averaged only Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds a year; and these Fees have been levied not on Nova-Scotia Ships only, but upon the whole of the British Trade with the United States, including Shipping from the Ports of all Countries, and including also various services not affecting Shipping. Moreover, owing to the demand for American Corn, the average of the last three years is unusually high—the average of Fees for the last *five* years being Three Thousand Three Hundred and Two Pounds, and for the *ten* years preceding, only One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds.

It is further to be observed, that the number of Nova Scotia Ships trading annually with the United States is stated to be about 1000, their tonnage being 100,000; and it is further stated that these Ships make ten voyages a year, thus increasing the number of Nova Scotia Ships to 10,000 annually, and the tonnage to 1,000,000. Now by the best published Returns up to the 31st December, 1847, it appears that the whole of the Foreign Shipping arriving at all Ports of the United States, amounted in that year only to 6268 Ships of 1,176,605 tons; and it is scarcely to be supposed that the Province of Nova Scotia should supply a larger number of Ships than the number published by the United States as the total number of Ships arriving in the United States from all parts of the world, and little less than the whole of the Foreign tonnage.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

H. U. ADDINGTON.

H. MERIVALE, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 12.

(Copy.)

No. 112.

Government House, Halifax, May 2, 1849.

MY LORD—

Referring to my Despatch (No. 35) of the 25th May, 1848, and to Your Lordship's (No. 100) of the 20th of June, in reply thereto, I have now the honor to transmit an Address, passed unanimously by the House of Assembly, on the subject of the Coal Mines, with certain Documents appended.

The concurrence of all parties in the adoption of this Address, shews how general the opinion it embodies are entertained in this country, and I shall be glad if any means can be devised for further opening up its resources, without prejudice to the interests of the Mining Association.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

Enclosure—Assembly's Address.

Copy.

No. 187.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 16th August, 1849.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 112, of 2nd of May last, enclosing an Address, passed unanimously by the House of Assembly, on the subject of the General Mining Association, with the Report of a Committee of that Body and Resolutions founded thereupon.

2. I have delayed answering this Despatch in hopes that some arrangement, such as is desired by the Assembly, might yet be effected; but I cannot, at present, see any prospect of such a termination, and I am bound, in justice to the General Mining Association, to state, that independently of the reluctance felt by them to compromise what they regard as their right, a further difficulty in the way of such an arrangement has been suggested to me, which was not present to my mind when I addressed you my Despatch of the 20th June, 1848. By a very recent agreement, effected after much litigation, under the superintendance of the Treasury, between the General Mining Association and the Representatives of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, the former are bound to pay certain dues to the Crown, and certain other dues to the other parties in question; but these are in fact the whole body of the creditors of His late Royal Highness. As the fund out of which these dues are paid would be liable to diminution through any cession of its territorial claims by the Association, they must be parties to such an agreement, and this could not be effected without negotiation, which it is wholly out of my power to undertake.

3. I am therefore under the necessity of referring you to my former Despatch already cited, and to the Minute of the Lords of the Treasury, enclosed in Lord Stanley's Despatch of the 18th January, 1845, as comprising my answer to the present application. It is with regret that I do so, because I am strongly opposed to any privilege or concession which may have the effect of raising the price of important articles of Commerce and general consumption. I can only, however, hope that this is not practically the case to any extent—that the views expressed in a former Report of a Committee of the Assembly in 1839, are well founded—and that the Association has really done the Colony service instead of injury, by the capital which it has introduced, and the industry which it has fostered.

4. On the legal question of the extent and validity of the privileges of that Body, I must decline, as on former occasions, to express any opinion, as it is one on which a competent legal tribunal can alone decide. I cannot consent to its being deprived of any advantages of which it is now in possession, until the decision of such a tribunal, adverse to the Company, has been obtained, nor can the Crown initiate any proceedings against it; but if you should be called upon by an Address from the Legislature, to sanction the institution of legal proceedings by the Attorney General of the Province, in order to set aside the claims of the Company, I should not consider it necessary to object to your doing so.

5. If no such proceedings should be considered to be advisable on behalf of the Province, or if in the event of their being instituted, the rights claimed by the Association should be pronounced valid by a competent tribunal, I trust that the Provincial Government and Legislature will feel that the benefit which the Province could derive from nullifying a lawful agreement which they regard as prejudicial to their interests, would be as nothing compared with the general injury which would result from such an invasion of the common rights of property, and the loss of confidence which must ensue on the part of all those who might otherwise be disposed to invest Capital in Nova Scotia.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 13.

(Copy.)

No. 145.

Government House, Halifax, October 19, 1849.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Her Majesty's Government, a Copy of a Minute of Council, passed on the 24th ultimo, revoking the Regulations under which the Grants of Crown Lands in this Province have heretofore been made to Officers of Her Majesty's Army and Navy.

This policy Your Lordship will perceive has been adopted in all the other Colonies in which the Crown Estate has passed by Legislative enactment; but I shall take care that those Officers who have come into Nova Scotia, or whose Papers have been lodged on the faith of the Regulations heretofore existing, shall have their equitable claims respected.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

The Rt. Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c.

Enclosure—Order
in Council, 24th
Aug. 1849.*At a Council held at the Government House, on the 24th day of September, 1849.*

PRESENT—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
&c. &c. &c.

It is ordered, that the Regulation of this Board, heretofore in force, authorising the free grant of Crown Lands to Officers of Her Majesty's Army and Navy settling in this Colony, be, and the same is hereby revoked; and that public notice hereof be given in the Royal Gazette.

APPENDIX No. 14.

(Copy.)

No. 186.

Downing Street, 16th August, 1849.

SIR—

I transmit herewith, for your information and guidance, the copy of a Letter from the Board of Treasury, relative to the payment of the amounts of Surplus Postage Revenue due to the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Lt. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY,

(Copy)

Treasury Chambers, 6th August, 1849.

SIR—

With reference to the communication from this Department of the 23d May last, and to your reply of the 5th June, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, for the information of Earl Grey, that my Lords have directed a Warrant to be prepared, authorizing the Postmaster General to cause payment to be made to the Receiver General of Canada, of the sum of £5405-7s. 6d. ; to the Receiver General of Nova Scotia of the sum of £285 7s. 9d., and to the Receiver General of New Brunswick of the sum of £872 10s. 1d., being the amounts of surplus Postage accruing in those respective Colonies, during the year ended the 5th July, 1848, and remaining applicable to the Public Service therein, under the provisions of the Act 7 and 8 Victoria, Cap. 49.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

W. G. HAYTER.

H. MERIVALE, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 8. (*Supplementary.*)

(Copy.)

No. 97.

Custom House, Halifax, N. S. 6th June, 1849.

SIR—

With reference to your Letter of the 28th ultimo, relative to certain Emigrants brought to this Province in the Barque "Ellen," from Scotland, I have the honor herewith to enclose a Letter I have this day received from Mr. Robertson, the Controller of Customs at Pictou. I beg leave to state, that the original List alluded to by Mr. Robertson, was transmitted by me, with the payment of the money, to Mr. Fairbanks, the Receiver General.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble Servant,

(Signed)

HENRY TREW, *Controller.*

To the Honorable JOSEPH HOWE, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 21.

Custom House, Pictou, 2d June, 1849.

SIR—

In obedience to your Letter of the 28th ult. respecting certain Emigrants brought to this Port in the Barque "Ellen," McLachlan, Master, from Loch Luxford, Scotland, I beg to report, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that the Barque "Ellen," D. McLachlan, Master, arrived here on the 29th June, 1848, and landed all the Passengers, being _____ in number, with the exception of

two

two families transhipped into the Mail Packet "Peri," Captain Davis, and in the following two weeks four families embarked for the same destination, making in all six families—a few of the Passengers went to Cape-Breton, and the remainder located in different parts of the Province.

The Ellen cleared out and sailed from hence on the 3d July for Buctouche, N. B., in Ballast, leaving all the Passengers behind.

From the Victualling Bill brought by Captain McLachlan, (which I enclosed and returned to him,) it would appear that the vessel cleared from Liverpool "to take on board Passengers at Loch Luxford," which will be shewn by the list transmitted to you on the 18th January last, No. 3, and the amounts of Head Money collected in virtue of the Provincial Act, amounting to £63 5s., being for 126½ adults at 10s. each, was remitted on the same date per my Letter No. 2.

I may remark that the Ellen was not bound to Prince Edward Island, but to this Port, being the agreement entered into between the Master and the Duke of Sutherland's Agent before the embarkation of the Emigrants at Loch Luxford.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) WM. ROBERTSON,
Controller.

HENRY TREW Esq., Controller Customs
and Navigation Laws, Halifax.

(Copy.)

No. 121.

Government House, Halifax, June 13, 1849.

MY LORD—

Referring to Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 166, of the 10th of May, accompanied by a Letter addressed to Your Lordship by His Grace the Duke of Sutherland, I have now the honor to report, that immediately on the receipt of those documents, I called upon the Controller of Customs to direct the proper Officer at the Port of Pictou, to explain the circumstances under which Head Money was collected from the Passengers landed at that Port from the Barque "Ellen", and subsequently transhipped to Prince Edward Island.

Enclosures—
1. Letter Mr. Trew.
2. Letter Mr. Robertson.

2. From the document inclosed, it will appear that the "Ellen" cleared for Pictou, and not for Prince Edward Island—that four days after her arrival she sailed for a Port in New Brunswick, leaving all her Passengers, in number 126 adults, behind—that of these, but six families subsequently removed to Prince Edward Island in other vessels. Under these circumstances, no legal claim to Head Money could be established, and however hardly the double payment exacted in the Sister Colony may have borne upon these poor people in this instance, I humbly conceive that very great inconvenience would result if Emigrants landing in one Province and subsequently dispersing into others, were encouraged to reclaim the Head Money paid at the Port of landing, where in a great majority of cases they would, from the prevalence of poverty and disease, be chiefly burthensome. Less difficulty would arise if each Colony collecting from ships entering its ports from the long voyage, would permit Emigrants once landed in either, to pass freely into all others.

3. One of the Vessels to which the Duke of Sutherland refers, landed at Pictou last Season a cargo of Emigrants affected with Confluent Small Pox. At a very heavy

heavy expense to this Government they were maintained in Hospital for many weeks, under the care of the Provincial Health Officers,—28 died, and late in the Autumn, finding that the greater portion of the Survivors were bound for Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton, I directed Vessels to be hired, at the Public Expense, to convey them thither, and was compelled to advance to those going to Prince Edward Island £112 10s. out of the Treasury to pay their Head Money in that Colony, a sum which the Authorities of the Island declined to repay.

4. Should Your Lordship, with those explanations, still think that the Head Money paid by the six families who have complained should be refunded, I will, on the receipt of Your Lordship's further instructions, submit the question to the Council.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

The Rt. Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 185.

Downing-Street, 1st August, 1849.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 121, of the 12th June last, containing a further Report on the subject of the Head Money levied on certain Emigrants at Pictou, landed from the Barque Ellen on the 29th June, 1848.

2. Your Report and its enclosures appear to shew that, under the existing Law, this Head Money was properly levied from the Emigrants in question, with the exception of two Families, who were transhipped for Prince Edward Island without landing; but whether or not the Head Money was levied from these two Families it is impossible to ascertain from the enclosures to your Despatch, as this is nowhere directly stated or denied, and the total number of Emigrants is left in blank in the copy of the Comptroller's Letter.

3. I am thus left without accurate information as to a point, which, however minute in itself, is of some importance towards satisfying the parties who have made complaints to me in the present instance. If the Head Money was in fact levied from these two Families, you will probably agree with me that an illegal act was inadvertently committed, and that the amount ought to be remitted to Sir Donald Campbell, for the benefit of the two families in question.

4. With respect to the Nova-Scotia Law itself, I would observe, that in the Act passed by the Legislature of Prince Edward Island for the same purpose, there is an exception in favor of Emigrants who merely touch at the Island without any intention of remaining there; there is no such provision in the Nova-Scotia Act as regards British Emigrants, although I find in it an exception of the same kind in favor of parties landing from the other North American Colonies. I wish to bring this omission to your notice, as it must occasionally, as in the present instance, cause some hardship to the poorer class of British Emigrants; but it is possible that reasons of which I am not aware may have operated to prevent the introduction of such a provision.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, &c. &c. &c.

Copy

(Copy.)

Government House, Halifax, August 15, 1849.

SIR—

It appearing by Correspondence and Documents transmitted to me through the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that two poor families landed from the Bark "Ellen" at Pictou, and subsequently transhipped to Prince Edward Island, had paid Head Money in both Provinces, I have to request that you will direct the proper officer to draw upon the Receiver General of this Province for the amount of the Head Money paid at Pictou, transmitting at the same time a Memorandum shewing the numbers and names included in each family, for whose benefit the amount is to be applied.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

His Excellency Sir DONALD CAMPBELL, Bart.
Lieut. Governor, P. E. Island, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 134.

Government House, Halifax, August 15, 1849.

MY LORD—

I have had the honor to receive Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 185, of the 1st of August, on the subject of Head Money paid by two families landed at Pictou from the Barque "Ellen," and who had been, on reaching their port of destination, compelled to give Bonds for Head Money to the Authorities of Prince Edward Island. Regretting the trouble which has been given to Your Lordship in reference to this matter, I have determined to direct that any amount paid in this Province by those poor people should be remitted for their benefit, leaving the general principles raised by the case, and the correspondence which has grown out of it, to the revision of the Legislature at its next Session.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

The Rt. Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 15.

(Copy.)

No. 171.

Downing Street, 12th May, 1849.

SIR—

I herewith transmit for your Lordship's information the copy of a Letter, and of its enclosure, from the Board of Treasury, on the subject of the Rates of Postage to be charged upon Letters between the United States and the British North American Provinces,

Enclosure 4th May,
1849.

Provinces, and I have to request that you will bring this subject under the consideration of your Executive Council, and report to me your opinion as to the course which it may be expedient to adopt on the question raised by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GREY.

Lieutenant Governor SIR J. HARVEY, &c.

(Copy.)

Treasury Chambers, May 4th, 1849.

SIR—

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit herewith for the consideration of Earl Grey, copy of a Letter from the Post Master General, dated 26th ultimo, and of its enclosure, on the subject of the Rates of Postage to be charged on Letters between the United States and the British North American Provinces, and I am to request that you will move His Lordship to communicate on the subject with the Colonial authorities, and decide whether a Warrant shall at once be prepared, fixing the low uniform rate of Postage proposed in Lord Clanricard's letter, for Letters between the United States and British North America, or whether it will be more expedient to defer the settlement of the question and the execution of the additional articles to the recent Convention between the United States and this country relative to those Letters, until the Posts shall have been transferred to the Provincial Governments, and they shall have an opportunity of considering the amount of the rate which they deem consistent with the interests of the several Provinces.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. PARKER.

B. HAWES, Esquire.

To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

MY LORDS—

I have the honor to transmit to Your Lordships the copy of a Letter from Mr. Bourne, the Officer recently despatched from this Department to Washington, to arrange with the United States Post Office the additional articles to the Postal Convention between Her Majesty and the United States of America, dated the 15th December, 1848.

Mr. Bourne reports that the additional Articles, so far as the International Correspondence is concerned, may be considered as almost concluded; but that much difficulty presents itself in arranging the details relating to the Correspondence between the United States and the British North American Provinces, owing to the complicated instructions which it will be necessary to issue to the Post Masters in the United States (nearly 17000 in number), with respect to the varying rates of Postage chargeable on Letters sent to and received from British North America.

Mr.

Mr. Bourne and Major Hobbie, acting on behalf of the United States Post Office, have come to the conclusion that as it is almost impracticable to carry into operation the provisions of the convention in this respect, as it now stands, the only course to pursue will be to agree to an *uniform* rate upon such Letters, both in the United States and in British North America; and they propose a rate of Seven and a half Cents for the United States, being the average of their two rates of five and ten Cents—the former being chargeable for any distance not exceeding 300 miles, and the latter for any distance exceeding 300—and Three Pence Currency, or Five Cents for the British North American Provinces.

This sum of Three Pence Currency, is the rate which has been generally fixed upon in the British Provinces as the uniform charge for Letters sent by their Internal Posts whereon, by the transfer of the control of the Posts to the Colonial Governments, they may be enabled, by local Legislation, to carry into effect a reduction of Postage. Still I am of opinion, that it would be unwise, at the present moment, without previous communication with the Colonial Authorities, to adopt this proposed rate of Three Pence Currency, for Letters transmitted between the British North American Provinces and the United States, and thus put it out of the power of the Colonies to establish a higher rate hereafter upon this class of Correspondence, should a further consideration of the subject lead them to the belief that this sum of Three Pence is lower than circumstances require or justify.

The *lowest* existing rate in British North America is Four Pence Halfpenny Currency, and consequently an uniform rate of Three Pence Currency would be an immense reduction.

Looking therefore at the difficulty which has arisen in arranging for the collection in the United States of the varying British Colonial Rates, and also at the objection which exists to the establishment, without further enquiry, of a low uniform rate in lieu of such varying rates, I have considered it the best course to instruct Mr. Bourne to introduce a clause into the additional Articles, by which the provisions of Articles 13 and 14 of the Convention shall be suspended until the two countries can agree upon uniform rates for the correspondence in question. This will, in point of fact, be leaving matters in their present state, with respect to Letters passing between the United States and British North America, forced payment to the frontier continuing to be the rule on both sides, while the remaining points of the Convention will be satisfactorily arranged without further delay.

Under the circumstances represented, I trust that the instructions I have given will meet with the approval of your Lordships.

I now beg leave to propose that this matter be brought under the consideration of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a request that he will communicate on the subject with the Colonial Authorities, and decide whether a Warrant shall at once be prepared, fixing the low uniform rate of Postage recommended for Letters between the United States and British North America, or whether it will be more expedient to defer the settlement of the question, and the execution of the additional Articles relative to those Letters, until the Posts shall have been transferred to the Provincial Governments, and they shall have had an opportunity of considering the amount of the rate which they deem consistent with the interests of the several Provinces.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

CLANRICARDE.

(Copy.)

Washington, 31st March, 1849.

SIR—

Since I transmitted my Report, dated 17th instant, I have been engaged almost daily with Major Hobbie, in arranging the additional Articles for carrying out the Convention with the United States, and as far as the international Correspondence is concerned, they may be considered as almost settled, but I am sorry to say that the details relating to the Correspondence passing between the United States and British North America are so complex that the final arrangement must be greatly impeded.

I have not yet received the necessary information from Mr. Stayner, but I had a Letter from him on the 26th instant, in which he enclosed copy of a Report which he addressed to you, dated 1st instant, relative to closed Mails with the European correspondence being forwarded to and from Kingston and Queenston, by way of New York and Boston, the power to do which the Postmaster General possesses under the Convention, any reference thereto in the additional Articles will therefore be unnecessary.

Mr. Stayner says that he is preparing Tables of the rate of postage chargeable from the respective offices of Exchange, and adds, addressing myself, "You appear already to have arrived at the conviction (inevitable to any one who has considered the subject deliberately) that whilst the present system obtains in the Provinces, of rating according to mileage, it is idle to expect anything like accuracy on the part of the great majority of Officers in the United States (the collective number being, I believe, some fifteen or sixteen thousand*) in collecting our Postage." This is certainly my conviction, and also the conviction of Major Hobbie—Mr. Howe, in his Report, expresses the same opinion, and I have no doubt you will have already come to the same conclusion.

Under these circumstances, before concluding the additional Articles, I feel it my duty to bring the subject of an uniform rate for the whole of the Provinces before the Postmaster General as the only means by which the stipulations contained in Articles 13 and 14 of the Convention can be satisfactorily carried out.

It has formed the subject of the greatest consideration on the part of Major Hobbie and myself, and we have drawn up Articles to suit the case as it stands, but to bring them into operation seems almost impracticable.

I had an interview with Mr. Collamer, the Postmaster General, yesterday, upon the subject. Major Hobbie is of opinion that the Postmaster General has the power, without going to Congress, to adopt the medium rate $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents, as an uniform rate for the whole of the United States.

Mr. Collamer promised to lay the subject before the Cabinet, if I in the mean time would submit an uniform rate for the Provinces.

Nothing but necessity would induce me to take this step, as it must delay the settlement of the additional Articles, however the arrangements respecting the international correspondence being actually in operation, a little delay, for the sake of a satisfactory conclusion, I trust will be excused. Major Hobbie justly observes that the present high rates will totally preclude the United States from availing themselves of the provisions of the 6th Article of the Convention; that is, of sending closed Mails through the Provinces, for where they would charge us 10 cents per oz. with the addition of 25 per cent., making $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents, we should charge them 40 cents, with 25 per cent. added, or 50 cents per oz., being four times as much for the same distance—therefore Article VI. as far as the United States are concerned, is a nullity under existing circumstances.

Mr. Stayner, in his Report dated 22d January, 1848, says, "with reference to a general reduction in our rates in the Provinces, I would suggest that this uniform and aggregate

*There are nearly
17,000.

H. B.

aggregate rate should be $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents, or $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. currency, of which $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents, or $4\frac{1}{2}$ d. currency, shall represent the proportion due to the United States; and 5 cents, or 3d. currency, the proportion due to Canada." It will be seen that $7\frac{1}{2}$ cents is the rate which Major Hobbie considers may be adopted without the sanction of Congress, as being the average of their two rates, or 5 and 10 cents, which with 5 cents or 3d. currency, will form a combined rate of $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents, or $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. currency, as recommended by Mr. Stayner, and which appears to me to be a fair and convenient rate.

The reduction would be considered a great boon on both sides of the frontier, but especially so by the inhabitants of the Provinces, and I hope the proposition will meet with a favorable reception from His Lordship the Postmaster General.

I enclose a copy of the Article which we have drawn up with a view to carry out the arrangements with the existing rates, and annexed thereto is an Article which I should propose to substitute for it in the event of an uniform rate being adopted. I beg to add that unless an uniform rate be levied in both Countries, the 17,000 Postmasters in the United States must be supplied with lists of places in the Provinces, shewing the distances and rates of postage from each Frontier Office, which particulars must be written in, as they will differ in almost every case, and each Postmaster in the Provinces must be supplied with a similar list of places in the United States. I shall be glad to be informed whether it is intended to reduce the rate of 1s. on Letters conveyed by Packet between Halifax and the United States, and if so, what the rate will be, as it is necessary to insert the rate in the additional Articles. Should 3d. Currency be adopted as an uniform rate in the case under consideration, it seems advisable to make it also applicable to Letters conveyed between Halifax and the United States by Sea.

The earliest decision possible is necessary upon this important question, in order that the additional Articles may be completed and brought into operation forthwith.

I am &c. &c.

(Signed)

H. BOURNE.

Copy of the Article proposed to be inserted in the additional Articles providing for the Rates of Postage to be taken on Letters passing between the United States and British North America, according to the existing regulations in each Country.

ARTICLE.

The United States' Rates of Postage to be taken on Letters forwarded between the United States and the British North American Provinces, under Article 13 of the Convention of December 5th, 1848, shall be as follows:—

On any Letter not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. in weight, conveyed or to be conveyed any distance within the United States, not exceeding 300 miles, a rate of 5 cents, and for any distance exceeding 300 miles a rate of 10 cents.

When the United States' Rates of Postage are collected in British North America, five cents shall be considered equivalent to 3d. and 10 cents to 6d. British Provincial Currency.

The British Provincial rates of postage to be taken under the provisions of the same Article, shall be as follows:

On any Letter not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. in weight conveyed or to be conveyed any distance within British North America, not exceeding 60 miles, a rate of four-pence sterling, or 8 cents.

Above 60 miles but not exceeding 100 miles, a rate of 6d. stg. or 12 cents.

Above 100 miles but not exceeding 200 miles, a rate of 8d. stg., or 16 cents.

Above 200 miles but not exceeding 300 miles, a rate of 10d. stg. or 20 cents, and so on an additional rate of two pence sterling, or four cents, for every distance not exceeding 100 miles.

The foregoing Rates of Postage, when paid in British North America, shall be collected in Provincial Currency, in sums equivalent to the Rates in Sterling above specified.

Article to be substituted for the above in the event of uniform Rates of Postage being taken in the United States, and in British North America.

ARTICLE.

The Rates of Postage to be taken under the provisions of Article 13 of the Convention of December 15, 1848, shall be as follows:

There shall be charged by the Post Office of the United States upon all Letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in the United States and forwarded to British North America, or brought from British North America and delivered in the United States, an uniform rate of 7½ cents, or 4½d currency, and there shall be charged by the Post Offices in British North America upon all Letters not exceeding ½ oz. in weight, posted in British North America, and forwarded to the United States, or brought from the United States, and delivered in British North America, an uniform rate of _____ currency or _____ cents.

NOTE.—The above is drawn up in form similar to Article 2 in the Convention.

The Article which will follow in the additional Articles will provide for the two rates being combined as stipulated in Article 14 of the Convention.

(Copy.)

No. 126.

Government House, Halifax, July 24, 1849.

MY LORD—

In reply to Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 171, of the 12th May last, relating to the subject of the Postage of Letters passing between the United States and the British North American Provinces, I have the honor to state, that the question submitted has been carefully considered by the Members of my Council, and that they entirely approve of the substituted Article referred to in Mr. Bourne's Letter to the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, of which a copy is annexed to Mr. Parker's Letter to B. Hawes, Esquire, dated Treasury Chambers, 4th of Maylast. They are unanimously of opinion that the charge of 7½ cents for all Letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight posted and transmitted to and from the Provinces, to and from the United States, and of 5 cents, or 3d, for each Letter for Postage to and from any part of these Provinces, will be approved of by our Legislature, and will be in accordance with that policy which the Assembly has for some years past avowed in favor of a cheap and uniform Rate of Postage. They will be glad to see the same regulations extended to the Postage of all Letters passing between the United States and these Provinces in vessels by sea, and earnestly hope that it will also embrace the Letters conveyed by Mails which pass to and from the Post Offices at Halifax, Boston, and New York, by the Steamers.

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The substituted Article does not embrace the Postage on Newspapers and Literary productions; the Members of my Council feel anxious that some similar agreement should now be made by Treaty as regards them, and will be prepared to confirm and to assume the responsibility of carrying through the Legislature any suitable agreement in relation thereto.

I have, &c. &c.

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 16.

(Copy)

(Circular)

Downing Street, 10th August, 1849.

SIR—

I transmit herewith, for your information and guidance, copies of an Act, which has recently received the Royal Assent, for enabling Colonial Legislatures to establish Inland Posts.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Lt. GOVERNOR SIR JOHN HARVEY.

APPENDIX No. 17.

(Copy)

No. 132.

Government House, Halifax, August 2, 1849.

MY LORD—

I feel it a duty to submit to Your Lordship's consideration, matters relating to an advance of money, made under the 1st Wm. IV., out of the consolidated fund of England, for the completion of the Shubenacadie Navigation in Nova Scotia, and to ask further directions from Your Lordship, or the Honourable the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury on the subject.

2. It appears that as long ago as 1831, a sum amounting to £20,000 Sterling was advanced to the Shubenacadie Canal Company, who, as security, executed a Mortgage, bearing date the 24th May, 1831, to the Hon. Sampson Salter Blowers, then Chief Justice, and Sir Rupert D. George, Baronet, then Secretary of this Province, Trustees duly appointed for and on behalf of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, whereby the lands on the line of the Canal, the Canal itself, and the works, tolls, rates, &c., were pledged for the repayment of the said £20,000 within ten years from the passing of the said Act of 1 Wm. IV., with interest at 4 per cent., yearly, until such repayment, which Mortgage was executed in duplicate, one copy transmitted to the Commissioners of H. M. Treasury, having been duly registered 30th May, 1831, Libro 54, folio 216, and the other deposited in the Office of the Secretary of this Province, with an endorsement in pencil that the Registry had been made as above.

3. The affairs of the Shubenacadie Canal Company have been embarrassed, the annual interest has remained unpaid, and the works have been finally abandoned for want of funds. I knew little of this Mortgage, and was under the impression that all the possessions of the Company were secured by the above Mortgage to the Commissioners of H. M. Treasury.

4. In this, however, I was mistaken, as a Judgment was obtained by the Executors of the last Will and Testament of the late Charles Fairbanks, Esquire, in November, 1844 for £1071 8s. Od., upon which Execution had issued, and being levied on certain Mill property, of considerable marketable value, not included in the Mortgage above referred to, and also on other lands belonging to the Company, deemed essential for the projected work, and purchased at various times, as requisite for their completion.

5. Under these circumstances, I consulted the Members of my Council, who were of opinion that it was for the interest of the Mortgagees that the Judgment alluded to should be purchased, which I accordingly directed to be done, and have authorized the sum of £1250 currency of this Province, equal to £1000 sterling to be paid for that purpose, and an assignment to be taken for the benefit of the Mortgagees, which has been accomplished.

6. In this I feel that no risk has been incurred, as the intrinsic value of the property bound by said Judgment, far exceeds the amount advanced, and the consideration paid by the Company for said property appears by the Deed to have been £6,700 Current Money of this Province.

7. I have also directed my Attorney General to take the necessary legal steps to secure the other Lands of the Company, and to vest the title to the whole in the Mortgagees, thus clothing the Imperial Government with all the rights and possessions of the Shubenacadie Canal Company. If Your Lordship and the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury approve of the course I have taken, it will become necessary to sanction my drawing for the amount advanced, to be repaid to the Provincial Treasury, from which it has been taken by my orders.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 193.

Downing Street, 28th September, 1849.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 132, of the 2nd August, reporting the circumstances under which you had authorized the purchase, on behalf of the Imperial Government, of a Judgment obtained against certain property in Nova-Scotia held by the Shubenacadie Canal Company, but which is under Mortgage to the Crown.

Having referred your Despatch for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, I now enclose, for your information, a copy of the communication which I have received from their Lordships in reply, and I have to direct you to obtain and transmit to me the information on this subject which their Lordships require.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

(Signed)

GREY.

Lt. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY.

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(Copy.)

Treasury Chambers, 20th September, 1849.

SIR—

With reference to Mr. Smith's Letter of the 30th ultimo, I have it in command to acquaint you, for the information of Earl Grey, that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have no funds at their disposal applicable to expenses connected with the Shubenacadie Canal, and that before their Lordships can give any directions on the subject of the proceedings adopted by the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia, it is necessary that they should be apprized of the present state of the property of the Canal Company which is under Mortgage to the Government, and of any other property belonging to them; and also of any measures which may be contemplated for rendering it available towards the payment of the heavy debt due on account of the advances made from Imperial Funds for the construction of the Canal.— I am therefore to request that you will move Earl Grey to desire the Governor to report fully on the subject, whether there is any prospect of the works being ever resumed, and, if not, whether it would not be advisable to take measures for realizing the sums advanced by sale of the property of the Company.

(Signed) W. G. HAYTER.

H. MERIVALE, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 149.

Government House, Halifax, November 28, 1849.

MY LORD—

With reference to Your Lordship's Despatch of the 28th September last, No. 193, I have the honor to transmit a copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Attorney General for this Province, to whom the subject was referred. From this communication Your Lordship will perceive that no prospect exists that the works on the line of the proposed Shubenacadie Canal will be resumed by the Company, and that the sanction of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury will be required for the Foreclosure of the Mortgage and other proceedings on the part of the Crown, in order to realize to the Imperial Government the marketable value of the property belonging to the Company.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 18.

(Copy.)

No. 143.

Government House, Halifax, 27th September, 1849.

MY LORD—

I transmit to Your Lordship copies of two Reports of Committees of the House of Assembly of this Province, in the last Session, to which my attention has been

Enclosures—
Appendix Nos. 85,
& 87, 1849.

been directed, with the view of obtaining the repayment of various expences incurred by the Provincial Government in relieving several Distressed Emigrants and Shipwrecked Seamen during the last year.

A statement of those expences is enclosed, and agreeably to the recommendation, contained in the Report No. 87, I beg to request that Your Lordship will bring under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, the earnest claim of the Assembly, that the amount, being £367 14 11 sterling, may be refunded from the Imperial Treasury.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 198.

Downing Street, 29th October, 1849.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 143, of the 27th Sept. last, accompanied by two Reports of Committees of the House of Assembly to which your attention had been requested, with a view to your obtaining repayment of certain expences incurred by the Provincial Government in relieving several Distressed Emigrants and Shipwrecked Seamen during the year 1848.

I think that this claim, so far as regards Sick Emigrants, has been made under a misapprehension; for the Committee state, I observe, in their Report, that the principle has already been recognized in favor both of Canada and New Brunswick. This, however, has not been the case. Owing to the extraordinary burthens which were thrown upon these two Provinces, but happily not upon Nova Scotia, in the season of Irish Famine and Distress in 1847, Her Majesty's Government was enabled by Parliament to repay to them their expences for Emigrants on that particular occasion, but only as an exceptional measure, and with the express agreement that the Provincial Authorities should, in all future years, bear the whole charge of Immigration for themselves. The Immigrant Tax was doubled for the very purpose of meeting that object, and was in like manner doubled in Nova Scotia at the same time, and no part whatever of the expences incurred for Immigrants into Canada and New Brunswick in the year 1848 have been defrayed from Imperial Funds. I regret that under these circumstances it is quite out of my power to hold out the prospect that Parliament could be applied to for the means of repaying any expences of that kind incurred in Nova Scotia.

The charges incurred for Shipwrecked Seamen stand, of course, on an entirely different footing, and upon them I shall address you in a further communication.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B. &c.

APPENDIX No. 19.

(Copy.)

No. 190.

Downing Street, 25th August, 1849.

SIR—

I transmit herewith the copy of a Letter, and its enclosures, from the Board of Admiralty, relative to the case of a British Seaman named "Candy," who appears to

15th Aug., '49.

to have been left on shore at Barbadoes by the Master of the Ship "Harriet" of Halifax, and with reference to the statement contained in the deposition of this man, I have to instruct you to cause the necessary enquiry to be instituted, and to take such measures as you may deem practicable for bringing the Master of the Vessel to justice, and for the recovery of the amount which has been expended on Candy's account.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Admiralty, 16th August, 1849.

SIR—

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to transmit to you, for the information of Earl Grey, the accompanying Letter from the Governor of Barbadoes, with its enclosures, relative to a British Seaman being left behind at that Island by the Master of the "Harriet," of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and to the expense incurred by his subsistence; I am further to enclose a copy of the opinion of the Admiralty Solicitor upon this subject, and my Lords request that you will move Earl Grey to cause all the accompanying Papers to be forwarded to the Governor of Nova Scotia, with such directions for the Governor as Lord Grey may think proper to send, in order to His Excellency's taking such steps as on enquiry he may find practicable. I am further to request that the original enclosures may be returned.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. A. B. HAMILTON.

H. MERIVALE, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Lancaster Place, 25th July, 1849.

SIR—

In obedience to the commands of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty signified to me by your Letter, dated the 23d instant, whereby, with reference to the 47th Section of the 7th and 8th Vict., Cap. 112, I was directed to report you a charge in the Account transmitted by His Excellency the Governor of Barbadoes for the subsistence of a distressed British Seaman, who was left behind by the Master of the "Harriet," of Halifax, Nova Scotia, I take the liberty of submitting to you, for the consideration of their Lordships, that according to the account of Cornelius Candy, I think that the Master of the "Harriet" committed a misdemeanour against the 47th Section of the Act referred to, and that the Owner or Master is liable to repay the amount expended by the Consul on account of Candy. No personal violence appears to have been used towards Candy, and he does not appear to have been hurt,
and

and therefore, even if the Master were convicted, the sentence upon him would be in all probability lenient, and the amount expended by the Consul is only 10s. 5d. If, however, their Lordships should think proper to have any further proceedings taken in this case, I think that the papers should be sent to the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia, with a request to have all proper measures taken for punishing the Master and recovering the amount expended by the Consul on Candy's account.

I return the papers.

I am, &c.

(Signed) WILLIAM FROYATT ROBSON.

J. T. BRIGGS, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Windward Islands, Barbadoes, 17th April, 1849.

SIR—

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day drawn on you for the sum of Sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence, being the amount of expenses incurred by the Colonial Secretary for the maintenance in Barbadoes of a distressed British Seaman of the Schooner "Harriet," Jordan, Master, and for the conveyance of three other Seamen on board the "Reindeer," one of the Royal Mail Steam Company's Vessels.

I enclose a Letter from the Colonial Secretary, and the usual Documents in explanation of the circumstances under which these payments were made.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

The Accountant-General of Her Majesty's Navy, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Secretary's Office, 14th April, 1849.

SIR—

I submit to Your Excellency, for the purpose of being forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy, my Account for the relief of distressed Seamen to this date.

As the disbursements made by me are very trifling in amount, I should not now have troubled Your Excellency with this communication, did I not think that the circumstances connected with the payment on account of Cornelius Candy are such as ought to be brought under the notice of the authorities at home.

With regard to the second item in my Account, it is right that I should explain that the three men for whom the boat-hire was paid were wandering about Town, having left their Ship in consequence of some disagreement with the Master, who had neither discharged them nor lodged them in the proper quarter as deserters. Forseeing that if permitted to remain at large in this way, they would very soon be in great distress, I urged them to look for employment in another vessel. This, after some trouble, was procured

procured in the Reindeer, one of the Royal Mail Steam Company's Vessels. And the charge in question was incurred in sending them on board the Ship to which they previously belonged for their Clothes, and their tickets and discharges, and transferring them to the Steam Packet.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JAMES WALKER, Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency Col. SIR WM. M. G. COLEBROOKE, C. B., &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

James Walker, Esquire, Colonial Secretary of Barbadoes, in Account Current with the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

1849.

April 14.—To Governor Sir W. M. G. Colebroke's Bill, in favour of Colonial Secretary upon the Accountant General of the Navy,	£0 16 8
Imprest per Ledger 16s. 8d., J. Beeby, 11th June, 1849, (against Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke,)	£0 16 8

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Jany. 20.—By five days Board and Lodging of Cornelius Candy, a British Seaman, at 2s. 1d. per diem, as per vouchers 1 and 3,	£0 10 5
April 13.—By Boat Hire for shipping three Seamen on board the R. M. Steamer "Reindeer," as per voucher No. 4,	0 6 3
	£0 16 8

(Signed) JAMES WALKER.

April 14, 1849.

(Copy.)

George H. Spencer, Esq.,

To Jemima Granum, Dr.,

1849.

Jany. 20—5 days Board and Lodging Cornelius Candy, at 50 c. per day,	\$2 50c.
Received payment,	

(Signed)

her
JEMIMA X GRANUM,
mark.

Witness, (Signed) THOMAS BEST.

(Copy.)

Cornelius Candy, a native of Ireland, but lately residing in Halifax, British America, maketh oath and saith, that he is by trade a Rope Maker, that he shipped on board the Schooner "Harriet," belonging to a Mr. Chambers, a Merchant in Halifax, and of which Thomas Jordan was Master or Commander on the sixteenth day of December last, as an ordinary Seaman, on a voyage from Halifax to Barbadoes, or such other port as may be necessary for the sale of the Cargo, and back to Halifax; that he had no disagreement on board the said Vessel, either with the Captain or any other person; that the said Vessel arrived at this Island on Sunday last the fourteenth day of January, instant, at about two o'clock, P. M., that on the following day, Monday the fifteenth, about 7 o'clock in the morning, the said Jordan, the Captain of the said Schooner Harriet, who was coming on shore, directed this Deponent to get into the Boat, which he did, and that after they got to the shore he desired Deponent to get out of the Boat, and then told him he could go where he liked, and ordered the hands who were in the Boat to pull off and return to the Vessel, which they did, and that he this Deponent was left on shore without his Clothes, or without any means of subsistence whatsoever, and that on the same day the Vessel went to Sea, leaving him behind in a state of destitution.

(Signed) his
CORNELIUS X CANDY,
mark.

Sworn to before me, the same having been first read over to him, this fifteenth day of January, 1849.

(Signed) GEORGE H. SPENCER,
Actg. Colonial Secretary,
Bridgetown, Barbadoes.

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(Copy.)

An Account of a Seaman, a Subject of Great Britain, subscribed by George Hallam Spencer, Acting Colonial Secretary at Barbadoes, at the rate of 50 cents per day, pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the Eleventh year of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, Cap. 20, Sec. 82, entitled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the pay of the Royal Navy."

Seaman's Name.	Between what time subscribed.	Number of days.	From what cause distressed.	Name of the Ship he belonged to.	Owner's Name, and Port belonging to.	Rate per diem, Currency.	Amount Currency.	Seaman's Name or Mark, in acknowledgment of payment, or having been boarded.	In what manner such Men or Boys were disposed of.	Amount of Wages received, if none received, the cause to be briefly stated against each man's name.
Cornelius Candy.	1849. From 15th Jan. to 20th Jan.	5	Deserted and left on shore by the Master of the Schooner "Harriet."	Schooner "Harriet."	Mr. Chambers, Halifax.	50c.	\$2 50	his Cornelius X Candy. mark.	Cornelius Candy having relations in America, was, at his own request, ship'd on board the Barque General Harrison, W. A. Meade, Master, bound for Norfolk.	Nil.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, being Merchants residing in the Port of Bridgetown, do hereby certify that the rate of Fifty Cents a day charged for the subsistence of the above man, is not more than a sufficiency of the necessaries of life for one day could be procured for.

Witness our hands, this 20th day of January, 1849.

(Signed) B. S. JONES.
SAMUEL P. MUSSON.

Attested by me,
GEORGE H. SPENCER, Acting Colonial Secretary.

(Copy.)

Received this 13th day of April, 1849, from James Walker, Esquire, Colonial Secretary, the sum of One Dollar and Fifty Cents, for taking off three Seamen, by name Thomas Stenhouse, Henry Robason, and Richard Hughes, to the "Vanguard," for their Clothes, Register Ticket, &c., and from thence to R. M. S. P. Reindeer, to be shipped.

(Signed) THOMAS HINGSNOTT.

§1 50. Witness, (Signed) THOMAS BEST.

(Copy.)

No. 142.

Government House, Halifax, September 12, 1849.

MY LORD—

Referring to Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 190, of the 25th of August, and its enclosures, I have now the honor to transmit 10s. 5d. sterling, being the amount of expenses incurred by the Government of Barbadoes for the relief of a Seaman named Candy, left behind at that Island by the Master of the Ship Harriet.

Captain Jordan, who bears a good character here, reports that he called at Barbadoes to ascertain the state of the Markets, and took Candy ashore in the Boat,—that the Seaman absented himself, could not be found, and that he was compelled to sail without him. Capt. J. has cheerfully paid the expenses incurred, and it has not appeared to me advisable to press the matter further, without distinct instructions after the reception by Your Lordship of this Report.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 201.

Downing Street, 10th November, 1849.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 142, of the 12th September, and to acquaint you that the sum of 10s. 6d. therein enclosed, in payment of the expences incurred on account of a Seaman belonging to the Schooner Harriet, of Halifax, has been duly received and transferred to the Board of Admiralty.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., &c. &c. &c., Nova Scotia.

APPENDIX No. 20.

(Copy.)

Provincial Secretary's Office, December 3rd, 1849.

SIR—

Referring to the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Assembly, and to the communications which have passed between yourself and the Members of the Executive Council, in relation to the subjects embraced therein, I have now the honor to enclose accounts against the General Mining Association for sums which appear to have been short paid, amounting to £6,389 2s. 4d. Currency, and to request your earliest attention to the same.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOSEPH HOWE.

Hon. S. CUNARD, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

The General Mining Association,

To the Province of Nova-Scotia,

	CR.		Short paid Cy.
1845.		Currency.	
Dec. 31.—To half a year's Rent of the Coal Mines as fixed by the Treasury Minute of the 27th June, 1845, to commence from the 1st July, 1845, £3000 Stg. per annum,		£1875 0 0	
1846.			
Jan. 3d.—By Cash received,	£1666 13 4		
Premium on Dollars,	69 8 10	1736 2 2	
	<u>1736 2 2</u>		138 17 10
1846.			
Dec. 31st.—To one year's Rent of Coal Mines, as above, £3000 Stg.		£3750 0 0	
1846.			
July 1st.—By cash received,	£1666 13 4		
Premium on Dollars,	69 8 10		
Dec. 31.—By Cash received,	1666 13 4		
Premium on Dollars,	69 8 10	3472 4 4	
	<u>3472 4 4</u>		277 15 8
1847.			
Dec. 31.—To one year's Rent of Coal Mines, as above, £3000 Stg.		3750 0 0	
	CR.		
June 30.—By cash received,	£1666 13 4		
Premium on Dollars,	69 8 10		

1848.				
Jan. 2.—By cash received,	1666	13	4	
Premium on Dollars,	69	8	10	
				3472 4 4
				<u>277 15 8</u>
1848.				
Dec. 31.—To one year's Rent of Coal Mines, as above,				3750 0 0
£3000 Stg.				
1848.				
June 30.—By cash received,	£1666	13	4	
Premium on Dollars,	69	8	10	
1849.				
Jan. 3.—By Cash received,	1666	13	4	
Premium on Dollars,	69	8	10	
				3472 4 4
				<u>277 15 8</u>
				<u>£972 4 10</u>
	Amount short paid under the Lease,			

The General Mining Association,

To the Province of Nova-Scotia, Dr.

1848.				
Decr. 31.—To Royalty on 52,002 Chaldrons of Slack Coal raised and sold by the				
Association, from the 1st January 1834 to 31st of December 1848 inclu-				£5200 4 0
sive, at 2s. per Chaldron, Currency,				216 13 6
Payable in Dollars, at 5s. 2½d. each,				<u>£5416 17 6</u>

The General Mining Association,

To the Province of Nova-Scotia, Dr.

1848.				
Decr. 31.—To this amount short paid on the Rent of £3000 Sterling per annum,				
between the 1st July 1845, and 31st of December 1848, as per statement				£972 4 10
herewith,				
Royalty on Slack Coal raised between the 1st January				£5416 17 6
1834, and 31st December 1848, as per statement herewith,				<u>£6389 2 4</u>

Abstract

Abstract of Returns of Coal raised, sold, and exported by the General Mining Association, at the Coal Mines in Nova-Scotia, including Cape Breton, during the year ending 31st December, 1849.

Name of the Mines.	Total quantity of Coal raised and sold in Chal-drons, Newcastle measure.			Number of Chaldrans sold for Home Con-sumption.			Number of Chaldrans ex-ported to the United States.			Number of Chaldrans ex-ported to the neighboring Colonies.			
	Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.	Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.	Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.	Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.	
	Chals.	Bhls.	Chals.	Bhls.	Chals.	Bhls.	Chals.	Bhls.	Chals.	Bhls.	Chals.	Bhls.	
1849.													
Joggins,	900	36½	21	9	48	15½	6	9	201	18	651	3	15
Albion, Pictou,	27143	3	5180	33	2113	3	984	33	24406		624		641
Sydney,	24953	18	1529	5	11780	18	676	5	6045		7128		248
Bridgeport,	7	12	9		7	12	9						
Bras d'Or,			200	21			200	21					
	53003	9½	6940	8	13948	48½	1876	8	30652	18	8403	3	904

(Copy.)

Halifax, 5th December, 1849.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, enclosing demands on the General Mining Association, for the difference between £3,333 6s. 8d. Halifax Currency, the Rent paid by the Association, and £3000 Sterling claimed by the Provincial Government from the 1st July, 1845; also for the payment of Royalty of 2s. Halifax Currency per Chaldron on Siftings, or Slack Coal, from the 1st January 1834.

With respect to the first claim, I beg to state, that in the original agreement between the Crown and the Association, made in the year 1828, the rent is fixed at £3,333 6s. 8d. Halifax Currency, and it has ever since been paid to the Receiver of the Crown Revenue at that rate, and he has granted a *Receipt in full* each half year during the whole of that period, being upwards of twenty years. I trust the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury will consider this as conclusive.

The rent being paid in Halifax, the exact amount to be paid was stated in the original agreement in Halifax Currency.

This claim, I am informed, is founded upon the Treasury Minute of the 27th June, and Sir Charles Trevelyan's Letter of the 2nd July, 1845; but neither of these documents was intended to alter the annual rent, or to make any change in the general terms or details of the Lease, but merely to allow the Association to sell six thousand Chaldrons more Coal for the fixed Rent, in consideration of the Association making arrangements for terminating some long pending Law Suits, in which the Governments were interested, and which they were particularly desirous of having terminated, there was no intention of increasing the annual Rent.

With respect to the other demand, I beg to state, that we are obliged to raise a large portion of the Coal during the winter months, but cannot ship any until about the beginning of May, in consequence of the ice, so that a very large quantity of Coal remains on the banks exposed to the severe winter weather, which causes it to decompose and become slack and unfit for shipping. We have at the Sydney Mines several hundred thousand chaldrons of this description of Coal, which is valueless, although it costs us the same as the Merchantable Coal, as we pay by the cubic yard for cutting all the Coal.

We are enabled during the year to dispose of a small portion of the siftings, or slack, at a low price, but, if Royalty is demanded, in future we should have to decline disposing of any, as the Royalty and Expenses of shipment would amount to a prohibition. Should this demand be persisted in, for the future, it would merely prevent us from saving a little from the wreck of our property, without any benefit being derived by the Government.

With respect to the past, I beg to state that a regular return of the siftings or slack, disposed of, has annually been made by me to the Receiver of the Crown Revenue (on the same return as the large Coal) but no demand for Royalty was ever made, or paid on that description of Coal. I mention this, to shew that there has been no concealment, and I hold the receipt in full for the payment of Royalty, for the whole period, which I feel confident the Lords of the Treasury will consider as conclusive.

What would be said of a Landlord who should set up a claim for additional Rent for fifteen years past, having granted a receipt in full each half year during the whole period, and that too from a Tenant who had paid him £7000 a year Rent for a property producing him nothing? We paid Rent and Royalty for near twenty years before we received one shilling for interest or dividend.

If a Lease of these Mines were now offered, no one would be found to take it upon any terms. Before the Lease was made to the Mining Association the Mines were offered

offered to Mr. Collins, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Allison, and to myself, and I believe to others, but all declined—the Pictou Mines were at the time under Lease to Smith and Liddell, but they gave them up.

The most valuable Mining Districts in the Province have, for some years past, been offered by the Proprietors of the soil, but no parties can be found to take them, although they have neither Rent or Royalty to pay. Those who assert that the Crown should not have made the Grants to the Duke of York and General Mining Association, are greatly in error. The Government having offered these Mines to residents in the Province, who were either unwilling or unable to work them, then applied to Capitalists in England, and they made a most advantageous arrangement for the benefit of the Province, such as could never be made again, and the whole benefit derived from this arrangement is enjoyed by the Province—no part of it is retained by Her Majesty's Government. How then can the Government with justice be accused of making an improvident Grant.

The Minerals in the Province had remained unworked for about eighty years, and those that are not reserved are still unworked, and have not produced any benefit to the Province or to individuals.

The Mines in New Brunswick are equally unproductive for want of capital to work them.

Now, let me detail the benefits the Province has received from the operations of the General Mining Association under the Grant from the Crown, which is so much complained of, and then let any candid person say if such an advantageous bargain for the country could ever be made again.

We have paid into the Treasury upwards of One Hundred Thousand Pounds for Rent and Royalty—we have expended in the Province one year with another upwards of Eighty Thousand Pounds per annum, making more than a Million and a half Pounds during twenty years—our establishments are equal to the production of four times the quantity of Coal that we can find sale for—the duty in the States and the Royalty charged here amount together to about 7s. per Chaldron, which operates against us in the Markets in the States, where their own Coal is free from all such charges.

The consumption in this Province is only about 13,500 Chaldrons, exclusive of the Troops and Steamships—we export to other places upwards of 100,000 Chaldrons a year, upon all of which we have to pay the Royalty, as well as on that consumed in the Province. We load about sixteen hundred Vessels annually, and if our operations were withdrawn, it would be most ruinous to the Country.

I have recently had frequent opportunities of making explanations to the Members of the Government, which I hope have removed many misconceptions, and Mr. Bell's visit to the Mines would enable him to give much valuable and correct information to the Government, and I hope that a better feeling will in future be manifested by the Legislature towards us for the many benefits we have and are still conferring on the Province.

A Committee of the House of Assembly was appointed in the year 1839, to investigate the operations of the Association's proceedings in the County of Pictou. The Committee consisted of the most intelligent men in the Province, and they took great pains to investigate the subject. Their Report is as follows :

“ In view of these facts, the Committee conceive that the operations of the General Mining Association, so far as they have been traced by them in the County of Pictou, have not only been highly advantageous to the Province by the introduction into it of much science and skill—the erection of Eleven Steam Engines—the establishment of a Foundry on an extensive scale, where Steam Machinery may be repaired or manufactured—the creation of a Foreign Trade in Coal, which during the last year employed 307 sail of Shipping, and may be indefinitely extended, and the annual expenditure

in the midst of a population employed in Agriculture of upwards of £50,000 and to the Town of New Glasgow, which appears to have trebled in size during the last ten years, and to the persons who have signed this petition generally, the operations of this Company would appear to have been a blessing and a benefit, even admitting the charge which it contains of a rise in the price of Fuel. This strong opinion the Committee are bound to express, for while they conceive it the duty of the Legislature jealously to watch over the rights of individuals, it ought in a new Country to favor and encourage the introduction and employment of Capital and the protection of those who are largely extending the trade and developing the resources of the Province from unnecessary interruption or annoyance.

“ To compel the Association to open Mr. Fraser’s Mine, would be to put them to needless expense, as their Depot of Coals is nearer than it could be to New Glasgow. “ That any great relief would be afforded, if he were allowed to open it himself, to persons who can purchase large Coal at 17s., and small at 6s. per chaldron, this Committee can scarcely believe ; and therefore without in any way interfering with Mr. Fraser’s right to try, in the Courts, the legal question which has arisen upon the construction given by the Association to their lease, they can see no necessity at present for the interference of this House. Signed by

The Honourable JOSEPH HOWE,
H. HUNTINGDON,
WILLIAM YOUNG,
E. M. DODD,
H. BELL.”

Who can read this Report without admitting that the Crown conferred a great boon on the Province by making this grant to the Association with the stipulations contained in it, and that the Association are entitled to the best consideration of the Legislature for the great benefits they have conferred upon the Province through their vast operations.

The Pictou Mines alluded to in the Report, are only one of our Establishments ; Sydney is equally large, and we opened a Mine at Bridgeport, and one at the Bras d’Or, but were unable to find sale for the Coal, and had to close them ; but we have recently opened a Mine in Cumberland, at a very heavy Cost, to satisfy the demands of the Legislature, although we cannot dispose of half the Coal at the other Establishments.

But I must repeat again that I hope a better feeling will exist in future, and that the Provincial Government and Legislature will assist us instead of cramping our energies.

It would be no more than common justice to forego all Rent and Royalty until we are in a better position, instead of attempting to charge Royalty on Siftings or Slack. Our expenditure this year will exceed our earnings in consequence of the falling off of the trade to the States, and the Coal will remain on the Banks all the Winter exposed to the weather, and a large portion of it reduced to slack.

I have &c.

(Signed)

S. CUNARD.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

(Copy.)

Halifax, 11th December, 1849.

SIR—

In addressing you on the 5th instant, it did not occur to me to state that several years ago, the Currency being at that time in an unsettled state, application was made to me, to pay the Rent and Royalty in dollars, upon which there is a premium of

of 2½d each this request was acceded to. But for some years past, the Currency has been fixed and settled, and strictly speaking, I should have ceased to pay in dollars. The payments should have been made in Halifax Currency: the difference is about £260 per annum.

I cannot with propriety ask the Government to refund these over payments for the past years, as I consider the receipts that have passed between us as conclusive for the past; but in future I must only pay in Halifax Currency.

In the written and verbal communications that have lately been made by me to the several Members of the Government, I have been enabled to give such information, and explanations, as I feel confident, must have removed from the mind of every Member of the Government the idea that the operations of the Mining Association have been injurious to the interests of the Province: but on the contrary I think that they must all be impressed with the many and great advantages the Province has derived from the operations of the Association under the grant from the Crown, and I hope and trust the Government will in future aid and assist me in carrying out these operations.

It must be well known to the Members of the Government that I have never mixed the Association up in any way with the Politics of the Country, and all parties in the Province, without reference to their political opinions, are interested in the operations of the Association; and I hope that I may be enabled to take with me on my next visit to England an assurance from the Government of a good feeling towards them.

I have &c.

(Signed)

S. CUNARD.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

The General Mining Association,

To the Province of Nova-Scotia, Dr.

1849.

Jany. 1.—To duty of 2s. Currency on 3000 Chaldrons of Coal, 26,000 Chaldrons having been deducted from the quantity sold in 1845, instead of 23,000, the new agreement not having gone into effect until the 1st July, 1845,	£300 0 0
This amount short paid on £3000 Stg. Rent of the Mines, as agreed as per Treasury Minute 27th June, 1845, up to Jany. 1, 1849,	971 18 10
	£1271 18 10

Deduct this sum received in payment of Royalty from 1st July, 1845, to 1st Jany., 1849, payment having been made in Dollars at 5s. in place of 5s. 2½d., Halifax Currency as it now exists,

396 15 3
£875 3 7

(Copy.)

Provincial Secretary's Office, December 15th, 1849.

SIR—

Having laid your letters of the 5th and 6th December, before the Lieut. Governor, I am commanded to acquaint you, that whatever might be the legal rights of the Province to the Royalty of 2s. on the Slack Coal, the Government are not indisposed

posed to suggest to the Legislature the expediency of not pressing that claim up to the first of January, 1849, the period at which the transfer, by the Crown, of the Mines and Minerals took effect.

Passing over the general arguments contained in your Letters, which open a field of controversy, upon which we need not enter, while adjusting the financial details to which the attention of the Government has been called by the Legislature, I have it in command to propose a settlement of Account between the Association and the Province, on the following terms, leaving the Legislature to make such arrangements, subsequent to January, 1849, as they shall deem proper.

The Association to account for over £1,271 18s. 10d., being the Royalty on 3000 Chaldrons short paid in 1845, as appears by the Account annexed and the difference of Currency, also shown by the same Account, between the passage of the Treasury Minute of 27th June, 1845, and the transfer of the Casual and Territorial Revenues to the Province, £396 15s. 3d. being the difference between dollars at 5s. and Halifax Currency, as it now exists, the Government will be prepared to allow as a sett off, reducing the balance to be paid over to £875 3s. 7d.

I have &c.

(Signed)

JOSEPH HOWE.

Hon. S. CUNARD.

(Copy.)

Halifax, 17th December, 1849.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th inst., accompanied by a claim for £875 3s. 7d. for additional Rent from 1st July, 1845. I have already stated to you that no such construction should be put upon the Treasury Minute referred to; but even admitting that it would bear that construction, I have not the power to pay such back Rent. Many of the Shareholders of the present day had nothing to do with the past, having only purchased during the present year, and I could not take their money to pay claims for four years past—which could only apply to the former Stockholders, and upon whom we could have no recourse. The receipts granted at the end of each half year for the Rent, must be considered as conclusive.

I am very desirous that a good understanding should exist between the Provincial Government and the Association, and with a view to terminate all differences, I would even agree to pay the Rent in future in British Sterling, being £3750 Currency, instead of £3333 6s. 8d., the Royalty to be also paid in Halifax Currency.

The Government should not ask us for concessions of any kind, but on the contrary should reduce the Rent and Royalty, as they are now sensible of the great loss we have sustained in our operations.

The Association have never claimed dues upon the export of Gypsum, and in which so many persons in the Province are interested. A very small rate per ton on the export, during the last twenty years, would have amounted to a large sum. The Association have always conducted their affairs with liberality and fairness, and they are entitled to the best consideration of every person in the Province.

I feel confident that the Government will not, in future, think of demanding Royalty on the Slack Coal, if they do, no advantage will result to the Province, but some injury to the Association.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

S. CUNARD.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, &c. &c. &c.

Statement

This sum paid in addition for Royalty on 3000 Chalds., from 1st Jany. to 30th June, 1845,	£300	0	0	
This amount claimed by the Government as short paid on the annual rent of £3750, from 1st July, 1845, to 31st Decr., 1848,		971	18	10
Rent from 1st Jany. to 31st Dec. 1849,	£3750	0	0	
Less paid in July last,	1736	3	2	
				£3285 15 8
Deduct the following sums paid as premium on Dollars				
January 1, 1846,	£82	4	2	
" " 1847,	79	17	11	
" " 1848,	146	16	1	
" " 1849,	128	19	2	437 17 4
				£2847 18 4

The payment of Royalty for the present year to be made only on the Large Coal shipped during the year, the quantity to be ascertained by the Returns from the Mines in a few days, leaving it to the Legislature to determine whether Royalty shall be charged hereafter on the Slack Coal shipped.

JAMES McNAB, Receiver-General.

(Signed) S. CUNARD.
Halifax, 31st Decr. 1849.

Received from the Hon. S. Cunard on the 3rd Jany. 1850, £1875, and on this day £972 18s. 4d., making in all Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Four Pence, in full of the Balance due on the above statement.
JAMES McNAB, Receiver-General.

Jany 3, £1875 0 0
9, 972 18 4

£2847 18 4

Receiver-General's Office, 9th January, 1850.

(Copy.)

Halifax, 31st December, 1849.

SIR—

With reference to your Letter of the 13th inst., and with a view of terminating all differences relative to the payment of Rent and Royalty for the past up to this date, I am willing, on the part of the General Mining Association, to agree to pay to the Government the additional sum of £300 Cy. claimed for Royalty from 1st Jany. to 30th June, 1845; also to pay the difference of Rent claimed by the Government from that period to this date, between £3333 6s. 8d. and £3750 Halifax Currency;—the Royalty to be paid also from that period in Halifax Currency, without any addition for premium in dollars—no claim to be made for Royalty on Slack Coal up to this date.

The Account at this date will stand according to the annexed Statement.

I have, &c.

(Signed) S. CUNARD.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 21.

Extract from a Despatch from Earl Grey to Sir John Harvey, dated 23d April, 1849, in answer to certain Memorials, &c. transmitted by Sir John Harvey, March 21, 1849.

“ I have given my careful attention to the representations which I have received both in favor of, and against the Act to provide for the more accurate Audit and Inspection of the Public Accounts of Nova-Scotia.

“ Although the Act in question is one of purely local policy, and relates to a subject on which I fully recognize, on general principles, the right of the Local Legislature to make such provisions as may appear to it most expedient, yet the peculiar political condition of the Province, arising from the very recent introduction of what has been termed Responsible Government, induced me to pause before recommending it for Her Majesty’s confirmation more than under ordinary circumstances I should have done.— I was anxious to point out to the Legislature the great importance which belongs not merely to the actual preservation of good faith towards the holders of public situations, but to the removal of all pretext for supposing that the interests of any such Public Servants had been unjustly sacrificed to party feeling or interests. I thought the Act in question pressed with inexpedient severity on Mr. Fairbanks, and, notwithstanding the explanations I have received, my opinion is not materially altered, and I still believe that a different arrangement would have better served the permanent interests of the Province.

“ But although I should have been glad to see these views adopted by the Legislature, I did not feel that I was under any obligation to enforce them by advising Her Majesty to refuse Her confirmation of the Act, for the honor of the Crown did not appear to me involved in the question. It appears that the Salary of the Treasurer has always been annually voted by the Assembly, and might, therefore, have been withheld by that Body in any of its Sessions in the exercise of its acknowledged and unquestioned right. It is also certain that Mr. Fairbanks was aware of this fact when he accepted the office, and that he was also aware that several gentlemen occupying a leading position in the Assembly, at the time of his so accepting it, made known their strong opinion that the terms on which the office was held ought to be changed.

“ Under these circumstances, it appears to me that no communications which might have previously passed between the Provincial Government and Mr. Fairbanks at the time of his appointment, and no expression of opinion on the part of the Secretary of State, could possibly fetter the constitutional right of the Provincial Legislature to make such alterations in the arrangements for carrying on this branch of the public service as might be judged necessary, and in doing so to abolish the office held by Mr. Fairbanks, or to change its character, if it should so think fit. Nor could any such correspondence as has been adverted to pledge the honor of the Crown to the exercise of the Prerogative for the purpose of defeating such an alteration when the opinion of the people of Nova-Scotia, as expressed by their Representatives, proved to be decidedly in its favour.

“ On these grounds I informed you in my Despatch of the 19th November last, that I should not refuse to submit this Act to the Queen for confirmation, if, after a full consideration of all which had passed on the subject, the Provincial Legislature should, by an Address to Her Majesty, signify their wish that it should be so confirmed.

“ An Address to the effect has accordingly passed the Assembly by a considerable majority, and although the explanations conveyed in your Despatch, No. 91, of the 21st ultimo, and its enclosures, respecting the manner in which it was carried through the Council, appear to show that in point of fact opinion was as nearly as possible equally divided in that Body, yet, even supposing the means by which it was ultimately

mately passed to be open to objection, I do not conceive that it would be right to consider this circumstance as affording a ground for maintaining that the condition proposed in my Despatch of the 19th November was not substantially complied with. I could not therefore, on this account, advise the Queen to withhold Her assent to a measure regulating the custody and expenditure of the Public Money, to which a majority of the Representative Branch of the Legislature still adhere, after having considered the objections which I had pointed out to it.

“ Being prepared to act on this view of the subject, I should have preferred to have pronounced no judgment on the controverted proceedings in the Legislative Council, had it not been that the direct appeal made to myself by the two contending parties, as well as the Memorial addressed by Mr. Cutler and eight other Members of the Council to the Queen, seem to render it incumbent on me to notice their respective allegations. I observe with regret the evidence which these proceedings seem to afford of the prevalence, temporary only as I trust, of a violence of party spirit which has led to what seems to me to have been on both sides intemperate conduct.

“ As to the claim of the President to vote, the Council is the proper judge as to the meaning of its own Standing Rules, but I should be inclined to think, as far as my own opinion goes, that this claim was well founded, understanding that the President did not claim both an original and a casting vote, but that he voted as an individual Member of the Council, first on the question whether the Counter Address should pass, and then on the Resolution denying his right to vote, and that he contends for the application of the Rule which prevails in the House of Lords, where the Lord Chancellor votes like any other Peer, and where, in the case of equality, the question is always considered as having passed in the negative.

But I regret that the President of the Council, should have thought proper to refuse to allow the Resolution for expunging his name from the entry of the Division to be put. I cannot consider the reasons which he gives for this step as sufficient to warrant it. I do not perceive that the Resolution, as worded, involved anything derogatory to him. It simply denied his right to vote, in the only manner in which such a denial could have been made retrospectively effectual. Had it been instead a direct censure of the President, this, according to Parliamentary usage, would not have justified him in such a refusal. He is, for this purpose, the servant of the Council.

“ The same observations of course apply to the President's refusal to enter the Protest. I am bound at the same time to add, that I am not surprised that under the excitement of these proceedings, he should have fallen into this error, as it appears to me to be.”

APPENDIX No. 22.

(Copy.)

Secretary's Office, Fredericton, 31st July, 1849.

SIR—

By direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, I have the honor to enclose herewith a Minute of Council, passed this day, with a view of effecting some united action of the Provinces, whereby such measures may be devised as will be best adapted to acquire and carry into effect a full reciprocity of trade between the whole of the British North American Provinces and the United States.

For this purpose the Hon. L. A. Wilmot and myself have been appointed to meet such persons as may be deputed from the Sister Colonies of Canada, Nova-Scotia, Newfoundland,

Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island, at Halifax, on the First day of September next.

Trusting that the scheme will meet with the approval of your Government, I have to request that you will submit this communication to their consideration, and favor me with an answer so soon as it may be in your power.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. R. PARTELOW.

(Copy.)

In Council, 31st July, 1849.

PRESENT—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Commercial depression prevailing in the British North American Provinces imperatively requires that the respective Governments should immediately adopt some united action for the purpose of devising such remedial measures as may be considered necessary,

The Government of New Brunswick would propose that a Conference should be held at Halifax at as early a day as practicable, to consist of two Members from each Government, to deliberate upon the Commercial interests of the Colonies, and to devise such measures as, in their opinion, may be best suited to the present emergency.

That the result of such Conference be reported to the respective Governments, and, if approved, transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

That this Government, impressed with the value and importance of a Reciprocal Trade with the United States, would, if necessary for its attainment, readily consent to such modification of the existing Treaties relating to the Fisheries as would admit the United States to a full participation therein.

Extract from the Minutes.

(Signed)

R. FULTON.

(Copy.)

At a Council held at the Government House at Halifax, on the Eighth day of August, A. D. 1849.

PRESENT—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,
&c. &c. &c.

His Excellency having laid before the Council a Letter addressed to the Provincial Secretary by the Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick, enclosing a Minute of Council passed in that Province, suggesting a Conference to be held at Halifax, on the first of September next, to consider whether any, and what measures can be devised to revive and extend the Trade of the North American Provinces.

The Provincial Secretary is instructed to acquaint Mr. Partelow, that the Government of Nova-Scotia assent to the Conference proposed, and will be prepared to enter upon the discussion of inter-colonial questions in a fair and friendly spirit, but that in assenting to such Conference it must be clearly understood, that no pledge is given by the Government of Nova-Scotia to approve the policy of throwing open the Fisheries as the price of Reciprocal Trade with the United States.

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(Copy.)

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, August 8, 1849.

SIR—

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 31st July, and the Minute of Council which accompanied it, and by command of the Lieutenant-Governor enclose a Minute of Council in reference thereto. Be assured that the Members of Administration in Nova-Scotia are duly sensible of the advantage they will derive from the free communication upon topics of intercolonial interest, of the views and opinions of Mr. Wilmot and yourself.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOSEPH HOWE.

Hon. J. R. PARTELOW, Fredericton.

(Copy.)

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, August 8, 1849.

SIR—

As it is probable that copies of the Communications, to which the enclosed Minute of Council refers, were forwarded to Canada, I have it in command from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia to transmit, for the information of your Government, the answer returned from this Province.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOSEPH HOWE.

The Hon. the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY of Canada.

(Similar Letters written to the Provincial Secretaries of Newfoundland and Prince Edward's Island.)

(Copy.)

Secretary's Office, Charlottetown, August 17, 1849.

SIR—

I have had the honor to receive and to lay before the Lieutenant-Governor of this Island, your Letter of 8th instant, enclosing a Minute of Council, passed in the Province of Nova-Scotia, in answer to a suggestion on the part of the Executive Government of New Brunswick, that a Conference be held at Halifax, on the First of September next, to deliberate upon the Commercial interests of the British North American Provinces, a communication of a similar nature having been submitted to the Government of this Island, I have received His Excellency's instructions to transmit, for the information of the Government of Nova-Scotia, the reply which has been returned thereto.

I have, &c.

(Signed) T. H. HAVILAND, Secretary.

(Copy.)

Council Chamber, August 16, 1849.

At a Meeting of Council,

PRESENT—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,
&c. &c. &c.

His Excellency having submitted to the Council a Communication addressed to the Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick, transmitting a Minute of Council, passed in that Province on the 31st ult., suggesting a Conference to be held at Halifax, to deliberate upon the Commercial interests of the British North American Provinces, and to devise such measures as, in the opinion of the Conference, may be best suited to revive and extend their trade, the result of such Conference to be subject to the approval of the respective Governments.

The Provincial Secretary is instructed to acquaint Mr. Partelow that the Government of Prince Edward Island assent to the Conference proposed by the Government of New Brunswick, with the hope that, by an union of action on the part of the respective Governments, means may be devised to relieve the North American Colonies from their present Commercial depression.

A true Extract,
(Signed)

T. H. HAVILAND.

(Copy.)

Secretary's Office, Montreal, 22nd August, 1849.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th inst., transmitting a copy of the reply of the Executive Council of the Province of Nova-Scotia to a Minute of the Executive Council of the Province of New Brunswick, upon the subject of the proposed Conference, to be held at Halifax.

His Excellency the Governor-General of British North America commands me to transmit to you, for the information of the Government of Nova-Scotia, a copy of the answer returned by the Government of Canada to a communication from the Secretary of New Brunswick upon the subject of the aforesaid Minute of Council.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. LESLIE, Secretary.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary, Halifax, Nova-Scotia.

(Copy.)

Secretary's Office, Montreal, August 22, 1849.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 31st ult., enclosing a copy of the Minute of the Executive Council of the Province of New Brunswick of the same date, suggesting that a Conference should be held at Halifax, to consist of two Members from each of the respective Governments of British North America, to deliberate upon the Commercial Interests of those Provinces, with a view to some united action being taken by their Governments for the removal of the commercial depression now prevailing throughout British North America.

His

His Excellency the Governor-General of British North America commands me to acquaint you, for the information of the Government of New Brunswick, that he approves of the suggestion contained in their Minute in Council, already referred to, and that two Members of the Executive Government of Canada will proceed to Halifax, for the purpose of assisting at the proposed Conference, to be held, as stated in your Letter on the 1st proximo.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. LESLIE, Secretary.

The Hon. J. R. PARTELOW, Provincial Secretary, New Brunswick.

(Copy.)

Secretary's Office, 22d August, 1849.

SIR—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th inst., enclosing a Minute of Council of the Government of Nova-Scotia, on the subject of a proposed Meeting at Halifax, on the first proximo, to consider measures for carrying into effect a full reciprocity of Trade between the British Provinces of North America and the United States of America, and I have now the honor, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, to transmit to you the enclosed Minute, made on this proposition by the Council of this Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES CROWDY.

The Hon. the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY of Nova-Scotia.

(Copy.)

At a Council held at the Government-House, Newfoundland, the 22d August, 1849.

His Excellency lays before the Council Letters from the Provincial Secretaries of the Provinces of Nova-Scotia and New Brunswick, accompanied by Minutes of the Executive Councils of those Provinces, requesting the concurrence of the Government of this Colony in a Conference to be held at Halifax on the 1st proximo, for the purpose of devising such measures as may be best adapted for the carrying into effect a full reciprocity of trade between the whole of the British North American Provinces and the United States of America.

It appearing to the Council that the Commercial Interests of Newfoundland do not in any manner call for the adoption of the course suggested by the Council of New-Brunswick, and no opinion having been at any time expressed on this question by the Legislature on the trade of this Island, the Council recommend to His Excellency to instruct the Colonial Secretary to apprise the Provincial Secretaries of the respective Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in reply to their Letters, that this Government declines joining in the proposed Conference to be held at Halifax on the 1st of September next.

The Council at the same time beg to express their entire conviction that no advantage to be derived from a reciprocal Free Trade with the United States of America would compensate for the concession to the citizens of that Republic of a participation in the Fisheries of that Colony.

Extract from the Minutes.

(Signed)

JAMES CROWDY.

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(Copy.)

At a Conference of Delegates from the Executive Governments of the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward's Island, held in Halifax, on the 3d and 4th September, 1849, in compliance with a proposition forwarded by the Government of New Brunswick on the 31st July, at which the Members of the Executive Council of Nova-Scotia were present, the following Resolutions were passed :

PRESENT—

The Honorable Mr. LaFontaine,
Merritt,
Wilmot,
Partelow,
Hensley,
Thornton,
Uniacke,

The Honorable Mr. McNab,
Tobin,
Howe,
Huntington,
Bell,
Young.

1. Resolved, That in consequence of the recent changes in the commercial policy of the British Empire, it is the opinion of this Meeting that it has become necessary to obtain a more extended Market for the natural products of the British North American Colonies, and that a reciprocal free exchange of such products between those Colonies and the United States of America, would be highly advantageous to both.

2. Resolved, That Her Majesty's Government be moved to negotiate with that of the United States, for the removal of existing duties on certain articles the growth and production of the British North American Colonies, allowing the like articles to be imported from the United States into these Colonies duty free.

3. Resolved, That the following be the articles to be so imported, viz :
Grain and Bread Stuffs of all kinds, Animals, Salted and Fresh Meats, Butter, Cheese, Lard, Tallow, Hides, Horns, Wool, Undressed Skins, and Furs of all kinds.
Ores of all kinds, Iron in Pigs and Blooms, Copper, Lead in Pigs.
Grindstones, and Stones of all kinds, Earth, Coals, Lime, Ochres, Gypsum ground or unground, Rock Salt.

Wood, Timber and Lumber of all kinds, Firewood, Ashes.
Fish, Fish Oil, viz : Train Oil, Spermaceti Oil, Head Matter and Blubber, Fins and Skins, the produce of Fish or Creatures living in the water.

4. Resolved, That it be recommended to the respective Colonial Governments of British North America to propose to the Legislatures the removal of all duties on their natural products as above enumerated.

(Signed)

L. H. LAFONTAINE, President.
JOSEPH HOWE, Secretary.

(Copy.)

No. 133.

Government House, Halifax, August 10, 1849.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to transmit copies of an Official Letter from the Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick, addressed to the Secretary of this Province, accompanied by a Minute of Council, suggesting a friendly Conference by Delegates from the North American Governments, to be holden at Halifax, on the First September next. I also enclose

inclose a copy of the Minute of Council adopted by my Government on receipt of those communications, and shall give Your Lordship the earliest information of any measures which may result from the deliberations proposed.

I have &c.,

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

The Rt. Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 139.

Government-House, Halifax, September 7, 1849.

MY LORD—

Referring to my Despatch, No. 133, of the 10th of August, and its enclosures, I have now the honor to transmit a copy of the proceedings of the Conference therein reported.

The Gentlemen present represented the Governments of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova-Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, that of Newfoundland declining to send Delegates.

As regards myself, I have no further interfered with the late discussions, than to suggest to the Members of my own Council, on no account to give a premature assent to any Resolutions which might, before Her Majesty's Government and the Provincial Legislature were consulted, pledge this Province to the surrender of rights involving the security of a Staple Trade, and perhaps a question of national importance.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

The Rt. Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 23.

(Copy.)

No. 177.

Downing-Street, 26th June, 1849.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 117, of the 28th ult., transmitting a List of the Members of the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, in conformity with the instructions which I addressed to you, under date the 28th of April last, No. 155, and I have to acquaint you that I have thought it proper to cause the name of Mr. William McKeen to be submitted to the Queen in Council, in order that, if it shall be Her Majesty's pleasure, he may be appointed to a Seat at that Board. I must at the same time remind you that your power of provisional appointment to the Council, under your instructions, was exhausted by the appointment of Mr. Grigor,—that you cannot therefore make any further provisional appointments unless vacancies should occur, and that, although I have acceded to the application made in your Despatch of March the 8th, in a different form from that which you proposed, namely, by advising Her Majesty to appoint Mr. McKeen, this was only done in order that you might be enabled to satisfy what you might consider as a pledge, as I by no means regard the increase of that Body beyond its ordinary number as advisable.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

GREY.

Lt. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 24.

(Copy.)

No. 91.

Government House, Halifax, March 21, 1849.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to transmit two Memorials, addressed to Your Lordship by certain Members of the Legislative Council, together with a copy of a Letter handed to me by the President of that Body, on reference to the charges and statements therein contained.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

The Right Hon. EARL GREY, &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 25.

DR. THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA,

For Payments made by the Treasurer, between the 1st January and 30th June, 1849, inclusive.

To paid sundry Warrants on account of Salary of the Lieutenant-Governor,	£1250	0	0	
Ditto do. Salaries to Officers of the Provincial Government,	3159	15	2½	
	<hr/>			£4409 15 2½
Sundry Warrants for Legislative Expenses, pay of Members, per Abstract,		4468	7	5
Sundry Warrants for Support of Colleges Academies, and Common Schools, per Abstract,		7845	2	8
On Account of Sundry Warrants for encouragement of Agriculture,		743	6	8
Sundry Warrants for allowance to Excise Waiters, Revenue Boats, and other Revenue Expenses,		1908	3	3
Sundry Warrants for Drawbacks,		628	4	1
Sundry Warrants for Bounty for killing Wolves,		5	0	0
Sundry Warrants to Commissioners of the Poor,		200	0	0
Sundry Warrants to Commissioners of Penitentiary,		700	0	0
Sundry Warrants for Compensation to Proprietors of Lands taken for Road Alterations,		730	0	2
Casualty Advances, viz :				
David Matheson, Pictou,	19	19	0	
Ronald M'Donald, do.,	7	0	11	
				To

To paid Adam M'Nutt, Colchester,	£3 15 3	
John Brown, King's County,	50 0 0	
	<hr/>	£80 15 2
Sundry Warrants for Improvement of Roads and Bridges, as per General Abstract, viz :		
County Halifax,	753 2 4	
" Hants,	394 19 11	
" Kings,	384 1 2	
" Annapolis,	134 0 0	
" Digby,	10 0 0	
" Yarmouth,	132 6 1	
" Shelburne,	139 10 0	
" Queens,	108 7 6	
" Lunenburg,	157 18 6	
" Cumberland,	257 18 6	
" Sydney,	559 12 2	
" Guysborough,	280 19 4	
" Cape Breton,	67 2 7	
" Pictou,	674 16 10	
" Inverness,	213 18 6	
" Colchester,	619 11 6	
" Richmond,	54 1 3	
	<hr/>	4942 6 2
Sundry Warrants for expenditure on Roads and Bridges, granted in former years, and undrawn on the 1st Jan. last, per Abstract,		605 11 4½
Sundry Warrants for Support of Light Houses, per Abstract,		2041 9 3
Sundry Warrants to Commissioners of Sable Island, per Abstract,		565 12 6
Sundry Warrants for expence of cleaning Militia Arms, as per Abstract,		73 8 0
Sundry Warrants holding Coroners Inquests, per Abstract,		112 10 0
Sundry Warrants for Rations for Troops en route,		97 16 0
Sundry Warrants for Costs of Criminal Pro- secutions, viz :		
Henry A. Grantham,	9 5 0	
John Creighton,	32 0 0	
John C. Hall,	6 3 4	
Charles Twining,	7 3 9	
	<hr/>	54 12 1
Sundry Warrants in aid of Steam Boats, Packets, and Ferries, per Abstract,		1010 0 0
Sundry Warrants, in aid of Piers and Break- Waters, per Abstract,		25 0 0
Sundry Warrants for Travelling Expenses of Judges, per Abstract,		74 13 4
Sundry Warrants on account of the Gene- ral Grant, and in aid of Destitute In- dians,		171 9 0
		To

To paid Sundry Warrants and Orders for Postages and extension of Mail Routes, per Abstract,	1494	10	2
Sundry Warrants for Principal and Interest of Funded Debt, per Abstract,	273	15	0
Sundry Orders for Advances to Saving's Bank, per Abstract,	900	0	0
Sundry Warrants to Adjutants of Militia, as per Abstract,	405	0	0
Sundry Warrants to Commissioners of Public Buildings,	1006	9	1
Sundry Warrants for Miscellaneous Services, as per Abstract,	3735	11	7
Sundry Advances made by order of the Government, per Abstract,	3029	10	0
Sundry Warrants drawn upon the deposits of Fines and Forfeitures,	60	0	0
Sundry Warrants drawn upon Funds deposited by the Surveyor-General, Cape-Breton,	99	12	9
Sundry Warrants for Grants on account of Transient Poor,	366	9	0
Sundry Warrants for Grants in aid of Oat Mills,	137	10	0
Sundry payments on account of Warrants for Great Roads,	601	4	3
Sundry deposits in the Bank of Nova Scotia,	18527	2	1
	<u>62129</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance,	1586	17	11
	<u>£63716</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>

In Account with Samuel P. Fairbanks, Treasurer, CR.

By Balance in hand 31st December, 1848,	£3376	3	10
By Cash from the late Collector Customs,		1	10
By Ditto from Collector Excise, Halifax,	31200	0	0
By Ditto from Collectors Impost and Excise at the Out Ports, as follows :			
Lunenburg,	176	0	0
Amherst,	215	19	5
Pugwash,	276	15	0
Guysboro,	7	11	4
Yarmouth,	371	17	4
Pictou,	558	2	6
Digby,	306	16	10
Annapolis,	150	8	4
Windsor,	69	12	9
Westport,			
Weymouth,	22	18	9
Cornwallis,	23	16	0

Liverpool

Liverpool,	£98	1	5	
Shelburne,	69	0	2	
Port Hood,	10	0	0	
Londonderry,	9	0	0	
Parrsborough,	97	13	3	
Sydney, Cape Breton,	191	10	9	
Antigonish,	6	9	0	
Arichat,	387	17	4	
Truro,	34	11	5	
Barrington,				
Wilmot,	29	0	0	
Tatamagouche,				
Argyle,				
Givan's Wharf,				
Canso.				
				3113 1 7

By Cash from Collectors of Light Duty :

Canso,	125	12	7	
Antigonishe,	7	11	0	
Amherst,	11	0	0	
Shelburne,	9	12	0	
Cumberland,	25	8	6	
Cornwallis,	3	6	0	
Westport,	25	0	0	
Wallace,	19	3	0	
Annapolis,	3	4	2	
Yarmouth,	41	9	8	
Barrington,	25	17	8	
Weymouth,	22	0	0	
Parrsboro,	64	18	5	
Maitland,				
Cape Breton,	75	17	10	
Halifax,	172	18	8	
Guysboro,	19	1	5	
Liverpool,	28	11	0	
Lunenburg,	5	12	1	
Arichat,	19	18	10	
				707 2 5

By sundry Checks on Bank of Nova-Scotia, on account of Cash Credit,

Cash from Province of Canada,	21690	6	11
Sundry Fines and Forfeitures,	596	0	0
Sundry Payments by Savings' Bank,	189	0	8
Payments on Account of Passenger Act,	1800	0	0
Treasurer of Casual Revenue,	305	13	11
On account of Copyright Act,	400	0	0
Savings' Bank Surplus Fund,	6	15	9
Attorney General on Excise Bonds:	280	10	4
	50	0	0

£63716 5 11

[Errors Excepted.]

Treasurer's Office, 30th June, 1849.

To Cash paid Coroners, for Inquests held,	£137	10	0
Commissioners, Indian Affairs,	103	11	0
Commrs. for erecting Electric Telegraph,	3805	11	0
Arrears of Civil List,	1881	19	7
Commissioners of Sable Island,	902	4	5
On account of Passenger Fund	4	10	0
The Commissioners of the Penitentiary,	129	16	8
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	£44925	18	11
Balance carried down,	1579	17	0
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	£46505	15	11

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1849.			
July 2.—By	Cash received from the late Treasurer,	£1586	17 11
	Cash received from Custom House Department,	0	15 10
	Cash received from Post Office Department,	356	14 8
	Cash received from Prince Edward Island for support of Light Houses for 1848,	35	15 4
	Cash received from the Attorney General, for Bonds for Duties collected by him,	141	11 4
	Cash received for a Bill of Exchange on the Lords of the Treasury for £400 Stg., on account of Sable Island, at 13 per cent. premium,	502	4 5
	Cash rec'd on account of advances made to Inverness Cy,	30	0 0
	Cash received on account of Excise Duties, viz:		
	Halifax,	31600	0 0
	Pugwash,	204	0 3
	Guysboro',	10	13 9
	Yarmouth,	1299	5 0
	Digby,	457	12 4
	Annapolis,	167	1 10
	Windsor,	309	8 2
	Westport,	75	0 0
	Weymouth,	35	2 10
	Cornwallis,	65	19 7
	Liverpool,	368	6 2
	Shelburne,	266	10 11
	Londonderry,	52	5 0
	Parrsboro',	36	9 2
	Sydney, C. B.	414	17 6
	Givan's Wharf,	11	1 0
	Lunenburg,	235	7 6
	Amherst,	288	15 8
	Barrington,	35	0 0
	Truro,	104	18 11
	Wilmot,	193	14 5
	Pictou,	1104	1 2
	Argyle,	9	3 11
	Arichat,	239	4 8
	East side Gut of Canso,	8	11 10
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		37592	11 7
			By

By Cash received from the Coroner at Guysboro' for				
Money found in a dead man's pocket,				£1 1 3
1849.				
July 1st	} By Cash received for Light Duty, viz :			
to				
Dec. 31st.		Halifax,	£1098 12 10	
		Pictou,	665 0 11	
		Londonderry,	15 15 0	
		Weymouth,	8 14 11	
		Windsor,	246 16 0	
		Pugwash,	88 13 3	
		Annapolis,	62 7 0	
		Sydney, Cape Breton,	230 13 4	
		Liverpool,	122 18 6	
		Canso,	160 7 0	
		Amherst,	45 17 6	
		Yarmouth,	193 5 6	
		Argyle,	52 1 1	
		Cornwallis,	16 7 10	
		Givan's Wharf,	5 19 0	
		Digby,	99 8 0	
		Parrsboro',	34 15 10	
		Shelburne,	10 8 6	
		Arichat,	64 2 0	
		Tatamagouche,	33 16 0	
		Wilmot,	7 10 7	
		Antigonishe,	12 11 4	
		East side Gut of Canso,	2 4 6	
				3278 6 5
By Cash received from the late Surveyor-General of				
Cape Breton, balance due by him,				117 15 6
Cash received on account of Sable Island Es-				
tablishment,				91 9 7
Cash received on account of Passenger Fund,				89 13 1
Cash received on account of Copyright,				37 10 11
Cash received from the Superintendent of the				
Electric Telegraph,				101 0 0
				£43963 7 10
By Cash received from Bank of Nova-Scotia, in				
payment of the various services charged in				
this Account,				2542 8 1
				£46505 15 11
1849.				
Decr. 31.—By Balance brought down,				£1579 17 0

JAMES McNAB, Receiver General.

Receiver General's Office, Halifax, 31st December, 1849.

APPENDIX No. 26.

Dr. *Account of the Receipts and Payments of Her Majesty's Casual and Territorial Revenues in Nova-Scotia for the Half Year ending 30th June, 1849.*

PAYMENTS.

	STERLING.	CURRENCY.
The Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Harvey, on account of the portion of his Salary charged on this Fund, for the half year ended 30th June,	£750 0 0	937 10 0
Lieutenant-Governor, Contingencies, Do.,	150 0 0	187 10 0
Provincial Secretary's Salary for same half year,	280 0 0	350 0 0
Private Secretary of the Lieutenant-Governor,	125 0 0	156 5 0
Superintendent of Mines,	50 0 0	62 10 0
Chief Justice, Salary for same half year,	500 0 0	625 0 0
Mr. Justice Bliss, that portion of his Salary borne on this Fund, the same period,	85 0 0	106 5 0
Justice Dodd, do., do.,	40 0 0	50 0 0
Justice DesBarres, do., do.,	40 0 0	50 0 0
Balances due to Justices Hill and Bliss on account of Salary, £1 Sterling each,	2 0 0	2 10 0
The Attorney General, Salary to 30th June,	200 0 0	250 0 0
Solicitor General, do., do.,	50 0 0	62 10 0
Clerk of the Crown, do., do.,	50 0 0	62 10 0
Master of the Rolls, balance to 31st Decr., 1848,	38 0 0	47 10 0
Master of the Rolls, portion of Salary borne on this Fund, to 30th June, 1849,	40 0 0	50 0 0
Contingencies of the Court of Chancery, &c.,	15 0 0	18 15 0
Pension of Miss Cox, to 30th June, 1849, do.,	50 0 0	62 10 0
Pension of Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., do.,	200 0 0	250 0 0
“ Thomas Crawley, Survr. Gen. C. B., do.	50 0 0	62 10 0
“ H. W. Crawley, Commr. of Crown Lands, C. B., do.,	120 0 0	150 0 0
Clerks in the Secretary's Office to 30th June,	245 0 0	306 5 0
Contingencies of do. do.,	50 0 0	62 10 0
Messenger of do. do.,	4 16 0	6 0 0
Balance,	28 5 4	35 6 8
	£3163 1 4	3953 16 8

RECEIPTS.

1849.	STERLING.	CURRENCY.
Jany. 1.—By balance in the Treasurer's hands,	499 10 3	624 7 10
June 30.—By Fees collected at the Secretary's Office,	313 12 6	392 0 8
July 4.—By This amount advanced as a Loan from the Provincial Treasury,	960 0 0	1200 0 0
Rent of H. M. Mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton for the half year ended 30th June,	1333 6 8	1666 13 4
Rent of Reserved Mines under Lease to H. R. H. the late Duke of York, for the year ended 24th June, 1848,	1 0 0	1 5 0
		By

By Premiums on the two preceding sums, payable in Dollars,	£55 11 10	£69 9 10
	£3163 1 4	3953 16 8
By Balance in the Treasurer's hands, [Errors Excepted.]	£28 5 4	35 6 8

JOSEPH HOWE.

Halifax, N. S., July 4, 1849.

Statement of the Fees collected at the Provincial Secretary's Office in the half-year, ended 31st December, 1849.

On Licences to Marry—	£120 0 0
Episcopal,	159 0 0
Dissenting,	
On Commissions appointing to Office—	69 15 0
Justices of the Peace, on account,	16 10 0
Fish Inspectors,	5 3 4
Sheriffs,	2 6 8
Notary Public,	1 10 0
Commissioners of Sewers,	2 6 8
Judge of Probate,	
On Certificates—	1 10 0
Of Copyright,	2 15 0
Discharge of British Seamen,	0 5 0
Naturalization,	1 10 0
License to dig for Treasure,	1 18 0
Searches and Extracts,	
	£384 9 8

Dr. The Province of Nova Scotia in Account with the Treasurer of Her Majesty's Casual and Territorial Revenue.

PAYMENTS.

	STERLING.	CURRENCY.
1850.		
January 18. Amount paid to the Receiver General,	£335 17 1	419 16 4
	£335 17 1	419 16 4

RECEIPTS.

1849.		
July 4. Balance in the Treasurer's hands,	£28 5 4	35 6 8
Dec. 31. Amount of Fees received at the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the half-year ended this day, agreeably to Account annexed,	307 11 9	384 9 8
	£335 17 1	£419 16 4

[E. & O. Excepted.]

JOSEPH HOWE.

Halifax, 18th January, 1850.

APPENDIX No. 27.

The Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts, beg leave to report as follows :

They have examined the Accounts of the late Treasurer, and find them correct, and the Balance paid over to and credited by the Receiver General.

THE RECEIVER GENERAL.

The Balance in Cash in the hands of this Officer, 31st Decr., 1849, £1579 17 0

IMPOST AND EXCISE DEPARTMENTS.

Since received.	HALIFAX.		
	Bonds in the hands of the late At- torney General,	£497 13 6	
	Bonds in the hands of the Attorney General,	938 19 0	
£36 3 6	Due by the late Collector of Excise 31st December, 1849,	36 3 6	
264 17 11	Due by Acting Collector,	264 17 11	
		<hr/>	1737 13 11
	LUNENBURG.		
440 0 0	Bonds in the hands of the Collector,		632 17 10
	LIVERPOOL.		
	Amount as reported last year Surcharge on late Collector Joshua Newton, Esq., deceased,	40 1 9	
164 12 4	Due by Collector, 31st Decr., 1849,	164 12 4	
		<hr/>	204 14 1
	SHELBURNE.		
65 0 0	Due 31st Decr., 1849,		95 10 9
	BARRINGTON.		
	Due 31st Decr. 1849,		15 8 6
	YARMOUTH.		
	Amount as reported last year, Sur- charge on late Collector H. G. Farish,	40 15 8	
170 15 4	Due by Collector, 31st Decr., 1849,	170 15 4	211 11 0
	WEYMOUTH.		
	Due 31st Decr., 1848,	5 16 8	
16 0 0	Due 31st Decr., 1849,	40 16 8	
		<hr/>	46 13 4
	WESTPORT.		
	Due 31st Decr., 1848,	9 0 8	
23 16 3	Due 31st Decr., 1849,	14 15 7	
		<hr/>	23 16 3

Digby

			DIGBY.							
			Old Balance, former Collector, now under investigation by Committee of House,			£174	15	4		
279	13	2	Due 31st Decr., 1849,			<u>279</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	£454	8 6
			ANNAPOLIS.						127	1 5
127	1	5	Due 31st Decr., 1849,							
			CORNWALLIS.						6	2 5
			Due 31st Decr., 1849,							
			PARRSBOROUGH.							
			£31 16s. is credited to this Account, presumed on account of Duties collected by the late Collector of Customs.							
			AMHERST.						96	19 2
96	19	2	Due 31st Decr., 1849,							
			WALLACE AND PUGWASH.						0	6 0
			Due 31st Decr., 1849,							
			TATAMAGOUCHE.						95	3 9
			Due 31st Decr., 1848, as by Report of Committee, No Returns or Remittance from that Officer for the old Balance, or for 1849,							
			ANTIGONISHE.			7	17	8		
			Balance due 31st Decr., 1848,			3	17	7		
			Collected to 31st Decr., 1849,							
						<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>		
4	0	0	Paid in 1849,			6	9	0	5	6 3
			GUYSBOROUGH.							
			Due 31st Decr., 1848, as by Report of Committee,			5	7	2		
11	3	2	Collected in 1849,			<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	16	10 4
			ARICHAT.						62	5 9
62	5	9	Due 31st Decr., 1849,							
			PORT HOOD.						3	14 8
3	14	8	Due 31st Decr., 1849,							
			SYDNEY.						214	19 3
214	19	3	Due 31st Decr., 1849,							
			PICTOU.							
			Due on the old account as reported last year,			1485	9	4		
206	6	5	Due 31st Decr., 1849,			<u>223</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	1708	10 4
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TRURO.

Due by former Collec'r. S. J. Blair,	£6 3 8	
Due 31st Decr., 1849,	8 3 0	
	<hr/>	14 6 8

GIVAN'S WHARF, CORNWALLIS.

Due 31st Decr., 1848, by Report,	6 3 3	
Collector in 1849,	10 16 8	
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	16 19 11	
Paid in 1849,	11 1 0	
	<hr/>	5 18 11

GUT OF CANSO.

Due 31st Decr., by Report, 1848,	46 1 5
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CANSO, (Heffernan.)

0 10 10 Due 31st Decr. 1849,	0 10 10
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Of this the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Two Pence has been paid to the Receiver General since 31st Decr., 1849.

The Committee cannot refrain from expressing an opinion, that increased diligence and activity on the part of the Revenue Officers at the Ports of Antigonishe, Port Hood, Argyle, Barrington, Weymouth and Guysborough, would result in a very considerable increase to the Revenue. The small amounts now received at these Ports induce your Committee to believe that due diligence and attention to the duties of their Office is not given by the respective Officers. They also recommend that the Balance due by the Collector at Pictou should be at once attended to by the Government, with the view of having it so arranged as to insure payment, your Committee considering that it may prove highly injurious to the Public Service to permit a debt of so long standing to remain in its present condition.

LIGHT DUTIES 1849.

HALIEX.

Paid since 31st Dec.		Col'd to 31st Decr., 1849,	Collected.		Paid.		Due.
£123 3 10			£1270 10 8		1147 0 10		123 3 10

LIVERPOOL.

12 14 8 Collected,	164 4 2	151 9 6	12 14 8
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CORNWALLIS.

Collected,	16 14 8	16 8 6	0 6 2
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PICTOU.

Collected,	665 0 11	665 0 11
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BARRINGTON.

20 7 3 Collected,	26 7 3	26 7 3
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WEYMOUTH, (New Edinburgh.)

2 5 9 Collected,	26 17 5	14 9 9	12 7 8
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PARRSBOROUGH.

Collected,	38 8 1	34 15 10	3 12 3
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	WEST CORNWALLIS, (Givan)				
Collected,	£5	13	6	5	13 6
	WALLACE AND PUGWASH.				
Collected,	84	4	4	84	14 4
	ANNAPOLIS.				
Collected,	60	14	2	60	14 2
	TATAMAGOUCHE.				
Collected,	34	3	6	33	16 0
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£430	14	7		£3992	3 4 3420 13 6 571 9 10

Of this amount, the sum of Four Hundred and Thirty Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Seven Pence has been paid since 31st December, 1849.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF LIGHT HOUSES.

The Expenditure for the Service, to 31st December, 1849,		£5458	17	8
By amount received from Treasury,	£4114	1	8	
“ received for Brier Island and Seal Island, from New-Brunswick, for 1848,	239	11	6	
“ Sale of Old Casks and Provisions,	32	13	8	
	<hr/>	£4686	6	10
Due the Commissioners, 31st December, 1849, (since paid)		£772	0	10

LIGHT HOUSES.

Amount received from Collectors, 1849,	£3420	13	6	
Due by Collectors for 1849,	571	9	10	
Due by New-Brunswick, for Seal Island and Brier Island Lights, 1849,	255	16	3	
“ Ditto, for Contribution to St. Paul's and Scatarie,	250	0	0	
“ Canada, “ “ “ “	555	13	2	
“ Prince Edward's Island, “ “ “ “	33	6	9	
Sales of Empty Oil Casks,	32	13	8	
	<hr/>	5119	13	2
Amount expended by Commissioners to 31st December,		5458	7	8
Difference paid out of the General Revenues of the Province,		£338	14	6

COMMISSIONERS OF SABLE ISLAND.

Their Accounts received and examined to 31st December, 1849—Due the Commissioners,		£275	15	9
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PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The Expenditure for 1849,				
On Government House,	£709	16	4	
On the Province Building,	895	9	3	
Alterations in House of Assembly,	202	3	3	
	<hr/>	£1807	8	10

Drawn of Appropriation in 1849,	£397 12 0
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Undrawn of Appropriation of 1849,	1409 16 10
	<u>102 8 0</u>

To be provided for,

£1307 8 10

The Committee recommend that the Public Buildings Accounts be referred to a Committee of the House of Assembly, to be specially examined and reported on.

PROVINCE NOTES.

Amount in Circulation 31st December, 1849,	£59,864 0 0
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FUNDED DEBT.

Amount of Stock Certificates at 5 per cent. Interest,	£10,000 0 0
Monies funded in Savings Bank at 4 per cent. Interest,	40,000 0 0

£50,000 0 0

DR. PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

To this sum undrawn for account of Roads and Bridges,
per Abstract,

£1404 11 5

Do. do. do. Great Road Grant,

375 0 3

To this sum for other services undrawn,

14226 0 0

Amount of Funded Debt,

50000 0 0

Due Commissioners of Public Buildings,

1307 8 10

Province Notes in circulation,

59864 0 0

Drawn from the Bank of Nova-Scotia,

5673 2 11

132850 3 5

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Balance of Cash in hands of Receiver General 31st Dec.
1849, per Account,

£1579 17 0

Due by Light Collectors 31st Dec. 1849,

571 9 10

By Excise Office, Halifax, including Bonds unpaid,

1737 13 11

From Outport Collectors to 31st Dec. 1849,

4088 17 5

From Canada, for Light-Houses, 1849,

555 13 2

New Brunswick, 1847, £250 0 0

“ 1848, 250 0 0

“ 1849, 250 0 0

“ Brier Island, 1849, 255 16 3

1005 16 3

P. E. Island, for Light Houses, 1849,

33 6 9

Dalhousie College,

5000 0 0

Electric Telegraph to 31st Dec. 1849,

4055 11 0

Canal Property at Dartmouth,

1200 0 0

Casual and Territorial Revenue, (received since
31st Dec. 1849,)

5968 2 8

Advances on account of Casualty on Roads, to
be repaid 1850,

1410 3 4

27206 11 4

Balance due 31st Dec. 1849,

£105643 12 1

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The Committee have examined the Accounts submitted, and find those of the late Treasurer and present Receiver General correct.

The Committee have to remark on the neglect exhibited by several of the Collectors of Light Duty, in omitting to make the Return of Vessels producing at their respective offices Certificates of the payment of the Duties at other Ports. The Committee deem these Returns of great importance, and suggest the propriety of the subject being again brought to the notice of the Collectors, and that they be imperatively required to furnish Quarterly Returns as required in the Report of the Committee of Public Accounts last year, and to include a note of the place of ownership of the vessel. By an examination of those furnished from Halifax, Pictou, Windsor, and one or two of the other Ports, several omissions have been detected.

The Committee are of opinion that the Revenue would be considerably increased by the appointment of an additional number of Collectors of Duties of Excise and Imposts, and they suggest the propriety of authorising the Government to make the necessary enquiries, and where deemed requisite to establish suitable Districts and nominate the Officers essential for the service.

No Accounts of the Expenditure of Monies drawn for the Electric Telegraph have been submitted.

STAYLEY BROWN, Chairman.	}	Committee of Legislative Council.
WILLIAM STAIRS,		
JOHN MORTON,		
JAMES D. FRASER, Chairman.	}	Committee of the House of Assembly.
THOMAS KILLAM,		
HENRY MIGNOWITZ,		
HUGH McDONALD,		
STEPHEN FULTON,		

Committee Room, Halifax, 22d February, 1850.

APPENDIX No. 28.

PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA.

IMPORTS.

A Return shewing the quantity of Flour and Meal imported into the Port of Halifax, between the 5th day of January, 1849, and the 5th day of January, 1850, and the Countries from whence the same were Imported.

WHEAT FLOUR.

United States.	British North American Colonies.	Total.
74,406 Barrels.	36,324 Barrels.	110,730 Barrels.

MEAL.

United States.	British North American Colonies.	Total.
35,438 Barrels.	2,762 Barrels.	38,200 Barrels.

(Signed) HENRY TREW, *Comptroller H. M. Customs.*

Custom House, Halifax, March 6, 1850.

PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA.

EXPORTS.

A Return shewing the quantity of Flour and Meal Exported from the Port of Halifax, without the limits of the Province, between the 5th day of January, 1849, and the 5th day of January, 1850, and the Countries to which the same were Exported.

WHEAT FLOUR.

Great Britain.	British North American Colonies.	Total.
857 Barrels.	749 Barrels.	1,606 Barrels.

MEAL.

British North American Colonies.	Total.
1,809 Barrels.	1,809 Barrels.

N. B. The Export Account now kept in this Office, is confined to Articles the growth, produce, and manufacture of the Province.

HENRY TREW, *Comptroller H. M. Customs.*

Custom House, Halifax, 6th March, 1850.

APPENDIX No. 29.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 18th February, 1850.

SIR—

I have received and laid before the Queen your Despatch of the 5th April last, No. 98, transmitting an Address from the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, praying for an extension of commercial privileges to the Ports of Barrington, Argyle, Cornwallis, Annapolis, Guysborough and Wallace. I have also received your Despatch, dated the 18th of last May, No. 115, enclosing an application from the Inhabitants of Annapolis Royal, together with a recommendation in its favor from the Representatives in the General Assembly for that place, requesting that it may be made a Free Port.

You will take an early opportunity of informing the House of Assembly, that Her Majesty has been pleased to receive their Address very graciously, and to command me to instruct you to refer the House to the provisions of the 12th & 13th Vict. C. 29, under the authority of which, repealing the restrictions imposed on this head by 8th and 9th Vict. C. 98, Foreign Ships may now resort to any established Port of Entry in Her Majesty's Possessions without any special designation of such Port by Her Majesty as a Free Port, subject however to the Provision of the 4th Clause of the first mentioned Act, which confines the Carriage by Sea from one part of a Colony to another part of the same Colony.

I am &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B.

APPENDIX No. 30.

No. 214.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 20th February, 1850.

SIR—

I had it in contemplation to direct your attention and that of your Executive Council, to the Provisions of the Act 12 & 13 Vic. C. 66, for enabling Colonial Legislatures to constitute Inland Posts, but I have ascertained from the Minutes of the Assembly that on the 2nd of this Month, a Bill was read a second time to enable the Governor in Council to make orders for establishing an Uniform rate of Postage in Nova Scotia, and for regulating a Postal arrangement with other Countries.

2. As I presume from this that the Legislature has it in contemplation to avail itself of the provisions of the Imperial Act, on the expiration of the present temporary Provincial Act 12, Vict. C. 22, I will not enter into particulars on the subject of this proposed enactment, lest my instructions should interfere with the arrangements already made, except on one or two points to which it seems necessary to call your attention.

3. There would be great advantages in a simultaneous transfer of the Accounts of the several Colonial Post Offices, those namely of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and if possible Prince Edward Island, on the same day, from the Post Master General to the Provincial Authorities, through the Officer of the Imperial Post Office now administering the Department under his control. For obvious reasons that day, if possible, should be a quarter day.

4. As there is a great advantage in avoiding the complication of correspondence with the several Colonies by naming a day beforehand, I propose the 6th October next, ensuing, as the day on which it would be most convenient that the transfer should take place simultaneously in these four Colonies. You will signify to the Governor-General (to whom I have made the same communication) whether this day will be suitable, in your opinion, and that of your advisers. Should this be otherwise, further correspondence will become necessary.

5. Unless, which I do not anticipate as as probable, a particular day is named for this purpose in the Act now passed, or to be passed, by your Legislature, the most convenient course will be that the day should either be fixed by Her Majesty in the Order in Council assenting to the Act, or by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province if the Act gives himself sufficient power.

6. Another point must necessarily engage your attention. The existing Post Office Acts in this Country contain various criminal provisions, under which many actions which, when committed by other individuals, are either venial or mere breaches of trust, become serious offences in the eye of the Law, and are punished with great severity when committed by Officers of the Post Office. I may refer you on this subject to the Imperial Act 5, Geo. 3, Cap. 25; 1, Vict. C. 33; and 1, Vict. Cap. 36. As it appears that these enactments relate to offences regarding letters &c. under the control of the Postmaster General only, it should seem that they will no longer be in force in the Colonies after the transfer; and it will be advisable that the Legislature should adopt the Criminal Provisions of these Acts or others which may appear equally effective for the purpose.

7. I have addressed Despatches to a similar effect to the Lieut. Governors of New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, and I shall be glad to hear that measures are in progress for carrying into execution this important object.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieutenant Governor SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B.

APPENDIX No. 31.

Circular.

(Copy.)

Colonial Office, 25th February, 1850.

SIR—

1. The modification of the Laws relating to Navigation and Trade, by the Act c. 29 of the last Session of Parliament, having removed the legal restrictions which previously existed upon the opening of Ports in the Colony under your Government for the admission of Foreign as well as British Shipping and Goods, Her Majesty's Government have had under their consideration some local arrangements which it seems necessary to make in consequence, and which I proceed to state.

2. The effect of the Act is that the Colonial authorities may now open Ports for the admission of Foreign and British Shipping and Goods without the necessity of applying for the leave or concurrence in any shape of the Home Government.

3. But in trading from any Colony to other parts of the British Dominions, Home or Colonial, various formalities and regulations are still to be observed and conformed to, relating for instance to the Registry of Shipping, and to Certificates of Produce and Clearance—without which traders from Colonial Ports might be exposed to much inconvenience and probable loss.

4. In the principal Ports in the West Indian and North American Colonies, Officers deputed by the Imperial Board of Customs are already stationed, who can grant these documents, and perform the necessary formal acts.

5. But if the Colonial Authorities should establish any new Port where no such officer is stationed, the difficulties to which allusion is above made would immediately arise.

6. It is at the same time desirable that provision should be made in all Ports for the transmission to England of various Returns and Documents relating to Trade and Shipping, which are required for the information of the Imperial Government and Parliament, and the compilation of which must be also extremely useful to the Colonial Governments and trading Communities.

7. The course which Her Majesty's Government propose, with a view to obviate these difficulties, is the following: In every new Port to be opened in a Colony, although there be no Imperial Officer of Customs, there will of necessity be a Colonial one. It is proposed that the Colonial Revenue Officers at such Ports should be furnished with the necessary deputations from the Imperial authorities, so as to enable them to perform those duties with regard to Registry and the issue of Certificates which are above specified, and execution of whatever other functions of an Imperial character may still require to be performed, if any, on condition that the Colonial Governments will make it the duty of the same Officers to furnish the above-mentioned Returns.

8. In order therefore to carry this arrangement into effect, the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury will cause the Principal Comptroller of Customs and Navigation Laws, already appointed in each Colony, to be furnished with the requisite Deputation Warrants, and with instructions and authority to issue these Warrants to the Colonial Officers, upon directions being given by the Colonial Governments to those Officers to comply with such regulations and requisitions regarding the performance of functions under the Imperial Law, or the preparation of Trade Returns, as may be communicated to them by the respective Comptrollers.

9. You will accordingly consider yourself authorized to open for Foreign Trade whatever additional Ports you may consider to be required; provided that you are enabled to make arrangements for the performance of the duties adverted to by Officers whose appointments shall be unattended with expense to this Country.

I have, &c.
(Signed) GREY.

Lt. Gov. Sir J. HARVEY, K. C. B. &c. N. Scotia.

APPENDIX No. 32.

COPY.

No. 49.

Custom House, Halifax, 23rd March, 1850.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit copy of a Minute of the Honorable the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs, of the 2nd March, 1850, for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the Provincial Government; and respectfully await their determination on the points therein referred to for the information of Her Majesty's Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient,
Humble Servant,
(Signed)

HENRY TREW,
Controller.

The Honorable the Provincial Secretary, &c. &c.

COPY.

2nd March, 1850.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Transmit to the Controller of Customs and Navigation Laws at Halifax, with reference to his Report of the 21st of September, 1849, No. 57, transmitting various returns in pursuance of the special directions contained in the Board's Order of the 3rd August last, No 56 :

Copy of Mr. Hayter's Letter of the 2nd February, and of the Treasury Minute therein referred to of the 29th January, 1850, explanatory of their Lordship's views in regard to providing for the duties of Controller of Customs and Navigation Laws at those Ports, which may have been, or may hereafter be, opened by Colonial authority, for the purposes of Foreign or other Trade, and at which no Imperial Officers are at present stationed; and in accordance with their Lordship's directions the Controller will ascertain, whether the Colonial Government of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island will concur in devolving on their Colonial Revenue Officers, the duties of Controller of Customs and Navigation Laws, in the manner indicated in the Treasury Minute, either at the Ports that may hereafter be opened, or which have been already opened, as named in the margin, for the purposes of Trade, but at which it is the determination of Her Majesty's Government, that no Imperial Officers shall be appointed:

And acquaint the Controller that upon his transmitting to the Board, the names of those Officers upon whom the Colonial Government may concur in devolving the duties of Controllers of Customs and Navigation Laws, the Board will cause the necessary Forms of Appointment and Instructions to be transmitted.

In the event, however, of any case arising where a Port may be opened by Colonial Authority, and where the Colonial Government may be at once ready and willing to assent to their officers performing the several duties pointed out in the Treasury Minute, the Controller will furnish the Colonial Officers with the necessary Forms and such general Instructions as he may consider necessary for their guidance in the execution of those duties, pending the receipt of the Board's final appointment and instructions :

Prince Ed. Island—
Bedeque,
Malpeque,
Three Rivers,
Colwill Bay,
Cascumpec

Nova-Scotia—
Halifax,
Pictou,
Liverpool,
Yarmouth,
Sydney,
Arichat.
P. E. Island—
Charlottetown.

Acquaint the Controller at Halifax further, that it is the intention of the Board to retain for the present, limited Imperial Establishments at the Ports named in the margin

With respect to the Ports of

{	Windsor,	Gusboro',
	Digby,	Barrington,
	Lunenburg,	Argyle,
	Parrsboro',	New Edinboro', and
	Shelburne,	Cumberland,
	Wallace,	

The Board are of opinion that it would be no longer necessary to retain the services of the Imperial Controllers of Customs and Navigation Laws stationed at those places, provided arrangements could be made for transferring their duties to the Colonial Office of Custom and Excise in the manner indicated in the Treasury Minute of the 29th January, 1850.

The Controller at Halifax will therefore ascertain and report, for the Board's further consideration, whether the Colonial Government of Nova Scotia would concur in devolving upon the Colonial Revenue Officers at those Ports, the duties of Controller of Customs and Navigation Laws, upon the principle laid down in the Treasury Minute above referred to.

With respect to Cornwallis and Annapolis, it would appear from Report transmitted by the Controller at Halifax, to be quite unnecessary that any Officers should be retained at those stations; and measures will consequently be adopted by the Board for transferring any trifling duties that may remain to be executed to the Ports of Windsor and Digby respectively.

To the Controller of Customs and Navigation Laws, Halifax, N. S.

No. 18.

SIR,—

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having, with reference to the Act of 12th and 13th Vict., cap. 29, which repealed the 2nd section of the British Possessions' Act of 8th and 9th Vict., cap. 93, establishing the Free Port system in the North American and West Indian Colonies, had under their consideration the measures, that it might be proper to adopt, with the view of providing for the due execution of the duties of Controllers of Customs and Navigation Laws, at those subordinate stations, where the Colonial Authorities have established, or may hereafter establish, ordinary Ports of Entry, to which the privileges in respect of Foreign Trade, heretofore confined to Free Ports, have now been, or may be hereafter, extended by Colonial Authority.

I have it in command to transmit for your information and government, a copy of a Letter from Mr. Hayter, one of the Secretaries to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 2nd February, 1850, together with a copy of their Lordship's Minute therein referred to, of the 29th January preceding, upon this subject; also a copy of this Board's Minute, dated 2nd March, 1850, which has been framed with a view of giving effect to the intentions of their Lordships,—and I am to direct you to lose no time in adopting the necessary measures for the purpose of carrying out the directions

directions contained in the Board's Minute of the 2nd March, 1850, reporting your proceedings, and transmitting the information thereby required with all practicable dispatch to the Board.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

C. SCOVELL.

Custom House, London,
6th March, 1850.

Halifax.

Treasury Chambers, 2nd February, 1850.

GENTLEMEN,—

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit herewith, with reference to your Report of the 26th November last, relative to the power of the Colonies to open Ports after the coming into operation of the Act of the 12th and 13th Vict., cap. 29, copy of their Lordship's Minute of the 29th ultimo on this subject, and I am to desire that you will furnish the several Controllers of Customs and Navigation Laws, in the North American and West Indian Colonies, with such Deputation Warrants, and Instructions, as may be requisite for carrying into effect their Lordship's intentions, as signified in this Minute.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Signed)

W. G. HAYTER.

The Commissioners of Customs, &c. &c.

Copy of a Treasury Minute dated 29th January, 1850.

Write to Mr. Merivale, and referring to the communication made by direction of this Board to Mr. Hawes, on the 4th January, 1848, and to subsequent correspondence, respecting the Customs Establishment in the North American and West Indian Colonies, state to him for the information of Earl Grey, that My Lords have had under consideration the further arrangements that should be adopted in regard to those Establishments, in consequence of the modification of the Laws relating to Navigation and Trade, by the Act cap. 29, of the last Session of Parliament.

Request Mr Merivale will observe to Lord Grey, that it has not appeared to my Lords that there is now any legal restrictions upon the opening of Ports by the Governments of those Colonies, for the admission of Foreign as well as British Shipping and Goods, although provision may not be made for the appointment at such Ports of Officers deriving authority from, or amenable to, the direction of the Imperial Board of Customs; but at the same time, various requirements of the Imperial Laws, relating to Registry of Shipping to Certificates of Produce and of Clearance, and such like, by default in the observance of which, Traders from Colonial Ports might be exposed to much inconvenience and probable loss, can only be complied with through the instrumentality of Officers having authority from the Imperial Board. Further state, however, that with the view of obviating inconvenience in this last mentioned respect, and

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of providing also for the due preparation and transmission of various Returns and Documents relating to Trade and Shipping, which are required for the information of the Imperial Government and Parliament, it is my Lords intention, in cases where the Colonial Governments are prepared to concur in devolving on the Colonial Revenue Officers the duty of furnishing the above mentioned Returns, that these Officers shall also be duly deputed and empowered by the Board of Customs, or by my Lords' Board to perform the various other duties before adverted to; and in order to this my Lords will cause the Principal Controller of Customs and Navigation Laws already appointed in each Colony, to be furnished with the requisite Deputation Warrants, and with instructions and authority to issue these Warrants to the Colonial Officers, upon directions being given by the Colonial Governments to those Officers to comply with such regulations and requisitions regarding the performance of functions under the Imperial Law, or the preparation of Trade Returns, as may be communicated to them, by the respective Controllers.

APPENDIX, No. 33.

(Copy.)

Government-House, Fredericton, March 20, 1850.

Sir—

I have the honor to enclose an Act which received the Royal assent on the 18th instant, and the provisions of which I shall be prepared to carry out.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed) EDMUND HEAD.

His Excellency SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., K. C. H., &c. &c. &c.

*An Act relating to the Trade between the British North American Possessions.**(Passed 18th March, 1850.)*

Whereas it is deemed advisable to make provision for Reciprocal Trade between this Province and the other British North American Possessions:

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the consent of the Executive Council, whenever it may be thought advisable so to do, to declare by Proclamation, what Articles, the growth, production, or manufacture of either of the British North American Possessions of Canada, Nova-Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, or either of them, may be imported into this Province free of Duty.

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