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PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

L. S.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

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

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

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax,
this 10th day of May, A. D. 1854, and in the
17th year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

WM. H. KEATING,
Deputy Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

L. S.
J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

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

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

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax,
this 19th day of July, A. D. 1854, and in the
18th year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

L. S.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

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

I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday, the 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 20th day of September, A. D. 1854, and
in the 18th year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

WM. H. KEATING,
Deputy Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

L. S.
J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the Fifth day of October next:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday, the Nineteenth 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 27th day of September, A. D. 1854, and
in the 18th year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command. *

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

L. S.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

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

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

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax,
this 18th day of October, A. D. 1854, and in
the 17th year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

WM. H. KEATING,
Deputy Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel
SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

L. S.
J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

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

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

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax,
this 1st day of November, A. D. 1854, and in
the 18th year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

L. S.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Tuesday, the Twenty-eighth day of November, instant:
I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Saturday, the Second day of December next—*then to meet for the Despatch of Business*—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax,
this 11th day of November, A. D. 1854, and
in the 18th year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !



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FIFTH SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ANNO DECIMO OCTAVO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

AT HALIFAX, IN THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Saturday, 2d December, 1854.

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 **HUGH BELL**,

STAYLEY BROWN,
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable **WILLIAM A. BLACK**,

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

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

H. E. comes to
Council Chamber.

H. A. attend.

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

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

Speech.

A Treaty between Her Majesty and the Government of the United States has recently been concluded, and laws necessary to its operation have been passed by Congress, and by the Legislatures of Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

I shall direct copies of the Treaty, of correspondence in relation thereto, and of the laws referred to, to be laid before you.

Should you, concurring with the other Colonial Legislatures, approve the provisions of the Treaty as adapted, in your judgments, to promote the commercial, agricultural and general interests of this Province, I shall gladly concur in any measure which you may pass to give them effect here.

I have felt it my duty to summon you to meet at an earlier period than usual, but a regard for the public welfare will, I am persuaded, induce you cheerfully to submit to personal inconvenience.

Reports of Commissioners entrusted with the conduct of public works will be laid before you, and I trust that the monies placed by the Legislature at their disposal will be found to have been judiciously expended.

I announce with pleasure a considerable increase of revenue.

A bountiful harvest has rewarded the labors of the husbandman—the fisheries, though not altogether successful, have been on the whole remunerative—and many indications are afforded of a prosperous condition of the people.

Our fervent gratitude is due to the Almighty for exemption from an epidemic that produced great mortality in our sister Colonies, and for the blessings of contentment and peace vouchsafed to us.

Availing myself of your liberal grant, I have imported into the Province stock selected in accordance with your suggestions, and as the object thus contemplated by you is of great public interest, I recommend its further advancement by such means as you may, in the present Session, think proper to adopt.

A prominent event of the year has been the “Provincial Exhibition,” manifesting the capabilities of the Country, and furnishing by its gratifying success a powerful stimulus to public spirit, and industrial energies.

Education, though always hitherto supported by large grants, is still defective. Your wisdom will, I hope, be enabled to devise such improvement of the existing system, as the resources of the Province will warrant, and public opinion will sustain.

A correspondence which has taken place, during the recess, in conformity with your concurrent resolutions, on the subject of the Mines and Minerals of Nova Scotia, will be submitted for your consideration.

I regret to inform you that, during my absence from Halifax on a tour of duty to the West, Government House was so materially injured by fire that it has ever since been uninhabitable. This will, I fear, involve the necessity of considerable expense to the Province.

To the Rear Admiral commanding on this station our thanks are due for the promptitude and zeal with which he invariably co-operated with my Government in the public service of protection of the Fisheries.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The Public Accounts, with the Estimate for the ensuing year, will be submitted for your inspection with the least possible delay.

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

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

A measure will be submitted to you for further simplifying and improving the practice of the Courts of Common Law, and for introducing changes in the Law of Evidence, approved by the experience of the Parent State.

Reports of the Supervisors of Great Roads, and of the Wardens of the River Fisheries, will be laid before you.

You

You may rely upon my cordial co-operation with your endeavours to promote every object that involves the public interests and the happiness of the people.

Our beloved Sovereign, in conjunction with her Allies, is engaged in a righteous, but sanguinary War, with the Emperor of the Russias, and I feel the strongest assurance that in the sufferings and sorrows which its ravages have brought home to thousands of British hearths, you and the loyal people whom you represent will sincerely and deeply sympathize.

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

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

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to repeal the Laws relating to Usury—which was read a first time.

Usury Bill read 1st
time.

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. McDougall 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 moved.

To His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Parliamentary Session.

Address.

Although the Legislature has been called together at an earlier period than usual, yet the inconvenience will be cheerfully submitted to, in view of the necessity for the consideration of the grave interests involved in the Treaty concluded between Her Majesty's Government and the United States.

While we have so much cause for thankfulness in the abundance vouchsafed to the Husbandman, we are also deeply sensible of the mercy extended to us in exemption from the ravages of pestilence and disease which have devastated the neighbouring Colonies.

The increase of the Revenue we learn with great satisfaction, as affording an indication of the prosperity of the Province.

We thank Your Excellency for the zeal which you have evinced in the appropriation of the Grant for the importation of Stock, and hope that the object thus contemplated will be greatly promoted by Your Excellency's efforts.

We rejoice that the Provincial Exhibition has been so successful in developing the capabilities of Nova-Scotia, and in exciting the energies of the people. To

To the subject of Education, we will endeavor to give that consideration which its importance demands.

We cordially concur with Your Excellency in the expression of thanks to the Rear Admiral commanding on the Station, for the efficient aid afforded by him to the Government in the protection of the Fisheries.

We most sincerely and deeply sympathize with the sufferings and sorrows of the British people, occasioned by the sanguinary War with the Emperor of Russia; but we are confident that our Sovereign will be sustained in the contest, by the conviction of right and justice, and that the present conflict may be calculated to preserve her own and her peoples honor, and eventually vindicate the liberties of a great portion of the human race.

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

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

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

Monday, 4th December, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
ALEXANDER McDOUGALL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Usury Bill read 2nd time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Laws relating to Usury, 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.

Address to H.E. read 2nd time,

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

And ordered to Com.

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

Committed, Rep. without amdt.

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

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

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the said Committee, reported that the Committee had waited upon His Excellency, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state he would receive the said Address in the Council Chamber, at half-past four P. M. of this day.

The President reported that at half-past four o'clock P. M. His Excellency had come to the Council Chamber, and had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to make the following reply thereto :

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

I thank you for your Address, and, with pleasure, receive the promise of your able support in carrying out the public business of the Country in the present Session.

Your loyal-expressions of attachment to the person of our beloved Sovereign, and your deep sympathies for the sufferings caused by the sanguinary though righteous War in which the Empire is now engaged, in common with our Allies, will afford fresh assurance of the loyalty of the people of Nova-Scotia to the British Crown.

Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches and Papers :

Despatch, dated 2nd October, 1854, from the Colonial Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing :

An Order in Council, dated 13th September, 1854, allowing 77 Acts passed in the last Session of the Legislature.

Despatch, dated 24th October, 1854, from the Colonial Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing :

An Order in Council, dated 18th October, 1854, allowing 2 Acts passed in the last Session of the Legislature,—“ Customs Duties” and “ Militia.”

(Appendix—Legislative Acts.)

Also, the Correspondence relating to the Fisheries and Reciprocity Treaty, between the Government of Great Britain and the United States, with

Reports of Officers engaged in the protection of the British North American Fisheries, and

Observations on Light Houses on the Coast of Nova-Scotia.

(Appendix—Fisheries and Reciprocity Treaty.)

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

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 3 o'clock.

Address read 3rd time,

And passed.

To be presented by whole House.

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

Report.

Address presented.

Reply.

Message from H. E. with

Despatches and Orders in Council allowing Acts.

Correspondence relative to Fishery and Reciprocity Treaty.

Light Houses.

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 5th December, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

<p>The Honorable HUGH BELL, ALEXANDER McDougall, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK,</p>	<p>The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Usury Bill referred
to Select Com.
Committee.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Laws relating to Usury, be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

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

Adjourn.

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

Friday, 8th December, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

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

£2,000 Stg. Widows
and Orphans of
Soldiers, &c.

Resolved unanimously, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized to draw from the Public Treasury, and remit to the Committee in charge of the Patriotic Fund in London, the sum of Two thousand pounds, Sterling, to be applied to the relief, education, and support of the Widows and Orphans of those Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines who may have fallen, or may hereafter fall in battle, or die on active service during the present War.

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

The same was read a first time.

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

Read 1st time.

Thomas

Thomas D. Archibald, Esquire, was introduced, and presented his Mandamus, whereupon the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office were administered to him, and, after giving and receiving salutations to and from the Members present, his seat was assigned to him next to Mr. McHeffey.

Mr. Archibald takes
Oath.

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

Adjourn.

Monday, 11th December, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

The Resolution for granting £2,000, Sterling, for the relief of Widows and Orphans of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines who have fallen or may fall in the present War, or on active service, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

£2,000 Stg. Widows
and Orphans.

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative, unanimously.

Read 2nd time,

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

Agreed to,

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

And sent to H. A.

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

Message from H. E.
with

The Correspondence in continuation of that submitted on the 4th instant, relating to the Fisheries and Reciprocity Treaty.

Correspondence on
Fisheries and Re-
ciprocity Treaty.

(Appendix—Fisheries and Reciprocity Treaty.)

Also, Correspondence relating to Mines and Minerals of Nova-Scotia.

Mines and Minerals.

(Appendix—Mines and Minerals.)

Also, the Accounts of the Nova-Scotia Electric Telegraph Company.

Electric Telegraph
Company Accounts.

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

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

Adjourn.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 12th December, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

Fishery and Reciprocity Treaty Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for giving effect, on the part of the Province of Nova Scotia, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America. To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time,

The said Bill was read a first time.

S. O. S.

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

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

Bill read 2nd time.

The said Bill was read a second time,

Motion to defer,

Whereupon Mr. Fairbanks moved, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months : which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, two ; against the motion, sixteen :

For the motion—

Mr. Harris,
 Fairbanks.

Against the motion—

Mr. Archibald,
 Kenny,
 McNab,
 McHeffey,
 McDougall,
 Brown,
 Grigor,
 Bell,

Mr. Pineo,
 Almon,
 Black,
 Keith,
 Crichton,
 McCully,
 Cutler,
 The President.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Bill ordered to Com.

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

Adjourn.

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 13th December, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on a Bill, entitled, An Act for giving effect, on the part of the Province of Nova-Scotia, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made an amendment thereto.

Fishery and Reciprocity Bill committed,

Report with amdt.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

Amdt. read,

3rd Clause—15th line.—After the word “suspended,” insert the following words :
 “As regards Citizens and Inhabitants of the United States of America, and Vessels, Boats, and Craft belonging to the Citizens and Inhabitants of that Country.”

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

Agreed to,

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

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

S. O. S.

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

Bill read 3rd time.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to with amdt.

DISSENTIENT—

Because, although this Bill, as a separate and distinct measure, and altogether independent and irrespective of the Treaty of which it forms a material part, is generally acceptable as sanctioning a mutual exchange in certain specified Articles—in the principles of a fair and equal Reciprocity long sought and advocated by the people of this Province—extending its Commerce and enlarging their Market for the consumption of its productions,—still it would be inexpedient and unwise to pass the same, because, in so doing, we thereby sanction, approve, and confirm all the stipulations of a Treaty, together with its accompanying explanations, rendering inoperative and nugatory all previous and future Legislative enactments of these Colonies whenever the Imperial Parliament shall think fit to negative the same,—a principle alike destructive of all the rights and privileges hitherto enjoyed, which have repeatedly been concurred in, and which, as Freemen and British Subjects, we ought never to relinquish.

Protest.

Secondly.—Because under this Treaty no adequate equivalent has been obtained on our part for the relinquishment of Fishery Rights, second in value and extent to none other known to exist, reserved by the Convention of 1818 for the exclusive use of British Subjects, and which have hitherto been deemed worthy of protection from Foreign aggression, at a large cost both to the Imperial and Colonial Governments: And further, because in the consummation of the Treaty referred to, the rights of the people of this Colony have been sacrificed without the opportunity of explanation or remonstrance being afforded them, in violation of all previous pledges to that effect,—irrespective of the endless collisions and disturbances that will naturally ensue on our shores, between the subjects of the respective Governments in their eagerness to pursue their several callings according to their own construction of the terms of the Treaty,—the probable extensive diminution of our Revenue, or the maintenance of that respect and devotion to our National Flag that has hitherto been invariably acknowledged by the Imperial Government as characteristic of the people of Nova-Scotia.

Lastly.—Because whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the above expressed views, it is believed that the mode in which the said Treaty has been carried out—the exclusion or absence of Delegates from Nova-Scotia, while those of the neighbouring Province were permitted to be present, and probably consulted, is unjust to the people of Nova-Scotia, and that a proceeding so unusual and arbitrary is deserving of their highest disapproval and condemnation.

JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES D. HARRIS.

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.

Mr. Grigor moved the following Resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare Resolutions remonstrating against the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, relative to the Fisheries and Reciprocal Trade having been concluded without the Government of the Province of Nova-Scotia having been represented in a measure affecting one of its most important interests:

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

For the motion :

Mr. Kenny,	Mr. Almon,
Archibald,	Cutler,
McNab,	Black,
Grigor,	Keith,
McDougall,	McCully,
Bell,	The President.
Fairbanks,	

Against the motion :

Mr. Harris,
Brown,
Pineo,
Crichton,

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. Almon, Mr. McCully, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee for that purpose.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act for giving effect, on the part of the Province of Nova-Scotia, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America.

Bill sent to H. A.

Resolution remonstrating against Treaty.

Committee.

H. A. agree to Fishery and Reciprocity Treaty Bill.

The

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

Bill finally 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, as amended.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to-day to prepare Resolutions relating to the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, respecting the Fishery and Reciprocity Treaty having been concluded without the Government of the Province of Nova-Scotia being represented, reported the following Resolutions, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered them to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

Com. report Resolution relative to Fishery and Reciprocity Treaty.

Whereas, by a Treaty, dated the 5th day of June, 1854, at Washington, signed by Lord Elgin, on behalf of Great Britain, and by Mr. Marcy, on behalf of the United States of America, and subsequently ratified by the respective Governments represented by the High Contracting Parties, among other things the Coast Fisheries of Nova-Scotia were opened up to the Citizens of the American Republic, and the right of using the soil of this Province for the purposes of making and curing fish, as in said Treaty set forth, was ceded conditionally to the Citizens of that Country, without the people of this Province being represented thereat : And whereas it is due to the people of the Province of Nova-Scotia, that some expression of their disapprobation of the manner in which their peculiar rights and privileges have been so unceremoniously dealt by, should be solemnly recorded.

Therefore, *resolved*, That, while it is frankly conceded, that it would be unwise on the part of Nova-Scotia, under existing circumstances, to reject said Treaty, and thereby leave the Coast Fisheries to the protection of the Provincial Authorities, yet this House regards the manner in which said Treaty was negotiated, as an invasion of the Constitutional Rights of Nova-Scotia, and a violation of the pledges of the Parent Country in reference thereto, and one against which they desire respectfully, but most firmly, to remonstrate.

Resolution.

After short Debate, the question being put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative,—Mr. Brown dissenting.

Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Grigor, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare Addresses to Her Majesty and to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the said Resolution.

Com. to prepare Address to H. M. and H. E.

Resolved, that the Committee who prepared the said Resolution be a Committee to prepare the said Addresses.

At half-past four o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to let the House of Assembly know, "it is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House," who being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to a Bill, entitled,

H. E. comes to Council Chamber.

H. A. attend.

H. E. assents to

An Act for giving effect, on the part of the Province of Nova-Scotia, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America.

Fishery and Reciprocity Bill.

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

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

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

Adjourn.

Thursday, 14th December, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,
 HUGH BELL,
 ALEXANDER McDougall,
 MATHER B. ALMON,
 EDWARD KENNY,
 JAMES D. HARRIS,
 ALEXANDER KEITH,
 WILLIAM A. BLACK,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

1st Resolution rela-
 tive to Railway,

Resolved, That the Railway Commissioners be instructed, and they are hereby empowered, with the sanction of the Governor in Council, to proceed with the construction of the Lines East and West from the point of junction, and to locate and put under contract any portions of such Lines which, in their discretion, will be most advantageous to the public service.

2d do,

Resolved, That in any one year when the Two hundred thousand pounds by Law provided shall not have been expended, the balance may be added to the amount to be disbursed in the following year, should it be required to complete any important sections of either Line.

Res. as to Railway
 construction,

Resolved, That whenever the Commissioners shall be of opinion that work can be better and more economically performed under the direction of their Officers, it shall not be imperative to put the same to contract, provided that the sanction of the Provincial Government has been first obtained.

Res. relative to ex-
 emption of Duties,

Resolved, That the Governor in Council be, and he is hereby authorised to issue a Proclamation, declaring that the Articles exempted from Duty in the Act passed during the present Session, entitled, "An Act for giving effect, on the part of the Province of Nova-Scotia, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America," shall forthwith be admitted into this Province, or taken out of Warehouse, free of Duty, without requiring any Bonds in respect of the Duties on such Articles, or any of them, during the present Session of the Legislature.

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 time.

Address to H. M.
 and H. E. relative
 to Fishery and Re-
 ciprocity Treaty
 Resolution report.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare Addresses to Her Majesty and to the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the Resolution respecting the Fishery and Reciprocity Treaty, reported the drafts of two Addresses, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered them to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

To

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELENT MAJESTY.

Address to H. M

The humble Address of the Legislative Council of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY—

The Legislative Council of the Province of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with the expression of their devoted loyalty to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

The Legislative Council has agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for giving effect, on the part of the Province of Nova-Scotia, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, by which Bill effect has been given, on the part of Nova-Scotia, to the Treaty concluded at Washington on the fifth day of June last, between Your Majesty and the United States of America.

By this Treaty, participation in the valuable Fisheries of this Province has been allowed to the Citizens of the United States, but, at the Conferences on the subject of the Treaty, this Province did not enjoy the privilege of being represented.

Feeling deeply this injustice, the Legislative Council has passed the following Resolution, which they beg leave most respectfully to lay at the foot of the Throne :

Whereas, by a Treaty dated the 5th day of June, 1854, at Washington, signed by Lord Elgin, on behalf of Great Britain, and by Mr. Marcy, on behalf of the United States of America, and subsequently ratified by the respective Governments represented by the High Contracting Parties, among other things the Coast Fisheries of Nova-Scotia were opened up to the Citizens of the American Republic, and the right of using the soil of this Province for the purposes of making and curing fish, as in said Treaty set forth, was ceded conditionally to the Citizens of that Country, without the people of this Province being represented thereat. And whereas it is due to the people of the Province of Nova-Scotia, that some expression of their disapprobation of the manner in which their peculiar rights and privileges have been so unceremoniously dealt by, should be solemnly recorded :

Therefore, *resolved*, That, while it is frankly conceded, that it would be unwise on the part of Nova-Scotia, under existing circumstances, to reject said Treaty, and thereby leave the Coast Fisheries to the protection of the Provincial Authorities, yet this House regards the manner in which said Treaty was negotiated, as an invasion of the Constitutional Rights of Nova-Scotia, and a violation of the pledges of the Parent Country in reference thereto, and one against which they desire respectfully, but most firmly, to remonstrate.

To His Excellency Colonel

Address to H. E.

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

The Address of the Legislative Council of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

The Legislative Council has passed the accompanying Address to Her Majesty in relation to the Treaty concluded at Washington on the 5th day of June last, between Her

Her Majesty and the United States of America, which Address the Legislative Council prays Your Excellency to forward to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Adopted.

Ordered, That the said Addresses be received and adopted.

Com. to present.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the said Addresses be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Three Railway Resolutions, and Resolution exempting Articles from Duty,
Read 2nd time,

The three Resolutions relative to the Railways; also,
The Resolution authorizing the Governor to issue a Proclamation exempting from Duty Articles imported from the United States,

This day received from the House of Assembly, 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.

Medical Society Bill read 1st time.

Mr. Grigor presented a Bill to Incorporate the Medical Society of Nova-Scotia— which was read a first time.

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

Conference on General State of Province relative to Contingent Expences,

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 the sum of One hundred and twenty-four pounds is required to defray the Contingent Expences of this House.

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. Twining,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House.

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Kenny, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee to manage the said Conference.

Report.

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

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

Pay of Members of Leg. Council,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to advance such sum as will suffice to pay every Member of the Legislative Council one pound per day, for his attendance in General Assembly to the date of the adjournment of the present Session, also the travelling charges as heretofore, and that this House will provide for the same when it again meets.

£124 Contingent Expences of do.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to advance the sum of One hundred and twenty-four pounds, in order to enable the Clerk of the Legislative Council to defray the Contingent Expences of that Branch of the Legislature up to the adjournment of the present Session, and this House will provide for the same when it again meets.

Pay of Members of House of Assembly,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to advance such sum as will suffice to pay every Member of the House of Assembly one pound per day, for his attendance in General Assembly to the date of the adjournment of the present Session, also the travelling charges as heretofore, and that this House will provide for the same when it again meets.

Resolved,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to advance the sum of Two hundred and seven pounds, in order to enable the Clerk of Assembly to defray the Contingent Expences of the House of Assembly up to the adjournment of the present Session, and this House will provide for the same when it again meets.

£207 Contingent
Expences of do.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to advance the sum of Sixty pounds, to be applied under the direction of the Committee on Reporting, in paying for the expences incident to the Reporting the Debates of the present Session up to the time of the adjournment, and that this House will provide for the same when it again meets.

£60 Reporters,

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

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

Read 1st & 2d time.

Whether this Resoluion be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

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

And sent to H. A.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Saturday, the 27th day of January next.

Adjourn.

Saturday, 27th January, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable HUGH BELL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Thursday, the 14th day of December, were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Medical Society of Nova-Scotia, was read a second time.

Medical Society Bill
read 2nd time,

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

And referred.

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

Committee.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the Addresses of this House to Her Majesty and to His Excellency, relative to the Fishery and Reciprocity Treaty with the United States of America, reported that the Committee had presented the same to His Excellency, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state he would forward the Address to Her Majesty to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Com. to present
Addresses relative
to Fishery and Re-
ciprocity Treaty
report.

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

Adjourn.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 30th January, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Com. on Medical So-
ciety Bill report.

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

Bill ordered to Com.

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

Com. on Usury Bill
report.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Laws relating to Usury, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill ordered to Com.

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

Bankruptcy Bill
read 1st time.

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

Rights of Married
Women Bill read
1st time,
And ordered to be
printed.

Mr. McCully presented a Bill for the Benefit and Better Protection of the Rights of Married Women—which was read a first time.

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

Adjourn.

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

Friday,

Friday, 2nd February, 1855.

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, ALEXANDER McDUGALL, EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH,</p>	<p>The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Bankruptcy, was read a second time.

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

Bankruptcy Bill
read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the benefit and better protection of the Rights of Married Women, was read a second time.

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

Married Women Bill
read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches relative to the Customs Establishment :

Despatch, dated 16th August, 1854, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Message from H. E.
with

Despatches relative
to Customs,

Despatch, dated 4th November, 1854, from the same to the same; enclosing

A Circular to the Controllers of the Customs in the North American and West India Colonies.

Despatch, dated 29th November, 1854, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor; enclosing

Letter, dated 27th November, 1854, from C. E. Trevelyan to H. Merivale.

Letter, dated 24th November, 1854, from Sir Thomas Fremantle and Mr. Saurin to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Despatch, dated 3rd January, 1855, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Appendix—Customs.)

Also, the following Despatches and Papers relative to the Mines and Minerals :

Letter, dated 10th November, 1854, from H. R. Reynolds to the Attorney General of Nova-Scotia.

Do. Mines,

Letter, dated 9th November, 1854, from Mr. Bircham to Mr. Reynolds; enclosing

Reply of the Representatives of the late Duke of York to the Statement of the Attorney General of Nova-Scotia.

Letter, dated 24th January, 1835, from Mr. Hay to the Secretary of the General Mining Association.

Memorandum relative to His Majesty's claim against the General Mining Association for Royalties due on Coals raised in the District of Pictou, dated 1st July, 1834.

Letter, dated 30th January, 1835, from Mr. Duval to Mr. Hay.

Letter, dated 3rd February, 1835, from Mr. Hay to Mr. Duval.

Letter, dated 8th August, 1854, from Mr. Ford to Sir George Grey.

Letter, dated 23rd November, 1854, from Mr. Young to Mr. Reynolds.

Despatch, dated 3rd January, 1855, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Memorandum of the Executive Council of Nova-Scotia, dated 23rd December, 1854.

Appendix—Mines and Minerals.)

Also, the following Despatch relative to the Militia Law :

Militia Law,

Despatch, dated 8th November, 1854, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

(Appendix—Legislative Act.)

Patriotic Fund,

Also, the Royal Commission relative to the Patriotic Fund ; and A Notice of the Royal Commissioners relative thereto.

(Appendix—Royal Commission of the Patriotic Fund.)

Public Accounts.

Also, the Receiver General's Accounts for the year 1854.

(Appendix—Public Accounts.)

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

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

Com. Public Accts.
H. A.

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

Do. Council.

On motion, *resolved*, that Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. McCully, and Mr. Archibald, 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.

Adjourn.

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

Monday,

Monday, 5th February, 1855.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,
HUGH BELL,
JAMES D. HARRIS,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO.

PRAYERS.

At twenty minutes past one o'clock, there being but seven members present, the President adjourned the House until to-morrow, at one o'clock. Adjourn.

Tuesday, 6th February, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday and Monday were read.

Mr. Crichton presented the Petitions of James D. B. Fraser and others; also, of William Jack and others, praying for a Law for the total prohibition of the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, except for purposes of medicine and useful manufactures— which were ordered to lie on the Table. Intoxicating Liquors
Petitions.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Thursday, at 2½ o'clock. Adjourn.

Thursday,

Thursday, 8th February, 1855.

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,
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

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.

Bank Nova-Scotia,

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia.

Steam Ferry Pictou,
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate a Company to establish a Steamboat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou.

Fire Engine, Liver-
pool, Bills,

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

Read 1st time.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Fire Engine, Liver-
pool, Bill referred.

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

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

Committee.

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

Message from H. E.
with

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

Poor House Accts.
Rep. of Railway
Commissioners.

The Accounts of the Asylum for the Poor at Halifax, for the year 1854.

Also, a Report, dated 6th February, 1855, from the Commissioners of the Railway.

(*Appendix—Railway.*)

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

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Friday,

Friday, 9th February, 1855.

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,
ALEXANDER MCDUGALL,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia ; also, Bank Nova-Scotia, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate a Company to establish a Steamboat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou, Steam Ferry Pictou Bills,

Were read a second time. Read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.

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

Mr. Black presented a Bill to authorize the Cornwallis Bridge Company to sell the Cornwallis Bridge—which was read a first time. Cornwallis Bridge Bill read 1st time.

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

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

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock. Adjourn.

Monday, 12th February, 1855.

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,
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Tuesday, 13th February, 1855.

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,
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pet. on Temperance.

Mr. Harris presented a Petition of various Males, and also a Petition of various Females of King's County, on the subject of Temperance—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on Fire Engine
Liverpool Bill re-
port.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool 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.

Bill read 2d time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Mr.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of James Sykes and others, praying for remuneration for Railway Surveys—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of James Sykes and al.

Mr. Bell presented the Petition of James Delap, praying for remuneration for expenses incurred in the care of the Poor of the County of Annapolis—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Do. James Delap.

Mr. Bell presented the Petition of the Trustees of the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, N. Brunswick, praying aid to that Institution—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Petition of Trustees Wes. Academy.

Mr. McHefhey presented a Petition from Falmouth in favor of Temperance—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Do. on Temperance.

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. Committee on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Medical Society of Nova-Scotia, and recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months. Recommend Med. Socy. Bill to be deferred.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to incorporate a Company to establish a Steam Boat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou, and recommended that the said Bill should be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Recom. Steam Ferry Pictou Bill to be referred.

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

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

Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches relative to the vote of £2000, Sterling, to the Patriotic Fund: Message from H. E. with Despatches rel. to vote for Patriotic Fund.

Despatch, dated 13th December, 1854, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatch, dated 17th January, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

(Appendix—Patriotic Fund.)

Also the Report of the Sackville Academy of New Brunswick. Report Sackville Academy.
The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 14th February, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pets. against Mun.
Gov. of Cos. Bill.

Mr. McCully presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of Bridgetown; also from the Inhabitants of Annapolis; also two from the Inhabitants of Annapolis and Clements; and one from the Inhabitants of Wilmot, against the Bill of last Session for the Municipal Government of Counties—which were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Probate Court Bill
read 1st time,

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes—which was read a first time.

And referred to Sel.
Com.

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

Committee.

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

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

Licenses Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter Twenty-two of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

£45,000 Roads and
Bridges,

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-two Thousand Pounds be granted for the ordinary Road and Bridge Service for the present year; and a further sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the Great Road Service for the same year; and a further sum of Three Thousand Pounds for Special Road and Bridge Service for the same year.

Read 1st time.

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

License Bill refd.

The same were read a first time.

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

Committee.

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

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

Pet. in favor of Mun.
Gov. Cos. Bill.

Mr. Fairbanks presented a Petition from numerous Inhabitants of the County of Annapolis, in favor of the Bill of last Session for the Municipal Government of Counties—which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on Bills.

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

Adjourn.

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

Friday,

Friday, 16th February, 1855.

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,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

Mr. Crichton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate a Company to establish a Steamboat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Steam Ferry Pictou Bill report.

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

Bill ordered to Com.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter Twenty-two of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Licences 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 ordered to Com.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Probate 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 ordered to Com.

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act to incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Bank N. Scotia Bill without amdt.

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

- Recom. Usury Bill to be deferred. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Laws relating to Usury, and recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.
- Bill deferred. *Ordered,* That the said Report be received, and the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.
- Petitions favorable to Municipal Corporations Bill. Mr. Morton presented fifteen Petitions from the County of Annapolis, in favor of the Municipal Government of Counties Bill—which were ordered to lie on the Table.
- Sessions Inverness Bill read 1st time. Mr. Kenny presented a Bill to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Inverness—which was read a first time.
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
- Adjourn. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 12 o'clock.

Monday, 19th February, 1855.

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,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

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

- Sessions Inverness Bill read 2d time, And ordered to Com. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Inverness, was read a second time.
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

- £45,000 Roads and Bridges, read 2nd time. The Resolution for granting the sum of £45,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
- 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. And sent to H. A.

Mr. McNab laid before the House a Return of the amount of Duties collected on all Wines and Spirituous Liquors, imported or distilled within this Province, for the years 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, and 1854, exhibiting the rate and amount of Duty on each article respectively. Return of Duties on Spirituous Liquors.

(Appendix—Trade Returns.)

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

Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Financial Statement and Returns relative to the Trade of this Province: Message from H. E. with Fin. Statemt. & Trade Returns.

A General Statement of the Amounts certified by the Financial Secretary, for payment on account of the different Public Services of the Province, for the year ended 31st December, 1854.

A Comparative Statement of Articles imported into this Province, and of the amount of Excise Duties collected thereon, for the years 1853 and 1854.

A Comparative Statement of the gross amount of Light Duties collected at the different Ports of this Province, for the years 1853 and 1854.

A Comparative Statement, exhibiting the Increase and Decrease of the amount of Excise Duties collected at the different Ports of this Province, for the years 1853 and 1854.

An Abstract of Articles imported into this Province, on which the Duty was collected, in the year 1854.

A General Abstract of the Returns of Impost and Excise Duties collected at the different Ports of this Province, during the year ended 31st December, 1854.

The same were ordered to lie on the Table.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled An Act to amend the Act to incorporate a Company to establish a Steamboat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou; also, Report Steam Ferry Pictou, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool to procure a Fire Engine. Fire Engine, Liverpool, Bills,

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

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 amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Rep. Probate Court Bill without amdt.

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

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

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company. Centreville Hall,
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Canada Creek Pier Company. Canada Creek,
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Hall's Harbor Pier Company. Hall's Harbor,
4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Chute's Cove Pier Company. Chute's Cove,

Halifax Library, and Pictou Cemetery Bills, Read 1st time.	5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Committee of the Halifax Library. 6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Pictou Cemetery Company. To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House. The said Bills were read a first time.
Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the four first Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. <i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Morton, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.
Nos. 5 and 6 referred to Select Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the fifth and sixth Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. <i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Bell, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose.
Married Women's Rights Bill Order of Day.	On motion, <i>resolved</i> , That it be the order of the day for Friday next, for the House to be put into a Committee on a Bill, entitled, An Act for the benefit and better protection of the Rights of Married Women.
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Tuesday, 20th February, 1855.

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,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Probate Court Bill
read 3rd time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

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 carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Steam Ferry, Pictou,
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to incorporate a Company to establish a Steamboat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou; also,

Fire Engine, Liver-
pool, Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool to procure a Fire Engine,

Were

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.	Read 3d time, Agreed to, And sent to H. A.
Mr. Rudolf presented the Petition of the Inhabitants of Bridgewater ; also of John Harley and others ; also of the Inhabitants of New Germany, in favour of Temperance—which were ordered to lie on the Table.	Pet. on Temperance.
Mr. McCully presented the Petition of T. Trenholm and others, of the Parish of Botsford, New Brunswick, relative to a Fog Bell in the Straits of Northumberland—which was ordered to lie on the Table.	Pet. of T. Trenholm and al.
Mr. Cutler presented the Petition of E. H. Francheville and others, of Guysborough, in favour of Temperance—which was ordered to lie on the Table.	Pet. of E. H. Francheville & al.
Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Cornwallis Bridge Company to sell the Cornwallis Bridge, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee considered the Bill to be a Private Bill, and that the requisites of the Standing Orders relative to Private and Local Bills, had not been complied with. Whereupon, after short debate, it was ordered that the said Bill be again referred to the same Committee, to obtain further information thereon.	Com. on Cornwallis Bridge report Private Bill. Bill again referred.
A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining, with the following Bills :	
1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate New Caledonia Lodge, at Pictou.	Caledonia Lodge,
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate Saint Andrew's Lodge, at Sydney, Cape Breton.	St. Andrew's Lodge,
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act to incorporate the Inland Navigation Company.	Inland Nav. Co.
4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Jail at Truro.	Jail Truro,
5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to naturalize George Ward.	Nat. G. Ward, and
6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to change a Polling Place in the Township of Parrsborough.	Polling Place Parrsborough Bills,
To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House. The said Bills were read a first time. <i>Ordered</i> , That the first and second Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. <i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Keith, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose. <i>Ordered</i> , That the third Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. <i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Brown, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee for that purpose. <i>Ordered</i> , That the fourth, fifth and sixth Bills, be read a second time at a future day.	Read 1st time. Caledonia and St. Andrew's Lodge Bill referred. Committee. Inland Nav. Bill referred. Committee.
Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Committee of the Halifax Library ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Pictou Cemetery Company,	Com. on Halifax Library, and Pictou Cemetery Bills,

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

Read 2nd time, The said Bills were read a second time.

And ordered to Com. *Ordered,* That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future 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 Sessions In-
verness Bill with-
out amdt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Inverness, 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.

Message from H. E.
with Despatches: Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House—

Reciprocity Address, A Despatch, dated 26th January, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the Address of this House to Her Majesty on the Reciprocity Treaty.

(Appendix—Reciprocity Address.)

Reciprocity Treaty. Also, a Despatch dated 12th February, 1855, from Mr. Crampton, H. M. Minister to the United States, to the Lieutenant-Governor, relating to the Reciprocity Treaty Act.

(Appendix—Reciprocity Act.)

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

Chandler and Ward
Nat. Bill, read 1st
time. Mr. Rudolf presented a Bill to naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Benjamin Franklin Ward—which was read a first time.

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

Adjourn. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Wednesday, 21st February, 1855.

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,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Sessions Inverness
Bill read 3d time,

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

for the County of Inverness, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

To carry down the said Bill and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Benjamin Franklin Ward, was read a second time.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the Sale of the Jail at Truro; also

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize George Ward; also

A Bill, entitled, An Act to change a Polling Place in the Township of Parrsborough, Were read a second time.

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

Mr. Bell presented Petitions of the Presbytery at Pictou; of a number of the Inhabitants of King's County, Ragged Islands, Colchester, Dartmouth, St. Margaret's Bay, and the City of Halifax, in favor of Temperance, which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company; also

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Chute's Cove Pier Company; also

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Hall's Harbour Pier Company; also

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Canada Creek Pier Company,

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

The said Bills were read a second time.

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

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.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Passed,

And sent to H. A.

Nat. of Chandler & Ward Bill read 2d time,

And ordered to Com.

Jail Truro,

Nat. of Ward, and

Polling Place Parrsborough Bills,

Read 2nd time,

And ordered to Com.

Temperance Petitions.

Com. on Centreville Hall,

Chute's Pier,

Hall's Harbor Pier, and Canada Creek Pier Bills,

Report favorably.

Bills read 2d time,

And ordered to Com.

Committee on Bills.

Adjourn.

Thursday,

Thursday, 22d February, 1855.

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,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday 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 Nat. of
Chandler & Ward
Bill without am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Benjamin Franklin Ward, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Report Ward,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time at a future day. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize George Ward; also,

Hx. Library,
Jail Truro,
Centreville Hall,
Chute's Cove,
Hall's Harbor,
Canada Creek, and
Polling Place Parrs-
borough Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Committee of the Halifax Library; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Jail at Truro; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Chute's Cove Pier Company; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Hall's Harbor Pier Company; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Canada Creek Pier Company; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to change a Polling Place in the Township of Parrs-

Without amendmnt.

rough, And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Com. on Cornwallis
Bridge Bill report,

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Cornwallis Bridge Company to sell the Cornwallis Bridge, 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.

Pet. of A. Gesner.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of Abraham Gesner, praying relative to a Coal Mine at Spring Hill—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr.

Mr. Bell presented nine Petitions from various persons in the County of Hants, praying for the passage of a Law to prohibit the dealing in Intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal and manufacturing purposes—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Prohibitory Liquor
Petitions.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Friday, 23rd February, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Benjamin Franklin Ward, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Chandler & Ward's
Nat. 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 carry down the said Bill and desire their concurrence thereto.

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize George Ward; also,

Ward's Natr.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Committee of the Halifax Library; also,

Hx. Library,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Jail at Truro; also,

Jail Truro,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Centreville Hall Company; also,

Centreville Hall,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Chute's Cove Pier Company; also,

Chute's Cove,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Hall's Harbor Pier Company; also,

Hall's Harbor,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Canada Creek Pier Company; also,

Canada Creek, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to change a Polling Place in the Township of Parrs-
rough,

Polling Place Parre-
borough Bills,

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

Read 3d time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

And sent to H. A.

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

Pets. on Temper-
ance.

Mr. Rudolf presented two Petitions from Lunenburg, and Mr. McDougall presented a Petition from Truro and Onslow, praying for the passing of a Bill to prevent the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, except for Medicinal and Manufacturing purposes, which were ordered to lie on the Table.

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 Cornwallis
Bridge Bill with
amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Cornwallis Bridge Company to sell the Cornwallis Bridge, and had made an amendment thereto.

Amdt. 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 Bankruptcy
Bill with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Bankruptcy, and had made several amendments thereto.

Amdt. agreed to.

Which amendments being read twice by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House.

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

Com. on New Cale-
donia Lodge Bill
report fav.

Mr. Keith, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate New Caledonia Lodge at Pictou was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill,—that the requisites of the Standing Orders relative to Private and Local Bills had been complied with,—that the Committee proposed an amendment to the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Com. on St. And-
rew's Lodge Bill
report unfav.

Mr. Keith, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate Saint Andrew's Lodge, at Sydney, Cape Breton, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill,—that the requisites of the Standing Orders relative to Private and Local Bills had not been complied with, and that the Committee did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time,
And def. 3 months.

The said Bill was read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.

Order of day, Mar-
ried Women's
Rights Bill defd.

The order of the day being read for the House to be put into a Committee on a Bill, entitled, An Act for the benefit and better protection of the Rights of Married Women,

On motion, *resolved*, That the order of the day be postponed until further order.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Monday,

Monday, 26th February, 1855.

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,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Cornwallis Bridge Company to sell the Cornwallis Bridge, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Cornwallis Bridge
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 carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Rudolf presented a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Chester,
Mr. Harris presented seventeen Petitions from Queen's County, and
Mr. McCully presented two Petitions from the County of Cumberland,
Praying for the passing of a Bill to prevent the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors,
except for Medicinal and Manufacturing purposes, which were ordered to lie on the
Table.

Abolition of Traffic
in Liquor Pets.

Mr. Crichton presented a Bill to incorporate the South Pictou Seamen's Bethel Society, which was read a first time.

South Pictou Bethel
Bill read 1st time,

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

And ref. to Sel.
Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Cutler, and Mr. Crichton, 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.

Com. on Bills.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Inverness.
Also, to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Benjamin Franklin Ward, without any amendment.

H. A. agree to
Sessions Inverness,
and
Nat. of Chandley &
Ward Bills.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills :—

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

Co. of Shelburne,

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Chapter 62, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes "Of laying out Roads other than certain Great Roads."

Eastern Shore Roads Halifax, A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for extending the Eastern Shore Roads in the County of Halifax.

Merchants' Exchange, Court House, Pictou, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Merchants' Exchange Company.

Chapter 48 Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou.

Read 1st time. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Townships and Township Officers."

And ref. to Select Committee. To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Committee. The said Bills were read a first time.

Pets. for abolition of Traffic in Liquors, &c. Ordered, That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Com. on Inland Nav. Bill report. Ordered, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Pineo, and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee for that purpose.

Bill read 2d time, And ordered to Com. Mr. Morton presented three Petitions from King's County, praying for the passing of a Bill prohibiting the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, except for Medicinal and Manufacturing purposes, which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Message from H. E. with Returns of Pickled Fish. Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act to incorporate the Inland Navigation Company was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and proposed an amendment thereto, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Adjourn. The said Bill was read a second time.

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

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

An Abstract of the Returns of the Inspectors of Pickled Fish for the year 1854— Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Tuesday, 27th February, 1855.

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,
JOHN MORTON,	HENRY G. PINEO,
HUGH BELL,	JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
STAYLEY BROWN,	JAMES McNAB,
ALEXANDER McDougall,	JONATHAN McCULLY,
MATHER B. ALMON,	WILLIAM GRIGOR,
EDWARD KENNY,	RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,	THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.
ALEXANDER KEITH,	

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Com. on Bills.

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter Twenty-two of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors," and had made two amendments thereto.

Rep. Chapter 22 Bill with amdt.

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

Amendments read.

Between the twelfth and thirteenth Clauses, insert the following Clauses:

This Act shall not go into operation, or have any effect, in those Counties where no Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors shall have been granted.

The Grand Jury may, at the next Term of the Supreme Court in any County, recommend persons for Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, to any of whom a Special Sessions may grant Licences.

The first amendment being read a second time, Mr. Kenny moved that the said amendment be not agreed to: which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared for the motion, seven; against the motion, thirteen:

Motion not to agree to 1st amdt.

For the motion:

Against the motion:

Mr. Kenny,
McNab,
Harris,
Brown,
Bell,
Almon,
Black.

Mr. McHefey,
Pineo,
Grigor,
Archibald,
McCully,
McDougall,
Fairbanks,

Mr. Keith,
Crichton,
Morton,
Cutler,
Rudolf,
The President.

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived.

Ordered, That the said amendment be agreed to.

Amdmt. agreed to.

Then the second 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.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act to incorporate the Inland Navigation Company, and had made two amendments thereto.

Rep. Inland Nav. Co. Bill with amdt.

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

Amendments read,

3rd Clause—10th and 11th lines.—Leave out the words "or in or down the Rivers or Streams emptying into the same," and insert instead the words "and shall thereby obstruct and injure the works of the Company."

And agreed to.

14th line.—After the word "shillings" leave out the remainder of the Clause.

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 had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate New Caledonia Lodge at Pictou, and recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

Recom. St Andrew's Lodge Bill to be deferred.

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

Bill deferred.

Mr. Bell presented a Petition from Middle Musquodoboit, and

Pets. for abolition of Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.

Mr. Cutler presented a Petition from the County of Guysborough,

Praying for the passing of a Bill to prevent the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, except for Medicinal and Manufacturing purposes—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on South Pictou Bethel Bill rep. unfav.

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the South Pictou Seamens' Bethel Society, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill—that the Standing Orders of this House relative to Private and Local Bills had not been complied with, and recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

Bill read 2d time,
And deferred 3 mos.

The said Bill was read a second time.
On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.

Com. on Co. Shelburne,

Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act concerning the County of Shelburne; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes "Of laying out Roads other than certain Great Roads"; also,

Chapter 62,

Eastern Shore Roads Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for extending the Eastern Shore Roads in the County of Halifax; also,

Merchants' Exchange, Court House, Pictou, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Merchants' Exchange Company; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou; also,

Chapter 48 Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Townships and Township Officers."

Report.

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

Bills read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bills were read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Wednesday, 28th February, 1855.

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,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Chapter 22 Bill read 3rd time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter Twenty-two of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether

<p>Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed to with amendments.</p>
<p>Mr. Rudolf presented a Petition from Chester, praying for the passing of an Act to prevent Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal and manufacturing purposes—which was ordered to lie on the Table.</p>	<p>Petition to abolish Liquor traffic.</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. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.</p>	<p>Committee on Bills.</p>
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for extending the Eastern Shore Roads, in the County of Halifax; also,</p>	<p>Rep. Eastern Shore Roads, Halifax,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act concerning the County of Shelburne; also,</p>	<p>Shelburne County, and</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou,</p>	<p>Court House, Pictou, Bills,</p>
<p>And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>	<p>Without amendmnt.</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.</p>	
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out Roads other than certain Great Roads," and had made an amendment thereto.</p>	<p>Report Chapter 62 Bill with amdts.</p>
<p>The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:</p>	<p>Amendment read,</p>
<p>SECOND CLAUSE—6th and 7th lines—leave out the words "as so laid out."</p>	
<p>And the said amendment being read a second time was agreed to by the House.</p>	<p>And agreed to.</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.</p>	
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Bankruptcy, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,</p>	<p>Bankruptcy Bill read 3rd time,</p>
<p>Whether this Bill shall pass?</p>	
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed to.</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the Clerk do carry down the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and desire their concurrence thereto.</p>	<p>Ordered to be sent to H. A.</p>
<p>On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday, at 2½ o'clock.</p>	<p>Adjourn.</p>

Friday,

Friday, 2d March, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

* P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
JOHN MORTON,
STAYLEY BROWN,
ALEXANDER McDougall,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

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| Eastern Shore roads,
Halifax, | A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for extending the Eastern Shore Roads in the County of Halifax; also, |
| Co. of Shelburne,
and | A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act concerning the County of Shelburne; also, |
| Court House, Pictou,
Bills, | A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou, |
| 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. |
| Inland Nav. Co. Bill
read 3d time. | A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act to incorporate the Inland Navigation Company, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass? |
| Agreed to with ams. | 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. |
| License Bill sent to
H. A. | A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To return a Bill, entitled An Act to amend Chapter Twenty-two of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors," and inform them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired. |
| 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. |
| Adjourn. | On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock. |

Monday,

Monday, 5th March, 1855.

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,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Mr. Rudolf presented a Petition from Chester,

Mr. McDougall presented a Petition from Colchester,

Mr. McHeffey presented a Petition from Onslow,

Mr. Brown presented a Petition from Yarmouth, and several Petitions from Shelburne,

Mr. Morton presented two Petitions from King's County,

Praying for a Law to prevent the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, except for Medicinal and Manufacturing purposes—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Pets. against traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.

Mr. McCully presented a Petition of Joel Slocomb and others, of Wilmot, against the Bill for the Municipal Government of Counties—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Pets. against Mun. Gov. Cos. Bill.

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Townships and Township Officers," and recommended that the said Bill should be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.

Recom. Chapter 48 Bill to be ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Bill referred.

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

Committee.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act for the benefit and better protection of the Rights of Married Women, and recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

Recom. Rights of Mar. Women Bill to be deferred.

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

Bill deferred.

For the motion :

Mr. Archibald,
McHeffey,
McNab,
McDougall,
Brown,
Pineo,
Almon,

Mr. Black,
Kenny,
Keith,
Crichton,
Morton,
Cutler,
Rudolf.

Against the motion :

Mr. McCully,
Grigor,
Fairbanks,
Bell,
Harris,
The President.

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

- Loan for Railways,
Hospital, Halifax,
Chapter 87,
Chapter 113,
City Prison, Halifax,
Operators Elec. Tel.
Common Fields,
Measurers Coal and
Cordwood, Hx.,
Savings' Bank,
Prothonotaries,
and
Mun. Gov. Cos.,
Bills,
Read 1st time.
1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 17th Victoria, Chapter 2, authorizing a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province.
 2. A Bill, entitled, An Act for the erection of a General Hospital in the City of Halifax.
 3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, "Of General Provisions respecting Corporations."
 4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting Lands."
 5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison.
 6. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Operators in Electric Telegraph Offices.
 7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Common Fields."
 8. A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Measurers of Coal and Cordwood in the City of Halifax.
 9. A Bill, entitled, An Act to enlarge the amount of deposits in the Savings' Bank.
 10. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Prothonotaries and Clerks of the Crown.
 11. A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties.
- To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
The said Bills were read a first time.
- Ordered,* That the first, sixth, seventh, and tenth Bills be read a second time at a future day.
- 4 Bills ref. to Select
Committee.
Committee.
- Ordered,* That the second, third, fifth, and eighth Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered,* That Mr. Almon, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.
- 3 Bills ref. to Select
Committee.
Committee.
- Ordered,* That the fourth, seventh, and eleventh Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered,* That Mr. Morton, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Adjourn.
- On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 1 o'clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 6th March, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 17th Victoria, Chapter 2, authorizing a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province; also, Loan for Railways,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Operators in Electric Telegraph Offices; also, Elec. Tel. Officers,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to enlarge the amount of Deposits in the Savings' Bank, Savings' Banks,
 Were read a second time. Bills,
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time. Read 2d time,
 And ordered to Com.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties; also, Com. on Mun. Gov.
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting Lands," Chapter 113, Bills,
 Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House. Rep. favorably.

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 ordered to Com.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Townships and Township Officers," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed an amendment thereto, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Chapter 48
 Bill rep.

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

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 S. O. S. on
 A Bill, entitled, an Act to amend the Act 17th Victoria, Chapter 2, authorizing a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province; also, Loan for Railways,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Operators in Electric Telegraph Offices; also, Oper. Elec. Tel.
 and

A

Savings' Bank, Bills.

Bills committed.

Rep. without am.

Adjourn.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enlarge the amount of Deposits in the Savings' Bank. On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

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

Thursday, 8th March, 1855.

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,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

Loan for Railways,

Op. Elec. Tel.
and
Savings' Bank, Bills,
Read 3rd time.

Agreed to,

And sent to H. A.

Committee on Bills.

Rep. Pic. Cem. Bill,
without amdt.Rep. Chap. 48 Bill,
with amendment.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 17th Victoria, Chapter 2, authorizing a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Operators in Electric Telegraph Offices; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to enlarge the amount of Deposits in the Savings' Bank,
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.

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 Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Pictou Cemetery Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Townships and Township Officers," and had made an amendment thereto.

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The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows: Amendment read,
 At the end of the Bill add the following Clause:
 If Surveyors of Highways, after having been sworn into office, shall neglect to fulfil the duties of their office, or to make the Returns required by the Twenty-second Section of Chapter Sixty-three of the Revised Statutes, the Clerk of the Peace for the County, when so directed by the Court of Sessions, shall proceed for the recovery of the penalties incurred by such Surveyors for the neglect of their duty in that respect.
 And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House. And agreed to.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, *Rep. Chap. 113 Bill with amendments.*
 An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting Lands," and had made two amendments thereto.
 The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows: Amendments read,
 2nd Clause—2nd line.—"Leave out the words "and Sessions."
 4th line.—Leave out the words "Supreme Court," and insert instead "Justices in Session."
 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. Twining, with the following Bills:
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Religious Congregations and Societies." Chapter 51 Bill,
 To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.
 The said Bill was read a first time. Read 1st time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
 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 amend the Act to incorporate the Inland Navigation Company. H. A. agree to amdt. to Inland Nav. Co. 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 amend Chapter Twenty-two of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors." H. A. do not agree to am. to Chapter 22 Bill.
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Inland Navigation Company, was read as amended, and the question was put by the President, Inland Nav. Co. Bill
 Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative. Finally agreed to,
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, And sent to H. A.
 To return the said Bill and acquaint them therewith.
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Prothonotaries and Clerks of the Crown, was read a second time. Prothonotaries Bill read 2nd time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
 Mr. McCully presented a Petition from Amherst, praying for the passing of an Act to prevent the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Petition against traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.
 Mr. Rudolf presented a Bill to amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers"—which was read a first time. Chap. 126 Bill read 1st time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
 On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 1 o'clock. Adjourn.

Friday, 9th March, 1855.

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

<p>Pictou Cemetery Bill read 3rd time</p>	<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Pictou Cemetery Company, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass ?</p>
<p>Agreed to, And sent to H. A.</p>	<p>It was resolved in the affirmative. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>
<p>Chapter 48, and Chapter 113, Bills,</p>	<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Townships and Township Officers"; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting Lands,"</p>
<p>Read 3rd time.</p>	<p>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>Agreed to with ams. And sent to H. A.</p>	<p>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, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.</p>
<p>Chapter 126, and Chapter 51, Bills,</p>	<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 126, of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers"; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Religious Congregations and Societies,"</p>
<p>Read 2d time, And ordered to Com.</p>	<p>Were read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>
<p>Message from H. E. with Desp. Order in Council Reciprocity Treaty Bill</p>	<p>Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House— A Despatch, dated 14th February, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing</p>

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An Order of the Queen in Council, dated 8th February, 1855, allowing the Act for giving effect, on the part of the Province of Nova-Scotia, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America.

(Appendix—Reciprocity Treaty.)

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes "Of laying out Roads other than certain Great Roads," was read a third time.

Chapter 62 Bill read 3rd time.

Then the following additional amendment was made :

Amendment made.

2d Clause—7th line.—After the word "thereof" insert the words "as so laid out."

Then the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill agreed to with amendment, 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.

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.

Committee on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Merchants' Exchange Company ; also,

Rep. Merchants' Exchange, and Prothonotaries Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Prothonotaries and Clerks of the Crown,

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Without amendmnt.

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 17 Victoria, Chapter 44, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Board of Works to lease or sell certain Public Property."

Board of Works, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Coroners."

Chapter 41, Bills.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Pounds, being the amount granted last Session to aid in the construction of a Breakwater at Short Beach, in the County of Yarmouth, be paid to the Commissioners of that work, in consideration of the heavy expenditure made, and no aid having been before granted by this House, notwithstanding part of the expense was incurred before the grant was made.

£50 change of App. Breakwater Short Beach,

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

The same were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Mr. McCully presented a Petition from Parrsborough, praying for the enactment of a Law prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition against Intoxicating Liquors.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, "Of General Provisions respecting Corporations"; also,

Com. on Chap. 87,

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Measurers of Coal and Cordwood in the City of Halifax ; also,

Measurers Coal and Cordwood, Hx., and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison,

City Prison, Halifax, Bills,

Were

Report favorably.	Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.
Bills read 2nd time,	The said Bills were read a second time.
And ordered to Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
Com. rep. unfavorably on General Hospital, Hx., Bill	Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the erection of a General Hospital in the City of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.
River Fisheries Bill read 1st time.	Mr. Brown presented a Bill to amend the Act relating to the River Fisheries— which was read a first time.
Ref. to Select Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
Committee.	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 1 o'clock.

Monday, 12th March, 1855.

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,
 EDWARD KENNY,
 JAMES D. HARRIS,
 ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Merch. Exchange, and Prothonotaries, Bills,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Merchants' Exchange Company ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Prothonotaries and Clerks of the Crown,
Read 3rd time.	Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?
Agreed to,	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 17 Victoria, Chapter 44, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Board of Works to lease or sell certain Public Property"; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Coroners,"</p>	<p>Board of Works, and Chapter 41, Bills,</p>
<p>Were read a second time.</p>	<p>Read 2d time,</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>	<p>And ordered to Com.</p>
<p>The Resolution changing the Appropriation of £50 for the Breakwater at Short Beach, Yarmouth, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?</p>	<p>£50 change of App. Breakwater Short Beach, Read 2nd 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>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>	
<p>Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Common Fields," 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 been complied with, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.</p>	<p>Committee on Chapter 75 Bill rep.</p>
<p>The said Bill was read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill read 2nd 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 ordered to Com.</p>
<p>Mr. Black presented the Petition of James Wilson, praying that the manufacture of Burning Fluid may be exempted from the operation of the Bill for the suppression of Intemperance—which was ordered to lie on the Table.</p>	<p>Petition of James Wilson.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act for the erection of a General Hospital in the City of Halifax, was read a second time.</p>	<p>Genl. Hospital, Hx., Bill read 2nd 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>Mr. Crichton presented a Petition from Pictou, praying for an Act to prevent the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which was ordered to lie on the Table.</p>	<p>Petition against traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.</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. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.</p>	<p>Com. on Bills.</p>
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers," and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>	<p>Rep. Chap. 126 Bill without amdts.</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time.</p>	
<p><i>Resolved unanimously,</i> That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.</p>	<p>S. O. S. on Bill.</p>
<p>The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?</p>	<p>Bill read 3rd 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>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.</p>	
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled,</p>	<p>Rep. Chapter 51 Bill without amdts.</p>

An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Religious Congregations and Societies," and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

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

Pension Commissnr.
Crown Lands,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a Pension to the late Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Chapter 130,
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court."

Chapter 89, Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Settlement and Support of the Poor."

Read 1st time.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Chap. 130 & 89 Bills
ref. to Select Com.

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

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

Committee.

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

H. A. agreed to
amendments to

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the following Bills, viz. :

Chapter 48,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Townships and Township Officers."

Chapter 62,
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes "Of laying out Roads other than certain Great Roads."

Chapter 113, Bills,

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

Bills finally agree
to,

The said Bills were then read, as amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

Leave of absence to
Mr Pineo.

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

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 13th March, 1855.

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,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Religious Congregations and Societies," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Chapter 51 Bill read 3d time,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to.

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

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

And sent to H. A.

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

Com. on Chapter 89 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.

Bill ordered to Com.

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

Committee on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 17 Victoria, Chapter 44, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Board of Works to lease or sell certain Public Property"; also,

Report Board of Works,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison; also,

City Prison, Halifax, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Coroners,"

Chapter 41 Bills,

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Without amendmnt.

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 concerning Measurers of Coal and Corwood in the City of Halifax, and had made three amendments thereto.

Report Measurers of Coal, &c. Hx. Bill with amdt.

The

Amendments read,

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

1st Clause—8th line.—Instead of the word “ nine ” insert the word “ seven.”
After the word “ pence ” insert the word “ half-penny.”

And agreed to.

10th line.—Instead of the word “ six ” insert the word “ five.”

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.

Report General Hospital Hx. Bill with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for the erection of a General Hospital in the City of Halifax, and had made two amendments thereto.

Amendments read,

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

1st Clause—3rd line.—After the word “ or ” insert the words “ a portion of the Common of Halifax or.”

5th line.—Leave out the words “ purchase or.”

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. Twining, with the following Bills :

Militia,

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relative to the Militia.

Chapter 152, and

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 152 of the Revised Statutes, “ Of the Custody and Estates of Lunatics.”

Chapter 135 Bills,

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, “ Of Witnesses and Evidence, and the Proof of Written Documents.”

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Militia Bill refd.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Black, Mr. McHefey, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Cutler, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.

Chap. 152 Bill refd.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. Grigor, be a Committee for that purpose.*Ordered*, That the third Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Amdt. to Chap. 22 considered.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter Twenty-two of the Revised Statutes, “ Of Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors,” which amendments have not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

Motion not to adhere to amdt.

The same were read by the Clerk, whereupon Mr. Kenny moved that the said amendments be not adhered to: which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared for the motion, nine; against it, twelve.

For the motion :

Against the motion :

Mr. Harris,
McNab,
Brown,
Bell,
Kenny,
Almon,

Mr. Fairbanks,
Black,
Morton.

Mr. Archibald,
McHefey,
Grigor,
McKeen,
McCully,
McDougall,

Mr. Cutler,
Pineo,
Keith,
Crichton,
Rudolf,
The President.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Amdt. adhered to,

Ordered, 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 that this House adheres to their amend-
ments to the said Bill.

And Mes. to H. A.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 14th March, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. McCully, *resolved unanimously*, That the House do attend the
Funeral of the late Honorable Alexander McDougall, and as a mark of respect to his
memory, that the House do adjourn until Monday next.

Resolution relative
to death of Mr.
McDougall.

The President communicated to the House the following Letter and Resolution
which he had received from the Speaker of the House of Assembly:

Letter and Resolu-
tion of H. A. rel.
to Funeral of Mr.
McDougall.

House of Assembly, 14th March, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit the enclosed Resolution of the House of Assem-
bly relative to the Funeral of the late Honorable Alexander McDougall, late a Mem-
ber of the Legislative Council.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) STEWART CAMPBELL,
Speaker.

The Honorable the President }
of the Legislative Council. }

*In the House of Assembly,
14th March, 1855.*

Resolved unanimously, That this House will attend the Funeral of the late Honor-
able Alexander McDougall, late a Member of the Legislative Council, and that the
Speaker

Speaker of this House be requested to communicate the foregoing Resolution to the President of the Legislative Council.

President requested
to inform Speaker
rel. to Funeral.

Ordered, That the said Letter and Resolution do lie on the Table, and that the President be requested to communicate to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Assembly the time appointed for the Funeral of Mr. McDougall.

Adjourn.

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

Monday, 19th March, 1855.

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,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

President's comm.
to Speaker of H.
A. rel. to Mr. Mc-
Dougall's Funeral

The President informed the House, that in compliance with the Resolution of the House passed on the 14th instant, he had made the following communication to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Assembly :

Legislative Council Chamber,

15th March, 1855.

SIR—

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 14th instant, and the unanimous Resolution of the House of Assembly to attend the Funeral of the late Honorable Alexander McDougall, late a Member of this House, which Resolution I communicated to the Council; and I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the House of Assembly, that the Funeral will take place from his late residence in Pleasant Street, to-morrow, Friday, at three o'clock, P. M.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

MICHAEL TOBIN,

President.

The Honorable the Speaker
of the House of Assembly. }

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 17 Victoria, Chapter 44, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Board of Works to lease or sell certain Public Property"; also,</p>	<p>Board of Works,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison; also,</p>	<p>City Prison, Halifax, and</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Coroners,"</p>	<p>Chapter 41, 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 3rd 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>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>	
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Measurers of Coal and Cordwood in the City of Halifax; also,</p>	<p>Measurers Coal and Cordwood, Hx., and</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act for the erection of a General Hospital in the City of Halifax,</p>	<p>Genl. Hospital, Hx., Bills,</p>
<p>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>Read 3rd time.</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed to with ams.</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>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Witnesses and Evidence, and the Proof of Written Documents," was read a second time.</p>	<p>Chapter 135 Bill read 2nd time,</p>
<p>Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.</p>	<p>And ref. to Select Committee.</p>
<p>Ordered, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.</p>	<p>Committee.</p>
<p>Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to River Fisheries, 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 River Fisheries Bill rep.</p>
<p>The said Bill was read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill read 2nd 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. Fairbanks presented the Petition of Sir Claude Edward Scott and others; also,</p>	<p>Petition of Sir C. E. Scott, et al.</p>
<p>A Bill to incorporate the Acadian Marble Company, which was read a first time.</p>	<p>Acadian Marble Co. Bill read 1st time.</p>
<p>Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.</p>	<p>Ref. to Sel. Com.</p>
<p>Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.</p>	<p>Committee.</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. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.</p>	<p>Committee on Bills.</p>
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties, and had made several amendments thereto.</p>	<p>Rep. Munpl. Govt. Cos. Bill with am. The</p>

Amendments read.

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

1st Clause—1st Section.—Leave out this Section, and insert instead the following words :—“ The operation of this Act shall be confined to the Counties of Annapolis and Yarmouth, and King’s County and Queen’s County, if they shall desire to be incorporated thereunder.”

3rd Section—3rd line.—Leave out the word “ petition ” and insert instead the words “ present a requisition to.”

5th line.—After the word “ day ” insert the words “ and place.”

6th Section—2nd line.—Before the word “ opened ” insert the word “ publicly.”

4th line.—After the word “ Peace ” insert the words “ on a day and at a place to be previously appointed.”

9th Section—1st and 2nd lines.—Leave out the words “ after six ” and insert instead the words “ at any period not less than twelve.”

2nd Clause—7th line.—Leave out the words “ the same ” and insert the words “ such Seal.”

53rd Clause—15th line.—Instead of the word “ April ” insert the word “ October.”

85th Clause—9th line.—After the word “ years ” leave out the remainder of the Clause.

91st Clause—3rd line.—After the word “ annum ” leave out the remainder of the Clause.

92nd Clause.—At the end of the Clause add the following words, “ Nothing in this Act contained shall affect Coroners now appointed.”

Schedule A.—Leave out the part referring to the “ County of Halifax ” and “ County of Hants.”

Then the first amendment was read a second time, whereupon Mr. Fairbanks moved that the said amendment be not agreed to : which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared for the motion, four ; against it, nine.

For the motion :

Mr. Harris,
Brown,
Fairbanks,
Morton.

Against the motion :

Mr. McCully, Archibald, McKeen, McHeffey, Grigor,	Mr. Bell, Kenny, Almon, The President.
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So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said amendment be agreed to.

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

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, “ Of the Supreme Court and its Officers,” without any amendment.

Also, with the following Bills and Resolutions :

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Inverness.
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Yarmouth.
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Police Constables.
4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapters 157 and 158 of the Revised Statutes, entitled, respectively, “ Of Offences against Religion,” and “ Of Offences against Public Morals.”

1st am. read 2d time.
Motion not to agree
to,

Negatived.
Amdmt. agreed to.
Other amdts. agreed
to.

H. A. agree to Chap-
ter 126 Bill with-
out amendment.

Polling Place, In-
verness,
Polling Place, Yar-
mouth,
Police Constables,
Chapters 157 & 158,

5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors and Harbor Masters."	Chapter 78,
6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in Civil Cases."	Chapter 131,
7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Trustees of Public Property."	Chapter 97,
8. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Jury Laws.	Jury Laws,
9. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Security for Costs.	Security for Costs,
10. A Bill, entitled, An Act for restricting the use of Intoxicating Liquors.	Intoxicating Liquors and
11. A Bill, entitled, An Act to enlarge and amend the New Practice Act.	New Practice Act, Bills.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Four pounds one shilling and three pence be granted and paid to James Gayton, return of Duties on Flour imported by him, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade.	£4 1s 3d., J. Gayton
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Three hundred pounds be granted and paid, in equal proportions, to Angus M'Donald, Edward Lippencott, and James Grant, to aid them in their respective Establishments for the manufacture of Cloth within the Province, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade.	£300 Cloth Facto- ries.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Fourteen shillings be granted and paid to W. B. Bent, for Light Duties paid on a Vessel wrecked on her first voyage, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade.	14s. W. B. Bent.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Twelve pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Thomas Killam, for Duties paid on Rigging saved from a Ship owned by him, wrecked at Grand Mannan, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade.	£12 10s. T. Killam.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to George Merry, to assist him in keeping a House of Entertainment for Travellers on the road between Annapolis and Liverpool, pursuant to the report of the Special Committee on that subject.	£10 G. Merry.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to the Managers of the House of Refuge in Halifax, to assist them in carrying out their humane intentions, pursuant to the report of the Committee on that subject.	£50 House of Re- fuge.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Trustees of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, to aid them in carrying out their operations during the present year, pursuant to the report of the Committee on that subject.	£100 Visiting Dis- pensary.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Three hundred and sixty seven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay for Reporting and Publishing the Proceedings of the House of Assembly, to be applied under the directions of a Committee to be appointed for that purpose.	£367 17s. 6d. Repor- ting Debates.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of One thousand two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied in defraying the expenses of the Penitentiary for the present year.	£1,200 Penitentiary.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to Benjamin K. Dodge for his former services in Vaccinating Indians, and supplying them with Medicines, pursuant to the report of the Committee on that subject.	£10 B. K. Dodge.
<i>Resolved</i> , That a sum, not to exceed Two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be appropriated in paying Seizing Officers in various Ports in this Province, for more effectually protecting the Revenues. Provided no such Officer shall receive more than Fifteen pounds.	£200 Seizing officers
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor to repay advances made and to be made for the relief of the Wives and Children, Widows and Orphans of Soldiers in active service in the east.	£150 Widows, &c., of Soldiers.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to Doctors Anderson and	£10 Drs. Anderson and Johnston.

and Johnston, Health Officers of the Port of Pictou, in full for services performed under directions of the Board of Health in 1853.

£10 E. Kennedy.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to Edward Kennedy, to mark the approval by the Legislature of his exertions in rescuing the crew of the Brig "Tooling," wrecked at Bauline in December last, pursuant to the report of the Committee on that subject.

£69 3s. Railway expenses.

Resolved, That the sum of Sixty-nine pounds and three shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay certain expenses connected with the Survey of a line of Railway from Halifax towards Quebec in 1846, pursuant to the report of the Committee on that subject, to be distributed as follows :

To William Logan,	£41	0	0
To John Ross,	9	3	0
To Henrietta Stephens,	19	0	0
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	£69	3	0

£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.

£10 B. Smith.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds, granted to the Chairman of the Committee on Bills in 1840, and remaining undrawn, be paid to Benjamin Smith, Esquire, then Chairman of such Committee, pursuant to the report of the Committee on that subject.

£13 G. R. Grassie

Resolved, That the sum of Thirteen pounds be granted and paid to George R. Grassie, Esquire, Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly, in addition to his Salary for the present Session.

£25 8s 9d. Drawbk., B. Wier & Co.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds eight shillings and nine pence be granted and paid to Messrs. B. Wier & Co. for Drawback on a quantity of Goods exported by them to the United States, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade.

£10 10s. D. Scott.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to David Scott, of Sydney, for Board and Lodging furnished to wrecked Seamen of the Barque Harriet, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Shipwrecked Seamen.

£17 5s. P. H. Clarke.

Resolved, That the sum of Seventeen pounds five shillings be granted and paid to Peter Hall Clarke, for services rendered to wrecked passengers of the Barque Tottenham, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Shipwrecked Seamen.

£15 2s 2d. A. Whitman.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds two shillings and two pence be granted and paid to Abraham Whitman, of Canso, for supplies furnished by him to Shipwrecked Seamen belonging to the Brigantine Resolution, on his complying with the requisites contained in the report of the Committee on Shipwrecked Seamen.

£64 15s 10d. A. McKenzie.

Resolved, That the sum of Sixty-four pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence be granted and paid to Adam McKenzie, Commissioner of Great Roads, to reimburse him the costs incurred in defending an action instituted by the Telegraph Company against him for removing certain Posts from the Highway, pursuant to the report of the Committee on that subject.

£20 each Chairmen of H. A.

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

£80 Sterling, Clerk of the Crown.

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

£900 Controllers Outports.

Resolved, That the sum of Nine hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay a sum not exceeding Twenty pounds each for their services

services

VICES during the present year to the Controllers of Customs at the different Ports, and such further sum as shall be required to pay at the same rate such other Controllers as may be appointed during the present year.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-five pounds twelve shillings and seven pence be granted and paid, as under, to the following persons, being a Return of Duties paid by them on Machinery imported, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade.

£35 12s 7d. Return of Duties on Machinery.

David Scott,	£10 18 9
Huestis & Moulten,	9 7 6
John Harris,	7 8 0
Samuel Archibald,	2 19 4
Silas Bishop,	3 0 0
S. A. Lusby,	1 19 0
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	£35 12 7

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and eighty-six pounds eleven shillings and one penny be granted and paid as under to the following persons for Return of Duties paid by them respectively on Printing Paper imported and consumed within the Province during the past year, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade.

£186 11s 1d. Draw-back on Printing Paper.

William Gossip,	£4 11 2
James Barnes,	7 4 8
Publishers of the Provincial Wesleyan,	17 12 2
William Annand,	22 10 0
James Bowes & Son,	12 1 10
English & Blackadar,	8 2 1
A. Lawson,	3 14 7
J. H. Crosskill,	13 0 8
Richard Nugent,	48 18 10
Estate of John Ferguson,	10 5 1
E. McDonald,	8 3 9
Alpin Grant,	15 10 2
W. & J. Compton,	11 19 9
A. J. Ritchie,	2 19 7
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	£186 11 1

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds fifteen shillings and three pence be granted and paid, as under, to the following persons for duties paid by them on Canada Flour imported by way of the United States, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade.

£10 15s 3d. Return of duties on Flour.

James Gilliatt,	£7 13 9
J. E. Crane,	1 2 6
Henry Brown,	1 19 0
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	£10 15 3

Resolved, That the sum of Six hundred and ninety-three pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the amount still due for Public Printing, pursuant to the report of the Committee on that subject.

£693 16s 9d. Public Printing.

The Queen's Printer,	£345	10	11
Richard Nugent,	112	11	4
Christian Messenger,	6	10	0
James Barnes,	5	18	0
S. J. M. Allen,	12	2	3
English & Blackadar,	13	0	0
W. A. Penny,	18	12	4
W. Gossip,	7	2	0
Provincial Wesleyan,	14	17	0
J. Boyd,	10	13	2
J. & W. Compton,	15	3	9
E. M. McDonald,	14	5	0
A. Lawson,	11	3	9
Morning Chronicle,	30	17	3
A. Grant,	24	0	9
British North American,	34	4	3
James P. Ward,	17	5	0
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	£693	16	9

Resolution relative to Barney's River Bridge.

Resolved, That the Members for the County of Pictou shall be at liberty to arrange with the Creditors for One hundred pounds now due on the Barney's River Bridge, to allow the same to remain for another year, provided a similar sum be allowed out of the Road Monies for the present year towards ballasting the Bridge, and finishing the Road at both ends of the Bridge.

Resolution respecting Royalty on Slack Coal.

Resolved, That the General Mining Association have no legal or equitable claim to exemption from the demand of Three thousand one hundred and fifty-two pounds and eleven pence, made against them by the Provincial Authorities for the Royalty on Slack Coal, for the period intervening between the thirty-first December, One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and the thirty-first December, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; and that the Executive Government be required to communicate this Resolution to the Agent of the Association, and take such other steps as may be proper to make available for the use of the Province this portion of the Crown Revenues.

Read 1st time.

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

7 Bills referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That the first and second Bills be read a second time at a future day. *Ordered*, That the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth Bills be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.

Committee.

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

Intoxicating Liquor Bill referred.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Black, Mr Bell, Mr. Keith, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.

New Practice Act Bill referred.

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

Committee.

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

Ordered, That the thirty-one first named Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.

Resolution relative to Royalty on Slack Coal referred.

Ordered, That the last Resolution, relative to the payment of the Royalty on Slack Coal, be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.

Ordered,

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

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 152 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Custody and Estates of Lunatics," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Chap. 152
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. Black, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relative to the Militia was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House. Com. on Militia Bill
report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to incorporate the Transatlantic Submarine Telegraph Company, which was read a first time. Transatlantic Tele-
graph Bill read 1st
time.

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Common Fields," and had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Rep. Chapter 75 Bill
without amdt.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, "Of General Provisions respecting Corporations," and had made two amendments thereto. Rep. Chapter 87 Bill
with amtds.

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

Amendments read,

First Clause—Leave out this Clause and insert instead the following Clause :—

" All Joint Stock Incorporated Companies doing business in this Province by Agents or otherwise, shall, once in every year, produce and file in the Provincial Secretary's Office, an Abstract of all their Receipts, Expenditures, Profits, and Losses, within the Province, and, when required by the Governor in Council, such Rules, Bye-Laws, Accounts, and such other of their Proceedings as shall be specified in such Requisition."

Second Clause—2nd line—After the word " neglecting" insert the words " to furnish such Abstract or."

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

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

Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatch and Letters relative to the Mines and Minerals : Message from H. E.
with Despatches
relative to Mines.

Despatch, dated 18th January, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant Governor.

Letter, dated 12th January, 1855, from Sir Charles E. Trevelyan to Mr. Merrivale.

Letter, dated 18th November, 1854, from Mr. Bircham to Mr. Merrivale.

(Appendix—Mines and Minerals.)

The said Despatch and Letters were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Leave of absence to Mr. Harris.	On motion of Mr. Brown, <i>resolved</i> , That Mr. Harris have leave of absence from Saturday next, to return home on urgent private business.
Com. on Contingent expenses. Committee.	On motion, <i>resolved</i> , That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Contingent Expenses of this House for the present Session. <i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Crichton, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Grigor, be a Committee for that purpose.
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Tuesday, 20th March, 1855.

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, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH,	The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Chapter 75 Bill read 3d time, Agreed to, And sent to H. A.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Common Fields," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Chapter 87 Bill read 3d time. Agreed to with ams. And sent to H. A.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, "Of General Provisions respecting Corporations," 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.
Mun. Gov. Cos. Bill read 3d time. Amendment made.	A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties, was read a third time. Then the following amendment was made: At the end of the Schedule add the following words: "Municipality of Yarmouth— three

three Councillors to be returned for Electoral District Number Two; one Councillor to be returned for Electoral District Number one."

Then the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill agreed to with amendments,
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.

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Acadian Marble Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Acadian Marble Co. Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

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

And ordered to Com.

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for restricting the use of Intoxicating Liquors 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.

Com. on Intoxicating Liquor Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

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

And ordered to Com.

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :

Resolutions

£4	1	8	J. Gayton,
	0	14	0 W. B. Bent,
	12	10	0 J. Killam,
	10	0	0 G. Merry,
	50	0	0 House of Refuge,
	100	0	0 Visiting Dispensary,
	367	17	6 Reporting Debates H. A.
	1200	0	0 Penitentiary,
	10	0	0 B. K. Dodge,
	200	0	0 Seizing Officers,
	150	0	0 Widows, &c. of Soldiers,
	10	0	0 Drs. Anderson & Johnston,
	10	0	0 E. Kennedy,
	69	3	0 Railway expenses,
	100	0	0 each Clerks of H. A.
	10	0	0 B. Smith,
	13	0	0 G. R. Grassie,
	25	8	9 Drawback B. Wier & Co.
	10	10	0 D. Scott,
	17	5	0 P. H. Clarke,
	15	2	2 A. Whitman,
	64	15	10 A. McKenzie,
	20	0	0 each Chairmen of H. A.
	80	0	0 Sterling, Clerk of the Crown,
	900	0	0 Controllers of Outports,
	35	12	7 Return of Duties on Machinery,
	186	11	1 " " on Printing Paper,
	10	15	3 " " on Flour,
	693	16	9 Public Printing,

Also,

- Also, the Resolution relative to Barney's River Bridge,
 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.
- Read 2nd time.
 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.
- Committee on Chapter 131 Bill rep.
 Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in Civil Cases," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed an amendment thereto, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time,
 And ordered to Com.
 The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Police Constables,
 Chapter 97,
 Jury Laws,
 Chapter 157 & 158,
 and
 Pilotage, Bills,
 Rep. favorably.
 Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Police Constables; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Trustees of Public Property; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Jury Laws; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapters 157 and 158 of the Revised Statutes, entitled, respectively, "Of Offences against Religion," and "Of Offences against Public Morals;" also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbor Masters,"
 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 ordered to Com.
 The said Bills were read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Polling Place, Yarmouth,
 Ditto, Inverness,
 and
 Transatlantic Telegraph Co. Bills,
 Read 2d time,
 And ord. to Com.
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Yarmouth; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Inverness; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Transatlantic Submarine Telegraph Company,
 Were read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Bills.
 On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report River Fisheries Bill without amendment.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to River Fisheries, 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 Chapter 152 Bill without amt.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 152 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Custody and Estates of Lunatics," and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Law relative to the Militia, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Report Militia Bill without amdmnt.

Whereupon Mr. Morton moved, that the said Bill be re-committed for the purpose of amending the Fourth Clause, by adding a Proviso that the old Arms should not be sold until new Arms were furnished—which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, passed in the negative.

Motion to recommit Bill negatived.

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 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 21st March, 1855.

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,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to River Fisheries, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

River Fisheries 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 carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 152 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Custody and Estates of Lunatics;" also,

Chapter 152, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Law relative to the Militia, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Militia, Bills, Read 3d time.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

And sent to H. A.

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

On motion of Mr. Archibald, resolved, that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of this House be instructed to request that the House of Assembly will furnish this

Com. on Genl. State Province on Resolution relative to Royalty on Slack Coal.

this House with the reasons upon which the Resolution was passed, claiming from the General Mining Association the sum of Three thousand one hundred and fifty-two pounds and eleven pence, for Royalty on Slack Coal.

H. A. agree to amendments to Genl. Hospital, Hx., and

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the erection of a General Hospital in the City of Halifax.

Measurers Coal and Cordwood, Hx., Bills,

Also to the amendments to a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Measurers of Coal and Cordwood in the City of Halifax.

£15 & £7 change of App. Shelburne.

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolutions :—

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds, granted in 1853 on a road from James McCormiskie's to Pubnico Beach, in the County of Shelburne, and undrawn, be expended this year on the road from James McCormiskie's to Yarmouth County line ; and also, that the sum of Seven pounds, granted in 1854 on the road from Goose Creek to David Thomas' in the same County, and undrawn, be expended this year on the road from John Lyle's to Cape Negro main road.

Change of Appropriation, Annapolis.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-three pounds, unappropriated from last year's road grant for the County of Annapolis ; and Seven pounds ten shillings, granted for the road between Pierce's and Palmer's ; and for an over-appropriation, undrawn, making Forty pounds and ten shillings, together with Nine pounds ten shillings to be added thereto from this year's road fund of the County, making Fifty pounds, be appropriated as follows, viz :—On Maitland Road for alteration of Hill between the Long Causeway and Eight Mile Tree, Twenty-five pounds ; and on the same road from the Settlement to the Four Mile Tree, Twenty-five pounds.

£64 6s 3d. do. Halifax.

Resolved, That the following sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax, and undrawn, be applied in improving the Guysborough Road between Upper Musquodoboit and Wallace Bridge on the St. Mary's River :

No. 73	W. Anderson,	£10	0	0
80	“	40	0	0
82	“	16	6	6
85	“	10	0	0
103	J. Cruickshanks,	5	0	0
125	Contingencies,	1	12	9
No. 76, 6s. ; 78, 3s. ; 89, 4s. ; 110, 5s. 6d. ; 132, 7s. 6d.		1	7	0
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		£64	6	3

£61 9s 10d. do. do.

Resolved, That the sum of Sixty-one pounds nine shillings and ten pence, granted for Roads and Bridges in the Township of Halifax, and undrawn, be applied in opening a section of New Road from Still Water to Chester Bridge.

No. 10,	Lanty,	£1	1	5
11,	N. Daubin,	7	10	0
13,	W. E. Brine,	10	0	0
18,	Charles Haverstock,	6	12	4
28,	John Drysdale,	20	0	0
37,	N. Cook,	5	0	0
48,	N. Handrigan,	5	0	0
50,	Contingencies,	6	6	1
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		£61	9	10

Resolved,

Resolved, That the following sums of Money, viz. :

£218 5s 8d. change of App. Colchester.

No. 29,	£1 10 4
33,	0 1 0
34,	0 8 0
35,	8 2 4
39,	10 0 0
58,	27 10 5
69,	10 0 0
72,	10 0 0
73,	4 0 0
76,	5 0 0
126,	7 0 0
127,	6 0 0
128,	9 0 0
129,	3 0 0
131,	7 0 0
132,	4 0 0
139 & 152 inclusive,	56 5 0
172,	3 0 0
176,	3 0 0
184,	24 0 0
200,	19 8 5
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	£218 5 8

Amounting in all to Two hundred and eighteen pounds five shillings and eight pence, granted for the Road and Bridge Service of the County of Colchester in 1854, and remaining undrawn from the Public Treasury, be appropriated as follows :

To repay Government advances,	
Gulley Bridge, Onslow,	£19 18 4
Chiganois Bridge,	12 0 0
McLane's Mill Bridge,	10 2 0
Bridge over North River near Wilson Lynds,	26 4 8
Bridge at Ephraim Blair's,	2 8 6
Mill Brook Bridge,	10 0 0
To pay E. Langille, Mill Brook Bridge,	7 10 0
D. Archibald, Intervale Bridge Road,	11 3 8
James Hall, North River Road,	0 14 0
Joshua Higgins, Bridge at John Higgins,	7 0 0
A. Campbell, Balfour's Bridge,	38 12 6
J. Archibald, Lockerby's Bridge,	53 16 1
James Urquhart, towards Murdoch's Bridge,	18 15 11
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	£218 5 8

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The same were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

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

Conference asked.

To desire a Conference with that House, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning Measurers of Coal and Cordwood in the City of Halifax, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Measurers Coal and Cordw., Hx. Bill,

Whether

- Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Finally agreed to,
 And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
 To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
- 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 Transatlantic
 Telegraph Co. Bill
 with amendments. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Transatlantic Submarine Telegraph Company, and had made two amendments thereto.
- Amdmts. agreed to. Which amendments being read twice by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time at a future day.
- Report Acadian
 Marble Co. Bill
 without amdt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Acadian Marble Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time at a future day.
- H. A. agree to Con-
 ference. A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
 To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House on the General State of the Province.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Almon, and Mr. McCully, be a Committee 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.
- £300 Cloth Factories The Resolution for granting the sum of £300 for Cloth Factories, was read a second time.
- Motion not to agree
 to, Whereupon Mr. McNab moved that the said Resolution be not agreed to: which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared for the motion, eight; against it, nine.
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| For the motion : | | Against the motion : | |
| Mr. McHeffey, | Mr. Kenny, | Mr. Archibald, | Mr. Keith, |
| McNab, | Harris, | Cutler, | Morton, |
| Grigor, | McCully, | Bell, | Crichton, |
| Brown, | The President. | Almon, | Rudolf. |
| | | Fairbanks, | |
- Negatived. So it passed in the negative.
 Then the question was put by the President,
 Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
- Resolution agreed to It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Adjourn. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, 22nd March, 1855.

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, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH,	The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the erection of a General Hospital in the City of Halifax, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass? Genl. Hospital, Hx., Bill.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Finally agreed to,
And sent to H. A.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Acadian Marble Company, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass? Acadian Marble Co. 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 carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

The following Resolutions, brought up from the House of Assembly yesterday, for changing the appropriation of Road Monies, viz.: Changes of Appropriation,

- £15 and £7 in Shelburne,
- 33 and £7 16s. in Annapolis,
- 64 6 3 in Halifax,
- 61 9 10 in Halifax,
- 218 5 8 in Colchester,

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.

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.

Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Witnesses and Evidence, and the Proof of Written Documents," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Committee on Chapter 135 Bill rep.

Bill ordered to Com.

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. Twining, with the following Bills :

Union Marine Insurance Co.

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Union Marine Insurance Company.

N. S. Marine Insurance Co.

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Nova Scotia Marine Insurance Company.

Pier Companies,

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Incorporated Pier Companies.

Penalties,

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Prosecutions for Penalties.

Offenders against Public Morals,

5. A Bill, entitled, An Act for the summary trial and punishment of Offenders against Public Morals.

Pictou Seamens' Bethel,

6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the South Pictou Seamen's Bethel Society.

Registry of Ships, and

7. A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registry of Ships.

Pilotage, Bras d'Or Lake, Bills,

8. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Pilotage in the Bras d'Or Lake.

Read 1st time.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

5 Bills referred to a Select Committee.

The said Bills were read a first time.

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

Committee.

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

Nos. 7 & 8 referred to Select Com.

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

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Crichton, 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.

Rep. Polling Place, Inverness,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, And Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Inverness; also,

Ditto, Yarmouth,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Yarmouth; also,

Jury Laws,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Jury Laws; also,

Police Constables, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Police Constables; also,

Chapter 97, Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Trustees of Public Property,"

Without amendmnt.

An had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Report Chapter 131 Bill with amdt.

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 amend Chapter 131 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in Civil Cases," and had made an amendment thereto.

Amendment read,

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause :—

3. Section 17 is amended to the effect that Defendants who intend to rely upon a set off shall be required to file the same with the Justice, or serve it on the opposite party, at least two days before the return day of the Summons.

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.

Recom. Chap. 157 & 158 Bill to be def.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapters 157 and 158 of the Revised Statutes, entitled, respectively

respectively, "Of Offences against Religion," and "Of Offences against Public Morals," and recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

Whereupon Mr. Black moved that the said report be not received: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared for the motion, nine; against the motion, ten.

Motion not to receive report.

For the motion:

Mr. Archibald,
Harris,
Bell,
Cutler,
Almon,

Mr. Black,
Fairbanks,
Crichton,
Morton.

Against the motion:

Mr. McKeen,
Kenny,
McNab,
Grigor,
McCully,

Mr. Brown,
McHeffey,
Keith,
Rudolf,
The President.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. McCully then moved that the said report be received, and that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months: which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared for the motion, ten; against the motion, nine.

Motion to receive report.

For the motion:

Mr. McKeen,
Kenny,
Grigor,
McCully,
Brown,

Mr. McHeffey,
Keith,
Rudolf,
McNab,
The President.

Against the motion:

Mr. Archibald,
Harris,
Bell,
Cutler,
Almon,

Mr. Black,
Fairbanks,
Crichton,
Morton.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Agreed to.

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

Bill deferred.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbor Masters," and had made two amendments thereto.

Rep. Chap. 78 Bill with amendments.

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

Amendments read,

At the end of the Bill add the following Clauses:

The Sessions may, by regulations to that effect, authorize the imposition of fines upon Harbor Masters for neglect of duty, not to exceed forty shillings for any one offence, to be sued for and recovered as other penalties are.

The County of Halifax is excepted from the operation of this Act.

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 Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Transatlantic Submarine Telegraph Company, was read a third time.

Transatlantic Telegraph Co. Bill, read 3d time. Amendment made.

Then an amendment was made.

Then the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill agreed to,

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

And sent to H. A.

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

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

Com. on Public Accounts rep.

(Appendix—Public Accounts.)

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

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Friday,

Friday, 23rd March, 1855.

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,
 MATHER B. ALMON,
 EDWARD KENNY,
 JAMES D. HARRIS,
 ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
 DAVID CRICHTON,
 JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
 JAMES McNAB,
 JONATHAN McCULLY,
 WILLIAM GRIGOR,
 WILLIAM McKEEN,
 RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
 THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Polling Place, Inverness,
 Ditto, Yarmouth,
 Jury Laws,
 Police Constables,
 and
 Chapter 97, Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Inverness; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Yarmouth; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Jury Laws; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the appointment of Police Constables; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Trustees of Public Property,"

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,
 And sent to H. A.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Chap. 131 Bill read
 3d time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in Civil Cases," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?

Agreed to with amt.
 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 that this House has agreed to the same,
 with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.

Chapter 78 Bill read
 3d time.
 Amendments made.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbor Masters," was read a third time.

Then the following amendment was made:

2nd Clause.—At the end of the Clause add the following words:

But the Sessions shall have no power to establish fees in respect of any Navigable River which forms the Boundary Line between two Counties.

Then the question was put by the President,
 Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

* Bill agreed to with
 amendments,

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. And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the South Pictou Seamens' Bethel Society, was read a second time. Pictou Bethel Society Bill read 2nd time,
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. And ordered to Com.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining, with the following Bill :
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors." Chapter 22 Bill,
 To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House. Read 1st time,
 The said Bill was read a first time. And referred.
Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to all the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties, except the second amendment to the Schedule. H. A. agree to all except one amendment to Municipal Govt. Counties Bill.

Mr. Black presented fifteen Petitions praying for an Act against the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. Intoxicating Liquors.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
 To inform the House that the House of Assembly desired a Conference with this House, by Committee, on the General State of the Province. H. A. ask Conference on General State Province.
Ordered, That the said Conference be agreed to, and a Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, to acquaint them therewith. Con. agreed to.
Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Almon, and Mr. McCully, be a Committee to manage the said Conference. Committee.

Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Union Marine Insurance Company ; also, Com. on Union Marine Insurance Co.
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company ; also, N. S. Marine Insurance Co.
 A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Incorporated Pier Companies ; also, Pier Cos.
 A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Prosecutions for Penalties ; also, Penalties, and
 A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial and Punishment of Offenders against Public Morals, Offenders against Public Morals Bills, Report.
 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. Bills read 2nd time,
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. And ordered to Com.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Security for Costs, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on security for Costs Bill report unfavorably.
 The said Bill was read a second time. Bill read 2nd time.
 On motion, *resolved,* That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months. Bill deferred.

Com. on Pilotage
Bras d'Or, and

Mr. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Pilotage in the Bras d'Or Lake ; also,

Registry of Ships
Bills,
Report.

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

Bills read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

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

Recommend Intoxi-
cating Liquors
Bill to be printed.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act for restricting the use of Intoxicating Liquors, and recommended that the said Bill should be printed for the information of the public.

Motion to receive
report,

Whereupon it was moved that the said report be received : which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared for the motion, eleven ; against the motion, eight :

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Rudolf,
Archibald,
Kenny,
Cutler,
McNab,
McHeffey,

Mr. Almon,
Keith,
Crichton,
Grigor,
The President,

Mr. McKeen,
Harris,
Brown,
Bell,
McCully,
Fairbanks,

Mr. Black,
Morton.

Agreed to.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Bill to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Bill be printed, and circulated throughout the Province.

Com. on New Prac-
tice Act Bill rep.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to enlarge and amend the New Practice Act, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Royalty on Slack
Coal Resolution
read 2nd time.

The Resolution claiming from the General Mining Association the sum of Three thousand one hundred and fifty pounds and eleven pence, for Royalty on Slack Coal, from December, 1849, to December, 1853, was read a second time.

Motion not to agree
to.
Debate adjourned.

Whereupon, Mr. Archibald moved that the said Resolution be not agreed to. After long debate, the further consideration of the said motion was postponed until a future day.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, 24th March, 1855.

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,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the second amendment proposed by this House to the Schedule to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties, which amendment has not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

Amdt. to Municipal Govt. of Counties Bill,

The same was read by the Clerk, and

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

Not adhered to.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House does not adhere to the said amendment.

Bill sent to H. A.

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to authorize the Board of Commissioners to make Regulations for the construction and management of Railways in Nova-Scotia— which was read a first time.

Regulation of Railways Bill read 1st time.

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

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Chapter 22 Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.

Mr. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee of this House, appointed to manage the Conference desired by the House of Assembly, on the General State of the Province, reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, that he had received a Paper, the contents of which he did not feel at liberty to report to the House.

Com. on Conference report.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, the debate on the motion not to agree to the Resolution requiring the payment, from the Mining Association, of the Royalty on Slack Coal, was resumed; after long debate, the question was put by the President, when there appeared, for the motion, nine; against the motion, ten:

Debate on Res. Royalty Slack Coal.

For

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Cutler,
Archibald,
Harris,
Almon,
Black,

Mr. Fairbanks,
Keith,
Crichton,
Morton,

Mr. McHeffey,
McKeen,
McNab,
Grigor,
McCully,

Mr. Brown,
Bell,
Kenny,
Rudolf,
The President.

Motion negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Res. agreed to,

Mr. McNab then moved that the said Resolution be agreed to: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, was agreed to.

And sent to H. A.

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

Com. on Bills.

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

Rep. Union Marine Insurance Co.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Union Marine Insurance Company; also,

N. S. Marine Insurance Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company; also,

Pier Cos.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Incorporated Pier Companies; also,

Pilotage Bras d'Or,
Pictou Bethel Society,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Pilotage in the Bras d'Or Lake; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the South Pictou Seamens' Bethel Society; also,

Penalties, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Prosecutions for Penalties; also,

Offenders against Public Morals Bills,
Without amdt.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial and Punishment of offenders against Public Morals,

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Rep. Registry of Ships Bill, with amdt.
Amdt. read,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registry of Ships, and had made an amendment thereto.

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

After the fifth Clause insert the following Clause:

“In the event of the Certificate of Registry of any ship being mislaid, lost, or destroyed, the Registrar of the proper Port shall grant a new Certificate of Registry, or a Provisional Certificate, as the case may require, on such conditions as the Governor may appoint, and on proof, by affidavit, of the original Certificate having been mislaid, lost, or destroyed.”

And agreed to.

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

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

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

H. A. agree to amdt. to Chapter 87,

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, “Of General Provisions respecting Corporations,”

Chapter 78, and

Also, to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, “Of Pilotage, Harbors and Harbor Masters.”

Chapter 131 Bills.

Also, to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Revised Statutes, “Of the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in Civil Cases,”

Without any amendment.

The said Bills were then read, as amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,
Whether

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

To return the said Bills, and acquaint them therewith.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties, as now amended.

The said Bill was then read, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the Resolution granting £300 for Cloth Factories, and to acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Bills finally agreed to,

And sent to H. A. H. A. finally agree to Municipal Government of Counties Bill.

Bill finally agreed to by Council,

And sent to H. A. £300 Cloth Factories sent to H. A.

Adjourn.

Monday, 26th March, 1855.

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,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Union Marine Insurance Company; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Incorporated Pier Companies; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Pilotage in the Bras d'Or Lake; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the South Pictou Seamens' Bethel Society; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Prosecutions for Penalties,

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.

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

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Union Marine Insurance Company,

N. S. Marine Insurance Company,

Pier Companies, Pilotage, Bras d'Or,

Pictou Seamens' Bethel, and Penalties Bills, Read 3d time.

Agreed to,

And sent to H. A.

Registry of Ships Bill,

A Agreed to with am.

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

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

Rep. Chap. 22 Bill, The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled,
with amdt. An Act to alter and amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for
the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors," and had made an amendment thereto.

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

Amdt. read, 1st Clause—2nd line.—Instead of the word, "April," insert the word, "May."

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.

Railway Bill read A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Board of Commissioners to make Regu-
2nd time, lations for the construction and management of Railways in Nova-Scotia, was read a
second time.

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

Mr. Almon moved the following Resolution:

Mr. Almon's Reso- Whereas it has been made apparent to this House, by the admission of the Pro-
lution relative to vincial Government, that the sum of £225 has been paid to John Spry Morris, Esquire,
Pension to Mr. since his deprivation of the Office of Surveyor General:

Therefore be it resolved, That there hath not existed, nor does there now exist, any
Law of this Province for such appropriation of the Public Funds:

Which, being seconded, after short debate, Mr. McNab moved the following Reso-
lution in amendment:

Mr. McNab's amdt. Whereas John Spry Morris, Esquire, late Commissioner of Crown Lands in Nova-
Scotia, was absent from this Province on leave, till the month of April, 1854, having
previously signified to the Executive Government his willingness to accept a retiring
allowance of £300 per annum for life, and has remained so absent hitherto. And
whereas a Resolution passed the House of Assembly on the 29th day of March, 1854,
authorizing the payment of a retiring allowance, not to exceed £300, Currency, per
annum, to the then Commissioner of Crown Lands, and at the next Session that House
would make provision therefor. And whereas there now lies upon the Table of this
House a Bill which has passed the House of Assembly, redeeming that assurance and
pledge:

Resolved therefore, That while said Bill is ready and merely waiting for the action
of this House, in order to perfect the same, preparatory to becoming Law, it would be
unwise to prejudice the principles therein involved, and to express an opinion by this
House thereon, by way of Resolution:

Which, being seconded, after long debate, the question being put, there appeared,
for the amendment, ten; against it, nine:

For the amendment—

Against the amendment—

Mr. Archibald,
McHefsey,
McKeen,
McCully,
Grigor,

Mr. McNab,
Bell,
Kenny,
Rudolf,
The President.

Mr. Harris,
Brown,
Cutler,
Almon,
Black,

Mr. Fairbanks,
Keith,
Crichton,
Morton.

Agreed to.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr.

Mr. Almon then moved the following Resolution :

Whereas it has been made apparent to this House, by the admission of the Provincial Government, that a sum, at the rate of £600 per annum, commencing on the 1st day of April last, has been paid to James B. Uniacke, Esquire, for his services as Surveyor General :

Mr. Almon's Resolution relative to Mr Uniacke's salary as Surveyor General.

Therefore be it resolved, That there hath not existed, nor does there now exist, any Law of this Province for such appropriation of its Public Funds :

Which, being seconded, Mr. McNab moved the following Resolution in amendment :

Whereas the Honorable James B. Uniacke, Commissioner of Crown Lands, was appointed to that Office on the 1st day of April, 1854. And whereas the Salary secured to his Predecessor was £600 per annum, and the Law securing the same expired on the first day of September, 1854, and since the last General Session of the Legislature, no legal provision existing since that time for paying any Salary to any person holding said Office. And whereas a large increase of labor has devolved upon the Department of Crown Lands since April, 1854, and a corresponding increase of Revenue has been received, the Revenue of 1853 being £5,367, whilst that of 1854 is £11,200 :

Mr. McNab's Resolution in amdt.

Resolved therefore, That, in the emergencies of such a case, the Executive Government would not have been warranted in withholding a Salary from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and thereby disorganizing the whole Department until, by an Act of the Legislature, the payment of a Salary could be legalized by Act of Parliament.

Resolved further, That, in the opinion of this House, the Executive Government are, and ought to be, indemnified for the payment of the usual Salary to the present Commissioner of Crown Lands, for that portion of the year 1854, commencing with the 1st day of April :

Which, being seconded, and, after debate, the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the amendment, ten ; against it, nine :

For the amendment—

Against the amendment—

Mr. Kenny,
McHeffey,
McKeen,
McCully,
Grigor,

Mr. McNab,
Bell,
Archibald,
Rudolf,
The President.

Mr. Harris,
Brown,
Cutler,
Almon,
Black,

Mr. Fairbanks,
Keith,
Crichton,
Morton.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Agreed to.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a Pension to the late Commissioner of Crown Lands, was read a second time—

Pension Commissioner Crown Lands Bill read 2nd time. Motion to defer.

Whereupon Mr. Brown moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months : which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, nine ; against it, ten :

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Harris,
Brown,
Cutler,
Almon,
Black,

Mr. Fairbanks,
Keith,
Crichton,
Morton.

Mr. McCully,
McKeen,
Kenny,
Archibald,
McNab,

Mr. Grigor,
Bell,
McHeffey,
Rudolf,
The President.

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived.

Ordered,

Bill ordered to Com. *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. Twining, with the following Bills:

Chapter 63, 1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor, except in Halifax."

Bridge, Bras d'Or, 2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the construction of a Bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the County of Cape Breton.

Chapter 61, 3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out certain Great Roads."

Railway Damages, 4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages.

Chapter 85, 5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Regulation and Inspection of Provisions, Lumber, Fuel, and other Merchandize.

Abolishing Chan- 6. A Bill, entitled, An Act for abolishing the Court of Chancery, and conferring
cery Court Bills, Equity Jurisdiction on the Supreme Court.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

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

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

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

Chap. 85 Bill ref. *Ordered*, That the fifth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. McKeen, and Mr. Rudolf, be a Committee for that purpose.

Abolishing Chanc'ry 7. *Ordered*, That the sixth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and
Court Bill ref. report upon.

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

H. A. agree to Corn- The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a
wallis Bridge Bill, Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Cornwallis Bridge Company to sell the Corn-
with amdt. wallis Bridge, with amendments—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.

Com. on Chap. 130 Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act
Bill report favour- further to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court,"
ably. was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed an amendment thereto, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

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

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

Leave of absence to On motion of Mr. McCully, *resolved*, that Mr. Archibald have leave of absence
Mr. Archibald. from Thursday next, to return home on urgent private business.

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

Tuesday, 27th March, 1855.

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,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial and Punishment of Offenders against Public Morals, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Offenders against
Public Morals Bill
read 3rd time.

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

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

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Chap. 22 Bill read
3rd time.

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed with amdt.

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

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

And sent to H. A.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Cornwallis Bridge Company to sell the Cornwallis Bridge.

Amds. to Cornwallis
Bridge Bill con-
sidered.

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

2d Clause—Leave out the Proviso at the end of the Clause, and insert the following Proviso:

Amdt. read,

Provided, that in case such sale be made to the public, the Bridge shall in all future time be kept free for the use of the public without charge.

At the end of the Bill add the following clauses:

If the Company do not succeed in selling the Bridge, they shall keep the same in a good and sufficient state of repair for the accommodation of travellers, and the Sessions shall have power from time to time to alter and regulate the toll payable for passing over the bridge.

If the Bridge be sold, the purchaser shall in like manner keep the Bridge in good and sufficient repair, and the fares shall be regulated as provided in the previous section, and the purchaser or purchasers shall be bound to put a Draw in the Bridge for vessels to pass and repass.

If the Bridge be not repaired and kept in repair, as hereinbefore provided, it shall revert to the County and become public property.

1st amdt. read 2nd time and disagreed to.

Then the first amendment was read a second time, whereupon Mr. Morton moved that the said amendment be not agreed to: which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, passed in the affirmative.

Other amdt. not agreed to,

Then the other amendments were severally read a second time, and on motion, resolved, that the said amendments be not agreed to.

And Message to H. A.

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

To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House does not agree to the amendments proposed by them to the said Bill.

Committee on Bridge, Bras d'Or,

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the construction of a Bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the County of Cape Breton; also,

Chapter 61, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out certain Great Roads"; also,

Railway Damages, Bills, Report favourably.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages,

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

Bills read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.

The said Bills were read a second time.

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

Com. on Chap. 53 Bill report.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways and Highway Labor except in Halifax," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and proposed an amendment thereto, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Committee on Contingent Expenses report.

Mr. Crichton, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider the Contingent Expenses of this House 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 which will be required for its Contingent Expenses in the present Session, report as follows:

That there is required for the Salary of the Clerk,	£200	0	0
Law Clerk and Clerk of Parliament,	150	0	0
Gentlemen Usher of the Black Rod and Sergeant at Arms,	75	0	0
Chaplain,	25	0	0
Messengers—1st Messenger, £45, 2nd Messenger, 15,—	60	0	0
C. H. Belcher's Acct., binding Laws, Journals, &c., and for Books,	34	10	0
Graham & Sons Acct., for Stationery, Books, &c.,	38	14	9
A. & W. McKinlay's Acct., for Stationery,	22	10	0
Do. do. Books,	6	8	6
E. G. Fuller's Acct., for Books,	12	10	11
Do. do. Stationery,	9	0	0

Gazette Office Acct.,	£37	13	9
J. B. Bennett's Acct.,	3	0	0
Black & Brothers' Acct.,	2	16	0
Dechezeau & Crow's Acct.,	0	15	0
J. J. Sawyer's Acct.,	4	17	6
Fuel, &c., to be accounted for by Clerk,	20	0	0
This sum for Contingencies, to be expended under direction of a Committee of the House,	60	0	0
To pay the Reporter,	50	0	0
R. Nugent, publishing Debates,	20	0	0
English & Blackadar, do.,	20	0	0
A. Grant, do.,	20	0	0
Additional to R. Nugent, publishing Debates in Daily Paper,	5	0	0
To James Venables, for services during the year in Council Chamber,	10	0	0
Expenses of Funeral of late Hon. Alexander McDougall,	12	7	1
G. E. Morton's Acct.,	3	0	0
A. & W. McKinlay's Acct., Stationery for Bankrupt Com- mission,	6	17	3
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	£910	0	9

COMMITTEE ROOM, March 27, 1855.

DAVID CRICHTON, Chairman.

Ordered, That the said Report be received and adopted.

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 that the sum of Nine hundred and ten pounds and nine pence is required to defray the Contingent Expenses of this House for the present Session.

Conference General State of Province relative to Contin.

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

Conference asked.

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

Committee on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Board of Commissioners to make Regulations for the Construction and Management of Railways in Nova-Scotia, and had agreed to the same, with an amendment.

Rep. Railway Bill, with amdt.

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

Am. agreed to.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a Pension to the late Commissioner of Crown Lands, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Pension Com-
missioner Crown
Lands Bill with-
out amdt.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Witnesses and Evidence, and the Proof of Written Documents," and had made several amendments thereto.

Rep. Chap 135 Bill, with amdt.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

18th Clause—3rd line.—After the word, "General," insert the words, "or by the Registrar of Deeds of any County where such Grant is recorded."

Amdt. read.

42nd Clause.—Leave out this Clause.

At the end of the Bill insert the following Clause :

“The first five Sections of this Act shall not apply to any actions that have been commenced before the passing of this Act.”

Agreed to.

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

Rep. New Practice Act, with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to enlarge and amend the New Practice Act, and had made several amendments thereto.

Amdt. read.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

246th Clause—2nd line.—After the word “consent,” insert the words “in open Court.”

3rd line.—After the word, “Attorneys” insert the words “or Counsel.”

252nd Clause—10th line.—Instead of the word “fourteen” insert the word “ten.”

And agreed to.

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

Rep. Chap. 130 Bill, with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, “Of the Probate Court,” and had made an amendment thereto.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

1st Clause.—At the end of the Clause add the following words :

Amdt. read.

“And in case no Heirs or next of Kin, under this Act, or the Act hereby amended, shall accept such Estate or portion, then such Judge may, upon due security, filed as in other cases, issue a License to the Executor or Administrator, for the sale of such Estate, or portion thereof, and the same may be sold, and the proceeds divided among such Heirs or next of Kin, as provided for the distribution of such property.”

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.

Com. on Chap. 85 Bill report favourably.

Mr. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes, “Of the regulation and inspection of Provisions, Lumber, Fuel, and other Merchandize, 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.

Bill ordered to Com.

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

S. O. S.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded 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 Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Report Bridge, Bras d'Or.

The Chairman also reported, that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the construction of a Bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the County of Cape Breton ; also,

Chapter 61, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, “Of laying out certain Great Roads” ; also,

Railway Damages Bills. Without amndt.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered,

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 amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways and Highway Labor except in Halifax, and had made an amendment thereto.

Rep. Chap. 63 Bill,
with amdt.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause:—

Masters and Seamen on board Coasting or Fishing Vessels shall not be exempt from the performance of any Statute Labor which other persons are required to perform; notwithstanding that part of the fourth section of the Chapter hereby amended, referring to Masters of Vessels and Seamen.

Amdt read.

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

Agreed to.

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

The Chairman also reported, that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the regulation and inspection of Provisions, Lumber, Fuel, and other Merchandize, and had made several amendments thereto.

Rep. Chap. 85 Bill,
with amdt.

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

In the Title.—At the end add the words, "so far as relates to the Inspection of Fish."

Amdt. read.

6th Clause—56th line.—After the word "from" insert the word "taint."

96th line.—Leave out the words "that is."

17th Clause.—At the end of this clause add the following words: "under a penalty of Five Pounds for every months neglect."

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

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. Twining, with the following Bills and Resolutions:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Laws imposing Customs Duties.

Customs Duties,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law to regulate Distilleries.

Distilleries,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the License Law.

License, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties.

Light Duties Bills,

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to purchase seed for distribution among the Colored Population in the Counties of Hants, Queens, Yarmouth, Guysborough, Annapolis, Sydney, Shelburne, Digby, Kings, and Cumberland, to the amount of ten pounds in each County.

£100 Colored Popu-
lation 10 Counties,

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in affording relief to the Colored Population in the County of Halifax, by purchasing seed or provisions, as circumstances may require.

£100 Colored Popu-
lation Halifax,

Resolved, That the sum of Four hundred and sixty pounds sterling be granted and paid for the Salaries of the Clerks in the Provincial Secretary's Office for the present year, to be appropriated and applied by the Provincial Secretary.

£460 Stg. Clerks in
Pro. Sec. Office,

Resolved, That a sum, not to exceed One hundred pounds sterling, be granted and paid for Stationery and other Contingencies of the Provincial Secretary's Office for the present year, the expenditure to be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly.

£100 Stationery,
Secretary's Office.

Resolved, That a sum, not to exceed One hundred pounds per annum, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in providing for the reporting and publication of the decisions of the Supreme Court.

£100 Reporting De-
cisions Supreme
Court.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds sterling be granted and paid to the Judge of the Vice Admiralty, for Fuel and Crier of the Court for the present year.

£10 Stg. Admiralty
Court,

13 Grants for Ferries

Resolved, That the following sums be granted and paid to the several parties named as under, in aid of the respective Ferries specified, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities :

To Jacob Knaufft's Ferry, St. Mary's River, for 1853,	£5	0	0
To the two Ferrymen at the same place for this year, £5 each,	10	0	0
To aid Ferry across entrance of Southern Bay, Ingonish, Victoria,	7	10	0
To aid Ferry Grand Passage, Digby, additional grant,	5	0	0
To aid Ferry Petite Passage, Digby, additional grant to Ferrymen, £2 10s. each,	5	0	0
To aid Ferry at Gut of Miré River,	5	0	0
To aid in procuring Boat,	2	10	0
To aid Ferry at Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton,	10	0	0
To aid Ferry Sydney River, Cape Breton,	5	0	0
To aid Ferry Tusket River, Yarmouth, £3 to Ferrymen on each side,	6	0	0
To aid Ferry Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, in addition to previous grant of £8, £4 to Ferrymen on each side,	3	0	0
To aid Ferry Pubnico Harbor, Yarmouth,	5	0	0
To aid Ferry Mouth of Ship Harbor, Halifax,	8	0	0

23 Grants for Breakwaters,

Resolved, That the following sums be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in aid of the several services specified as under, upon the conditions (*unless otherwise herein directed*) that no such sums shall be drawn from the Treasury until it shall appear to the Governor in Council that the parties interested in or applying for aid to any such work have subscribed and expended thereon since the passing of the grant at least double the amount so granted in addition to such grant, so that the whole sum expended on such works, respectively, shall amount to three times the sum so granted, and that in the expenditure of such subscriptions and of the grant hereby made there shall not be paid for laborers at a higher rate than five shillings per day, nor for teams at a higher rate than is allowed in employing labor on the highways, and also in the case of Breakwaters, Piers, and Wharves, that the site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public.

Breakwater at Pleasant Cove, Digby,	£100	0	0
Do Canady Creek, Kings,	100	0	0
Do Chute's Cove, Annapolis,	75	0	0
Do and public wharf at mouth of Windsor River, Kings,	25	0	0
Do Baxter's Harbor, Kings,	100	0	0
Do Hall's Harbor, Kings,	100	0	0
Do French Cross, Kings,	200	0	0
Do Hunt's Point, Queens,	60	0	0
Do Belleveau Cove, Digby,	100	0	0
Do Ogilvie Brook, Kings,	100	0	0
Do Little River, Sydney,	100	0	0
Do Groscoque, Digby,	100	0	0
Do Gates's Cove, Annapolis,	150	0	0
Do Trout Cove, Digby, not to exceed	200	0	0
Improvement of Tracadie Harbor, Sydney,	100	0	0
Public Slip, Broad Cove, Inverness,	50	0	0
Pier at Arisaig, Sydney, on condition of £200 being raised and expended,	200	0	0
Breakwater and clearing entrance of Harbor at Margaree, Inver- ness, on condition of £200 being raised and expended,	200	0	0
			Clearing

Clearing and deepening Wood's Harbor, Shelburne,	£25 0 0
Opening Channel at the Haulover, between Whitehead Harbor and Molasses Harbor, Guysborough,	25 0 0
Clearing obstructions and improving River Roseway, Shelburne,	25 0 0
Do do Tusket River, Yarmouth, not to exceed	50 0 0
Do Annapolis River, between Bridgetown and Annapolis,	25 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid the Inhabitants of Gates' Cove, Wilmot, County of Annapolis, in defraying a large expenditure incurred by them during the past year in securing and extending the Breakwater at that place, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £100 Gates' Cove,

Resolved, That there be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, in aid of Troop's Cove Breakwater, in the County of Annapolis, the sum of Eighty pounds, recommended by the Committee on Navigation Securities in 1853, and omitted to be moved in Committee of Supply in that year, upon the same terms and conditions as the other Grants to Breakwaters in that year. £80 Troop's Cove,

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted to further extend and improve the Public Slip or Landing at Digby, to be paid when it shall be certified by the Sessions that the same has been actually expended. £10 Public Slip, Digby,

Resolved, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid to Donald McKinnon, to remunerate him for carrying the Mails across Pugwash Harbor, in 1852 and 1853. £5 D. McKinnon,

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to Edmund Crowell, of Seal Islands, in the County of Yarmouth, in addition to the sum already granted, for keeping the Establishment on the Islands, in order to enable him to procure further assistance. £10 E. Crowell,

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and paid to William Goodwin and Noah Goodwin, residents upon Mud Island, in the County of Yarmouth, to enable them to provide and keep efficient Boats, and otherwise render assistance to Shipwrecked Mariners, to be paid on the Certificate of the Sessions that the Boats are provided and kept, and other duties performed. £20 W. & N. Goodwin.

Resolved, That the sum of Two thousand pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor in Halifax, for the support of the Transient Paupers for the present year. £2000 Transient Paupers, Halifax.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be paid to any person who will run a suitable Steam Boat from Sydney through the Bras d'Or Lake to Baddeck, once a week, and in the interval to ply as a Passage Boat regularly between Sydney and the North Bar. £150 Steam Boat Bras d'Or,

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred and twenty-five pounds twelve shillings and two 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: £225 12s. 2d. Transient Paupers,

To the Overseers of the Township of Annapolis, No. 1,	£19 13 9
Do. Granville,	9 0 0
Do. Clements,	17 0 0
Do. Falmouth,	2 1 3
Do. Wallace,	16 10 1
Do. Barrington,	6 10 0
Do. Maxwellton, Pictou,	1 12 6
Do. Shelburne,	2 1 6

To

To the Overseers of Pictou, 1st Section :

For Nancy White,	£7	8	11	
Peggy Berrigan,		3	17	10
Passage to P. E. Island of 3 wrecked Sailors,	1	11	3	
				12 18 0

To the Overseers of St. Andrew's, Sydney County,

Do. Pugwash,	£4	14	10	
Doctor Creed,	2	4	6	
				6 19 4

To the Overseers of the Township of Liverpool,

Do. Digby, District No. 1,		1	0	0
Do. Dorchester, Sydney County,	7	1	5	

To the Overseers of the Township of Horton :

For Thomas Lemon,	£16	9	4	
David Poor,		2	2	4
Doctor Brown,		2	0	0
				20 11 8

To the Overseers of the Township of Annapolis (Round Hill),

Do. Cornwallis,		3	18	10
Do. Shubenacadie & Stewiacke,	1	15	0	

To the Overseers of the Township of Pictou, 4th Section :

For Widow Hunter,				6 17 6
To Doctor Madden, Arichat, in full for attendance } to John Nowlan,	6	0	0	
To Doctor Madden, Arichat, in full for attendance } to Eliza McLean,	2	2	6	
				8 2 6

To Eliza Walker, Arichat, for Thomas Jones, 1853,

The Board of Health, Yarmouth,	£12	9	2	
Do. for Doctor Farrish,	5	0	0	
				17 9 2

£225 12 2

£1000 Light Houses,

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the purpose of having erected, during the present year, or so soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for so doing, Light Houses at the following places :

A Light House at the entrance of the Harbor of Liverpool, in the County of Queen's.

A Light House on the north side of Lingan Harbor on Little Head, County of Cape Breton.

A Light House on Wedge Island, near the entrance of St. Mary's River, or in the vicinity, as may be deemed most advisable by the Board of Works.

A Light House at Burnt Coat Head in Maitland, County of Hants, or at some point on the northern side of Colchester Bay, to be selected by the Board of Works after due investigation and examination.

£181 3s. 11d. J. H.
Crosskill.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and eighty-one pounds three shillings and eleven pence be granted and paid to John H. Crosskill, being the full balance claimed by him upon his accounts while he held the office of Queen's Printer.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the sum of Seventy-five pounds be granted and paid to the following persons, to be expended in the support and education of their respective deaf, dumb, or blind children, not to be drawn until satisfactory evidence shall be given to the Governor in Council that the amount has been so expended :

£75 Deaf, Dumb, & Blind Children.

Sarah Kelly, a deaf and dumb child,	£25 0 0
John Barnaby, do do	25 0 0
Donald Ross, two blind children,	25 0 0
	£75 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty-nine pounds seventeen shillings and six pence be granted and paid to the Honorable Attorney General for advances made by him during the past year for the Public Service.

£59 17s. 6d. Attorney General.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to Mrs. Knowles, widow of the late Samuel Knowles, who was drowned while in performance of his duty as Ferryman in crossing the Ferry at West Passage at Barrington.

£25 Mrs. J. Knowles.

Resolved, That the sum of Ninety-nine pounds sixteen shillings and seven pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the several amounts recommended to be paid by a Special Committee for expenses connected with the enquiry instituted by the Government as to Lunacy of Nicholas H. Martin.

£99 16s. 7d. expense of Inquiry on N. H. Martin.

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied and expended upon the Roads on the north and south sides of Miré River, between the mouth of the River and Grand Miré, in accordance with the terms of the Report of the Committee upon the Petition of Donald McLeod and other Inhabitants of that District, and as a final settlement of their claim.

£200 Road Miré, C. B.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-four pounds and five shillings be granted and paid to James Churchill, of Yarmouth, in addition to the sum of Five pounds fifteen shillings now in the hands of Thomas Killam, Esquire, for his benefit, as a compensation for land taken from him for a Road, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Road Damages.

£24 5s. Churchill, Road Damage.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty-five pounds four shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay Norman McDonnell, John Flemming, and Joseph Marsh, of Boulardrie, for damages for a road through their lands; and one pound four shillings to Stephen Curry, John McLeod, and Charles McDonald, for their services in laying out the road, to be distributed pursuant to the report of the Committee on that subject.

£55 4s. N. McDonnell et al. Road Damage.

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

The same were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

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 Conf.

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

Committee.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for abolishing the Court of Chancery, and conferring Equity Jurisdiction on the Supreme Court, 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.

Com. on abolishing Chancery Court Bill rep. maj. fav.

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.

- Chapter 135, Bill read 1st time. Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Witnesses and Evidence and the proof of Written Documents—which was read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
- Fresh Fish Bill read 1st time, And referred. Mr. McCully presented a Bill to regulate the Sale of Fresh Fish—which was read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered,* that Mr. McCully, Mr. Keith, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.
- New York & London Telegraph Co. Bill read a 1st time. Mr. McCully presented a Bill to incorporate the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company—which was read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
- Report of Committee of Conference. Mr. Crichton, the Chairman of the Committee of this House appointed to manage the 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.
- Adjourn. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, 28th March, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Money Votes.

The following Resolutions for granting monies :

£100	0	0	Colored Population ten Counties.
100	0	0	Do Halifax County.
460	0	0	sterling, Clerks of Secretary's Office.
100	0	0	do Stationery of Secretary's Office.
100	0	0	Reporting Decisions of Supreme Court.
10	0	0	sterling, Crier of Admiralty Court.
Grants for Thirteen Ferries.			
Grants for Twenty-three Breakwaters.			

£100

£100	0	0	Gates' Pier.
80	0	0	Troop's Cove Pier.
10	0	0	Public Slip, Digby.
5	0	0	D. McKinnon.
10	0	0	E. Crowell.
20	0	0	W. & N. Goodwin.
2000	0	0	Transient Paupers, Halifax.
150	0	0	Steamboat, Bras d'Or.
225	12	2	Transient Poor.
1000	0	0	Light Houses.
181	3	11	J. H. Crosskill.
85	0	0	Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Children.
59	17	6	Attorney General.
25	0	0	Mrs. S. Knowles.
99	16	7	expenses of Inquiry of Lunacy of N. H. Martin.
200	0	0	Road at Miré, C. B.
24	5	0	J. Churchill, Road Damages.
55	4	0	N. McDonnell and others, Road Damages,

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. Agreed to,

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Board of Commissioners to make regulations for the construction and management of Railways in Nova Scotia, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Railway Bill read 3d time,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed,

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

To carry down the said Bill and desire their concurrence thereto. And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a Pension to the late Commissioner of Crown Lands; also, Pension Commissio'r Crown Lands,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the construction of a Bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the County of Cape Breton; also, Bridge Bras d'Or, &

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out certain Great Roads," Chap. 61 Bills,

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

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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 to enlarge and amend the New Practice Act; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes "Of the Probate Court"; also, New Practice Act, Chapter 130,

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the regulation and inspection of Provisions, Lumber, Fuel, and other Merchandize," Chapter 85 Bills,

Were

- 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?
- Agreed with amdt. It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
- Chap. 135 Bill read 3d time. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Witnesses and Evidence, and the Proof of Written Documents," Was read a third time,
- Motion to recommit Bill agreed to. Whereupon, Mr. McCully moved that the said Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by adding Clauses for regulating the taking of Testimony of Witnesses out of the Province : Which, being seconded and the question being put by the President, was agreed to.
- Customs Duties, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Laws imposing Customs Duties ; also,
- Distilleries, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law to regulate Distilleries ; also,
- Licenses, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the License Laws ; also,
- Light House Duties Bills, A Bill, entitled An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties.
- Read 2d time. Were read a second time.
- And ordered to Com. Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- New York & London Tel. Co. Bill read 2d time. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, was read a second time.
- And referred. Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. Ordered, That Mr. Kenny, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.
- A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. Twining, with the following Bill :
- Acadian Iron Co. Bill A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Acadian Iron and Steel Company, To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.
- Read 1st time. The said Bill was read a first time.
- H. A. agree to amdt. to Chap. 22 Bill. Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future time.
- The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter Twenty-two of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors."
- Bill finally agreed to. The said Bill was then read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?
- And sent to H. A. It was resolved in the affirmative.
- A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
- The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Acadian Marble Company, without any amendment.
- H. A. agree to Acad. Marble Co. Bill, with amdt. The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to River Fisheries, with amendments—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.
- The Messenger also brought up the following Resolutions :

Resolved,

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-two thousand pounds, granted for the ordinary Road and Bridge Service, and the sum of Ten thousand pounds, granted for the Great Road Service for the present year, be applied as follows :

Division of Road Monies,

	Ordinary Service.	Main Post Roads.
For the County of Halifax,	£2,355	£1,213
Pictou,	2,304	640
Inverness,	2,112	560
Hants,	1,920	933
Lunenburg,	1,920	530
Colchester,	1,869	773
Cumberland,	1,869	640
Cape Breton,	1,820	626
Kings,	1,728	476
Annapolis,	1,664	476
Yarmouth,	1,561	400
Shelburne,	1,561	400
Digby,	1,561	476
Sydney,	1,561	400
Richmond,	1,561	360
Victoria,	1,561	380
Guysborough,	1,561	400
Queens,	1,512	317
	£32,000	£10,000

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £2355 and £1213, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax. Subdivision Halifax,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £2304 and £640, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou. Do. Pictou,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £2112 and £560, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Inverness. Do. Inverness,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1920 and £933 granted, for Roads and Bridges in Hants County. Do. Hants,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1920 and 530, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg. Do. Lunenburg,

Also a Resolution subdividing the the sums of £1869 and £773, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Colchester. Do. Colchester,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1869 and £640, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland. Do. Cumberland,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1820 and £626, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape Breton. Do. Cape Breton,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1728 and £476, granted for Roads and Bridges in King's County. Do. King's,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1664 and £476, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis. Do. Annapolis,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1561 and £400, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Yarmouth. Do. Yarmouth,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1561 and £400, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne. Do. Shelburne,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1561 and £476, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Digby. Do. Digby,

Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of 1561 and £400, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney. Do. Sydney,

- Do. Richmond, Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1561 and £360, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Richmond.
- Do. Victoria, Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1561 and £380, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Victoria.
- Do. Guysborough, Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1561 and £400, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Guysborough.
- Do. Queen's, Also a Resolution subdividing the sums of £1512 and £317, granted for Roads and Bridges in Queen's County.

£10 8s. 6d. change
of appropriation,
Cumberland,

Resolved, That the following sums, granted in 1854, for the Road Service in the County of Cumberland, remaining undrawn, be appropriated as follows :

Five pounds (No. 106) granted to repair the road from Tait's, River Philip, past Captain Handley's, be applied to extend said Road to Eel Creek ; and Five pounds (No. 116) granted to repair the Road from Road near D. Miles' towards Francis Smith's, north side of the River ; and eight shillings and six pence (Nos. 33, 74, and 149), making five pounds eight shillings and six pence, be expended on the Road near Daniel Fraser's to Leicester Road.

£255 15s. do. Yar-
mouth,

Resolved, That the following sums, granted for the Road Service in the County of Yarmouth, viz :

Number 62, in 1851,	£25	0	0
Do. 81, 1853,	15	4	1
Do. 89, do.	9	4	6
Do. 1, 1854,	0	2	8
Do. 13, do.	2	0	0
Do. 21, do.	0	3	9
Do. 87, do.	9	0	0
Do. 100, do.	18	18	0
Do. 103, do.	80	0	0
Special Grant in 1853,	100	0	0
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	£225	15	0

remaining undrawn, be granted and applied in the Scale of Sub-division of the Road and Bridge Monies for the County of Yarmouth, for the present year.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

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

Com. on Fresh Fish
Bill report.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the sale of Fresh Fish, 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.

City of Halifax Bill
read 1st time

Mr. Keith presented a Bill in addition to the Act concerning the City of Halifax— which was read a first time.

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

Mr. Fairbanks' Res.
for Address to H.
M. for Papers con-
nected with Fish-
ery and Recipro-
city Treaty.

Mr. Fairbanks moved the following Resolution :

Whereas the Legislative Council did, on the fourteenth day of December last, pass an Address to Her Majesty, accompanied by a remonstrance complaining of the mode in which the recent Treaty with the United States, in relation to our Fisheries, had been negotiated, as well as the exclusion of Delegates on behalf of this Province from the

the Conferences held at Washington on that subject, while those of the Sister Provinces were invited to attend, and were thereby enabled to explain their views in reference thereto. And whereas it appears, by a Despatch dated 26th January, 1855, recently received from Her Majesty's Colonial Secretary, Sir George Grey, in reply to the said Address and Remonstrance, that no such design of excluding the Delegates of Nova-Scotia from such Conferences was ever entertained by Her Majesty's Government; that, on the contrary, the Right Honorable Lord Elgin used his utmost efforts to procure the attendance of Delegates from Nova-Scotia on that occasion, and referring the Legislative Council to his (Lord Elgin's) Despatch to Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, dated 14th June, and his replies thereto, as evidence of his desire to afford to Nova-Scotia a full and ample opportunity of expressing their opinions and guarding their rights. And whereas the Provincial Government, in reply to the reasonable request of the Legislative Council, that the Correspondence referred to be submitted for their consideration, have refused to comply with the same :

Therefore Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty, praying that she will be pleased to direct that copies of all correspondence between Lord Elgin and Sir Gaspard Le Marchant, in relation to the before mentioned Treaty, and the appointment of Delegates from Nova-Scotia, be transmitted to this House, in order to prevent all future misconception as to the real facts connected with this important question :

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

For the motion—

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

Against the motion—

Mr. Archibald,	Mr. Brown,
McNab,	Bell,
Kenny,	McCully,
Grigor,	Rudolf,
McKeen,	The President.
McHeffey,	

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived.

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

Committee on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for abolishing the Court of Chancery and conferring Equity Jurisdiction on the Supreme Court, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. abolishing of Chancery Court Bill without amdt.

Whereupon Mr. Brown moved that the said Bill be recommitted for the purpose of amending the same by leaving out the 73rd Clause, which gives a Pension of Four hundred pounds a year, for life, to the Honorable Alexander Stewart, and inserting instead thereof, the following Clause :

Motion to recommit Bill,

“The Honorable Alexander Stewart, so soon as this Act comes into operation, shall be transferred to the Supreme Court Bench, and become one of the Judges of that Court” :

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

For the motion—

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

Against the motion—

Mr. Archibald,	Mr. Bell,
McNab,	Kenny,
McKeen,	McCully,
Grigor,	Rudolf,
McHeffey,	The President.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Negatived.

Motion to recommit Bill,

Mr. Almon then moved that the said Bill be recommitted, for the purpose of amending the same by adding the following Clause :

“ In case a vacancy shall occur in the Supreme Court Bench, the Honorable Alex. Stewart shall be transferred to the Supreme Court Bench, and become one of the Judges thereof, and his Pension shall thereupon cease :”

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

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Cutler,
Harris,
Brown,
Almon,
Black,

Mr. Fairbanks,
Keith,
Crichton,
Morton,

Mr. Archibald,
McNab,
McKeen,
Grigor,
McHeffey,

Mr. Bell,
Kenny,
McCully,
Rudolf,
The President.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

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

S. O. S. on Acadian Iron Co. Bill,

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Acadian Iron and Steel Company.

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.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 3 o'clock.

Thursday, 29th March, 1855.

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,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

Chapter 37, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, “ Of the Office of Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands.” A

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the South Baptist Meeting House at Wilmot.</p>	<p>South Baptist Meeting, Wilmot, Bills,</p>
<p>To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.</p>	
<p>The said Bills were read a first time.</p>	<p>Read 1st time.</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the first Bill be read a second time at a future day.</p>	
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.</p>	<p>Baptist Meeting, Wilmot, Bill ref.</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose.</p>	<p>Committee.</p>
<p>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 enlarge and amend the New Practice Act.</p>	<p>H. A. agree to amdt. to New Practice Act, and</p>
<p>Also, to the amendments to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the regulation and inspection of Provisions, Lumber, Fuel, and other Merchandize."</p>	<p>Chapter 85 Bills.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,</p>	<p>Railway Damages Bill read 3rd time,</p>
<p>Whether this Bill shall pass?</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 Bill, 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 for abolishing the Court of Chancery, and conferring Equity Jurisdiction on the Supreme Court, was read a third time.</p>	<p>Abolishing Court of Chancery Bill read 3rd time.</p>
<p>Then the following amendment was made :</p>	
<p>24th Clause.—Leave out this Clause.</p>	<p>Amdt. made.</p>
<p>Then the question was put by the President,</p>	
<p>Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?</p>	
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Bill agreed to,</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>Mr. Kenny, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed amending the same, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.</p>	<p>Com. on New York and London Tel. Company Bill rep.</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>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.</p>	<p>Com. on Bills.</p>
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the sale of Fresh Fish, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>	<p>Rep. Fresh Fish Bill without amdt.</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time at a future day.</p>	<p>S. O. S.</p>
<p><i>Resolved unanimously</i>, 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.</p>	
<p>The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,</p>	<p>Bill read 3rd time,</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>Whether</p>

- Whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Passed. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.
- And sent to H. A. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled,
Report Customs Duties, An Act to continue and alter the Laws imposing Customs Duties; also,
Distilleries, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law to regulate Distilleries; also,
License, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the License Law; also,
Light House Duties, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties; also,
and Acadian Iron Co. A Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Acadian Iron and Steel Company,
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 time.
- S. O. S. *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 Bills.
- Bills read 3rd time, The said Bills were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,
Whether this Bill shall pass?
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. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled,
Rep. Chap. 135 Bill with further amdt. An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Witnesses and Evidence, and the Proof of Written Documents," and had made several further amendments thereto in addition to those formerly reported.
The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:
At the end of the Bill add the following Clauses:—
- Amdts. read, If the parties in any cause, pending in any Court, consent in writing to examine Witnesses residing out of the Province, whether by interrogatories or *vivâ voce*, such consent, and the proceedings had thereunder, shall be as valid in all respects as if a Commission had been sued out, and the proceedings had taken place thereunder.
Rules for Commissions for the examination of Witnesses residing out of the Province, may be made by any Prothonotary upon the usual grounds, laid in the same way as the Supreme Court, or a Judge thereof, grant the same.
Examinations of witnesses residing abroad may be opened by the Prothonotary of the Court at the instance of either party, and either party may notify the other of their being so returned. And no objections to such examinations being read shall avail, unless taken within eight days next after such notice served. The party objecting shall be required to specify his objections in writing, and the Court, or a Judge, on Summons, may then hear such objections and decide thereon.
No examination of witnesses residing abroad, or taken *de bene esse*, shall be set aside by the Court, or any Judge thereof, unless the party objecting shall lay grounds by affidavit, which may be opposed as in other cases, and unless the Court, or Judge, shall be of opinion that the objections are not of a purely technical character, and that substantial justice requires that such objections should prevail, which shall be so expressed in the order.
- 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.
- Division and subdivision of Road Money, and The nineteen Resolutions received from the House of Assembly yesterday, dividing and sub-dividing the sums of £32,000 and £10,000 granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, Also

Also, £10 8s. 6d. change of appropriation in Cumberland,
 Also, £255 15s. change of appropriation in Yarmouth,
 Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Reso-
 lution,

2 changes of appro-
 priation,
 Read 2d time.

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

And agreed to.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to the River Fisheries.

Am of H. A. on
 River Fisheries
 Bill considered.

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

Amdt. read,

1st Clause.—Leave out this Clause, and instead thereof insert the following Clause:

“The first Section of the Act passed in the 17th year of Her Majesty’s Reign, entitled, An Act relating to the River Fisheries, is hereby amended as follows:

“The Petition of the twenty Freeholders shall, instead of the statement required by such Section, set forth that the provisions of Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty’s Reign, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 95 of the Revised Statutes, “Of River Fisheries,” cannot be carried out in reference to any particular stream or part of a stream, without the consequences in that Section set forth. And the residue of such Section, and the other Sections of the Act, shall be construed and operate in the same manner as if such first section had originally stood as hereby amended.”

And the said amendments being read a second and third time, were agreed to.

And agreed to.

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 to incorporate the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company.

S.O.S. on New York
 and London Tel.
 Bill,

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Bill committed,
 And amended.

Which amendments being read twice by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time at a future day.

Am. agreed to.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o’clock.

Adjourn.

Friday,

Friday, 30th March, 1855.

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,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Chap. 37 Bill read
2nd time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Office of Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands," was read a second time.

And ordered to Com.

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

New Practice Act,
and
Chapter 85 Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enlarge and amend the New Practice Act ; also,
A Bill, now entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes,
"Of the Regulation and Inspection of Provisions, Lumber, Fuel, and other Merchandize, so far as relates to the Inspection of Fish,

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.

Chap. 136 Bill read
3d time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Witnesses and Evidence, and the Proof of Written Documents," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

Agreed to with amt.

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.

New York & London
Tel. Co. Bill read
3d time.
Motion to recommit
Bill agreed to.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, was read a third time.

Whereupon Mr. Kenny moved that the said Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, passed in the affirmative.

S. O. suspended.

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

On

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. New York and London Telegraph Co. Bill without amdt.

Whereupon Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Report of the Committee be not received; which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared for the motion, eight; against it, seven:

Motion not to receive report,

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. McKeen,
Cutler,
Kenny,
Almon,

Mr. Black,
Fairbanks,
Keith,
Crichton.

Mr. Grigor,
McNab,
McHeffey,
Brown,

Mr. Bell,
Rudolf,
The President.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Agreed to.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the office of Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands," and had made an amendment thereto.

Rep. Chap. 37 Bill, with amdt.

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

At the end of the Bill insert the following Clause:

Amdt. read,

The before named Salaries are current money of Nova Scotia, and not sterling.

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

Agreed to.

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

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.

S. O. S.

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

Bill read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to with amt.

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

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

And sent to H. A.

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

To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Board of Commissioners to make regulations for the Construction and Management of Railways in Nova Scotia; also,

H. A. agree to Railways, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the sale of Fresh Fish,

Fresh Fish Bills,

And to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the said Bills, without any amendment.

Without amdt.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act for abolishing the Court of Chancery and conferring Equity Jurisdiction on the Supreme Court.

H. A. agree to amt. to abolishing Chancery Court Bill.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House did not agree to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor, except in Halifax."

H. A. do not agree to amdt. to Chap. 63,

Nor to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court."

And Chap. 130 Bills.

Abolishing Chan-
cery Court Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for abolishing the Court of Chancery, and conferring Equity Jurisdiction on the Supreme Court, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

Finally agreed to.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Amdt. to Chap. 63
Bill considered.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor, except in Halifax,"—which amendment has not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

The same was read by the Clerk, and

Not adhered to,

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

And 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 does not adhere to the amendment to the said Bill.

Amdt. to Chap. 130
Bill considered,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court",—which amendment has not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

The same was read by the Clerk, and

Not adhered to.

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

And 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 does not adhere to the amendment to the said Bill.

Road Votes, and
Changes of Appro-
priation,

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

To return the nineteen Resolutions dividing and subdividing the Road Money.
Also, the two changes of appropriation of Road Money in Cumberland and in Yar-
mouth,

Sent to H. A.

And to acquaint them that this House agrees to the same, without any amendment.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, 31st March, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

At Three o'clock, P. M., His Excellency Colonel Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to Seventy Bills, entitled as follows:—

H. E. comes to
Council Chamber.

- An Act to continue and alter the Laws imposing Customs Duties.
- An Act to amend Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Coroners."
- An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Common Fields."
- An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds, and Incumbrances affecting Lands."
- An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in Civil Cases."
- An Act to amend the Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison.
- An Act to amend the Jury Laws.
- An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate a Company to establish a Steamboat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou.
- An Act to amend the Act concerning Prothonotaries and Clerks of the Crown.
- An Act to continue the Laws to regulate Distilleries.
- An Act to continue and amend the Laws relative to the Militia.
- An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company.
- An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties.
- An Act to continue the License Law.
- An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Union Marine Insurance Company.
- An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties.
- An Act for abolishing the Court of Chancery, and conferring Equity Jurisdiction on the Supreme Court.
- An Act to Incorporate the Chute's Cove Pier Company.

H. A. attend.
H. E. assents to 70
Bills, viz :
Customs Duties,
Chapter 41,
Chapter 75,
Chapter 113,
Chapter 131,
City Prison Halifax,
Jury Laws,
Steam Ferry, Pictou,
Prothonotaries,
Distilleries,
Militia,
N. S. Marine Insurance Company,
Light House Duties,
License Law,
U. M. Insurance Co.
Municipal Govt. Co.
Abolition of Chan'y.
Chute's Pier Co.

An

- Chapter 97, An Act to amend Chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Trustees of Public Property."
- Sale Public property, An Act to amend the Act 17 Victoria, Chapter 44, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Board of Works to Lease or Sell certain Public Property."
- Chapter 61, An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out certain Great Roads."
- Loan for Railways, An Act to amend the Act 17 Victoria, Chapter 2, authorising a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province.
- Chapter 62, An Act to amend Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out Roads, other than certain Great Roads."
- Chapter 87, An Act to amend Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, "Of general provisions respecting Corporations."
- Halifax Library, An Act to Incorporate the Committee of the Halifax Library.
- Canada Ck. Pier Co. An Act to Incorporate the Canada Creek Pier Company.
- Centreville Hall Co. An Act to Incorporate the Centreville Hall Company.
- Hall's Har. Pier Co. An Act to Incorporate the Hall's Harbor Pier Company.
- Pier Companies, An Act relating to Incorporated Pier Companies.
- Polling Place, Parsh. An Act to change a Polling Place in the Township of Parrsborough.
- Construction of Railways, An Act to authorize the Board of Commissioners to make Regulations for the construction and management of Railways in Nova-Scotia.
- Chapter 48, An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Townships and Township Officers."
- Chapter 152, An Act to amend Chapter 152 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Custody and Estates of Lunatics."
- Chapter 51, An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Religious Congregations and Societies."
- Police Constables, An Act to authorize the appointment of Police Constables.
- Chapter 126, An Act to amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers."
- Bank Nova-Scotia, An Act to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia.
- Inland Naviga'n Co. An Act to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Inland Navigation Company.
- Nt. Chandler & Ward An Act to Naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Benjamin Franklin Ward.
- Nt. of Ward, An Act to Naturalize George Ward.
- Chapter 22, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors."
- New Practice Act, An Act to enlarge and amend the New Practice Act.
- Acadian Iron Co. An Act to Incorporate the Acadian Iron and Steel Company.
- Pictou Sea. Bethel, An Act to Incorporate the South Pictou Seamen's Bethel Society.
- Polling Place, Yar. An Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Yarmouth.
- Co. of Shelburne, An Act in addition to the Act concerning the County of Shelburne.
- Operators Elec. Tel. An Act relating to Operators in Electric Telegraph Offices.
- Chapter 63, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor, except in Halifax.
- Polling Place, Invr. An Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Inverness.
- Bridge L. Bras d'Or, An Act to provide for the construction of a Bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the County of Cape Breton.
- E. Shore Road, Hx. An Act to provide for extending the Eastern Shore Road, in the County of Halifax.
- Gen. Hospital, Hx. An Act for the erection of a General Hospital in the City of Halifax.
- Sale of Fresh Fish, An Act to regulate the Sale of Fresh Fish.
- Chapter 85, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Regulation and Inspection of Provisions, Lumber, Fuel, and other Merchandize, so far as relates to the Inspection of Fish.
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An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbor Masters."

Chapter 78,

An Act to Incorporate the Merchants' Exchange Company,

Merchants' Ex. Co.

An Act to Incorporate the Pictou Cemetery Company.

Pictou Cemetery Co.

An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages.

Assts. Rail. damages

An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool to procure a Fire Engine.

Fire Engine, Livpl.

An Act for granting a Pension to the late Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Pen. Com. C. Lands,

An Act to enlarge the Deposits in the Savings' Bank.

Savings' Bank,

An Act concerning Measurers of Coal and Cordwood in the City of Halifax.

Measurers Coal, &c.

An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou.

Court House Pictou,

An Act to authorize the Sale of the Jail at Truro.

Jail, Truro,

An Act relating to Pilotage in the Bras d'Or Lake.

Pilotage, Bras d'Or,

An Act respecting Prosecutions for Penalties.

Penalties,

An Act for the Summary Trial and Punishment of Offenders against Public Morals.

Public Morals,

An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Inverness.

Sessions, Inverness,

An Act to Incorporate the Acadian Marble Company.

Acadian Marble Co.

An Act further to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court."

Chapter 130,

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

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

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

To carry down a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to the River Fisheries, and to acquaint them that this House agrees to their amendment to the said Bill.

River Fisheries Bill sent to H. A.

Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the South Baptist Meeting House at Wilmot, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Com. on Baptist Meeting Wilmot 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.

On motion of Mr. Bell, resolved, That Mr. Brown have leave of absence after tomorrow, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to Mr. Brown.

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 New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Report N. York and London Tel. Co. Bill without am.

Whereupon Mr. Fairbanks moved that the said Report be not received: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, three; against the motion, twelve:

Motion not to receive report,

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Fairbanks,
Keith,
Crichton.

Mr. Almon,
McNab,
McKeen,
McCully,
McHefey,
Cutler,

Mr. Brown,
Bell,
Kenny,
Grigor,
Rudolf,
The President.

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived.

Report received.

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

H. A. finally agree to River Fisheries Bill.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining, To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to the River Fisheries, and to acquaint the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the said Bill, as amended.

H. A. agree to amdt. to Chapter 37 Bill.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Office of Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands."

H. A. agree to amdt. to Registry of Ships Bill with am.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registry of Ships, with an amendment—to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House.

£500 Ed. Board of Pres. Church.

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That the sum of Five hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church of Nova-Scotia, in full of their equitable claims to the Buildings, Apparatus, and Library of the Pictou Academy, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

£250 Stg. Governor's Private Sec.

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will provide for a Private Secretary for the present year, at the rate of Two hundred and fifty pounds, Sterling, per annum, to be computed from the time of a Private Secretary being duly appointed.

£100 15s B. Wier & Co. and Young & Hart.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds fifteen shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the expense incurred by B. Wier & Co., and Messrs. Young & Hart, connected with Passengers per Barque Arcadia, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject

£100 Chancery Commissioners.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners appointed to prepare the Bill for the abolition of the Court of Chancery, for their services in performing that duty.

Academical Institutions.

Resolved, That the allowances now made to the Collegiate and Academical Institutions, including King's College, Windsor, shall be continued under the existing regulations for one year only.

£250 Wesleyan Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds, to be paid by quarterly payments, be granted and paid to the Board of Managers of the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, for the present year, upon the same terms as those imposed upon Grants to similar Institutions in the year 1845.

£250 R. Catholic Seminary Arichat.

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds, to be paid by quarterly instalments, be granted to the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Arichat, in aid of the Educational Institution connected with that Body at Antigonishe, upon the same terms as those imposed upon Grants to similar institutions in the year 1845.

£50 Infant School Halifax.

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

£65 18s 6d Howie & Nichols.

Resolved, That the sum of Sixty-five pounds eighteen shillings and six pence be granted and paid to Alexander Howie and James Nichol, Trustees of the School at Sydney, to reimburse them for expences incurred in defending a Suit relating to the affairs of the School, under the circumstances mentioned in the Report of the Committee on Education.

£700 Norm'l School.

Resolved, That a sum, not to exceed Seven hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Commissioners of the Normal School at Truro, in aid of that Institution; a sum, not to exceed Four hundred pounds, to enable them to purchase a field and

and dwelling house at Truro, in the vicinity of the site of the building, for the purposes thereof, and the balance to be expended by the Trustees in completing the building and purchasing the apparatus necessary to put the School in operation.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to the Committee of the Training and Model School, to aid them in the support of that Establishment.

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will suffice to defray the expense of providing Education for Indians, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education.

Resolved, That the sum of Forty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to enable him to continue a suitable Revenue Boat at Cape Breton.

Resolved, 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.

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred and ninety-one pounds fourteen shillings and three pence be granted and paid to A. & W. McKinlay, in full of their account for Stationery and Binding for the House of Assembly, during the past year.

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred and eighty-four pounds nineteen shillings and four pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expences 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.

Resolved, That the sum of Nine hundred and ten pounds and nine pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the expences of the Legislative Council for the present year.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in maintaining a Packet or Ferry Boat between Westport and Montegan, in the County of Digby.

Resolved, That the sum of Four thousand two hundred and seventy-nine pounds, nineteen shillings and two pence be granted and paid to the Board of Works, to defray the balance of expenditure incurred by them during the last year.

Resolved, That a sum, not to exceed Two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Board of Works, in addition to the sum already expended by them, to defray the expence of repairing the damage to Government House occasioned by fire, and a sum, not to exceed six hundred pounds, to be expended in erecting buildings for Outhouses connected therewith, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended by him in replacing and improving, in a suitable manner, the Furniture of Government House, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

Resolved, That the sum of Eighteen pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the expence of Witnesses at the trial of Alexander McDonald, acquitted of the charge of murder on the ground of insanity, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

Resolved, That the sum of Twelve pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to David McCulloch, Clerk in the Financial Secretary's Office, extra allowance for the quarter ending thirty-first March.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-five pounds four shillings and one penny be granted and paid to W. H. Keating, Chief Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office, being the amount of Commissions upon fees collected by him at that Office during the past year.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and paid to James W. Nutting

£500 Training Sch'l

Education for Indians.

£40 Revenue Boat Cape Breton.

Postage Public Departments.

£291 14s 3d A & W. McKinlay.

£284 19s 4d Contingencies H. A.

£910 0 9 Contingencies of Leg. Council.

£25 Ferry Montegan.

£4279 19s 2d Board of Works.

£2250 Repairs of Gov'ment House.

£1200 Furniture for Gov'ment House.

£18 16s 8d witnesses A. McDonald's trial.

£12 10s D. McCulloch.

£35 4s 1 W. H. Keating.

£20 J. W. Nutting.

- Nutting, Esquire, for labor performed by him in compiling a Return, for the use of the Legislature, of all cases in which sales took place in the Court of Chancery, from 1835 to 1852, and also six pounds, in addition, paid by him for transcribing the same.
- £30 Artillery Co. Pictou. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Thirty pounds, be placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay for the alteration, from flint to percussion, of fifty Rifles, for the use of the Pictou Volunteer Artillery Company.
- £150 J. H. Tory. *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds be granted and paid to John H. Tory, Contractor, for building the Bridge over Milford Haven River, in the County of Guysborough, in consideration of the heavy loss incurred by him in the execution of said Contract.
- £20 Ferry Digby. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted in aid of a Packet Boat between Weymouth Bridge and Sandy Cove, in the County of Digby.
- £10 Colored School Cornwallis. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to the Trustees of the School now established in the Pine Woods Settlement, Cornwallis, for the benefit of the Colored Population, to aid them in paying the Salary of the Teacher and completing the School House.
- £10 Ferry Jordan River. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted in aid of a Ferry across Jordan River, in the County of Shelburne, to be divided between the Ferrymen on each side of the River.
- £10 A. Frontan. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to Anselm Fronton, of Clare, for expences incurred by him in the execution of his duty as a Constable.
- Examination of site of Bear River Bridge. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as shall be found necessary to defray the expence of procuring an examination, by a competent Engineer, of Bear River, with a view to the erection of a Bridge at such point, and in such manner as to affect the least possible obstruction to the navigation, together with a Report and Estimate of the cost, for the information of the House at its next Session.
- £5 R. Meagher. *Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid to Richard Meagher, to assist him in his necessities.
- £100 additional, Mails, Bay of Fundy. *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted, in addition to Four hundred pounds recommended by the Report of the Post Office Committee for the conveyance of the Mails across the Bay of Fundy, between Annapolis and Digby and St. John, and between Windsor and St. John, to be placed under the control of the Post Master General with the express understanding that this sum is not to be expended unless the Province of New Brunswick provides an equal sum of Five hundred pounds for the same service.
- £900 Agricultural Societies. *Resolved*, That a sum not to exceed Nine hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Central Board of Agriculture, to be applied at the rate of Fifty pounds for each County, in manner prescribed by Chapter 96, Section 4, of the Revised Statutes.
- £200 Central Board Agriculture. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Central Board of Agriculture, to be applied one half in paying their officers and such incidental expences as shall be absolutely necessary, and the other half, with the balance in their hands, in such way as they shall deem best for promoting Agricultural improvement.
- £5 8s. 2d. expences Stud Horses. *Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds eight shillings and two pence, together with Four pounds eleven shillings and ten pence, remaining from the grant of last year for the purchase of Stud Horses, making ten pounds in all, be granted and paid to John P. Inglis, being amount of his account for services connected with such Provincial Stud Horses, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Agriculture.
- £88 2s 6d expences of selecting Stud Horses. *Resolved*, That the sum of Eighty-eight pounds two shillings and six pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, in addition to Seventy-five pounds previously

previously granted, to defray the expenses of the parties employed to select and import Stud Horses during the past year.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Central Board of Agriculture, to be applied for the encouragement of the manufacture of Bone Manure.

£50 Central Board Agriculture.

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the purpose of importing from Canada, the United States, or Prince Edward's Island, Sheep of the most improved breeds, to be distributed and sold under the direction of His Excellency, pursuant to the Report of the same Committee.

£1000 importation of Sheep.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the purpose of procuring and distributing among the Agriculturists of the Country 5,000 copies of Mr. Dawson's Work on Agriculture.

£150 Dawson's Agricultural publication.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds sixteen shillings and three pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to repay the following advances made from the Provincial Treasury :

£897 16s 3d, Government advances.

E. Rushworth, Salary as Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor, for December Quarter, 1853,	£78 2 6
J. R. Forman, Salary as Government consulting Engineer, to 31st March, 1854,	212 10 0
Captain Barry, for Survey and Report on St. Peter's Canal,	87 10 0
M. Holloran, for expences of Shipwrecked Seamen of Newfoundland, brought from St. Pierre,	6 14 0
Robert Malcom, for expence of Monument to late Herbert Huntington, of Yarmouth,	120 0 0
American Consul, for supplies furnished to Passengers of Ship Staffordshire,	10 0 0
B. Langley, on account of expences and attendance on Provincial Horse Norfolk,	35 4 6
S. Selden, to pay expences of School Specimens sent to London Education Exhibition,	9 8 6
J. S. Morris, Pension as late Commissioner of Crown Lands, for six months, ended 30th September, 1854,	150 0 0
Provincial Secretary, to repay expences of Witnesses from St. John, N. B., in Criminal Prosecution at Kentville,	10 5 6
Provincial Secretary, paid passage of Seamen of Schooner Clydesdale, of P. E. Island, foundered at sea,	2 0 0
W. H. Harris, for expences of mission to Sydney, C. B., to report on imprisonment of N. H. Martin,	19 13 9
The Committee of Nova-Scotia Industrial Exhibition, to pay balance due by them,	130 0 0
Provincial Secretary, for passages of Soldiers Wives and Children from Halifax to Bermuda,	26 7 6

£897 16 3

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-five pounds one shilling be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied as under, in payment of the following sums, for services connected with the trial and imprisonment of Nicholas H. Martin, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject:

£35 1s. expences of N. H. Martin.

The Solicitor General, for travelling fees,	£24 10 0
H. Hesslein, additional,	10 11 0

£35 1 0

Pay of Legislative Council.

Resolved, That the sum of One pound per day be granted and paid to each Member of the Legislative Council, for his attendance in Parliament, with the same travelling fees as are received by Members of the House of Assembly, provided that no Member be paid for more than forty days attendance in any one Session.

Pay of H. A.

Resolved, That the sum of One pound per day be granted and paid to every Member of the House of Assembly, for his attendance in General Assembly for the present Session, to be paid on the Certificate of the Speaker; also the travelling charges as heretofore, but no member shall receive pay for more than forty days attendance.

£20 change of appropriation School, Barrington.

Resolved, That, out of the Grammar School Monies of the District of Barrington, a sum, not to exceed Twenty pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to provide Globes, Maps, and Apparatus for the School in District No. 8, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education.

£25 do. Annapolis.

Resolved, That, out of the undrawn School Monies of the Grammar School at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, there shall be paid to William Shipley, the Master of that School, Twelve pounds ten shillings, for the half year's allowance, ending on the first November last; and, out of the undrawn Grammar School Monies of the Grammar School at Annapolis, there shall be paid to the Trustees of the School Twelve pounds ten shillings, to be expended in the purchase of Apparatus and Books for the use of the School.

£150 do. Normal School.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds, being the first half year's Salary of the Assistants, Teachers of the Normal School, under Section 3 of Chapter 5 of the Act of 1854, be placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in publishing information on the subject of Education, and in aid of Pupils attending the Institution during the first term.

£1000 casualty vote.

Resolved, That if any of the Bridges on the Main Post Roads of this Province shall be unexpectedly destroyed or obstructed by any unforeseen accident or obstacle, it shall be lawful for the Governor to order a Commissioner to re-build or repair such Bridge, or to remove such obstructions; and it shall be lawful further for the Governor to draw Warrants on account and in favor of such Commissioner: provided the sum so to be drawn shall not exceed, for the year, 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.

Post Office.

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will be sufficient to defray the expences of the Post Office Department for the present year, including the amount of Fines recommended by the Committee on the Post Office, to be remitted to Mail Carriers as follows:

H. Hyde,	£131	0	0
Archibald & Stevenson,	4	0	0
King & Brothers,	3	0	0

And such further sum as will be sufficient to defray the expense of carrying out the Money Order System to the extent and in manner recommended by the Committee.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

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

Chapter 37 Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the office of Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands," was read as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

Finally agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

The following Resolutions for granting money, viz.:

Money votes.

Academical Institutions.

£250	0	0	Wesleyan Academy, Sackville.
250	0	0	Roman Catholic Institution, Arichat.
50	0	0	Infant School, Halifax.
65	18	6	Howie & Nichol.
700	0	0	Normal School.
50	0	0	Training School.
			Education of Indians.
40	0	0	Revenue Boat Cape Breton.
			Postage of Public Departments.
291	14	7	A. & W. McKinlay.
284	19	4	Contingencies House of Assembly.
910	0	9	Contingencies of Legislative Council.
25	0	0	Ferry, Montegan.
4,279	19	2	Board of Works.
2,850	0	0	Repairs of Government House.
1,200	0	0	Furniture of Government House.
18	16	8	Witnesses on A. McDonald's Trial.
12	10	0	D. McCulloch.
35	4	1	W. H. Keating.
26	0	0	J. W. Nutting.
30	0	0	Artillery Company, Pictou.
150	0	0	J. H. Tory.
20	0	0	Ferry, Digby.
10	0	0	Coloured School, Cornwallis.
10	0	0	Ferry, Jordan River.
10	0	0	A. Trouton.
			Examining site of Bear River Bridge.
5	0	0	R. Meagher.
100	0	0	Additional Mails, Bay of Fundy.
900	0	0	Agricultural Societies.
200	0	0	Central Board of Agriculture.
5	8	2	J. P. Inglis, additional expences of Stud Horses.
88	2	6	Additional expence of purchasing Stud Horses.
50	0	0	Bone Manure.
1000	0	0	Importing Sheep.
150	0	0	Dawson's Agricultural Publication.
897	16	3	Government advances.
35	1	0	Expenses of N. H. Martin.
			Pay of Legislative Council.
			Pay of House of Assembly.
20	0	0	Change of Appropriation, School Monies, Barrington.
25	0	0	“ “ “ “ “ Annapolis.
150	0	0	“ “ “ “ “ Normal School.
1000	0	0	Casualty vote.

Were, by order, 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. Agreed to.

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

To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment. And sent to H. A.
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Post Office vote, The Resolution for the support of the Post Office was, by order, read a second time; and,
 Disagreed to. On motion, *resolved*, That the said Resolution be not agreed to.
 And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
 To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has not agreed to the same.
 Adjourn. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Monday, 2d April, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

New York and London Tel. Co. Bill read 3rd time,
 Passed,
 And sent to H. A.
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative.
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Amdt. of H. A. to amdt. to Registry of Ships Bill considered.
 On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registry of Ships.

Amdt. read,
 The said amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows:—
 Fifth and sixth lines—Leave out the words “on such conditions as the Governor may appoint, and.”

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

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

Money votes,
 The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :
 £500 0 0 Educational Board of the Presbyterian Church,
 250 0 0 Sterling, Governor's Private Secretary,

Read 2nd 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.

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

The Resolution granting £100 15s. to B. Wier & Co. and others, for Passengers of Barque Arcadia, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to? £100 15s. B. Wier & Co. read 2nd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to.

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

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

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

Resolved, That the sum of Nineteen pounds three shillings and four pence, unexpended Grammar School Money in the District of Guysborough for the year 1854, shall be expended by the Commissioners of Schools in that District in the present year, in aid either of Grammar or Common Schools therein, as the Commissioners may determine. £19 3s. 4d. change of appropriation School Monies, Guysborough,

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

The same were read a first time. Read 1st time.

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

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. S. O. S. on Bill,

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

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

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to postpone the ensuing Easter Term of the Supreme Court at Halifax—which was read a first time. Easter Term Sup. Court, Halifax, Bill read 1st time,

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

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. S. O. S. on Bill.

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

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to postpone the ensuing Easter Term of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Rep. Easter Term Supreme Court Bill without amt.

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

The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass? Bill read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

To carry down the said Bill and desire their concurrence thereto. And sent to H. A.

Rep. Provincial Loan
Bill, without amt.

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

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

Bill read 3rd time,

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

Agreed to.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

H. A. agree to

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

Transatlantic Tel.
Company, and

To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Transatlantic Submarine Telegraph Company.

Easter Term Sup.
Court Bills, with-
out amt.

Also a Bill, entitled, An Act to postpone the ensuing Easter Term of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and to inform the House that the House of Assembly had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

H. E. comes to Coun-
cil Chamber,

At half-past five o'clock, P. M., His Excellency Colonel Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to Five Bills, entitled as follows:—

H. A. attend,
H. E. assents to 5
Bills, viz:
River Fisheries,
Chapter 37,

An Act to amend the Act relating to the River Fisheries.

An Act to amend Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the office of Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands."

Provincial Loan,
Transatlantic Tel.
Company, and
Easter Term Sup.
Court.

An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan.

An Act to Incorporate the Transatlantic Submarine Telegraph Company.

An Act to postpone the ensuing Easter Term of the Supreme Court at Halifax.

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

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed
by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Sta-
tutes, "Of Witnesses and Evidence and the proof of Written Documents."

H. A. agree to amdt.
to Chap. 135 Bill.

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled,
An Act concerning the Registry of Ships, as now amended.

H. A. agree to Re-
gistry of Ships Bill
as now amended.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills and Resolutions :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the
regulation of Trade in certain cases."

Chapter 76,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education.

Education,

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

Chapter 147,

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

Chapter 91,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend certain Chapters of the Revised Statutes.

Certain Chaps. R. S.

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

City of Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the Harbors of Port Hood and Yarmouth.

Harbors of Port
Hood and Yar.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Weights
and Measures."

Chapter 86 Bills.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorised and respect-
fully requested to direct advances from the Treasury of such sums as may be required
towards defraying the expences of Public Printing: provided that no greater sum be
advanced in the whole than Six hundred pounds, and this House will provide for the
same at its next Session.

Vote of Credit,
Printing.

Resolved, That the Governor in Council be authorised to pay to Captain Colin
Yorke Campbell such sum as may be necessary to defray the reasonable cost incurred
by him in conducting the Prosecution of the Schooner Creole, for breach of the Fish-
ery Laws, to be taxed and ascertained pursuant to the Report of the Committee on
that subject, and this House will provide for the same at its next Session.

Do. C. Yorke Camp-
bell,

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

The said Bills and Resolutions were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bills and Resolutions be read a second time.

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

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Granville Assess-
ment Bill,

Read 1st time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Assess the Township of Granville.
To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

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

SJ O. S. on

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

Chapter 86,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Weights and Measures;" also,

Chapter 76,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Regulation of Trade in certain cases;" also,

Education,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education; also,

Chapter 147, and

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

Certain Chapters
Rev. Stat. Bills,
Read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend certain Chapters of the Revised Statutes.

The said Bills were read a second time.

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

Committeed.

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 Chapter 86,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Weights and Measures;" also,

Chapter 76, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the regulation of Trade in certain cases;" also,

Education Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education.

Without amdt.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Bills read 3rd time,

The said Bills were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

Agreed to.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

Rep. 147 Bill with
amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Petty Trespasses and Assaults," and had made several amendments thereto.

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

1st Clause—11th line.—Leave out the words "for the use of," and insert instead the word "to."

13th line.—After the word "bring," insert the words "for the use of the Province."

2nd Clause—9th line.—Instead of the word "fifteen," insert the word "five."

10th line.—After the word "second," insert the words "or subsequent offence;" instead of the word "thirty," insert the word "ten."

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.

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The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend certain Chapters of the Revised Statutes, and had made several amendments thereto.

Rep. certain Chapters Revised Statutes Bill, with amdt.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

In the Title—1st and 2nd lines.—Leave out the words “certain Chapters,” and insert instead the words “Chapter 59.”

Amdt read,

2nd line.—After the word “Statutes,” insert the words “Of Immigrants.”

Leave out the first, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh Clauses of the said Bill.

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.

The said two Bills were then read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,

Bills read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to with amt.

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

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

And sent to H. A.

The following Resolutions for granting money :

£19 3s. 4d. change of appropriation School Monies, Guysborough,

Vote of Credit for Printing,

Do. Colin Yorke Campbell,

Money Votes,

Were, by order, 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.

Agreed to,

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

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

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, “Of Witnesses and Evidence, and the Proof of Written Documents.” was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Chap. 135 Bill,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Finally agreed to,

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

To return the said Bill and acquaint them therewith.

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registry of Ships, was read, as now amended, and the question was put by the President,

Registry of Ships Bill,

Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Finally agreed to,

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

And sent to H. A.

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

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to advance from the Provincial Funds such sum as will be sufficient to defray the expense of the Post Office Department for the present year, and this House will provide for the same at the next Session.

Vote of Credit, Post Office,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to advance from the Provincial Funds such sum as will be sufficient to defray the expense of introducing and putting into operation in this Province the Money Order

Do. Money Order System, P. Office,

System,

System, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the Post Office, and included in a Resolution of this House with other sums passed in Committee of Supply, in support of the Post Office Department, and this House will provide for the same at its next Session.

Do. as to Post Office
Fines,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to advance from the Provincial Treasury the sum of One hundred and sixty-five pounds—One hundred and thirty-one pounds thereof to Hiram Hyde,—Thirty pounds to King & Brothers,—and Four pounds to Archibald & Stephenson, being amount of fines recommended to be remitted by the Post Office Committee in 1853, and also by the Committee this Session in a report adopted by this House and passed in Committee of Supply, and included in a Resolution for a grant for the general support of the Post Office and the Money Order System, and this House will provide for the same at the next Session.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time,

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

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

The Vote of Credit for the Post Office; also,

The Vote of Credit for the Money Order System,

Were, by order, 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.

And agreed to.

Post Office Fines
read 2nd time,

The Resolution for remitting the Post Office Fines, was, by order, read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

When there appeared for the Resolution, eleven; against it, four.

For the Resolution—

Mr. Kenny,
McKeen,
Bell,
Cutler,
Keith,
McHeffey,

Mr. Almon,
Fairbanks,
Black,
Crichton,
Rudolf.

Against the Resolution—

Mr. McNab,
Grigor,
McCully,
The President.

And agreed to.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Votes sent to H. A.

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

Adjourn.

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 4th April, 1855.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER, HUGH BELL, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON,	The Honorable JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Petty Trespasses and Assaults."

H. A. agree to amdt. to Chapter 147 Bill,

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly did not agree to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend certain Chapters of the Revised Statutes.

H. A. do not agree to certain Chaps. Rev. Stat. Bill.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bill and Resolutions:

A Bill, entitled, An Act for appropriating certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and for other purposes.

Appropriation Bill,

Resolved, That the salaries awarded by the Governor in Council to the Chairman and the other Commissioners of the Railway Board, and to the Chief Engineer, should be, and the same are hereby confirmed.

Salaries Railway Commissioners,

Resolved, That the sum of Five pounds granted in 1852, and a balance of ten shillings granted in 1853, and undrawn of Road Monies in the Township of Cornwallis, be appropriated to the Road passing Kidston's and Albert Chase's to Ferry Creek Landing, in said Township.

£5 10s. change of appropriation, Cornwallis,

Resolved, That the sum of Twelve Pounds undrawn from the last year's division of Road Money for the County of Richmond, be added to the sum granted for the Road and Bridge service for that County, and be appropriated in the Road Scale for the present year.

£12 do. Richmond,

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

The same were read a first time.

Read 1st time,

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

Appropriation Bill referred.

Ordered, That Mr. McHeffey, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Cutler, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Petty Trespasses and Assaults," was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Chap. 147 Bill,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Finally agreed to,

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- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
- Amdt. to Bill to certain Chaps. Rev. Stat. The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend certain Chapters of the Revised Statutes— which amendments have not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.
The same were read by the Clerk; 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,
And Bill sent to H. A. To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House adheres to the amendments to the said Bill.
- The following Resolutions this day received from the House of Assembly, viz. :
Votes Salaries of the Railway Commissioners,
£5 10s. change of appropriation, Cornwallis,
12 “ “ Richmond,
Read 2nd time, 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.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
And sent to H. A. To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- City of Halifax Bill read 2nd time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, was read a second time.
And ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
S. O. S. *Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.
Bill committed, On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made two amendments thereto.
Amended, The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:
Amdt. read, 1st Clause.—Leave out this Clause.
2nd Clause—4th line.—After the word “Constable” leave out the remainder of the 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 presently.
Bill read 3rd time, The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?
Agreed to with amt. 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, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
- Com. on appropriation Bill report. Mr. McHeffey, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for appropriating certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and for other purposes, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and found it correct, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Resolved,

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. S. O. S.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time. Bill read 3rd time,

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

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly did not agree to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax. H. A. do not agree to amdt. to City of Halifax Bill.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments to the said Bill.

The same were read by the Clerk ; and,

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

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House does not adhere to the amendments to the said Bill. And Message to H. A.

Resolved, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. McCully, Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Keith, be a Committee to take charge of the Library of this House, and of the Council Chamber and its Furniture, during the recess. Library and Room Committee.

At Four o'clock, P. M., His Excellency Colonel Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to eight Bills, entitled as follows :— H. E. comes to Council Chamber.

An Act to amend Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Weights and Measures." H. A. attend.
H. E. assents to 8 Bills, viz :
Chapter 86,

An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the regulation of Trade in certain cases." Chapter 76,

An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education. Education,

An Act concerning the Registry of Ships. Registry of Ships,

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

An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax. City of Halifax,

An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Witnesses and Evidence, and the Proof of Written Documents." Chapter 135, and

Appropriation Bills.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and for other purposes.

After which, His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following Speech :

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

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

Speech,

The business of the Session having been finally and satisfactorily closed, it affords me great pleasure to relieve you from further legislative attendance.

Of the measures which have been matured this Session, there are two of prominent importance, and which will render it memorable in the history of the Province.

The Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, which your enlightened sense of the public weal led you to affirm by very large majorities, having been sanctioned by the Imperial Parliament, has opened up a vast and increasing market, and will afford the most animating and powerful stimulus to the industry of our people.

The abolition of the Chancery Court, and the blending, by a simple and comprehensive plan, of the principles of Equity with those of the Common Law, have effected an object long and ardently desired, and will be regarded, I trust, by Her Majesty's Government, as a wise and valuable measure.

The introduction of the new principle of evidence and practice in the Supreme Court, will be hailed, also, as an improvement in our Provincial jurisprudence.

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

The liberality with which you have provided for all the branches of the public service, and the munificent sum set apart for the roads and bridges, demand my warmest acknowledgments.

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

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

In the ensuing Summer, I anticipate no difficulty in borrowing, on the credit of the Province, a sufficient sum to carry on the important public works in which we are embarked; and, by the end of next year, I confidently hope that the Railway, stretching from Halifax Harbor, will be extended east and west, till it reach, on the one hand, the waters of the Bay of Fundy, and on the other, those of the Shubenacadie River.

To yourselves, returning to your homes, at the termination of this present Parliament, it must be highly gratifying to mark the unexampled prosperity, and the rapid advance of this fine Province; and I am sure that you will everywhere inculcate sentiments of mutual good will, freedom from party strife, and affectionate loyalty to our Queen and Constitution.

Then the President of the Council, by His Excellency's command, said—

Gentlemen—

Prorogation.

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday, the Tenth day of May next: and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the Tenth day of May next, to be then here held.

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

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Legislative Council Chamber
6th August 1855.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing printed
Pages from Number 11 to Number 132 (both inclusive)
do contain a true and exact copy of the Journals of the
Legislative Council of the Province of Nova Scotia in
the Session commenced 2nd December 1854 and
ended 4th April 1855.

John A. Maclellan
C. L. C.



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LEGISLATIVE ACTS.

No. 13.

Downing-Street, 2d. October, 1854.

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration 77 Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in the month of March last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch noted in the margin.

These Acts having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Acts should be left to their operation; and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 13th ultimo, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. GREY.

Lt. Governor Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of September, 1854.

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1854, pass seventy-seven Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:

No. 3199. An Act to authorize the construction of Railways in this Province.

No. 3203. An Act to establish a Normal School.

No. 3204. An Act concerning the Elective Franchise.

No. 3205. An Act to amend the New Practice Act.

No. 3206. An Act to facilitate Proceedings under the New Practice Act.

No. 3208. An Act to amend Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Exportation of Goods and Drawbacks."

No. 3209. An Act to alter and amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries."

No. 3210. An Act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace.

No. 3211. An Act to amend Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the maintenance of Bastard Children."

No.

- No. 3212. An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes.
- No. 3213. An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds, and Incumbrances affecting Lands."
- No. 3214. An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments."
- No. 3215. An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Costs and Fees."
- No. 3216. An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways and Highway Labour, except in Halifax."
- No. 3217. An Act to remove all disability to take and hold Real Estate by reason of Alienage.
- No. 3218. An Act to authorise Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the Trial of Criminals.
- No. 3219. An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 103 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the conveying of Timber and Lumber on Rivers, and the removal of Obstructions therefrom."
- No. 3220. An Act to further amend the Jury Law.
- No. 3221. An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Coal Mines."
- No. 3222. An Act relating to the River Fisheries.
- No. 3223. An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education.
- No. 3224. An Act to amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Forcible Entry and Detainer."
- No. 3225. An Act to alter and amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments."
- No. 3226. An Act to amend Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Fences, Fence Viewers, and Impounding of Cattle."
- No. 3227. An Act to amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Officers of the Customs."
- No. 3228. An Act in addition to the Act relative to the Crown Land Department.
- No. 3229. An Act to amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Officers of the Customs."
- No. 3230. An Act to amend Chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Public Exhibitions."
- No. 3231. An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Shipping and Seamen."
- No. 3233. An Act to continue the License Law.
- No. 3234. An Act to continue the Act for regulating Distilleries.
- No. 3235. An Act relating to Disorderly Persons.
- No. 3236. An Act to alter and amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Commissioners of Sewers, and the regulating of Dyked and Marsh Lands."
- No. 3237. An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Petty Trespasses and Assaults."
- No. 3238. An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties.
- No. 3239. An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and for other purposes.
- No. 3240. An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan.
- No. 3241. An Act for Settling Titles to Lands in the Island of Cape Breton.
- No. 3242. An Act to authorize the Board of Works to Lease or Sell certain Public Property.
- No. 3243. An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax.
- No. 3244. An Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison.
- No. 3245. An Act respecting Assessments in the City of Halifax. No.

- No. 3246. An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax.
- No. 3247. An Act to amend the Act relating to the Onslow Burial Ground.
- No. 3248. An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Bridge over the West River of Pictou.
- No. 3249. An Act to increase the number of Polling Places in the County of Lunenburg.
- No. 3250. An Act relating to certain Public Lands in the Town of Lunenburg.
- No. 3251. An Act to provide for the completion of the Road from Mahone Bay to Bridgewater.
- No. 3252. An Act to divide the Township of St. Andrew's, in the County of Cape Breton.
- No. 3253. An Act concerning the County of Shelburne.
- No. 3254. An Act to legalize certain proceedings of the Sessions of the County of Shelburne.
- No. 3255. An Act to provide for improving the Road from Antigonishe towards Sherbrooke.
- No. 3256. An Act to amend the Act, entitled, An Act to authorize an Assessment on the Township of Sydney.
- No. 3257. An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Barney's River, in the County of Pictou.
- No. 3258. An Act relating to the erection of a Bridge at Barney's River.
- No. 3259. An Act to provide for constructing Bridges at Kennetcook and St. Croix, in the County of Hants.
- No. 3260. An Act relating to the Chesley Aboiteau.
- No. 3261. An Act relating to the Court House at Liverpool.
- No. 3262. An Act to alter certain Electoral Districts in the County of Shelburne.
- No. 3263. An Act to incorporate the New Glasgow Steam Boat Company.
- No. 3264. An Act to incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Marine Insurance Company.
- No. 3265. An Act to incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company.
- No. 3266. An Act to incorporate the Nova-Scotia Mutual Marine Insurance Company.
- No. 3267. An Act to incorporate the Clements Port Wharf Company.
- No. 3268. An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society.
- No. 3269. An Act to incorporate the Halifax Marine Railway Company.
- No. 3270. An Act to incorporate the Pictou Water Company.
- No. 3271. An Act to incorporate the Liverpool Steam Boat Company.
- No. 3272. An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop in Arichat.
- No. 3273. An Act to authorize the dissolution of the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company.
- No. 3274. An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Meeting House at Hantsport.
- No. 3275. An Act to incorporate the Truro Temperance Hall Company.
- No. 3276. An Act to incorporate a Company to establish a Steam Boat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou.
- No. 3277. An Act to authorize the sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at Tatamagouche.
- No. 3278. An Act to revive and continue the Act to incorporate the Avon Marine Insurance Company.
- No. 3279. An Act to Naturalize the Rev. John Goudot, and others therein named.
- No. 3280. An Act respecting the Presbyterian Meeting House at Upper Stewiacke.

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.

C. GREVILLE.

No. 18.

Downing-Street, 24th October, 1854.

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration two Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, in the month of March last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch — noted in the margin.

These Acts having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Acts should be left to their operation; and I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 18th instant, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. GREY.

Lieutenant-Governor Sir C. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

At the Court at Windsor, the 18th day of October, 1854.

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1854, pass two Acts which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:

No. 3207. An Act to continue and further amend the Laws imposing Customs Duties.

No. 3232. An Act to continue and amend Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Militia."

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee 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.

C. GREVILLE.

Lord

FISHERIES AND RECIPROCITY TREATY.

(Copy.)
No. 7.

Lord Clarendon to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

Downing-Street, 18th August, 1854.

SIR—

I have the honor of transmitting to you copy of a communication which Her Majesty's Government have just received from the Minister of the United States at this Court, inclosing a Despatch from the Department of State, at Washington, by which it appears that the President's ratification of the Reciprocity Treaty will be ready to be exchanged against that of Her Majesty, when the latter arrives at Washington; and that the Congress has already passed a Law to give effect to that Treaty. Mr. Marcy also expresses the hope of the Government of the United States that American Fishermen may not be molested if they should at once attempt to use the privileges secured to them by the Treaty.

It is the desire of Her Majesty's Government that this wish of the Government of the United States should be acceded to; and that American Fishermen may be immediately allowed the use of these privileges.

Her Majesty's ratification will be sent by this Mail, to be exchanged against that of the President of the United States, by Her Majesty's Minister at Washington.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

(Signed) CLARENDON.

Lieut.-Governor Sir G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Legation of the U. S., London, 16th August, 1854.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to enclose you the copy of a Despatch of the 4th instant, which I have just received from Washington, and to express the hope that your Lordship will enable me to communicate to the Secretary of State, by Saturday's Steamer, that orders had been sent by the British Government to the Authorities in the Colonies not to molest American Fishermen in using at once the privileges secured to them by the Treaty of Reciprocity.

I cordially congratulate you upon the final settlement of the Fishery question, which has for so many years threatened to produce serious difficulties between our two countries. May they ever be friends!

Yours, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES BUCHANAN.

Lord CLARENDON.

(Copy.)

*Department of State, Washington,
4th August, 1854.*

SIR—

I have to inform you that the Senate has approved the Reciprocity Treaty, and that the President's Ratification will be ready for exchange whenever that of H. B. M. shall be presented for the purpose.

Congress has also passed a law to give effect to the Treaty. Inasmuch, therefore, as everything has been done on the part of the U. S. to give complete effect to the Treaty, they do not doubt that American Fishermen will not be molested should they at once attempt to use the privileges secured to them by the Treaty, although Great Britain and the Provinces may not have passed the laws required on their part to carry it into complete effect. You will make this expectation known in the proper quarter, with an intimation that it would be advisable that the necessary orders should be forthwith despatched to the authorities in the Colonies.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

W. L. MARCEY.

JAMES BUCHANAN, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

W. L. Inch, Esquire, to the Provincial Secretary.

Admiralty Office, Halifax, August 31, 1854.

SIR—

I am directed by the Rear Admiral Commander in Chief, to inform you, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that, in pursuance of directions which the Rear Admiral has this day received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to issue instructions to the Officers in command of Her Majesty's Cruizers not to molest American Fishermen in using at once the privileges secured to them by the Reciprocity Treaty, he has sent orders accordingly to Lieutenants Knocker and Dent, in charge of the "Alice Rogers" and "Sarah and Adeline;" and directed them to return forthwith to Halifax.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed)

WM. L. INCH,

Secy. to Commander in Chief.

The Hon. L. M. WILKINS, Provincial Secretary, &c. &c.

(Copy.)

H. M. Council to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Halifax, 14th September, 1854.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We beg leave respectfully to submit, for your Excellency's consideration, the following observations which are suggested by the Despatch, (No. 7), addressed to your Excellency by the Right Honorable the Earl of Clarendon, and which conveys the desire of Her Majesty's Government that a wish communicated to it by the Government of the United States, *that American Fishermen should not be molested if they should, at once, attempt to use the privileges that will be secured to them by the Reciprocity Treaty*, should be acceded to by the Provincial Government.

Whilst we entertain, in common with your Excellency, a sincere and earnest desire to promote every object of Her Majesty's Imperial Government having relation to the general interests of the Empire, and, whilst we are not prepared to advise your Excellency to withhold your assent to the appeal thus earnestly made by the Ministers of our Sovereign, we feel that *that* assent may be productive of great difficulty and embarrassment

embarrassment to your Excellency's administration. Uninformed officially of the terms of the Treaty, and gathering a knowledge of its stipulations literally from rumor and public journals, we presume, nevertheless, that the approval of our Legislature is made necessary to give it complete effect. This we cannot doubt, because the opinions of the Imperial Law Officers of the Crown, conveyed by Sir John Pakington's Dispatch of the 19th of October, 1852, recognize the right of our Colonial Legislature to enforce the terms of the Convention of 1818, in our own waters, and because the Royal Assent has been given to a Provincial Statute, based on that right, which embodies provisions for carrying it into effect. But, though the result of our legislation on this subject is necessarily uncertain, your Excellency is invited to assume, in effect, that it will sanction the Treaty, and, in anticipation of this, in a matter of delicate and invidious legislation, to exercise legislative functions, and admit, by a mere Executive Ordinance, Americans to a present participation in our Fisheries, without our own people deriving that present advantage which would flow from the immediate free admission of the products of our soil, or our waters, into the ports of the Union. Your Excellency is asked, forthwith, to permit Americans to enter our waters, and carry thence their produce, unrestricted by duty, into the United States, during the residue of the present fishing season, and *that* the most profitable portion of it, whilst the catch of our own fishermen will, during the corresponding period, enter their ports subject to the existing tariff. At a very large expense to the Colonial Treasury, and by the express authority of the Legislature, Provincial armed vessels have been dispatched to the fishing stations to protect our interests, and yet, without any legislative revocation of the authority thus given, the Executive Government is now called upon, at the instance of the Government of the United States, to withdraw those vessels, and relinquish the object of protection, hitherto deemed of vast importance by the Legislature—Your Excellency thus incurring the hazard of compromising your Government, in the *possible* event of the Treaty being repudiated by our legislation, as adverse to the true interests of the Province. Without, however, speculating upon possibilities, your Excellency is not unacquainted with the fact that the people of Nova-Scotia, generally, are deeply impressed with a sense of the magnitude and importance of the privileges which they will be called upon to concede, as well as of their constitutional exclusive right to legislate in relation to them, and that a difference of opinion amongst our leading men exists, as to the expediency of granting to the citizens of the Union, on the conditions of the Treaty, a community of enjoyment of our Fisheries, whilst the corresponding concessions are deemed by many to fall very far short of what, on grounds of fair reciprocity, they ought to be. And yet, this knowledge of the conflicting sentiments of Nova-Scotians, and the possible influence upon future legislation that opinions adverse to the Treaty may exercise, Your Excellency virtually is required to ignore. In conclusion we cannot forbear remarking that objections to the Treaty are not likely to be weakened by a sense of the eagerness thus manifested by the Government of the United States for an immediate enjoyment of the privileges demanded, and that it would have been more reasonable, perhaps, if that Government had been content to forego the temporary advantages thus asked, for the short interval that will elapse previous to the meeting of our Legislature, and more just, if the desire for that immediate enjoyment had been accompanied with a tender to Her Majesty's Nova-Scotian subjects, of a present fruition of corresponding privileges contemplated by the Treaty.

(Signed)

MICHAEL TOBIN.

JAMES McNAB.

SAMUEL CREELMAN.

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

WILLIAM A. HENRY.

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(Copy.)

Sir J. G. LeMarchant to His Excellency John F. Crampton.*Government House, Halifax,
14th September, 1854.*

SIR—

The accompanying copy of a communication which has been, this day, made to me by my Executive Council, will explain to your Excellency the difficulty which I have experienced in acceding to Lord Clarendon's wish therein referred to, in relation to the claims urged by Mr. Marcy on behalf of American Fishermen, and will, at the same time, furnish the grounds of the appeal which I now beg leave earnestly to make to you, for your active intervention with the Government of the United States in order to obtain for Her Majesty's subjects in Nova-Scotia, the immediate enjoyment (irrespective of future legislation) of the privileges which are eventually to be secured to them by the Reciprocity Treaty. The reasonableness of the claim which I thus venture to urge, is so obvious, that it is only necessary, I am persuaded, to bring it to your notice to ensure your Excellency's prompt and able advocacy in its support. Permit me to add that, as American Fishermen will not, henceforth, be molested in attempts to participate in our Fisheries, in the interval that will elapse before the decision of our Legislature shall be known, it is most desirable that, with the least possible delay, the corresponding advantages of the Treaty should be extended to our own people.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. G. LEMARCHANT.

His Excellency JOHN F. CRAMPTON, &c. &c.

(Copy of above transmitted, same day, to Lord Elgin.)

(Copy.)
No. 11.**Sir G. Grey to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.***Downing-Street, 30th August, 1854.*

SIR—

I transmit to you copy of a Despatch which I addressed by the mail of the 25th instant, to the Governor General, on the subject of the recently ratified Commercial Treaty with the United States.

Her Majesty's Government sincerely trust that the common advantages which this Treaty will secure to Her Majesty's subjects in North America, will be fully appreciated by the inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, and that its Legislature will readily acquiesce in passing any Bill which may be requisite for giving effect to its provisions within the Province. In proposing any measure for this purpose, you will be guided by the suggestions which you may receive from the Governor General, in accordance with the last paragraph of my Despatch to Lord Elgin.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) G. GREY.

Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)

No. 13.

Downing Street, 24th August, 1854.

MY LORD—

The Despatch which you will have received from Lord Clarendon, by the last mail, will have apprised you of the fact, that intelligence of the ratification by the American Government of the Treaty in the negotiation of which with the United States you have been recently concerned, has been received here, and I lose no time in congratulating your Lordship on this auspicious result of the endeavour which you, and the advisers of your Canadian Government, have so long used for achieving this great object, and of the negotiation with which your Lordship was recently charged.

As yet, however, in consequence of the short time which has elapsed since the ratification of the Treaty, I have not received from yourself any official account of these transactions, nor have Her Majesty's Government been made aware of the contents of the Act passed by Congress for the purpose of ratifying the Treaty. I feel, therefore, that any instructions which I may address to you must be imperfect, and their execution contingent on circumstances of which I am not yet fully informed. But as the Canadian Legislature is to meet early next month, I do not think it right to postpone, on this account, any communication to you on this important subject. Assuming, therefore, that the Act of Congress is in conformity with the terms of the Treaty, and that it embraces all the Provinces, I proceed to convey to you the views entertained by Her Majesty's Government as to the legislative measures required to carry into full execution the purposes of the Treaty.

Article V. runs as follows:—"The present Treaty shall take effect as soon as the Laws required to carry it into operation shall have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, and by the Provincial Parliaments of those of the British North American Colonies which are affected by this Treaty on the one hand, and by the Congress of the United States on the other."

This article is of course not to be understood as if the assent of the Provincial Legislature, or even of the Imperial Legislature, were necessary, in order to enable the Crown to execute a valid and binding Treaty with a Foreign Country. This is in all countries a Prerogative of the Sovereign Power, and in England the Sovereign Power *quoad hoc* is vested in the Crown.

But the concurrence of the Legislature may, nevertheless, be required to abrogate existing Laws which may be in any respect inconsistent with the intended Treaty; and it is in this sense that I conceive the provision of Article V. is properly to be understood. The Parliament of the United Kingdom will be applied to, for instance, to repeal various provisions of the Statute 59 Geo. III. c. 38, passed in consequence of the Convention of 1818 between Great Britain and the United States, and possibly other existing Acts of Parliament, may present impediments which it will require such authority to remove.

The Imperial Parliament has, farther, legal power to over rule any provisions of Colonial Law which may be in opposition to the Treaty; but it is scarcely necessary to say that to enforce that power would be contrary to the principles on which the Government and Legislature of this country have long acted towards the inhabitants of Her Majesty's Colonial Dominions. It will therefore be advisable to apply, in addition, to the several Colonial Legislatures, as has been assumed by your Lordship in framing the Treaty.

The purposes for which such application must be made, and the extent of the repealing or enabling provisions required, must be better known to the Colonial Authorities than to Her Majesty's Government. They would appear, however, chiefly to relate

to the following subjects:—The admission of American Fishermen to the Colonial Fisheries within Article I. for which purpose certain Acts of the Legislatures of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, would require repeal and the admission of American produce duty free under Article III.

For these purposes (to which your own better judgment and that of the Authorities of the several Colonies may perhaps add others) it is not proposed that Imperial legislation should be resorted to, but that they should be provided for by the several Provincial Legislatures, as specified in the Treaty. I entertain no doubt that they will readily concur in passing the Acts necessary for this purpose.

I shall send a copy of these instructions to the Lieut. Governors of the other North American Provinces by the next mail, but they will be directed only to act in conformity with any suggestions which they may receive from your Lordship, and I have to request that you will communicate with them on the subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

Governor the Right Honble.

The EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, K.G., &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

The Governor General to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

Government House, Quebec,
14th September, 1854.

SIR—

I have the honor to enclose herewith the copy of a Treaty concluded on the 5th day of June last, between Her Majesty and the Government of the United States, for the settlement of disputes in reference to the fisheries, and for the establishment of reciprocal freedom of trade in certain articles the produce of the British North American Provinces and the United States. I also enclose the copy of an Act of Congress for carrying this Treaty into effect, transmitted to me by Mr. Secretary Marcy.

Your Excellency has, no doubt, received the copy of a despatch addressed to me by Sir George Grey, numbered 13, of the 24th of August last, in which the views of the Secretary of State for the Colonies as to the effect of Article V. of the Treaty are set forth. No doubt can, I apprehend, be entertained of the soundness of these views, and I trust that the Legislature of Nova Scotia will be disposed to meet the advances of the Government and Congress of the United States in a liberal spirit, by repealing such laws as may be an obstacle to the admission of Fishermen of that country to the Fisheries, and by providing for the admission, duty free, of such articles, the produce of the United States, as are included in Article III. of the Treaty.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

His Excellency Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN, being equally desirous with the GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES to avoid further misunderstanding between their respective Subjects and Citizens, in regard to the extent of the right of Fishing on the Coasts of British North America, secured to each by Article I. of a Convention between

between the United States and Great Britain, signed at London on the 20th day of October, 1818, and being also desirous to regulate the Commerce and Navigation between their respective Territories and People, and more especially between Her Majesty's Possessions in North America and the United States, in such manner as to render the same reciprocally beneficial and satisfactory, have respectively named Plenipotentiaries to confer and agree thereupon, that is to say: Her Majesty, the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, JAMES, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Lord Bruce, and Elgin, a Peer of the United Kingdom, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, and Governor General in and over all Her Britannic Majesty's Provinces on the Continent of North America, and in and over the Island of Prince Edward; and the President of the United States of America, WILLIAM L. MARCY, Secretary of State of the United States, who, after having communicated to each other their respective full Powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE I.

It is agreed by the High Contracting Parties, that in addition to the liberty secured to the United States fishermen by the above mentioned Convention of October 20, 1818, of taking, curing, and drying fish on certain Coasts of the British North American Colonies therein defined, the inhabitants of the United States shall have, in common with the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, the liberty to take fish of every kind, except shell-fish on the sea-coasts and shores, and in the bays, harbors, and creeks of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, and of the several Islands thereunto adjacent, without being restricted to any distance from the shore; with permission to land upon the coasts and shores of those Colonies and the Islands thereof, and also upon the Magdalen Islands, for the purpose of drying their nets and curing their fish: provided that in so doing, they do not interfere with the rights of private property or British fishermen in the peaceable use of any part of the said coast in their occupancy for the same purpose.

It is understood that the above mentioned liberty applies solely to the sea fishery, and that the salmon and shad fisheries, and all fisheries in rivers, and the mouths of rivers, are hereby reserved exclusively for British fishermen.

And it is further agreed, that in order to prevent or settle any disputes as to the places to which the reservation of exclusive right to British fishermen contained in this Article, and that of fishermen of the United States contained in the next succeeding Article, apply, each of the High Contracting Parties, on the application of either to the other, shall, within six months thereafter, appoint a Commissioner. The said Commissioners before proceeding to any business, shall make and subscribe a solemn declaration that they will impartially and carefully examine and decide to the best of their judgment, and according to justice and equity, without fear, favor or affection to their own country, upon all such places as are intended to be reserved and excluded from the common liberty of fishing under this and the next succeeding Article; and such declaration shall be entered on the record of their proceedings. The Commissioners shall name some third person to act as an Arbitrator or Umpire in any case or cases, on which they may themselves differ in opinion. If they should not be able to agree upon the name of such third person, they shall each name a person, and it shall be determined by lot which of the two persons so named shall be the Arbitrator or Umpire in cases of difference or disagreement between the Commissioners. The person so to be chosen to be Arbitrator or Umpire shall, before proceeding to act as such in any case, make and subscribe a solemn declaration in a form similar to that which shall already have been made and subscribed by the Commissioners, which shall

be entered on the record of their proceedings. In the event of the death, absence, or incapacity of either of the Commissioners or of the Arbitrator or Umpire, or of their or his omitting, declining or ceasing to act as such Commissioner, Arbitrator, or Umpire, another and different person shall be appointed or named as aforesaid to act as such Commissioner, Arbitrator, or Umpire, in the place and stead of the person so originally appointed or named as aforesaid, and shall make and subscribe such declaration as aforesaid.

Such Commissioners shall proceed to examine the Coasts of the North American Provinces and of the United States embraced within the provisions of the first and second Articles of this treaty, and shall designate the places reserved by the said Articles from the common right of fishing therein.

The decision of the Commissioners and of the Arbitrator or Umpire shall be given in writing in each case, and shall be signed by them respectively.

The High Contracting Parties hereby solemnly engage to consider the decision of the Commissioners conjointly, or of the Arbitrator or Umpire, as the case may be, as absolutely final and conclusive in each case decided upon by them or him, respectively.

ARTICLE II.

It is agreed by the High Contracting Parties that British subjects shall have, in common with the citizens of the United States, the liberty to take fish of every kind, except shell-fish, on the Eastern sea coasts and shores of the United States, North of the 36th parallel of North Latitude, and on the shores of the several Islands thereunto adjacent, and in the bays, harbors, and creeks of the said sea coasts and shores of the United States and of the said Islands, without being restricted to any distance from the shore, with permission to land upon the said coasts of the United States and of the Islands aforesaid, for the purpose of drying their nets and curing their fish: provided that in so doing, they do not interfere with the rights of private property, or with the fishermen of the United States in the peaceable use of any part of the said Coasts in their occupancy for the same purpose.

It is understood that the above mentioned liberty applies solely to the sea fishery, and that salmon and shad fisheries, and all fisheries in rivers and mouths of rivers are hereby reserved exclusively for fishermen of the United States.

ARTICLE III.

It is agreed, that the Articles enumerated in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being the growth and produce of the aforesaid British Colonies or of the United States, shall be admitted into each Country respectively free of duty:

SCHEDULE.

Grain, flour, and breadstuffs of all kinds.
 Animals of all kinds.
 Fresh smoked and salted meats.
 Cotton-wool, seeds and vegetables.
 Undried fruits, dried fruits.
 Fish of all kinds.
 Products of fish and of all other creatures living in the water.
 Poultry, eggs.
 Hides, furs, skins or tails undressed.
 Stone or marble in its crude or unwrought state.
 Slate.
 Butter, cheese, tallow.
 Lard, horns, manures.

Ores of metals of all kinds.
Coal.
Pitch, tar, turpentine, ashes.
Timber and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part.
Firewood.
Plants, shrubs, and trees.
Pelts, wool.
Fish-oil.
Rice, broomcorn, and bark.
Gypsum, ground or unground.
Hewn or wrought or unwrought burr or grindstones.
Dye-stuffs.
Flax, hemp, and tow unmanufactured.
Unmanufactured tobacco.
Rags.

ARTICLE IV.

It is agreed that the citizens and inhabitants of the United States shall have the right to navigate the river St. Lawrence and the Canals in Canada, used as the means of communicating between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean, with their vessels, boats, and crafts, as fully and freely as the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, subject only to the same tolls and other assessments as now are or may hereafter be exacted of Her Majesty's said subjects, it being understood, however, that the British Government retains the right of suspending this privilege on giving due notice thereof to the Government of the United States.

It is further agreed that if at any time the British Government should exercise the said reserved right, the Government of the United States shall have the right of suspending, if it think fit, the operation of Article III. of the present treaty in so far as the Province of Canada is affected thereby, for so long as the suspension of the free navigation of the river St. Lawrence or the Canals may continue.

It is further agreed that British subjects shall have the right freely to navigate Lake Michigan with their vessels, boats and crafts, so long as the privilege of navigating the river St. Lawrence secured to American citizens by the above clause of the present Article shall continue, and the Government of the United States further engages to urge upon the State Governments to secure to the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, the use of the several State Canals on terms of equality with the inhabitants of the United States.

And it is further agreed that no Export duty or other duty shall be levied on lumber or timber of any kind cut on that portion of the American territory in the State of Maine, watered by the river St. John and its tributaries, and floated down that river to the sea, when the same is shipped to the United States from the Province of New Brunswick.

ARTICLE V.

The present treaty shall take effect as soon as the laws required to carry it into operation shall have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and by the Provincial Parliaments of those of the British North American Colonies which are affected by this treaty on the one hand, and by the Congress of the United States on the other. Such assent having been given, the treaty shall remain in force for ten years from the date at which it may come into operation, and further until the expiration of twelve months after either of the High Contracting Parties shall give notice to

the other of its wish to terminate the same; each of the High Contracting Parties being at liberty to give such notice to the other at the end of the said term of ten years, or at any time afterwards.

It is clearly understood, however, that this stipulation is not intended to affect the reservation made by Article IV. of the present treaty with regard to the right of temporarily suspending the operation of Articles III. and IV. thereof.

ARTICLE VI.

And it is hereby further agreed that the provisions and stipulations of the foregoing Articles shall extend to the Island of Newfoundland, so far as they are applicable to that Colony. But if the Imperial Parliament, the Provincial Parliament of Newfoundland, or the Congress of the United States, shall not embrace in their laws enacted for carrying this treaty into effect, the Colony of Newfoundland, then this Article shall be of no effect, but the omission to make provision by law to give it effect, by either of the legislative bodies aforesaid, shall not in any way impair the remaining Articles of this treaty.

ARTICLE VII.

The present treaty shall be duly ratified and the mutual exchange of ratifications shall take place in Washington within six months from the date hereof, or earlier if possible.

In faith, whereof, We, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed this treaty and have hereunto affixed our Seals.

Done in triplicate, at Washington, the Fifth day of June, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

(Signed)

ELGIN & KINCARDINE,

L. S.

W. L. MARCY,

L. S.

(Copy.)

An Act to carry into effect a Treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed on the Fifth day of June, Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Four.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That whenever the President of the United States shall receive satisfactory evidence that the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, and the Provincial Parliaments of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, have passed laws on their part to give full effect to the provisions of the Treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed on the fifth day of June last, he is hereby authorized to issue his Proclamation declaring that he has such evidence, and thereupon from the date of such proclamation, the following articles, being the growth and produce of said Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, to wit:—

Grain, flour and breadstuffs of all kinds; animals of all kinds; fresh smoked and salted meats; cotton-wool; seeds and vegetables; undried fruits; dried fruits; fish of all kinds; products of fish and all other creatures living in the water; poultry; eggs; hides, furs, skins or tails undressed; stone or marble in the crude or unwrought state; slate, butter, cheese, tallow; lard; horns; manures; ores of metals of all kinds

kinds; coal, pitch, tar, turpentine; ashes; timber and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed and sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part; fire wood, plants, shrubs and trees; pelts; wool; fish-oil; rice, broom-corn and bark; gypsum, ground or unground; hewn or wrought or unwrought burr or grindstones; dye-stuffs; flax, hemp and tow unmanufactured; unmanufactured tobacco; rags;

Shall be introduced into the United States free of duty so long as the said treaty shall remain in force, subject, however, to be suspended in relation to the trade with Canada on the condition mentioned in the fourth article of the said Treaty; and all the other provisions of the said Treaty shall go into effect, and be observed on the part of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever the Island of Newfoundland shall give its consent to the application of the stipulations and provisions of the said treaty to that Province, and the Legislature thereof, and the Imperial Parliament shall pass the necessary laws for that purpose, the above enumerated articles shall be admitted free of duty from that Province, into the United States, from and after the date of a Proclamation by the President of the United States, declaring that he has satisfactory evidence that the said Province has consented, in a due and proper manner, to have the provisions of the treaty extended to it; and to allow the United States the full benefits of all the stipulations therein contained.

Approved, August 5th, 1854.

Mr. Crampton to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Copy.)

Washington, September 25, 1854.

SIR—

Your Excellency's despatch of the 14th inst. reached me yesterday, and I have lost no time in bringing the subject to which it relates, under the consideration of the Government of the United States.

Having made known to the Secretary of State of the United States the natural desire of Her Majesty's Subjects in Nova Scotia to be put at once, and irrespective of future legislation, into possession of the privileges which are eventually to be secured to them by the Treaty signed at Washington on the 5th of June last, Mr. Marcy replied, that the Government of the United States, heartily participating in the desire I had expressed to him on the part of Nova Scotia that all the provisions of the Treaty should at once be rendered practically available to both parties, would not, if it depended upon the President, delay its accomplishment for a single day. He called my attention, however, to the fact, that neither the President, nor Congress, possessed any Constitutional power which would enable them to dispense, even temporarily, with any part of the provisions of a Treaty which, once ratified, formed a part of the law of the land.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed)

JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His Excellency Colonel

Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Halifax.

The

The Governor General to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Copy.)

*Government House, Quebec,
23d Sept., 1854.*

SIR—

I have the honor to inform you that the Bill necessary, in so far as Canada is concerned, to give effect to the Fishery and Reciprocity Treaty agreed to on the fifth of June last, by the Plenipotentiaries acting on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, and the Government of the United States, was yesterday passed unanimously by either House of this Provincial Parliament, and that I have this day assented to it in Her Majesty's name.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ELGIN & KINCARDINE.

His Excellency Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

Sir J. G. LeMarchant to Mr. Crampton.

(Copy.)

*Government House, Halifax,
3d October, 1854.*

SIR—

I beg leave to call your Excellency's attention to the 11th Section of Chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, (whereof a copy is herewith transmitted to you,) which appears to me to supersede a necessity for that immediate Colonial legislation, in relation to the Reciprocity Treaty, which I would gladly avoid, if possible, because to anticipate the usual time of convening the Legislature, would be inconvenient and expensive. The clause referred to is in full force, and, though there may be some articles enumerated in the Statute which are not found in the Treaty, and some in the Treaty not specified in the Statute, still, as you will perceive, it is quite competent to me in my Council to declare, by Proclamation, all, or any that come within the common intendment of both, admissible free of duty. The clause evinces the past, and may fairly be presumed to indicate the future spirit in which the question involved has been, and will be, received by the Legislature of this Colony. It occurs to me that the President, being informed of the existence of the Statute to which I have invited your Excellency's attention, will regard it as affording, so far at least as it corresponds to the Treaty, sufficient evidence of required legislation on the part of Nova Scotia, and to that extent at once proclaim the Treaty in operation. I shall feel much gratified if your Excellency will be pleased, at your earliest convenience, to bring the subject of this communication under the consideration of the Government at which you exercise your high functions, and

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

His Excellency JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

(Copy.)

H. M. Council to the Lieutenant-Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

Your Excellency having been pleased to call our attention to the circumstance of Special Sessions of the Legislature in relation, as is presumed, to the Reciprocity Treaty, having been convened by the Governments of New Brunswick and of Prince Edward's Island, as well as to the fact that Canada has, by legislation, adopted

adopted the treaty, and having required an opinion as to the expediency of your Government, at once, summoning the General Assembly, we beg leave to inform your Excellency that, for the reasons which we are about to submit, we do not advise your Excellency to anticipate the usual period of our general legislative deliberations.

The communication which your Council had the honor to address to your Excellency, on the 14th ultimo, has already placed your Excellency in possession of the views entertained by your advisers on the subject of Lord Clarendon's proposition on behalf of American Fishermen, conveyed by his Despatch (No. 7), and your Excellency may be assured that if the earliest legislation could, in the event of its approving the treaty, accelerate its operation, and thereby promote or facilitate the acquisition by Her Majesty's subjects of the privileges contemplated by it, and corresponding with those which the citizens of the Union are now actually enjoying, though in opposition, as we believe, to its true spirit, which is obviously designed to be mutual, not merely in respect of its provisions, but in regard to actual commencement of its operations, we should advise your Excellency forthwith to convene the Legislature. Regarding, however, carefully the terms of the treaty, and the language of the Act of Congress passed in reference to it,—reflecting that, as is manifest from Lord Clarendon's Despatch, Parliament has been prorogued without legislation in connexion with the subject under consideration,—and perceiving that Mr. Marcy, in his communication to Mr. Buchanan, when soliciting from the British Government those privileges for American Fishermen which practically they have obtained, did not convey the slightest intimation of the readiness of his own Government to yield present corresponding advantages to our own people, or even of the constitutional power of that Government to yield them, we are obliged to conclude that immediate special legislation in adoption of the treaty, on the part of our own Province, or even on the parts of all the British North American Colonies, would not, *without the concurrence of Imperial legislation also*, be of the slightest benefit to the Queen's subjects in Nova Scotia. These views, which from our earliest consideration of this subject we have entertained, are now confirmed by the authentic intelligence just received by your Excellency of the decision of the Secretary of State of the United States, recognizing and adopting the opinion of the Attorney General of the Union, which is in terms as follows, viz. ; “*that the President cannot issue his Proclamation until he shall receive satisfactory evidence of the enactment by THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT, and by the Provincial Parliaments of all the four Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova-Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, of special laws ad hoc to give full effect to the treaty, according to the terms of the Act of Congress.*” Considering, then, that extraordinary legislation, which is both inconvenient and expensive, can produce no beneficial results, and having no reason to believe that Parliament will be again in session before the usual period of the meeting of our Legislature, we have arrived at that conclusion on the question submitted to us, which we have now the honor to express to your Excellency.

Council Chamber, Halifax,

13th October, 1854.

(Signed)

W. YOUNG.
MICH'L. TOBIN.
JAMES McNAB.
SAM'L. CREELMAN.
LEWIS M. WILKINS.
STEPHEN FULTON.

To His Excellency

Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

A printed copy of Mr. Cushing's opinion was received by the Government at this time.

Mr. Crampton to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Copy.)

Washington, October 13, 1854.

SIR—

I have had the honor of receiving your Excellency's Despatch of the 3d inst. and I have lost no time in submitting the matter to which it refers to the consideration of the Government of the United States.

I regret to state that the Secretary of State of the United States informs me, that although animated by a sincere desire to avoid delay in carrying into full effect the provisions of the Treaty of June last, the President does not feel himself at liberty to issue the Proclamation required for the purpose.

Mr. Marcy referred me to the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States, a copy of which is already in your Excellency's hands, for an explanation of the constitutional and legal obstacles which oppose themselves to such a course.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His Excellency Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT,
Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia.

(Copy.)

Washington, October 9, 1854.

SIR—

You are aware that Instructions have been issued by Her Majesty's Government for the immediate admission of American Fishermen to a free participation in the Fisheries of the British North American Provinces under the terms of the Treaty signed at Washington on the 5th of June last, while, from the delay which must necessarily occur before the whole of the legislation required by the Treaty on the part of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, and of some of the Colonial Legislatures, the other provisions of the Treaty, and more especially the provision by which British caught fish are to be admitted free of duty, will probably remain inoperative during the whole of the present fishing season.

You will not fail to perceive the peculiar and serious discouragement to which, under such a state of things, the fishermen of the British Colonies will be subjected, at the very outset of an arrangement which was evidently meant by the High Contracting Parties to be equally beneficial to their respective subjects and citizens.

I entertain no doubt, Sir, that the Government of the United States, in addressing to Her Britannic Majesty's Government the request that the British Fisheries should be at once thrown open to American enterprise, were far from desiring that the British Fishermen should thereby be placed, even temporarily, under any disadvantage, in a pursuit, which it was the wise and liberal policy of both Governments to throw open to competition on fair and equal terms.

Under these circumstances, although fully aware of the difficulties of a legal and constitutional nature which would oppose themselves to the adoption by the Executive of the United States of a measure exactly corresponding to that by which the British Government has so promptly responded to the wishes of the Government of the United States, I am nevertheless induced to bring the subject under your notice as one
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which, I feel convinced, well merits, and will receive, the equitable consideration of the President, with a view to the adoption of such measures as may be practicable for the immediate relief of a deserving and industrious class of Her Majesty's subjects from the pressure of a heavy discriminating import, the continued exaction of which results from circumstances over which neither they themselves, nor their Government, have any control, but which must necessarily be of a temporary nature.

I avail myself, &c.

(Signed) J. F. CRAMPTON.

To the Honorable W. L. MARCY, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Department of State, Washington,
10th October, 1854.

SIR—

I have received your Note of yesterday in relation to the application of the British Fishermen to have the fish taken on the coasts of the *British North American* Provinces introduced into the markets of the United States free of duty. As a compensation for admitting our citizens to the inshore fisheries, as provided for in the treaty lately entered into by the United States and Great Britain, the fish taken by British subjects on these coasts are, when the Treaty shall go into full operation, to be admitted into the United States without being charged with any duty. The inshore fisheries having been thrown open to our citizens, this Government, if it had the power to do so, would, at once, give effect to the stipulation of the Treaty which provides for the introduction into this country of fish of British subjects free of duty. This appears to be equitable and just; but the Executive of the United States have not that power. It is obliged to levy duties on fish brought to its market by British subjects, until the treaty becomes operative by the required legislation of Great Britain and the British Provinces.

Should British fish, caught after the inshore fisheries were opened, be brought to our markets, and duties paid thereon, it would be reasonable to expect that an application to Congress to refund the duties, founded upon such equitable considerations as the case would present, would be successful; or if such fish thus taken should be put in Warehouses, and bonds for the duties thereon given, Congress would, I believe, authorize such bonds to be cancelled and given up, without requiring such fish to be re-exported.

Having regard to the equitable considerations in support of such a proceeding on the part of Congress, I am quite sure the Executive will readily co-operate in such a measure.

I avail, &c.

(Signed) W. L. MARCY.

JOHN F. CRAMPTON, Esq., &c. &c.

(Copy.)

The Governor General to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

Government House, Quebec,
10th October, 1854.

SIR—

The Despatch which you did me the honor to address to me on the 14th ultimo, reached this place while I was absent on a tour in Upper Canada. I received it on my return two days ago.

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The despatch referred to merely transmitted the Council

Minute, and the despatch of Sir J. G. LeMarchant to Mr. Crampton, both of same date.

Looking to the tenor of the correspondence enclosed in this Despatch, and to the steps which the other Colonies affected by the Fishery and Reciprocity Treaty are taking for giving effect to its provisions, I think it my duty to suggest for your Excellency's consideration whether it might not be expedient to summon the Parliament of Nova Scotia for an early day, with the view of inviting its attention to this important subject. I make this suggestion with diffidence, as I am aware that circumstances with which I am unacquainted may influence you in coming to a decision on this point, but I venture to submit it in the hope that you will give it such weight as it may seem to you to deserve.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

His Excellency Lieut. Governor

Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

II. M. Council to the Lieutenant-Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We have considered, with that serious attention which is due to the importance of the subject which it involves, and to the high source whence the suggestion conveyed by it emanates, the Despatch of the 10th instant, addressed to your Excellency by the Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin, suggesting for your consideration whether it might not be expedient to summon the Parliament of Nova Scotia for an early day, with the view of inviting its attention to the Fishery and Reciprocity Treaty. The communication which we had the honor to make to your Excellency, on the 13th instant, and of which a copy has been transmitted to the Governor General, will have put His Excellency in possession of the arguments which influenced our opinion that it was not expedient for your Excellency to convene the Legislature in Special Session. We feel therefore, that whilst referring your Excellency to that communication, we need only add, that if His Excellency the Governor General is aware of any reasons which induce a necessity for early legislation which is not apparent to us, or that promise from the latter any advantages in relation to the treaty which we do not perceive, and will be pleased to make them known to us, through your Excellency, we shall be prepared to advise the earliest possible meeting of the General Assembly. Your Excellency knows that the counsel which we have felt it our duty to give to your Excellency, has not been influenced by any indifference on our part, or by any imagined indifference on the part of the people, to a matter of such vast importance as the question of the treaty confessedly is, nor by any ground known to exist for apprehension that discord with the other Legislatures will be found to mark the result of our legislative deliberations. We have a deep conviction of the importance of cordial and harmonious action upon this subject, on our part, with the other British North American Colonies, and we entertain a most sincere desire that *that* intercolonial cordiality and harmony may prevail. Our opinion of the inexpediency of calling the Legislature together before the usual time, is confirmed by a reflection that, by anticipating for a few weeks only that accustomed period, a legislative decision

decision upon the subject under consideration can be pronounced, and imparted to Her Majesty's Government, before the usual meeting of Parliament, and in time to enable the Queen's Ministers to inform Parliament of the legislative determinations of all the North American Colonies on the question of the Fishery and Reciprocity Treaty.

*Council Chamber, Halifax,
24th October, 1854.*

(Signed)

WILLIAM YOUNG.
MICH. TOBIN.
JAMES McNAB.
SAM'L. CREELMAN.
LEWIS M. WILKINS.

His Excellency Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

Mr. Crampton to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Copy.)

Washington, October 23, 1854.

SIR—

With reference to my letter of the 13th instant, I have the honor to inclose herewith, for your Excellency's information, the copy of a Circular Letter from the Secretary of the United States Treasury to Collectors of Customs, containing instructions for their guidance with a view to facilitating the arrangements dependent upon the future action of Congress, having reference to a remission of the duty on British caught fish during the present season.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His Excellency Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

(Circular.)

*Treasury Department,
October 16, 1854.*

SIR—

In consideration of the privilege now enjoyed by citizens of the United States, as well as of the probable exemption from duty, at an early day, of fish of all kinds, the products of fish, and all other creatures living in the water, and in pursuance of the stipulations of the reciprocity treaty of the 5th of June last, entered into between the United States and Great Britain, upon due compliance with the requirements of said treaty, respectively, by the Imperial Parliament and the Provincial Colonies affected by the treaty aforesaid; and in order to facilitate certain arrangements and understandings dependent upon the action of Congress, had between the Secretary of State of the United States and the British Minister, Mr. Crampton, it becomes necessary to issue the following instructions, to wit:—

First—On entry at your port, for consumption, of the fish of the description mentioned, and due payment of the duties thereon, you will give the owners, importers, or agent, a proper receipt therefor, with the Custom House seal attached, specifying the name and nation of the vessel, the date of her entry, the place from whence arriving, with the quantity and description of the fish.

Second—Should the parties desire to warehouse under bonds, you will permit the same to be done in accordance with the existing provisions of the law on the subject, taking care to give such particulars of the law on the transaction in the bond as to show the true object of the obligation.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

J. G. WASHINGTON,

Acting Secy. of the Treasury.

To H. J. REDFIELD, Esquire, Collector, &c.

The Governor General to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Copy.)

*Government House, Quebec,
18th Oct., 1854.*

SIR—

I have the honor to enclose herewith for your Excellency's information the printed copy of an Act passed by the Parliament of this Province for giving effect, on the part of this Province, to the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, relative to the Fisheries and to Commerce and Navigation, which was signed at Washington on the fifth of June last.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient Servant,

(Signed) ELGIN & KINCARDINE.

His Excellency the LIEUT. GOVERNOR, Halifax, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

An Act for giving effect on the part of this Province, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America.

Whereas it is expedient to provide for giving effect, as regards this Province, to the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, signed on the Fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled,

An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. Whenever the Governor of this Province shall, by Proclamation, declare that the said Treaty has taken effect according to the terms thereof, the articles enumerated in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being the growth and produce of the said United States, shall be admitted into this Province free of duty, so long as the said Treaty shall remain in force; except that if at any time the said United States shall, under the terms of the said Treaty, suspend the operation of the third Article thereof, so far as this Province is affected thereby, then the Governor of this Province may, if he see fit, declare such suspension by Proclamation, after which the exemption from duty under this Act shall cease while such suspension shall continue, but the Governor may again, whenever such suspension shall cease, declare the same by Proclamation, from and after which such exemption shall again take effect.

II. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by any Order or Orders to be made for that purpose, to do anything which shall be found necessary to be done on the part of this Province to give full effect to the said Treaty, and any such Order shall have the same effect as if the object thereof were expressly provided for by this Act.

III. The Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to provide for the free admission into Canada, of certain articles of the growth or production of the United States of America, on certain conditions therein mentioned*, is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

Grain, flour, and breadstuffs of all kinds.
 Animals of all kinds.
 Fresh smoked and salted meats.
 Cotton-wool, seeds and vegetables.
 Undried fruits, dried fruits.
 Fish of all kinds.
 Products of fish and of all other creatures living in the water.
 Poultry, eggs.
 Hides, furs, skins or tails undressed.
 Stone or marble in its crude or unwrought state.
 Slate.
 Butter, cheese, tallow.
 Lard, horns, manures.
 Ores of metals of all kinds.
 Coal.
 Pitch, tar, turpentine, ashes.
 Timber and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part.
 Firewood.
 Plants, shrubs, and trees.
 Pelts, wool.
 Fish-oil.
 Rice, broomcorn, and bark.
 Gypsum, ground or unground.
 Hewn or wrought or unwrought burr or grindstones.
 Dye-stuffs.
 Flax, hemp, and tow unmanufactured.
 Unmanufactured tobacco.
 Rags.

The Governor General to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Copy.)

*Government House, Quebec,
16th October, 1854.*

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit to you, by request of the Earl of Clarendon, a printed Copy of the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, relative to Fisheries and to Commerce and Navigation, which was signed at Washington on the 5th of June last, and the ratifications of which were exchanged at Washington on the 9th ultimo.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) ELGIN & KINCARDINE.

His Excellency Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Halifax.

(Copy.)

Sir G. Grey to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

No. 17.

Downing-Street, 24th October, 1854.

SIR—

With reference to your Despatches noted in the margin, I transmit for your information copy of a letter addressed to this Department by direction of the Earl of Clarendon, enclosing copies of a correspondence between the Earl of Clarendon and Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, respecting the claim of the British North American Colonies to be admitted to the full and immediate enjoyment of the privileges stipulated for by the Treaty of the 5th of June last.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) G. GREY.

Lieutenant-Governor

Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Nova Scotia.

(Copy.)

Washington, September 25, 1854.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to inclose in print the copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to the Collector of the Customs at New York, stating to him the conditions which must necessarily be fulfilled before the provision of the late Reciprocity Treaty, between Great Britain and the United States, which affect the Tariff of Duties of the United States, can be carried into effect.

This

No. 53 and 54, 14th
Sept., 1854.
These merely trans-
mitted copies of
Council Minute
and Despatch to
Mr. Crampton
from Sir Gaspard,
respectively of this
date.

This letter has, I understand, been addressed to the Collector in reply to a request on his part for instructions for his guidance in the case of an application which had been made for the free admission of a cargo of Nova Scotia Coal under the provisions of the Treaty.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. F. CRAMPTON.

The EARL OF CLARENDON, &c. &c. &c.

From the "National Intelligencer" of September 21st, 1854.

The Duty on Coal.

It will be seen by the following letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, that the Tariff laws will still be in force in reference to the British North American Colonies until the proper legislation shall have been had by those Colonies on the Reciprocity Treaty:

Treasury Department, Sept. 19th, 1854.

SIR—

The fifth Article of the Reciprocity Treaty with Great Britain provides that "the present Treaty shall take effect as soon as the laws required to carry it into operation shall have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and by the Provincial Parliaments of those of the British North American Colonies which are affected by this Treaty on the one hand, and the United States on the other," and the sixth Article provides the Treaty shall not embrace Newfoundland until the Provincial Parliament of the Colony of Newfoundland, and the Congress of the United States, shall pass laws to that effect.

It is understood that the Imperial Parliament and the Congress of the United States have passed the necessary laws to carry the Treaty into effect including Newfoundland, but that the Parliaments of none of the British North American Colonies have as yet acted upon the subject, and some of them will not be in Session for several months.

The navigation of the St. Lawrence, and the Fisheries, being considered Imperial rights, have been conceded to the United States by Great Britain in advance of the proper legislation by the Colonies; but that has no effect upon the tariff of the Colonies, which can only be taken away by their legislation, and the legislation of the United States has been made dependent upon their action. The tariff laws will therefore be in force as though the Treaty had not been made, until the British Colonies shall legislate upon the subject, in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty. Their legislation will of course be communicated to the Government of the United States, and when so communicated, will be made public, and the proper notice given as to cessation of duties.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES GUTHRIE,

Secretary to the Treasury.

J. H. REDFIELD, Esq. Collector, New York.

(Copy.)

No. 223.

Foreign Office, October 13th, 1854.

SIR—

I have received your Despatches Nos. 234 and 235 of the 25th Sept., reporting your communications with Mr. Marcy with reference to a representation made to you by the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, urging that the Government of the United States ought forthwith to give full effect to the provisions of the Reciprocity Treaty, on the grounds that American Fishermen had been forthwith admitted to fish on the coast of the British Provinces.

Mr. Marcy, I understand, pleads inability to comply with this request, inasmuch as the action of the Government of the United States is limited by the Act of Congress by which the Government were allowed to carry the Treaty into effect, and the fifth Article of the Treaty only stipulates that the Treaty is to take effect as soon as the law required to carry it into operation shall have been passed by the Imperial Parliament and by the Provincial Parliaments on the one hand, and by the Congress of the United States on the other. The Congress of the United States has indeed performed its share of legislation, but legislation on the part of Great Britain is still wanting to bring the Treaty into operation; and consequently the Government of the United States cannot proceed to give effect to the Treaty as matters now stand.

Her Majesty's Government greatly regret that such an impediment should exist to the immediate enjoyment by the United States, and by the British Provinces, of the advantages which the Treaty of June 5th is calculated to bestow upon them, and Her Majesty's Government would gladly learn that some means had been found for obviating the difficulty stated by Mr. Marcy. The promptitude with which Her Majesty's Government, at the request of the American Minister in this country, gave effect to the stipulations of the Treaty bearing on the Fisheries on the Coasts of the British Colonies, will, they are satisfied, be acknowledged by the Government of the United States as entitling them to expect that the Cabinet of Washington will, on its part, endeavor to remove any obstacle to the two countries reaping, without delay, the benefit of the Treaty, although from the force of circumstances the conditions requisite to give formal effect to the Treaty have not hitherto been fully complied with on the part of Great Britain.

With reference to the subject of this Despatch, I enclose for your information copies of two letters from the Colonial Office, the one enclosing a copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, the other a copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Prince Edward Island, urging respectively the claims of those Colonies to be admitted to the full and immediate enjoyment in the United States of the privileges stipulated for in the Treaty of the 5th of June last, on the ground that American Fishermen have been admitted without delay to the enjoyment of the Treaty privileges in the waters of those British Colonies.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

CLARENDON.

JOHN F. CRAMPTON, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

Mr. Crampton to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Copy.)

Washington, Nov. 6, 1854.

SIR—

With reference to my letter of the 23d ultimo, in which I had the honor of enclosing to your Excellency the copy of a circular instruction from the Secretary

Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to Collectors of Customs, containing instructions for their guidance, with a view to facilitating the arrangements dependent upon the future action of Congress, having reference to a remission of the duty on British caught fish during the present season, I have now the honor to inform your Excellency that the United States Government, in consequence of the Act lately passed by the Canadian Legislature for bringing the Reciprocity Treaty into full operation, has engaged to apply the same principle to the other articles enumerated in the Treaty being the produce of Canada, as has been applied to British-caught fish.

I feel little doubt that the United States Government would not hesitate to embrace in the same arrangement, similar articles, being the produce of Nova Scotia, so soon as I shall be enabled to announce to them officially that the Legislature of that Province has passed an Act similar to that adopted by the Legislature of Canada, and I shall therefore feel obliged by the earliest intelligence which your Excellency may be enabled to give me of such an event.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed)

JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His Excellency

Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

Sir J. G. LeMarchant to Mr. Crampton.

(Copy.)

Government House, Halifax,

13th November, 1854.

SIR—

Immediately upon receipt of your Despatch of the sixth instant, I summoned the Legislature of this Province to meet, for despatch of business, on the earliest possible day, that is to say, the second day of December next, as you will perceive by the printed copy of the Proclamation to that effect which is now enclosed. As, therefore, but a short interval will elapse before Nova Scotia will have legislated on the subject of the Reciprocity Treaty, I will take it for granted that the Government of the United States, reflecting upon the readiness with which we have acceded to Lord Clarendon's wishes on their behalf, expressed in relation to our Fisheries, will, through your intervention, cause Nova Scotia to be included in the Circular mentioned in your Despatch, with an understanding that they will recommend Congress to authorize return of the duties levied upon our produce, in the event of Nova Scotia adopting the Treaty, and making its adoption of it retrospective from the date of the operation of the Circular.

If this be done, I will immediately thereupon, as I am fully empowered by law to do, instruct the Provincial Custom House Officers in reference to entry at our ports of American produce, in the same manner as the United States have instructed their Officers in relation to our Fisheries, by their Circular of the 16th of October last; and I will proclaim that duties levied in our ports on such United States produce, up to the time of our legislating in the matter of the Treaty, shall actually be returned, in the event of Congress sanctioning the return of duties levied from us in the corresponding period, as contemplated by their Circulars.

I trust that you will concur with me in thinking the arrangement which is thus suggested, not only not unreasonable, but in perfect harmony with the spirit of the Treaty.

I beg to add that I shall not fail to convey to you the earliest intelligence of the result of the deliberations of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, in relation to this important subject.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

His Excellency JOHN F. CRAMPTON, &c. &c. &c.

Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick to the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

(Copy.)

Government House, Fredericton, New Brunswick,

November 11, 1854.

SIR—

I have now the honor to forward to your Excellency the Gazette which contains a copy of the Act passed by the General Assembly of New Brunswick for giving effect, as far as this Province is concerned, to the Treaty recently concluded between Her Majesty and the Government of the United States.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. HENRY T. MANNERS SUTTON.

His Excellency Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

An Act for giving effect on the part of the Province of New Brunswick, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America.

[*Passed 3d November, 1854.*]

Whereas it is expedient to provide for giving effect, as regards this Province, to the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, signed on the fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four:

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. Whenever the Governor of this Province shall, by Proclamation, declare that the said Treaty has taken effect according to the terms thereof, the articles enumerated in the Schedule to this Act, being the growth and produce of the said United States of America, shall be admitted into this Province free of duty, so long as the said Treaty shall remain in force, any Law, Act, or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding, except that if at any time the said United States shall, under the terms of the said Treaty, suspend the operation of the third Article thereof, so far as this Province is affected thereby, then the Governor of this Province may, if he see fit, declare such suspension by Proclamation, after which the exemption from duty under this Act shall cease while such suspension shall continue, but the Governor aforesaid may again, whenever such suspension shall cease, declare the same by Proclamation, from and after which such exemption shall again take effect.

II. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by any Order or Orders to be made for that purpose, to do anything further in accordance with the spirit and intention of the said Treaty, which shall be found necessary to be done on the part of this Province to give full effect to the said Treaty, and any such Order shall have the same effect as if the object thereof were expressly provided for by this Act.

III. When and so soon as the said Treaty shall be declared by Proclamation of the Governor to be in force and to have taken effect according to the terms thereof, as provided for by the first Section of this Act, an Act made and passed in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act relating to the Coast Fisheries and for the prevention of Illicit Trade*, together with such provisions of all other Laws, Acts, or Statutes of this Province now in force, as are contrary to or inconsistent with the terms and spirit of the said Treaty, are hereby declared to be suspended, and shall continue to be so suspended and not in force so long as the said Treaty shall continue and be in force, any Law, Act, or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

SCHEDULE TO THIS ACT.

Grain, flour, and breadstuffs of all kinds.
 Animals of all kinds.
 Fresh smoked and salted meats.
 Cotton-wool, seeds and vegetables.
 Undried fruits, dried fruits.
 Fish of all kinds.
 Products of fish and of all other creatures living in the water.
 Poultry, eggs.
 Hides, furs, skins or tails undressed.
 Stone or marble in its crude or unwrought state.
 Slate.
 Butter, cheese, tallow.
 Lard, horns, manures.
 Ores of metals of all kinds.
 Coal.
 Pitch, tar, turpentine, ashes.
 Timber and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, sawed, and unmanufactured in whole or in part.
 Firewood.
 Plants, shrubs, and trees.
 Pelts, wool.
 Fish-oil.
 Rice, broomcorn, and bark.
 Gypsum, ground or unground.
 Hewn or wrought or unwrought burr or grindstones.
 Dye-stuffs.
 Flax, hemp, and tow unmanufactured.
 Unmanufactured tobacco.
 Rags.

Rear Admiral Fanshawe to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Copy.)

*Boscawen, at Halifax,
13th October, 1854.*

SIR—

3 Enclosures.

I have the honor to enclose for your Excellency's information, copies of the Reports made by Lieutenants Knocker and Dent, whilst employed in the hired Provincial Schooners "Sarah & Adeline" and "Alice Rogers," for the protection of the Fisheries on the Coast of Nova Scotia.

I beg also to enclose to your Excellency an extract from a letter from Commander Napier, of Her Majesty's Sloop Daring, containing some observations made by him on the Light Houses on the Coast of Nova Scotia, &c.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's

Most obedient Servant,

(Signed) **ARTHUR FANSHAWE**, *Rear Admiral
and Commander-in-Chief.*

His Excellency Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT,
Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia.

*Schooner "Sarah and Adeline,"
Halifax, 16th September, 1854.*

SIR—

I have the honor to inform you of the arrival of the Provincial Schooner under my command, and to make the following Report of my proceedings whilst in that vessel.

Leaving Halifax on the 24th June, I sailed for the Eastward, and proceeded along the Southern coast of Nova Scotia to Canso Harbor, where I anchored on the 26th, and on the following morning proceeded round Chedabucto Bay, calling at Fox Island, Crow Harbor, Guysborough, and the various Creeks and Harbors.

Finding no fishing going on about the Bay, I proceeded, on the afternoon of the 28th, through the Gut of Canso, calling at all the different Coves, &c., and where I found any American vessels, ordering them out as soon as they had remained the time allowed them for procuring wood and water, in which, however, I found no difficulty, as they were only too anxious to proceed on their fishing voyage as soon as wind and weather would permit them. I anchored at Plaister Cove, where I was detained by contrary winds until the 5th of July, when I weighed and proceeded through the Strait to Port Hood, with upwards of sixty sail, (chiefly Americans) all bound for the North Bay. Before going to Port Hood, I cruized round the Bay of St. George, but finding no Fishing or other vessels in the Bay, I came too on the morning of the 6th. On the 7th weighed and stood to the Northward, along the Cape Breton shore, seeing only one sail during the day. After cruizing up and down the coast as far as Cape North, I returned to Port Hood on the 10th, and receiving no orders proceeded through the Gut to Plaister Cove, where I anchored on the morning of the 11th, and remained until the 13th, watering and refitting, and then proceeded to the Southward to Canso Harbor.

Finding no orders, I went back to Port Hood on the 18th July. There was no appearance of any Fishing vessels either in the Bay of St. George or about Port Hood

Hood (although the Fish were very abundant along the shore and in the Strait.) I again sailed for the Northward and came too in Cheticamp Harbor on the 21st. I visited the Fishing establishment here carried on by Messrs. Robins & Co., which is conducted on a very large scale. Their boats, &c., are well equipped, and they cure annually from 8 to 10,000 quintals of Codfish. Finding no fishing going on about this part of the coast, on the 24th I proceeded to the Northward, calling at Limbo Cove, &c., and anchored in the Bay of St. Lawrence. On the 26th weighed and stood to the Southward, calling at Port Hood, and being in want of wood and water, ran down to Holland Cove.

I found the Strait entirely occupied by American Fishermen, and indeed, during the whole of the Fishing season this is the case. On going from the Strait to Port Hood on the 29th July, I observed a dismasted Brig, and a Schooner under the land, about 6 miles to the Southward of Cape Jack Light. On boarding her, she proved to be the British Brig "Fortuna," picked up by the American Schooner "Mary Gay," on the 27th, off East Point, Prince Edward Island. I anchored alongside the wreck for the night, and on the following morning, not considering her in safety, (the wind at the time blowing hard from the S. W. and only one anchor being on board,) I desired the American Master to take her into Port Hood, or some place of safety, and on his refusing to do so I took the Brig in tow, and on the following day anchored her in safety. On Monday, the 1st of August, I gave her in charge of Mr. Blanchard, Collector of Customs, &c. at Port Hood.

I remained at that place until the 4th August, during which time we were employed refitting, painting, &c., no Fishing vessels of any description being on the coast. I was informed by several American Fishing Masters that the Fish were found in great abundance in the Bay, but so close in shore that their vessels had done very badly, owing to the vigilance of the Cruizers on the station. On the 7th I weighed and ran down along the land to the Northward, but finding no Fishing vessels on the coast, stood across towards Prince Edward Island, and continued cruising until the 10th, when I anchored at Port Hood and received intelligence that Her Majesty's Brig "Daring" had sailed on the 9th for Chaleur Bay. There was no fishing either by Foreign or British vessels, going on. I remained there until the 12th, on which day I sailed, and being in want of repairs, which could not be obtained elsewhere, I ran down the Strait of Canso, and anchored in Arichat Harbor at 4 P. M. on that day.

I remained there until the 16th, when I again sailed for Port Hood. After running through the Strait of Canso, on the 17th, I observed an American vessel fishing within the Bay of St. George, which I boarded, and after examining her papers, ordered and saw her off. She belonged to Truro, and was bound home with 170 barrels of Mackerel on board. This was the first American vessel I found fishing within the limits. I arrived at Port Hood on the 20th August, when I was detained by strong N. W. gales until the 24th, when I sailed and proceeded down the shore to the Northward, where I found only five English Schooners fishing off Margaree Island. A gale of wind springing up suddenly from the S. W., I stood off the land and hove too. On the morning of the 25th, the wind shifted round to the N. W., still blowing very hard, I rounded Cape North, and ran down the Eastern shore of Cape Breton, intending to make Sydney, but failing in that, stood on, and the sails being very much in want of repair, I ran into Louisburgh, where I anchored on the 26th. After refitting and repairing sails, I started on the 27th for Port Hood, where I anchored at 8 P. M. on the 28th August. On the 31st I sailed in company with the Provincial Schooner "Alice Rogers," standing across towards East Point, and continued cruising from there to Margaree Island, until the 3d September, when I returned to Port Hood. On the 4th, being in want of wood and water, I ran down to Holland Cove, Strait of Canso, after completing which, I returned to Port Hood the following day. On the

7th I weighed and stood down towards Margaree Island, but the wind blowing fresh from the Northward and Westward, returned the same night, having seen only three English vessels fishing off the mouth of the River.

I remained at Port Hood until the 9th, when Her Majesty's Brig "Daring" arrived, and I received orders to repair forthwith to Halifax. I accordingly sailed from Port Hood on the 10th September, and anchored in the Strait of Canso that night. I was informed that Her Majesty's Brig "Daring" had passed through the Gut that forenoon. I remained there until the 12th, being detained by Southerly winds and calms, when I sailed.

On leaving the Gut I found the wind blowing hard from the S. W., and therefore bore up and anchored in Arichat. On the following morning, weighed and stood across towards Canso Harbor; the wind increasing to a strong gale, in the evening I came too inside Island Harbor, where I remained until the following morning, when I sailed for Halifax.

With regard to the service on which I have been employed, I beg to state that up to the time of my being recalled, there was no Fishing carried on by any Foreign vessels about the shores of Cape Breton Island. About the end of August a few British Fishing vessels began to make their appearance at Port Hood, but although the Mackerel were found in great abundance, they were so small that they were not thought worth taking by the Fishermen.

During the whole time I have been off and on the coast of Cape Breton, I have only seen two American vessels within the limits, on my station, with the exception of those which from time to time put in for shelter, wood and water. I regret, therefore, that it has been almost out of my power to afford any protection to the Fisheries, which I was in hopes I should have been able to do.

I would respectfully beg to observe, that great inconvenience is occasioned by English vessels not shewing their colors when in sight of a Man-of-War, and it would greatly forward the service could they be punished for this neglect.

Many of the Lunenburgh vessels it is almost impossible to distinguish from Americans, and much time is frequently lost in chasing them when the Cruizers might be better employed. I would also beg to suggest to your Excellency that should vessels be again required to be fitted out for the protection of the Fisheries, that the owners should not be allowed to go in them as Sailing Masters, and that a Government instead of a private Pilot should be appointed, who should be responsible for the safe pilotage of the vessel. I transmit herewith a copy of my Journal, and have returned to your office all the papers and documents with which I was furnished.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ALBERT DENT,
Lieutenant.

Rear Admiral ARTHUR FANSHAWE, C. B.,
Commander-in-Chief.

Provincial Armed Schooner "Alice Rogers,"
Halifax, September 18, 1854.

SIR—

I have the honor to report the arrival of the hired Provincial Schooner "Alice Rogers," under my command from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where she has been employed in the protection of the Fisheries since the 14th of June, and I respectfully submit for your consideration the following remarks made whilst so employed:

I cruized in Chaleur Bay and about Gaspé,—occasionally visiting North Cape, Prince Edward Island,—from 28th of June to 18th of August.

The Mackerel struck into Chaleur Bay the last week in June; were more plentiful, and those caught were much finer than those caught last year; but in Gaspé Bay they were three weeks later in striking in, and were neither so abundant nor so fine fish as in Chaleur Bay. The Mackerel appeared to keep in shore from Cape Gaspé towards Fox River, and northward—off which place, and Griffin's Cove, a large catch was made at the end of July. At north Cape, Prince Edward's Island, fish abounded, but were very small, as also about East Cape and on the shores of Cape Breton, and this appears to have been the case all over the Gulf.

The Deep Sea Fishery on the New Brunswick and Canadian Coasts has been successful, and would have been more so had there not been a scarcity of bait.

Finding but few vessels came to the Coasts of Chaleur Bay, and requiring medical aid, I left it on the 18th August, and proceeded towards North and East Capes, Prince Edward Island, and arrived at Port Hood, Cape Breton, the latter end of August.

The American Fishermen, during the first part of the season, would not take the small Mackerel, but they have done so lately, from the great demand for fish in the United States. Many of their vessels (upwards of a hundred sail) left the Gulf with half cargoes on that account, but the average catch has not exceeded, even if it equalled, that of last year at this time, and I do not think there are so many vessels employed.

The contrary is the case with English vessels, and, to the credit of Nova-Scotia, a great many vessels as fine and as well found as those from the United States are from Halifax, Lunenburg, LeHave, &c., far more than any previous year.

They came into the Gulf much later than the Foreign vessels, but have been doing well, this they attribute to the protection afforded them.

Encroachments this year by Foreign vessels have been frequent, owing, I think, to the less number of cruizers in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; and the American Fishermen, knowing no Steamer was employed in the protection of the Fisheries there, took every advantage of the movement of the cruizers from one part of the Coast to another. About Gaspé Bay I did not hear of any cases, but several at and about Fox River, and also received information to that effect from Mr. Belleau, Collector of Customs at Gaspé, copies of whose letter to me, and that of the Master of an English Schooner to him, I beg to enclose.

In Chaleur Bay several instances of encroachment, after warning off had not been attended to, compelled me to make two seizures, the "Montezuma" and the "Ellen," of Salisbury, (American Schooners) considering an example absolutely necessary, having detected twenty-seven within a week in the Bay and off North Cape. The "Montezuma" I released on the Master giving me a written statement that he had been legally seized, and the "Ellen" I took to Bathurst, and delivered her to the Collector of the Customs there. I also detained the American Schooner "Legislator," of Bremen, off East Cape, but on the Master acknowledging his infraction of the Treaty, and that his vessel was a lawful prize, and giving me a written statement to that effect, I released him.

I was informed by several American Captains, that the catch of fish had been very fair on the shores of the Magdalen Islands, chiefly by nets and from the vessels sprung to their anchors.

The English vessels this year, I am happy to say, have their papers much more correct than last, only five or six out of forty-four I boarded, being irregular, and they seem to pay more attention to shewing their colors to the cruizers, though in many cases their not doing so caused me considerable trouble and delay.

I feel it right to inform your Excellency that on the several Coasts I have visited, particularly

particularly at Point Peter, Gaspé Shores, and most of the Fishing Stations in Chaleur Bay ; (I have had but little communication with those of Nova-Scotia, except at Port Hood and in the Gulf of Canso, where the inhabitants are chiefly Americans, and get their living by them, and I fear by smuggling.) Many of the inhabitants engaged in the Fishery have spoken to me, and in several instances, have asked me to express their earnest hopes that the Fisheries would not be thrown open to the United States vessels. The continuance of protection is a question of diplomacy, but I can state that, having been employed two seasons on this service, having associated with the poorer as well as the richer class of people thus engaged, nearly all entertain the same feelings, and seem convinced that such a course will ruin them and their families.

I would wish also to bring under your notice the great increase of vessels that sail this year under English colors and papers, but belonging to American subjects residing in the Provinces.

At Cascumpeque, Prince Edward Island, an American Gentleman, Mr. Ryder, owns about ten vessels, they are American built, the Masters are chiefly Americans, as are most of their crews.

Several of these vessels have been run on shore purposely off that Harbor, and bought in by Mr. Ryder, but received their papers in the name of his Clerk—Mr. Howlan, an Englishman. About the 10th August, an American Schooner, the “ Missouri,” of Salem, was thus bought in at Cascumpeque.

I understand an objectionable practice has existed this year—that of large American boats, with nets, &c. being attached to English (so called) vessels. These boats shoot their nets under the very huts of our fishermen. This took place at Point Peter and Gaspé Bay.

Finally, on the subject of Coast Lights, to which you directed my attention, I would suggest that great benefit would be derived from a Light House on East Point, Prince Edward Island, and would be the means of preventing many wrecks which yearly take place on that coast, and even this season would probably have saved several lives. It might be erected with very little cost, and would not require to be higher than sixty feet. A Light House also would be very beneficial on Miscou Island, at the entrance of Chaleur Bay, where the navigation is rapidly increasing ; it would only require to be lighted about seven months in the year, and as wood is so plentiful it would cost but little, and would amply repay by the increase of shipping. No less than three fine vessels have been lost from want of such a light this year.

In conclusion, I have to report that the crew of the “ Alice Rogers” have conducted themselves to my entire approbation ; they have always worked in a diligent and willing manner, and both the Master and Pilot have rendered me every assistance I required in conducting this service.

Trusting that your Excellency and the Colonial Government will approve of my proceedings,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed)

HUGH H. KNOCKER,

Lieut. Com. “ Alice Rogers.”

Rear Admiral ARTHUR FANSHAWE, C. B., Commander-in-Chief.

Extract

Extract from a letter from Commander G. J. Napier, of Her Majesty's Sloop "Daring," dated 11th September, 1854, to Rear Admiral Arthur Fanshawe, C. B., Commander-in-Chief.

"The Light Houses that I have observed in passing since leaving Halifax in May last, have been well and efficiently lit, viz. :

"Anticosti, (S. W. Point, Canada); Panmure Head, and Point Prim, (Prince Edward Island); Pictou, Pictou Island, Port Hood, Cape Jack, Arichat, and Canso, (Nova-Scotia.)

"Three of them have been lit during the present year, Pictou Island, Port Hood, and Panmure Head.

"The three lights,—Pictou Island, Pictou, and Panmure Head,—being at no great distance from each other, and all fixed lights, I beg to suggest that it would be an improvement were the centre one (Pictou Island) made a revolving light, for the small red light exhibited under the lantern of the Pictou light as a distinguishing mark, of which notice is given by the Board of Works, dated July 26, could not be observed from this ship, at a distance of five or six miles.

"I would also bring to your notice the advantage that it would be to vessels were the suggestion made by Mr. Jeffery, Master of H. M. S. Basilisk, in a letter dated 30th November, 1853, carried into effect.

"1st.—In the Channel leading to Charlottetown Harbor, larger and more distinct buoys placed, both on Fitzroy Rock and Spithead; also a buoy on the extremity of Point Prim Shoal.

"2nd.—On entering Port Hood, which is looked upon as a port of refuge, were three buoys placed on the Spithead, on the western edge of Dean Shoal, and also on the end of the shoal off Smith's Point."

MINES AND MINERALS.

The Hon. Provincial Secretary to the Hon. Attorney General.

(Copy.)

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Halifax, 29th June, 1854.*

SIR—

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, referring to concurrent Resolutions of the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, on the subject of the Mines and Minerals of this Province, which passed respectively on the 3d of April last, and understanding that you are about to repair to England, has commanded me to signify to you his pleasure that, whilst you are in London, you will be pleased to place yourself in communication and conference with the British Government, and the General Mining Association, relative to the claims of such Association to the Mines and Minerals of this Province, with a view to an adjustment thereof,

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subject to the approbation of both branches of the Legislature; and that you do report the result of such communication and conference, for the information of the Legislature.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS,

Provincial Secretary.

To Her Majesty's ATTORNEY GENERAL of Nova Scotia.

The Hon. Attorney General to the Hon. Provincial Secretary.

(Copy.)

Halifax, 13th October, 1854.

SIR—

Having returned from England by last Steamer, I beg to inclose for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and of my colleagues, copies of my memorandum of 30th July, and of the correspondence which I conducted while in London, under the authority of your letter of 29th June last, in relation to the Mines and Minerals of the Province.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed)

W. YOUNG.

The Hon. the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

The Honble. Wm. Young to Robert Moser, Esq.

(Copy.)

*9, Bennett Street, St. James,
31st July, 1854.*

SIR—

The Executive Government of Nova Scotia having been authorised by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly to confer with the British Government and the General Mining Association, relative to the claims of such Association to the Mines and Minerals of the Province, with a view to the adjustment thereof, subject to the approbation of both branches of the Legislature at the next Session of the General Assembly,—and His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in Council having desired that during my present visit I should place myself in communication with the British Government and the Association, in order to carry out, if possible, the wishes and views of the Legislature, I had the honor of meeting yourself, the Hon. Mr. Cunard and Mr. Foord, at the office of the Association on Thursday last, when the subject was discussed at very considerable length, and it was requested that I should put any proposal I had to offer in writing, that it might be submitted to the Board of Directors.

In complying with this request I must premise, as I have already stated, that I have no authority to bind either branch of the Legislature, and as the Executive Government were to confer only, not to decide, I must be understood as expressing only my own opinion without pledging the Lieutenant-Governor, or my colleagues.

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It is right however, to say, that it is my expectation and belief that the majority of both branches of the Legislature will acquiesce in the suggestion I am about to make.

I forbear from going over the grounds so often urged and so largely insisted on at our meeting on Thursday last, which render the grant to the Duke of York, of August, 1826, and the monopoly of our Mines and Minerals so obnoxious to the people of Nova Scotia. The natural and just indignation they feel at so singular an exercise of the prerogative, is not likely to abate with time. On the contrary, it is becoming more and more warm and extended every year, and ere long will lead to the most determined and vigorous action. In what way this feeling will manifest itself I am not prepared to say; but as the question is considered in our Province as involving a principle of the highest value, you may rely upon it that mere pecuniary considerations will not restrain our Legislature from asserting this principle in whatever shape may be thought most effective and be within their legitimate functions.

The General Mining Association are viewed with distrust and jealousy, not on account of the Coal Mines they have worked or opened, for we have cheerfully acknowledged the advantages we have derived from their expenditure of capital and the skill and science they have introduced, and some of the more prominent grounds of complaint have been recently redressed, but on account of the close monopoly which they hold of all our Mines and Minerals, and to which they have hitherto pertinaciously adhered.

The Act of 1853 following up a clause in the lease of 1826, will enable parties, after twelve months notice and an advertisement for a specified period in the Royal Gazette, to work any Mines which the Company will not themselves undertake.

Practically this is a great relief, but it leaves the Company a power which they ought not to have; above all, it leaves the monopoly untouched, which they ought not to enjoy in a free country for a single day.

Whether the legal right of which the representatives of the Duke of York and the Association lay claim, can be successfully assailed, is a point I need not at present discuss. My own opinion always has been, that on sound constitutional principles the grant of 1826 cannot be upheld.

I would prefer, however, a reasonable compromise to an open warfare.

It is unlikely that the Mines and Minerals of the Province, with the exception of coal, will be ever worked by the Company. The attempts they have heretofore made have failed of success, and were not calculated to invite a repetition.

The monopoly they hold of these Mines is practically useless to them, while it is most injurious to us.

We have no disposition to disturb them in the enjoyment of the Coal Mines they have opened, and would extend the area of their operations to any reasonable extent they would desire.

What I have to propose is, that they should surrender their exclusive right or claim for the residue of the term of sixty years to all the Mines and Minerals of the Province (except in the reserved Mines and within the area that might be agreed on), so as all such Mines and Minerals in terms of the Act of 1849, should be managed and disposed of by the General Assembly.

As we are asking the representatives of the Duke of York and the Association to give up what they conceive to be a legal right, it is but reasonable that some adequate concession should be made to them on our part.

What I have to propose is as follows:—The rent and royalty paid in 1853 appears by the return now before me to have been £7,666 17s. The royalty, deducting the rent, was within a fraction of £4,000.

This does not include the royalty on slack coal which must be paid in terms of the lease.

If the Reciprocity Treaty lately concluded with the United States be ratified and confirmed by the several Legislatures, and the coal of Nova Scotia be admitted free of duty, there is little doubt that the consumption will largely increase, and the royalty paid into our Treasury will rise in proportion.

The royalty now paid is two shillings currency for every chaldron Newcastle measurement above the first 26,000 chaldrons of the same measure.

With a duty of thirty per cent. in the United States, the principal market, the royalty, as I have already said, now amounts to £4000 currency, equal to £3200 sterling a year.

I would be willing for my own part in consideration of the proposed surrender, to give up one half of this royalty—that is, I would give £2000 a year now, and which, with the increase of trade, may very shortly rise to £5000 a year or even more.

I believe that in order to rid themselves of a grievance embarrassing to the local Government and irritating to all parties, the Legislature would consent to this large sacrifice.

That it would be for the interest of the Association to acquiesce in such an arrangement if it could be carried through, is a point too clear to be argued.

I would beg also to suggest that it is equally for the interest of the representatives of the Duke of York.

By the agreement of May, 1849, not binding, as I contend, upon our Province, but operative upon them, they are to receive nine pence sterling for every chaldron of coals, Winchester measure, raised by the Association.

Under the Act of 1853, a competition will presently arise which neither the Association nor the representatives of the Duke of York can control.

When our people become aware of the fact that so heavy a tax is to be levied for the benefit of the Duke of York's creditors upon every chaldron of coal consumed within the Province or exported from it, the desire to invite and foster a free competition will be greatly strengthened.

I do not hesitate to say, that with the principle of self-government thoroughly naturalized in Nova Scotia, and the larger powers necessarily and wisely entrusted to its Legislature and local Government, it will be impossible for the General Mining Association to carry on its operations with advantage or comfort to themselves till a better feeling shall be restored.

These operations might be altogether paralyzed by the imposition of an export duty upon coal, which it is not at all impossible that the Legislature may pass if the monopoly they resent so deeply cannot be got rid of without coming to extremities.

In that case the revenue accruing to the Estate of the Duke of York would be reduced to insignificance, and if their opposition is to defeat this arrangement, such a result would cause but little regret in Nova Scotia.

Should the compromise succeed, the germ of discontent would be at once eradicated, and the Association might rely on the cordial assistance of the Legislature and Government, and would be hailed as valuable friends, not as insidious or dangerous enemies.

Having felt it my duty to wait upon the Solicitor of the Treasury, and protest against the granting of a new lease as utterly inconsistent with the Act of 1849, and having discussed that matter in presence of Mr. Chambers and Mr. Bircham, I may add that an equitable adjustment of your claims will relieve both the Government and yourselves of a very serious embarrassment.

In conclusion I hope you will do me the justice to believe that I am dealing with this matter in a spirit of perfect candor and good faith, and although I cannot give any

any absolute assurance of the proposal I have ventured to make being carried, you may rely on my utmost exertions both in the Legislature and as a member of the Government, if it be acquiesced in on your part, to secure the assent of our own Province.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) W. YOUNG.

ROBERT MOSER, Esq.,
President of the General Mining Association, London.

Memorandum on behalf of the Executive Government of Nova Scotia in respect to the Mines and Minerals of the Province, and the existing rights or claims of the General Mining Association thereto.

The Indenture of four parts made between Edmund Walter Rundell and others, on the 29th day of May, 1849, was communicated to the Legislature of Nova Scotia for the first time during the Session of the present year, nor am I aware that it was previously known to the Executive Government of the Province.

I am now informed that a surrender of the lease of 25th August, 1826, to His Royal Highness the late Duke of York, and a new lease to Messrs. Pearse and Nutting, his legal representatives, have been settled pursuant to the terms of that Indenture, and are on the point of being executed.

But it seems to have been forgotten, that by an Act of the Province passed on the 8th day of March, and specially confirmed by Her Majesty on the 29th day of June, 1849, all the right and title of Her Majesty, whether in reversion or otherwise, in and to all the Mines and Minerals leased to the Duke of York and all the rents due under his lease, and all the estate, right, and title of Her Majesty, reversionary or otherwise, in and to the Coal Mines in Cape Breton, and the reserved Mines at Pictou, which were leased to the General Mining Association, and the rents payable therefor, and all the Mines and Minerals in the Province including Cape Breton, are respectively assigned, transferred, and surrendered to the disposal of the General Assembly of the Province, and shall and may be, subject only to the existing rights of the lessees and persons entitled under the said lease and agreement, and persons claiming under them, managed, leased, disposed of, made available, paid and applied in such and the like manner, and to and by such officers and persons, and to and for such public uses and purposes, as in and by any Act of the General Assembly for the time being shall be ordered and directed.

I have not yet seen the proposed surrender and new lease, and judge of their contents only from the drafts comprehended in the agreement of 29th May, 1849; but when I was informed at the Treasury on the 29th instant that these papers had been prepared with the acquiescence of all the parties interested, and in that belief had been submitted to the High Court of Chancery for its approval, I could not but observe that the Legislature and Government of Nova Scotia had a very direct interest in the matter, and an obvious right to be consulted under the Act of 1849, which continues in force till eighteen months after the demise of Her Majesty, and grants a Civil List in exchange for the assignments and surrender therein made.

It was clear that Mr. Reynolds, the Solicitor of the Treasury, had not been made acquainted with this Act, which however was perfectly well known to the Officers and Agents of the General Mining Association; and it seems to me not a little remarkable, that the Indenture of May, 1849, should have been made immediately after

after the passing of this Act, and that the subsequent steps should have been taken without notice from the Association to the Solicitor of the Treasury of the rights of the people of Nova Scotia, or to their Government of the new agreements so long in contemplation and now so nearly consummated.

Fortunately, they are not yet completed, and I have to enter my protest against them on behalf of the Legislature and Government of Nova Scotia, and in virtue of the authority with which I am clothed by the resolutions of last Session, and the letter of the Provincial Secretary of 29th June, addressed to myself and now exhibited, for the following, among other reasons:

First. I respectfully submit, that Her Majesty by assenting to the Act of 1849, 13 Victoria, Chapter 1, has denuded herself of the power of granting any new lease of the Mines and Minerals of Nova Scotia, or altering or modifying in any way the existing rights or liabilities of the lessees or persons claiming under them, without the formal assent and acquiescence previously obtained of the General Assembly.

The Act being in the nature of a contract between the Crown and the Assembly, must have relation to the state of things and to the rights existing at the time of its passage, and cannot possibly be affected by the terms of an agreement unknown to the Legislature, and made after the Act had been assented to by the Lieutenant-Governor, though before it had come into operation by Her Majesty's assent being given thereto and published.

Secondly. The lease of 25th August, 1826, has been frequently complained of as a grievous wrong, inflicted without equivalent or compensation upon a Colony which has always deserved well of the British Crown, and whose loyalty and devotion have never been suspected. It is a grant unparalleled in the history of the Mother Country or of her Colonies, and which not a single living statesman probably would undertake to justify or defend. It is viewed with a natural and just indignation, which is growing more and more intense every year, in Nova Scotia. So far back as the time of Lord Glenelg, he admitted that it was a grant that ought not to be drawn into a precedent; and in an Address unanimously passed by the House of Assembly on the 28th March, 1845, it was characterized in strong terms "as an improvident and unconstitutional exercise of the Royal prerogative, injurious to the public interest and tending to fetter the enterprise, limit the foreign trade, and impede the introduction of local manufactures among the inhabitants of the Province." The feeling must be strong indeed, which could induce a body of men so well affected and so moderate in their tone as the Assembly of Nova Scotia, unanimously to concur in such expressions as these.

I forbear from going into the history of the numerous addresses, resolutions and memorials, and the attempts to relieve themselves from the monopoly of their mineral resources, which have proceeded at various times from the Nova Scotia Legislature. Hitherto they have been unsuccessful, but they are far from being acquiescent; and I have little doubt that ere long the question will be raised either before the Privy Council as a point of law, or before Parliament as a point of policy: and in either view I must deprecate any recognition by Her Majesty of the grant of 1826, or any new grant in affirmance of it. An opinion in favor of its legality was given upon a case which I have never considered as sufficiently or fully stated; and notwithstanding that opinion I respectfully submit, that on sound constitutional principles it was not competent for the Crown to grant all the Mines and Minerals, any more than all the lands of a British Province, to any one person for his own use and benefit, or that of his creditors. The exercise of the Royal prerogative, which exists for the benefit of the people, is subject also for their protection to certain well known limitations and rules, which the grant of 1826, as I contend, transgresses. And if even a doubt can be raised on its legality, it is an injury to the Province to reaffirm it and lend it the
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high sanction of Her Majesty, and of the present Government, who are incapable of doing any intentional wrong to the three hundred thousand British subjects who have made Nova Scotia their home.

Thirdly. The terms of the existing lease to the Duke of York, and of the agreement for a lease to the General Mining Association, are not in all respects the same as those of the new grant.

1st. It appears by Mr. Huskisson's letter to Sir James Kempt, of 6th February, 1828, that the Law Officers of the Crown were of opinion that the Mines in Cape Breton did not pass, by the grant of August, 1826, to the Duke of York. It is recited indeed in the Indenture of May, 1849, that it was declared by a decree of the Vice Chancellor that they did pass; but this was in a suit to which the Province was no party, and in the conduct of which they were not consulted. No appeal seems to have been entered; and the question ought to be left open, in place of an express declaration as in the new grant, that the Mines and Minerals in the Isle of Cape Breton are included therein.

Appendix to Journals of Assembly for 1844. No. 58, page 136.

2nd. Sir George Murray's Despatch to Sir Peregrine Maitland, of 25th November, 1829, which is the latest Memorandum communicated to us of the agreement for leasing the Coal Mines of Cape Breton and the reserved Mines, describes the agreement as for a lease of these Mines at the rent of £3333 6s. 8d. Halifax currency for any quantity of coals not exceeding 20,000 chaldrons; and two shillings per chaldron royalty on the excess beyond that quantity, to be calculated on the average of three years consumption. The Treasury Minute of 27th June, 1845, raised the quantity in consideration of the rent of £3000 sterling, to 26,000 chaldrons Newcastle measure, equal to 52,000 chaldrons Winchester measure, leaving the royalty for any excess at two shillings, Halifax currency, per chaldron, and making a difference against the Province of £600 a year for the residue of the term. As the rent and royalty in 1845 were at the disposal of the Lords of the Treasury, the strict legal right to make these modifications must be admitted: but the people of Nova Scotia have always complained that the expression in Sir George Murray's Despatch which did not specify the 20,000 chaldrons as Newcastle measure, was construed in favor of the Association, and that so large a concession was also made to them in point of quantity. I observe, however, that both these concessions are to be incorporated in the new grant and to be formally and finally sanctioned.

Appendix to Journals of 1844. No. 58, page 143.

Appendix to Journals of 1846. No. 9, page 20.

3rd. The royalty under the lease to the Duke of York is "one shilling sterling for every ton of coals brought or gotten from, forth or out of the said Mines," "each such ton to be calculated at twenty two hundred weight, and every one hundred weight at one hundred and twenty pounds."

In Lord Falkland's Despatch to Lord Stanley, of 2nd August, 1844, 40,000 chaldrons Newcastle measure are computed as equal to 96,333 tons. The royalty therefore at one shilling per ton on 40,000 of such chaldrons would be £4818 3s. sterling. But the new lease, completely abandoning the royalty in the original grant, reduces the royalty to two shillings, Halifax currency, for every chaldron of coals, Newcastle measure, wrought or gotten forth over and above the first 26,000 chaldrons Newcastle measure. The difference between sterling money and Halifax currency is exactly one-fourth, the sovereign being valid under an Act of the Province at 25s. So that every 40,000 chaldrons over and above the first 26,000, which was to pay as already stated under the old lease £4818 3s. sterling, would pay under the new lease only £4000 currency, equal to £3200 sterling, the difference against the Province being £1618 3s. sterling, exceeding one third. I admit that this difference does not apply so long as the Company work only the reserved Mines: but it does apply to every Mine they may open and work under the Duke of York's lease. And the Mines that

Appendix to Journals of 1845. No. 1, page 10.

have been heretofore opened at Bridgeport and at the head of the Bay of Fundy come under that lease, which is sought therefore to be modified to our injury.

I forbear in this paper from inquiring into the operations of the Company and to what extent they have been beneficial to the Province. Having been charged with a separate negotiation for the adjustment of their claims, I confine myself at present to the objections to any new lease being granted; and having prepared this Memorandum at Mr. Reynold's suggestion, I trust if any reply shall be made to it, that I shall be favored with a copy, and have an opportunity of answering it.

*London, 9 Bennett Street, St. James',
30th July, 1854.*

(Signed) W. YOUNG,
Attorney General of Nova Scotia.

J. B. Foord, Esq. to the Honble. Wm. Young.

(Copy.)

*General Mining Association,
52 Old Broad Street, August 4, 1854.*

SIR—

Having laid before the Board of Directors of this Association, at a special meeting held this day, your letter to the Chairman, dated 31st ult., I have been instructed respectfully to transmit to you the enclosed copy of the Board's Resolutions thereon, which they request may be received as their reply to your said letter.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. B. FOORD, Secretary.

The Hon. WILLIAM YOUNG,
Attorney General of Nova Scotia, &c. &c.,
9 Bennett Street, St. James'.

That this Board, having considered the letter of the Honorable the Attorney General of Nova-Scotia, and his Memorandum, on behalf of the Executive Government of Nova-Scotia, are of opinion, that neither these documents, nor any statement of the Attorney General, suggest any sufficient ground, in law or justice, for delaying the completion of the arrangements, now on the eve of final settlement, between the Crown, the Representatives of the Duke of York, and this Association, and which are but the formal expression of the terms and conditions sanctioned in 1845, and then communicated to the Provincial Government; and this Board can therefore by no means recognize the propriety of any interference on the part of the Government of Nova-Scotia with the object of delaying such completion.

That the Secretary be accordingly instructed to protest respectfully, but firmly, against the Home Government entertaining the proposals for delay, urged by the Executive Government of Nova-Scotia, and to inform the Attorney General that the Association must so continue to Act.

That it appears to the Board very possible that arrangements with respect to the Mines and Minerals, more acceptable to the Province in the present state of public feeling

feeling there, might, with the consent of the Duke of York's Representatives, and of this Association, be concluded; and, after completion of the arrangements already agreed on, and about to be settled by the Deeds now before the Home Government, this Board will be found by no means unwilling to enter, on the part of the Association, upon the discussion of any such modification of their present rights as may be deemed beneficial to the Province, and as may be considered just by the Crown, the Duke of York's Representatives, and this Association.

That the Secretary be instructed to communicate this feeling, on the part of the Board, to the Attorney General of Nova-Scotia, the Home Government, and the Duke of York's Representatives.

A true copy of the original Resolution,

J. B. FOORD, Secretary.

The Honble. Wm. Young to J. B. Foord, Esq.

(Copy.)

9, Bennett Street, St. James',
August 7, 1854.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the fourth instant, inclosing the Resolutions of the Board of Directors in answer to my letter and Memorandum, and feel it my duty to observe, that the Directors are under a mistake in supposing that the terms and conditions in the new lease that has been asked from the Crown are the same with those which were sanctioned in 1845, and then communicated to the Provincial Government.

The Treasury Minute of 27th June, 1845, has no reference whatever to a surrender of the lease of August, 1826, to the Duke of York, or to any new lease or grant in lieu thereof. It extended the 20,000 chaldrons of coal in the agreement of 1828 to 26,000, retaining the same loyalty of two shillings per chaldron; and, in the concluding paragraph, the Lords of the Treasury direct the completion of a lease to the Mining Association, in accordance with the proposal that had been made by the Association in concurrence with the Duke of York's Executors. This proposal, so far as I am aware, was never communicated to the Provincial Government; but the previous proposal, of which it was a modification, is upon our Journals, being Mr. Moser's letter of May 23rd, 1844, the principal objects of which were the completion of "the lease of the reserved Mines of Pictou and Sydney," and a final arrangement with the Representatives of the late Duke of York, "claiming under" the original grant or lease of August, 1826.

It is true, as I stated to the Board when I had the pleasure of meeting them, and to the Solicitor of the Treasury at the time he requested me to prepare my Memorandum, that the Royal Charter of July, 1846, which was transmitted to the Provincial Government in the same year, contemplates a surrender of the lease of 25th August, 1826, and the granting of a new lease under certain reservations and conditions then agreed on; but these are not expressed in the Charter, and the agreement of 29th May, 1849, lately transmitted to Nova-Scotia, was the first intimation given to us of any reduction of the royalty in the grant of 1826.

The assertion, therefore, in the Resolutions that the terms and conditions in the new lease were communicated to the Provincial Government in the year 1845, or at any other time previous to the passing of the Civil List Bill in 1849, is at variance with the facts as they lie in my mind; and this I am sure the Directors will readily allow when they have leisure to look into all the Correspondence.

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My objections to the new arrangement I have stated to the Right Honorable the Colonial Secretary in an interview with which I was honored on the 5th instant, and I shall transmit for his information, before I leave Town, copies of my Memorandum and of this Correspondence.

I have also sent copies of my Memorandum and letter to Mr. Moser, as the Directors suggested to Mr. Chambers, the Solicitor for the Duke of York's Estate.

It is my intention to leave London on Saturday next, for a short Continental tour, and on my return about the 20th September, the Directors will have had time to confer with the Representatives of the Duke of York, and I trust that I shall then find them disposed to accede to the proposals in my letter of the 31st ultimo. And if these be approved also by our Legislature, as I believe they will, the rights of all parties will be made secure, and a fruitful source of mutual embarrassment and ill feeling satisfactorily closed.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. YOUNG.

J. B. FOORD, Esquire,

Secretary to the General Mining Association.

The Hon. Wm. Young to the Right Hon. Sir George Grey.

(Copy.)

*9, Bennett Street, St. James',
August 8, 1854*

SIR—

I beg to inclose copies of my Memorandum, prepared at the instance of the Solicitor for the Treasury, and of the Correspondence with the General Mining Association, to which I had reference when I had the honor of seeing you on Saturday last, and in doing so have respectfully to solicit your interposition on behalf of the Executive Government of Nova-Scotia, in order to arrest the further progress of the new grant about to be executed of our Mines and Minerals, in the full expectation that a determination of Her Majesty's Government on this point, in favor of the Province, will lead to an amicable and satisfactory adjustment of the claims of the General Mining Association on the principles which I have suggested in my letter to Mr. Moser, of the 31st ultimo.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obdt. humble Servant,

W. YOUNG.

The Right Honorable Sir GEORGE GREY, Bart.

Her Majesty's Colonial Secretary, &c. &c.

H. Merivale, Esq. to the Honble. Wm. Young.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 29th August, 1854.

SIR—

I am directed by Secretary Sir George Grey, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with enclosures, of the 8th instant, and to inform you that a copy of it has been sent to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

HERMAN MERIVALE.

W. YOUNG, Esquire.

The

The Honble. Wm. Young to H. Merivale, Esq.

(Copy.)

Liverpool, 29th September, 1854.

SIR—

On my return from Vienna, I found your acknowledgement, dated the 29th August, of the receipt of my letter of the 8th, to Sir George Grey, with its inclosures. Having ascertained at the several offices while in town, that in consequence of the prorogation of Parliament, and the absence of the Lords Commissioners and the Solicitor of the Treasury, no decision could be at present had on the subject of this Correspondence. I mean to embark to-morrow in the Steamer for Halifax, and earnestly hope that the Executive Government of Nova-Scotia may be furnished with copies of any representations or memorials that may be sent in to the Colonial Office or Treasury, on behalf of the General Mining Association, in sufficient time to admit of a reply being given thereto, and duly considered.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. YOUNG.

To HERMAN MERIVALE, Esquire.

FISHERIES AND RECIPROCITY TREATY.

Mr. Crampton to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Copy.)

Washington, December 2, 1854.

SIR—

I lost no time in submitting to the Government of the United States the considerations contained in your Excellency's Despatch of the 13th ultimo, with a view to the application to Nova Scotia of the Circular Instruction issued by the Treasury Department of the United States, having reference to the Reciprocity Treaty as affects Canada and New Brunswick. I have now the honor to inclose a copy of the reply of the United States Secretary of State to my application, covering a letter to the same from the Secretary of the Treasury, whereby your Excellency will perceive that the Treasury Department will immediately issue orders to the Collectors and other Officers of the Customs of the United States, to apply the provisions of the above mentioned Circular to Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His Excellency

Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

P.S. December 4, 1854.—I have the honor to inclose printed copies of a Circular Instruction from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to Collectors of Customs on the above subject, which I have just received.

J. F. C.

(Copy.)

Treasury Department, Dec. 1, 1854.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th ultimo, with its enclosures, and in reply to inform you that in consequence of the assurance given by the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, that he will, by Proclamation, instruct the Provincial Custom House Officers in reference to the entry at the ports of that Province of the products of the United States specified in the Reciprocity Treaty, in the same manner as the Collectors and other Officers of the Customs of several of the principal Ports of the United States were instructed on the 16th October last, in relation to the entry of the products of the Fisheries of the British North American Colonies, the Department will immediately direct the Collectors and other Officers of the Customs to apply to Nova Scotia the provisions of the Circular issued by this Department on the 18th ultimo, which embraces the products of the Fisheries, as well as all the other articles specified in the Reciprocity Treaty.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES GUTHRIE,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. MARCY, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

*Department of State,
Washington, Dec. 2, 1854.*

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit a copy of the answer of the Secretary of the Treasury to the letter of this Department which accompanied your note of the 28th ultimo relative to a proposition on the part of Nova Scotia for carrying into effect the stipulations of the Reciprocity Treaty.

I avail, &c.

(Signed)

W. L. MARCY.

Mr. CRAMPTON, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

(GENERAL REGULATIONS, NO. 40.)

To Collectors and other Officers of the Customs.*Treasury Department, December 1, 1854.*

The Department having received satisfactory information that the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, in the event of that Province being included in the provisions of General Regulations No. 36, issued on the 10th ultimo, will, by Proclamation, instruct the Custom House Officers of said Province to apply similar provisions on the entry at the ports of Nova Scotia of the products of the United States specified in the Reciprocity Treaty, you are hereby instructed to apply said General Regulations to importations into the United States from Nova Scotia of the articles enumerated in said Treaty, if the products either of that Province, Canada, or New Brunswick.

(Signed)

JAMES GUTHRIE,
Secretary of the Treasury.

CUSTOMS.

(Copy.)

Sir George Grey to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Circular.)

Downing-Street, 16th August, 1854.

SIR—

Her Majesty's Government have recently directed their attention to the Imperial Customs Establishments maintained in the North American and West Indian Colonies, and I now inform you that the Government consider that it is now no longer necessary to keep up a separate establishment for the performance of the limited duties devolving on the Comptrollers of Customs and Navigation Laws in the British Colonies, and that the time has arrived when the execution of those duties might with advantage be transferred to the Colonial Officers.

The more important duties now remaining to be performed by the Imperial Officers since the repeal of the Navigation Laws, are the registration of vessels in the Colonies, and the granting of Certificates of Origin (when required) for Colonial produce. These services are obviously rendered for the benefit of the Colonies, and should be performed by the Officers of the Colonial Customs Establishments, and for the same reason those Officers will be required to furnish the usual periodical returns for the purpose of affording statistical information to Parliament upon subjects of far greater value to the Colonies than to this Country.

In the Australian Colonies, the Cape of Good Hope, New Zealand, and even in numerous Out Ports in British North America, as well as in some Out Stations in the West Indies, the Colonial Officers of Customs prepare the accounts of Trade and Navigation required for Parliament, and perform, free of charge, all other duties now executed by the Imperial Officers in North America and the West Indies; and Her Majesty's Government conceive that the Colonial Officers of Customs in Nova Scotia are fully competent, and will be equally ready, to perform all the duties at present executed by Imperial Officers, and that they should therefore be directed to perform the same in like manner and upon the same principle as in the Australian and other Colonies hereinbefore referred to.

You will therefore announce that the Imperial Officers of Customs will be withdrawn at the earliest possible period, and that it will be requisite for the future that the accounts of Trade and Navigation should be furnished, and the other duties of Comptrollers of Customs and Navigation Laws executed, by the Colonial Officers of Customs, in conformity with the practice observed in other Colonies, and, as Her Majesty's Government hope, without imposing any additional expense upon the Revenue of the Colony under your Government.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) G. GREY.

Lieut. Governor Sir G. LEMARCHANT, Nova Scotia.

Sir George Grey to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Circular.)

Downing-Street, 4th November, 1854.

SIR—

With reference to my Circular Despatch of the 16th of August last, in which I acquainted you with the intended withdrawal of the Imperial Officers of Customs in the North American and West Indian Colonies, and the transference of their

their duties to the Colonial Officers, I now transmit for your information the copy of a Circular Letter which the Commissioners of Customs propose to address to the several Controllers of Customs and Navigation Laws in those Colonies, apprizing them that their services will be discontinued on the 5th January, 1855, and conveying to them the necessary Instructions with the view of transferring their duties on that day to the Colonial Officers of Customs.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

Lieut. Governor Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

ENCLOSURE.

Draft of a Circular Letter proposed to be transmitted to the several Controllers of Customs and Navigation Laws in the North American and West India Colonies, with the view of giving effect to the propositions contained in the Board's Report to the Lords of the Treasury, of the 8th and 29th July, 1854, Nos. 816 and 908, and withdrawing the Imperial Officers of Customs in those Colonies on the 5th January, 1855:

Custom House, London,

1854.

SIR—

Herewith you will receive for your information a copy of a Circular Letter dated 16th August, 1854, which has been addressed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to the respective Governors in the North American and West India Colonies, notifying to them the determination of Her Majesty's Government to withdraw, at the earliest possible period, the Controllers of Customs and Navigation Laws, and the other Imperial Officers acting under their orders in the North American and West India Colonies, and to transfer the duties executed at present by those Officers to the Officers of Colonial Customs who now derive their authority and act under the immediate control and superintendence of the Colonial Governments of those Colonies, and I am desired at the same time to acquaint you—

1st. That this important change is to take effect upon the 5th January, 1855, from which day the duties now performed by yourself and other Imperial Officers acting under your Orders, are to be executed by the Colonial Officers of Customs in the manner indicated in the annexed Circular Letter from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of _____ up to which period it will be your duty, and that of other Imperial Officers acting under your orders, to complete and transmit all returns of Trade and Navigation, and Statistics, to this country, transferring at the same time the Official Books of your Department to the Colonial Collector of Customs, or such other Colonial Officer upon whom devolves the duties of Collector of Customs.

2nd. That in the mean time, and preceding the transfer which is to take place on the 5th January, 1855, it will be your duty, as well as that of the Imperial Officers acting under your orders in _____ to instruct the Colonial Officers of Customs in the mode of conducting the business, and to afford them every information as to the mode of preparing and rendering the accounts of Trade and Navigation and Statistics, with a view to their being transmitted to this country, in a perfect state, for the information of Parliament and of Her Majesty's Government; and I am further to acquaint

acquaint you that from and after the 5th of January, 1855, your services, as well as those of the other Imperial Officers acting under your orders in _____ will cease and determine, and you will be hereafter informed of the retiring or other allowances which it may be the pleasure of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to assign to yourself and the other Imperial Officers acting under your orders, in consequence of the abolition of their respective Offices, as well as the manner in which those allowances are to be paid. You will, upon the receipt of this order, communicate with the Colonial Authorities with the view of obtaining their co-operation in giving effect to the directions therein contained, reporting from time to time your proceedings to the Board.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

To the Controller of
Customs and Navigation Laws, at _____

Sir George Grey to Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

(Circular.)

Downing-Street, 29th November, 1854.

SIR—

With reference to my Circular Despatch of the 4th instant, respecting the discontinuance of the services of the Imperial Officers of Customs in the North American and West India Colonies, and the transference of their duties to the Colonial Officers on the 5th of January next, I transmit for your information and guidance the copy of a Letter from the Board of Treasury, enclosing one from the Commissioners of Customs, with the Deputations and Instructions therein referred to.

In pursuance of the desire expressed by the Commissioners of Customs, I have to instruct you to insert in the Deputations the names of the several individuals who may be acting as Colonial Collectors of Customs in the Colony under your Government, and further, to direct the principal Colonial Officers of Customs in the Colony to notify to the Commissioners of Customs in this country the name of each Officer to whom the Deputation may be delivered.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

Lt. Governor Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

ENCLOSURE.

(Copy.)

Treasury Chambers, 27th November, 1854.

SIR—

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit the accompanying copy of a Report from the Commissioners of Customs, dated 24th instant, together with Deputations and Instructions for the Colonial Officers of Customs in the North American and West India Colonies, and I am to request that

that you will move Secretary Sir George Grey to cause the same to be immediately forwarded to the Governors of the several Colonies, with instructions to them, as suggested by the Commissioners of Customs.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

HERMAN MERIVALE, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 1337.

To the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury:

Sir Charles Trevelyan having, by his Letter, dated the 8th November, 1854, with reference to our report of the 30th October preceding, No. 1193, signified that he had been commanded by your Lordships to transmit to us a copy of a Letter from Mr. Elliot, signifying that he had been desired to acquaint your Lordships that Secretary Sir George Grey has no objection to the measures which had been proposed by us for withdrawing the Imperial Officers of Customs in the North American and West India Colonies upon the 5th of January next, and that he (Sir George Grey) had apprised the Governors of the Colonies concerned that the services of the Imperial Officers of Customs will accordingly be discontinued on the above date.

We beg leave to state that we have transmitted to the several Controllers of Customs and Navigation Laws, in the North American and West India Colonies, the Circular Letter, a copy of which we annexed to our report to your Lordships, of the 11th of October, 1854, No. 1141, apprising them that their services will be discontinued on the 5th January, 1855, and that the necessary instructions had been forwarded by Secretary Sir George Grey to the respective Governors of Colonies for that purpose accordingly.

And we now take leave, with reference to the proposition contained in the latter part of our report of the 11th of October, 1854, above referred to, to transmit Deputations and Instructions for the several Colonial Collectors of Customs in those Colonies to whom the duties now executed by the Imperial Controllers of Customs and Navigation Laws are to be transferred, in order that in accordance with the course which was observed when the Customs Department in the Australian and certain other Colonies were transferred to the management of their respective Colonial Governments, the same may be forwarded through Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to the respective Governors in the North American and West India Colonies.

We beg leave at the same time to add, that as the names of the Colonial Collectors of Customs in the above named Colonies, with the exception of Port Kingston, Jamaica, are not known to us, we have been under the necessity of transmitting their Deputations in blank, and we would submit whether your Lordships may not be pleased to request Sir George Grey to instruct the Governors of Colonies to insert in such Deputations the names of the several individuals who may be acting in the beforementioned capacities; and we would further submit, that the Principal Colonial Officers of Customs at each Port should be directed by the Governors to notify to us the names of the several individuals to whom our Deputations may be delivered, it being necessary for the sake of reference that a record of the same should be kept in this Department.

(Signed)

THOS. F. FREMANTLE,
EDW. SAURIN.

Custom House, 24th November, 1854.

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(Copy.)

Sir J. G. LeMarchant to Sir George Grey.

No. 2.

Halifax, 3d January, 1855.

SIR—

My advisers having informed me that, in order to the accomplishment of the recent arrangement whereby the duties now performed by Imperial Officers will devolve upon Officers of Colonial Customs, and especially as it respects rendering accounts of Trade, Navigation, and Statistics, to Her Majesty's Government, it is indispensable that the offices and apartments now used by the Imperial Officers of Customs at Halifax, under the Lords of the Treasury, should be placed at the disposal of the local Government, I have the honor to inform you that I shall feel particularly obliged if Her Majesty's Government will be pleased to permit the offices and apartments referred to, to be used for public purposes, under the control and directions of the Government of Nova Scotia.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable Sir GEORGE GREY.

MINES AND MINERALS.

Mr. H. R. Reynolds to the Honble. Wm. Young.

(Copy.)

Treasury, 10th November, 1854.

NOVA SCOTIA MINES.

SIR—

With reference to the request contained in your Memorandum of the 30th July last, that you may be favored with a copy of any reply that may be made to that Document, I beg to transmit, for your perusal, a copy of a Letter from the Solicitor of the General Mining Association, dated 9th November, 1854, with its enclosures, and a paper endorsed "Reply of the Representatives of H. R. H. the late Duke of York to the Statement of the Attorney General of Nova Scotia."

I am, &c.

(Signed) H. R. REYNOLDS,
Solicitor H. M. Treasury.The Honble. W. YOUNG,
Attorney General of Nova-Scotia, Halifax.

P. S.—I also enclose the copy of a Letter, dated 8th August, 1854, from the Secretary of the General Mining Association to Sir George Grey, and I have to request that you will do me the favor of acknowledging the receipt of the Documents sent herewith, by the earliest Mail.

H. R. R.

Copy

(Copy.)

46, Parliament Street,
9th November, 1854.

MY DEAR SIR—

As I find that the business pending between the Crown, the Representatives of the Duke of York, and the General Mining Association, has been once more remitted to your Department, I trouble you with this Communication in order to bring down to the present time the information which it appears to me, as the adviser of the Association, that you should possess.

I am aware that you already have a copy of the Memorandum of the 30th July, 1854, containing the objections of the Executive Government of Nova-Scotia, of the Attorney General of the Colony, to the completion of the pending arrangements; and I understand that you have received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies the Letter in reply, addressed to him by the Secretary of the Association on the 8th of August last, together with copies of the documents which accompanied that Letter.

The Resolutions of the Directors of the General Mining Association of the 4th August, referred to in that Letter, were communicated to the Attorney General of the Colony, and, on receipt of them, he addressed to the Company's Secretary a Letter of the 7th August last, of which I enclose you a copy; and it is to a few remarks in reply to the positions there assumed, that I beg now to call your attention.

By this Letter you will observe that it is no longer denied that the Colonial Government have been many years in knowledge of the terms of the compromise of 1845, as expressed in the Treasury Minute of the 27th June, 1845,—but it is now, in effect, urged that these terms, as expressed in that Minute, were not understood in the Colony to mean that which the Crown, the Duke of York's Representatives, and the Association have understood, and upon which they have been acting.

Mr. Young's Letter, for instance, states that the Minute "has no reference whatever to a surrender of the Lease of 1826 to the Duke of York, or to any new Lease or Grant in lieu thereof. It extended the 20,000 chaldrons of Coal in the agreement of 1828 to 26,000, retaining the same Royalty of 2s. a chaldron," &c. &c., and in a subsequent part of the same Letter it is added that "the agreement of May, 1849, lately transmitted to Nova-Scotia, was the first intimation given to us of any reduction of the Royalty in the Grant of 1826."

Of course it is not to be understood that the Colonial Government, or Mr. Young, objects to the surrender of the Lease of 1826, considered merely as a mode of carrying out the arrangement, for that would be to impute to them an unworthy objection on a mere point of form; but the objection is doubtless urged against the surrender, because when taken in connexion with the Lease intended to be substituted, it will affect the *substance* of things, and will operate "a reduction of the Royalty in the Grant of 1826."

The asserted ignorance, on the part of the Colonial Government, it might have been impossible for us to controvert, however much we might have been astonished, as in fact we were, on hearing of it; but as, fortunately, Mr. Young tells us that the Colonial Government *did* understand that the Minute of 1845 extended to 26,000 chaldrons the 20,000 limited by the agreement of 1828, "*retaining the same Royalty of 2s. a chaldron,*" I shall remove the ground of Mr. Young's objection, if I shew you that the arrangement of 1828 absorbed (as between the Crown and the Company) the original Lease of 1826, and made the same "reduction of the Royalty in the Grant of 1826" as is now proposed.

This I am enabled to do, and, at the same time, to shew you that the Colonial Government were long ago aware of it, I refer you to the accompanying Copy,
Correspondence,

Correspondence, and other Documents of the year 1835, which prove, beyond all cavil or question, the scope of the agreement of 1828, as interpreted by the Association and the Home Government, and that the Colonial Government was made aware of it on a point arising *absolutely identical* with that on which Mr. Young founds his present objection, namely, the "reduction of the Royalty in the Grant of 1826."

I have only on this point to add, as a matter of fact, that after Mr. Hay's Letter of the 3rd February, 1835, the Directors of the Association heard no more of the matter, and continued from that time to the time when Mr. Young's Memorandum appeared under the idea that the Colonial Government and the Association were entirely agreed as to the virtual surrender of the Lease of 1826.

Neither does the matter rest here: for how can Mr. Young's position—that the Colonial Government have been hitherto under the impression that Coals raised within the territory, comprised in the Lease of 1826, continued liable (notwithstanding the agreement of 1828 and the compromise of 1845) to the Royalty of 1826—be reconciled with the fact that the Colonial Government have, before and since the Act of 1849, received Royalty for Coals *so raised* according to the rate of 1828 and 1845, and not according to the rate of 1826.

To prove this to be the case, I enclose a paper shewing the Coals raised at the Joggins Mines (which are in Nova-Scotia *proper*, and not "reserved" Mines) in the last six years; these quantities will be found distinguished in the yearly sworn Returns made to the Colonial Government, and they form part of the aggregate quantities of Coal for which the Company has annually paid Royalty, according to the terms and rate of 1828 and 1845.

I forbear to enter upon further arguments or statements, because these two appear to me in themselves sufficient to supply every thing which was in any degree left uncovered by Mr. Foord's Letter of the 8th August.

It is indeed indisputably true, that the drafts now before you fairly flow out of the agreement of 1849,—that the latter was a fair and necessary developement of the terms of 1845,—and that these last (however individuals may have failed to know or understand them, and I am bound to suppose that Mr. Young has done so) must have been known by the Colonial Government to mean all that the Home Government and the Association have been assuming and acting upon.

I am, &c.

(Signed) FRANCIS T. BIRCHAM.

H. R. REYNOLDS, Esquire,
Treasury Chambers.

*Return of the quantity of Coal subject to Royalty, raised from the Joggins Mines,
Nova Scotia :*

	C.	B.
1848	561	12
1849	900	36
1850	1,206	30
1851	1,197	58
1852	1,473	50
1853	1,782	39

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Reply of the Representatives of His Royal Highness the late Duke of York to the Statement of the Attorney General of Nova Scotia.

THE NOVA SCOTIA MINES.

The Representatives of His Royal Highness the late Duke of York have had submitted to them the statement of William Young, Esquire, the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, on behalf of the Executive Government, which is in fact nothing more than a revival of the objections made by the House of Assembly in 1845, and disposed of by the Minute of the Lords of the Treasury, dated the 27th of June, and Lord Stanley's Letter to Lord Falkland of the 18th July following in that year.

In 1846, the agreement to carry into effect the arrangements come to between the Crown, the Duke's Representatives, and the Mining Association, the Draft of the Deed of Surrender to be made to the Crown, of the Grant to the Duke; the new Grant to be made by the Crown to the Duke's Representatives, and the new Lease by them to the Association, were all prepared, settled, and approved of by the respective Counsel for the Crown, the Duke's Representatives, and the Association.

Although this agreement was not actually executed till the 29th of May, 1849, in consequence of the complication of the arrangements to be come to between the Duke's Representatives and the Association, the terms of the arrangement as far as regards the Crown are not in any way varied from those stated in the Documents in 1845, hereinbefore referred to: and the Drafts of the Deeds set forth in the agreement of 1849 are the same as were prepared, settled, and approved of, by the respective Counsel for all parties, in 1846.

The Crown has been a party to all the subsequent proceedings that have been instituted for carrying the agreement into effect, and to the final Decree made on the 23d of March, 1853, whereby it is decreed that the same shall be specifically performed and carried into effect, and that the Deeds therein set forth shall be executed, and directions are given for carrying it into effect accordingly.

The Provincial Act of March, 1849, referred to by the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, expressly refers to, and recognizes as existing, the rights of the Duke's Representatives and the Association under the Grant to the Duke; and in the Treasury Minutes of the 27th of June, 1845, their Lordships expressly refuse to surrender the Crown Revenue on any terms inconsistent with the maintenance of the engagements entered into with the Duke's Representatives and the Association.

The Grant to the Duke, and the Lease made by him to the Association, having been confirmed and established, in a Suit with the Crown, by the Decree of the Court of Chancery, so far back as the 5th of May, 1837, and by all the subsequent proceedings down to the final Decree of the 23d of March, 1853, the Duke's Representatives refrain from making any comment upon, or further reply to, the observations of the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, than by referring to those proceedings, and complaining of the vexatious delay occasioned by the renewal of objections so long ago fully considered and disposed of by the Government, and now again brought forward, with the view of inducing the Crown to repudiate engagements entered into, confirmed, and acted upon for so long a period.

(Copy.)

Downing-Street, 24th January, 1835.

SIR—

I am directed by the Earl of Aberdeen to acquaint you that by Despatches received from Nova Scotia, it appears that in the course of last year the Local Government preferred a claim on the General Mining Association of £1,242 5s. sterling

sterling, on account of operations carried on by them beyond the limits of the Mines conveyed to them by the Lease executed in the year 1828, and that the Company's Agent had declined payment of it until he could receive instructions from Home.

The enclosed Memorandum, drawn up in the Colony, explains more particularly the nature of the claim in question. I am now desired by the Earl of Aberdeen to enquire whether the Association have received a reference from their Agent on the subject, and whether they have any objection to offer to the demand which has been advanced on behalf of the Crown.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

R. W. HAY.

The Secretary of the
General Mining Association, Ludgate Hill.

(Copy.)

(Duplicate.)

MEMO: relative to His Majesty's Claim against the General Mining Association for Royalties due on Coals raised by them in the District of Pictou, under the Lease which they hold from the Executors of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, of the Mines, &c. in Nova Scotia:

The late Duke of York's Lease, dated 25th August, 1826, includes all the Mines of Gold, Silver, Coal, &c. in Nova Scotia, save and except such Mines of Coals as were then under Lease, and in course of working.

At that period two Mines in the District of Pictou were under Lease to Messrs. Smith & Liddell, and were thus excluded from His Royal Highness's Patent, viz.: one on the West side of the East River of Pictou, comprehended within the limits of a Grant to Wm. McKay; and the other on the East side of the same River, comprehended within the limits of a Grant to James Turnbull.

In 1828 the General Mining Association applied for and obtained a Lease of these reserved Mines in the District of Pictou, and also of the Mines in the Island of Cape Breton, at a fixed Rent of £3,000 sterling, per annum, subject to increase whenever the quantity of Coals raised in any one year should exceed 20,000 Chaldrons, Newcastle measure.

It was supposed, until lately, that the operations of the Association in the District of Pictou had been confined to the reserved Mines, for which they have annually paid the specified rent; but it has been recently ascertained that their Works have been carried on to a considerable extent, beyond the limits of such reserved Mines: consequently a large quantity of the Coals raised by them in this District have been obtained under the General Lease to the Duke of York, and is subject to the Royalties therein contained, as will appear by the enclosed copy of a Statement received from the Company's resident Agent at the Albion Mines (Mr. Joseph Smith), which shews that 19,520 Chaldrons and 12 Bushels, Winchester measure, raised after the termination of the first five years of the Lease (during which it was stipulated no Royalties should become payable), are subject to the payment of One Shilling, sterling, per Ton, amounting, according to Mr. Smith's calculation, to £1,242 5s. sterling.

It is proper to add, that in a return formerly received, the quantity of Coals raised in the District of Pictou, in the year 1831, is stated to be 6,439 Chaldrons, while in that lately made, it is stated at 5,170 Chaldrons.

The Royalty now claimed is upon the smaller quantity; but should the former return, on enquiry, prove accurate, the Crown will have a claim for the difference.

Halifax, 1st July, 1834.

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*General Mining Association,
London, 30th January, 1835.*

SIR—

Having laid before the Board of Directors of this Association, your Letter of the 24th instant, on the subject of a claim for £1,242 5s. sterling, preferred by the Local Government of Nova Scotia on the General Mining Association, upon grounds set forth in the Memorandum accompanying your Letter, I am instructed to lay before you for the information of the Earl of Aberdeen, the enclosed copies of the following Documents :

- 1st. Memorial of Messrs. Rundell, Bridge & Rundell, dated 22nd January, 1828.
- 2nd. Mr. Rundell's Letter to you, dated 6th June, 1828.
- 3rd. Your reply to Mr. Rundell, dated 4th July, 1828.
- 4th. Sir Geo. Murray's Letter to Sir Peregrine Maitland, dated 2nd Dec. 1828.

In Appx. to Journals
for 1844, fol. 135,
&c.

A perusal of these Documents, and particularly of the parts I have underscored for the convenience of your reference thereto, will shew that one of the conditions stipulated for on the part of the General Mining Association, in their application for the Lease of the Cape Breton Mines, and of the reserved Mines of Sydney and Pictou, and conceded on the part of His Majesty's Government in granting that Lease, was that the rent of £3,333 cy. and the extra Royalty of 2s. per Chaldron, Newcastle measure, of Coal sold above 20,000 Chaldrons of that measure, were to be considered in discharge of all claims of the Crown upon Coals sold by the General Mining Association, wherever raised in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, that is, within the limits of the Mines conveyed by the Lease from His Majesty's Government, as well as by the Lease from His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

It appears, therefore, that the Memorandum delivered to the Local Government of Nova Scotia by the resident Manager at the Albion Mines, is founded upon a misconception of the covenants of the Lease promised by His Majesty's Government in 1828, and the Directors of this Association trust that the explanation now given will satisfy the Earl of Aberdeen that the General Mining Association is not liable to the payment of the sum of £1,242 5s. sterling, claimed by the Local Government of Nova Scotia, nor to the payment of any other annual sum for Coal sold and raised in any part of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, than the stipulated rent of £3,333, and of 2s. cy. for every Chaldron of Coal, Newcastle measure, raised and sold in one year above 20,000 Chaldrons.

*(Signed)

G. V. DUVAL.

R. W. HAY, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

Colonial Office.

(Copy.)

Downing-Street, 3d February, 1835.

SIR—

I am directed by the Earl of Aberdeen to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, without date, on the subject of the demand of £1,242 5s. which had been advanced by the Local Government of Nova Scotia on account of operations carried on by the General Mining Association beyond the limits of the Mines conveyed to them by the Lease executed in the year 1828; and I am desired to acquaint you that

that this communication will be forwarded to the Lieut. Governor, as furnishing an answer to the claim in question, which appears to have been preferred under a misconception of the nature of the existing agreements with the General Mining Association.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

R. H. HAY.

G. DUVAL, Esq.

(Copy.)

*Office of the General Mining Association,
52, Old Broad Street, 8th August, 1854.*

SIR—

The Directors of the General Mining Association have had under their anxious consideration, a Memorandum purporting to be "on behalf of the Executive Government of Nova-Scotia, in respect to the Mines and Minerals of the Province, and the existing rights or claims of the General Mining Association," and which the Directors are informed, was submitted by the Attorney General of the Province for the consideration of the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury, and of yourself, on the 30th ultimo.

For the reasons assigned in this document, the Directors understand that the Executive Government of the Province claim to stay the completion of the long pending arrangements between the Crown, the Representatives of the Duke of York, and the Association, and they are informed that, in consequence of its presentation, directions have been given to suspend the completion of the documents in question.

Against this delay I am instructed, with the utmost respect, but, at the same time, with firmness and confidence, to protest, any further delay being of the most serious importance to the Association, and the reasons assigned by the Executive Government of Nova-Scotia for asking it being, as the Directors submit, wholly untenable; and I am therefore to entreat that immediate consideration may be given to, and decision had upon, the merits of the Memorandum in question.

I do not feel it necessary to follow at any length the allegations of the Memorandum, but I will proceed to shew, by a brief explanation, that it rests on no grounds which the Government ought to consider important, and I trust to be allowed to supply, on a future occasion, if necessary, a fuller statement in reply.

In order to facilitate your more ready comprehension of the subject, I take leave to enclose a printed copy of the Treasury Minute of the 25th June, 1845, and of a Despatch from the then Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia to Lord Stanley, dated 1st March, 1845, with Lord Stanley's reply of the 18th July, 1845. Annexed to these will also be found a copy of a Letter, dated 2nd July, 1845, from Sir Charles E. Trevelyan, then Under Secretary of Her Majesty's Treasury, to the Chairman of this Association.

From these documents it will sufficiently appear that, previous to 1845, much litigation and difficulty had arisen between the Representatives of the Duke of York and the General Mining Association, with relation to their respective rights and interests, under a Grant of the Mines and Minerals in the Province of Nova-Scotia, made by the Crown to the late Duke of York in 1826, and by him under-let to the General Mining Association, and also with relation to certain Mines and Minerals not included in that Grant, but agreed in 1828 to be demised by the Crown directly to the General Mining Association. It will also appear that the Government of that day, having had these circumstances brought under their consideration, and having also received various

[Vide Assembly's Journal, 1846. Appendix No. 9, pages 19-20]

Memorials and other Representations from the Provincial Legislature, became parties to, and aided in an arrangement then made, with a view of putting an end to the disputes in question, and in which they saw fit to overrule the objections which the Province had raised, on the grounds that a compliance with those objections would neither be consistent with justice nor the true interests of the Province.

Here, then, was a readjustment of the position of all the parties, viz. of the Crown, the Duke's Representatives, and the Association, and the terms being as shewn by the Despatch of the 18th July, 1845, then communicated to the Provincial Government, I am entitled to state, that if any dissatisfaction was expressed, it was at all events of so general and indistinct a character that the Home Government have never thought it necessary to call to it the attention either of the Duke of York's Representatives or the Association, but, on the contrary, have, from time to time, in the Court of Chancery and elsewhere, been ever ready to do their part towards the formal completion of the arrangements. On their respective parts, the Duke's Administrators and the Association have also acted on the terms of the compromise of 1845; very heavy amounts of Rent and Royalty have been yearly paid to the Crown, on the new footing, for which formal discharges in *full* have been as often given by the Colonial Government; a great, further expenditure of capital has been made by the Association, and they have also accounted with the Duke's Administrators from year to year on the new basis.

It will, no doubt, be matter of surprise that arrangements, the terms of which were concluded so long ago as 1845, should only have been reduced into the shape of a formal agreement in 1849, and that the intended surrender of the whole Lease, and the intended new Grants have not been actually executed in 1854,—but these unavoidable delays have arisen from the great involvement of the Duke of York's affairs,—from the deaths of parties,—from the lengthened litigation which had previously taken place, and from other causes not in any way connected with the rights or interests of the Colony; in evidence of this, I have only to ask your attention to the single fact, that the papers now before the Solicitors of the Treasury for final approval, are, so far as the interests of the Crown and the Colony are concerned, in every substantial particular identically in the shape in which they were originally prepared in 1846 by the Treasury Solicitors. The discussions in and out of Court, which have intermediately taken place between the Duke of York's Representatives for the time being and the Association, have, it is true, been long, numerous, and intricate, and it is *now* only that they have been able to drag the arrangements through and out of the Court of Chancery, and to submit the Deeds for concluding the whole in an agreed shape to the Crown for final approval and signature. At this peculiar crisis, and after the lapse of nine years from the time the terms were concluded and communicated to the Province, that they should now, for the first time, seek to raise obstacles, is inconvenient and mischievous in the last degree.

I have already stated that it is not my intention to follow the statements and reasoning of the Memorandum presented by the Executive Government of the Province, but I must shortly notice that it proceeds on three grounds:

1.—That the Crown stands "denuded" by its assent to the Provincial Act of March, 1849, of all right to complete the pending arrangements.

The answer is, that the Act transfers the rights of the Crown to the Province, expressly subject to existing engagements, and the Deeds to which the Memorandum objects, are merely the legal completion of the arrangements of 1845, and the Memorandum does not—in fact it *could* not—shew that the Deeds in any one title go beyond the terms of 1845; there is something to shew that the latter somewhat differ from the terms of 1826 and 1828, but this was of course notorious, and is apparent on the face of the Treasury Minute and all the other documents of 1845.

2.—That the original Grant was void: on this it is sufficient to point out that the
Provincial

Provincial Act of 1849 expressly recognizes, as existing, the rights of the Duke of York's Representatives and of the Association, under the Lease of 1826 and the agreement of 1828, and wholly proceeds on that basis; with this one fact in view, it is idle to speculate whether, as a question of Constitutional Law, the Grants could or could not be supported, although it is of course felt, that any such question could not now at least be seriously mooted.

3.—That the arrangements objected to differ from those originally made by the Lease of 1826 and the agreement of 1828: It is not at all necessary to follow out the details of the statements on this head, for they all fall to the ground when it is recollected that the Province can have no right to complain that the terms of compromise of 1845 varied the previous terms; they did so, but that was settled and disposed of in 1845, and the Colony four years afterwards passed their Act of 1849, and unless they can shew (and they do not even suggest) that the terms expressed in the Deeds of 1854 differ from the terms of 1845 and 1849, they can make no case, either in Law or Justice, for their being heard against the completion of the arrangements.

In conclusion, I have only again to express the earnest hope of the Directors of the Association, that Her Majesty's Government will not fail to direct the completion of the Surrender and new Grants, now before the Solicitors to the Treasury, and their firm reliance that this act of simple justice to a Body whose capital and enterprise, and whose punctual observance of their engagements, have, by the repeated admissions of the Province, done so much for its prosperity and advancement, will not be delayed.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Resolutions of the Board of Directors of the 4th instant, and would respectfully invite your attention to them.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. B. FOORD,
Secretary.

The Right Honorable

SIR GEORGE GREY,
Bart., &c. &c. &c.

The Honble. Wm. Young to Mr. Reynolds.

(Copy.)

Halifax, 23d November, 1854.

SIR—

I have had the honor of receiving this morning your Letter of the 10th instant, inclosing copies of a Correspondence with the General Mining Association in 1835—of a Letter from Mr. Foord to the Right Hon. Sir George Grey, of 8th August last—of the reply of the Representatives of His Royal Highness the late Duke of York to the statement recently made by me on behalf of the Executive Government of this Province—and of a Letter from Mr. Bircham to yourself, of the 9th instant. As I have seen these Documents for the first time to-day, I shall content myself at present with merely acknowledging their receipt, and will be able, I trust, to reply to them at large by next mail.

I am, &c.

(Signed) W. YOUNG,
Attorney General.

H. R. REYNOLDS, Esq.
Solicitor H. M. Treasury.

Sir

Sir J. G. LeMarchant to Sir George Grey.

(Copy.)

Halifax, 3d January, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of a Minute in Council, which my Executive Advisers have prepared on the subject of, and protesting against, the contemplated execution by Her Majesty's Government of certain Documents therein referred to, that have been prepared to carry out pending arrangements between the Crown, the Representatives of the late Duke of York, and the General Mining Association.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honble. Sir GEORGE GREY, &c. &c. &c.

MEMORANDUM by the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, in relation to the new Lease of the Mines and Minerals of the Province proposed to be given to the Representatives of His Royal Highness the late Duke of York :

The Council have had under consideration the Report by Mr. Attorney General Young, of his proceedings while in London, under the Resolutions of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, passed in the last Session, including his Memorandum of 30th July, and the Correspondence that passed between him and the General Mining Association in July and August last.

They have also had under consideration the Documents recently transmitted to Mr. Young by Mr. Reynolds, the Solicitor of the Treasury, as specified in the acknowledgment of their receipt on the 23d ult.

And in reply thereto they have to remark, that the information possessed by the present Executive Government of the negotiations and correspondence on the subject of the Mines and Minerals, has hitherto been, and still is, in a great measure confined to what has been communicated from time to time to the House of Assembly. Much Correspondence may have been had between the House and the Local Government, in former years, of which the people, and their Representatives, knew nothing. In 1830, the then Administrator having been requested by the Assembly to lay before the House a statement of the annual incomes arising from the Coal Mines, their respective amounts, and how the same were disposed of, and the terms under which they were held, thought himself obliged to decline the responsibility of complying with this request, as a new measure for which there was no precedent, until he could receive instructions from Home. The Letters of 1828 and 1829, containing the agreement for a Lease of the reserved Mines at Pictou and Sydney, and the Grant to the Duke of York in 1826, were not communicated to the Assembly till 1844. It is not, therefore, at all wonderful that the Memorandum of the Executive Government, of 1st July, 1834, and the Correspondence in 1835, have never before come to the knowledge of the present Council, and have never been seen by the Assembly. And as the papers and public documents of those days were not kept with the same regularity as now, the Council cannot ascertain, upon a diligent search, whether this Correspondence was ever transmitted to the Local Government, or what reply was made to it.

Whatever

Whatever construction may have been put by the General Mining Association on the Memorial and Letters of 1828 and 1829, these Documents have always been considered by the Legislature of this Province, from the year 1844, when for the first time they had access to them, as applying only to the reserved Mines at Pictou and Cape Breton. The Lease to the Duke of York, and the agreement in respect of these Mines, are referred to as distinct instruments in the Act of 1849, and the Mines and Minerals of the whole Province, including Cape Breton, are transferred thereby to the General Assembly, "subject only to the existing rights of the Lessees and persons entitled under the said Lease and agreement." If the two were in fact identical, and the Royalty payable under both was to be one and the same, as is now contended, the Legislature passed the Act of 1849, granting a Civil List, in ignorance of any such concession.

It now appears that the surrender of the old Lease, and the new one against which we have protested, are in every substantial particular in the shape in which they were originally prepared in 1846 by the Treasury Solicitors. This is a fact, also, wholly unknown to the Legislature, and of which we have had no information till now. All the material facts then known to this Board are comprehended in Mr. Young's Memorandum of 30th July last, which specifically refers to the Treasury Minute of 27th June, 1845, though an expression in Mr. Bircham's Letter of the 9th inst. might induce a supposition that it had at some time been denied.

Of the meaning and effect of that Minute this Board retain the same opinion which is expressed in Mr. Young's Letter of 7th August; and they cannot but remark that this opinion is confirmed by Sir Charles E. Trevelyan's Letter of 2nd July, 1845, which they have now for the first time seen, giving instructions "for the completion of a Lease to the Mining Association, subject, in other respects, to the conditions and limitations which were contained in the agreement between the Association and His late Majesty's Government in 1828."

How could it be supposed that this Lease to the Association was to absorb the original Lease of 1826, putting the title directly and entirely in them, and reducing the Royalty in the Grant of 1826, as now proposed?

It appears that no such Lease did pass, or was intended to pass, to the Association, for the new Lease settled in 1846 was to the Representatives of the Duke of York, to be assigned by them to the Association, upon the terms and conditions expressed in the agreement of May, 1849.

The most material of these, reserving a yearly rent or sum of nine-pence sterling, upon every chaldron of Coal, Winchester measure, which shall be raised in the Province, to be paid to the Representatives and Creditors of the Duke of York, was certainly made known to the people of this Province, for the first time, in the last Session of the Assembly, and had no little influence in inducing the Resolutions then passed.

This onerous tax upon the products and industry of the Province, operating, in fact, as an addition to the price of whatever Coal is consumed, and an export duty upon whatever quantity is sent abroad, amounted last year to no less than £5,573 sterling—a fact which will excite a very strong feeling when it becomes generally known in Nova Scotia.

Should the Coal Trade largely increase, as may reasonably be expected with the abolition of the duty in the United States, this Tax may be doubled, or even trebled, in amount, and will be viewed as a most oppressive burden.

Some advantage has been gained by the Association from the acceptance of the reduced Royalty on Coals raised at the Joggins, on account of the smallness of the quantity not having attracted the notice of the Officers of Government, just as the non-payment of the Royalty on Slack Coal was accidentally overlooked.

But an acquiescence on the part of this Government, either in the one or the other, was never intended to be given, and ought not to be assumed.

We conceive the terms in the Minute of 1845 to differ essentially from those in the agreement of 1849, in the Deeds of 1854; and for this reason, as well as the other causes in the Memorandum of 30th July, the Council respectfully but firmly protest against these Deeds being executed, and claim, on behalf of the Province, the full benefit secured to them by the Act of 1849, on the day it was assented to by the Queen's Representative, independently of any engagements that may have been made between that day and the time it came into operation, by Her Majesty's approval being given thereto.

Halifax, 23d December, 1854.

(Signed)

WILL. YOUNG.
MICH. TOBIN.
JAS. McNAB.
L. M. WILKINS.
SAM. CREELMAN.
W. A. HENRY.

LEGISLATIVE ACT.

(Copy.)

No. 19.

Downing Street, 8th November, 1854.

SIR—

With my Despatch, No. 18, of the 24th October, I transmitted an Order of Her Majesty in Council, leaving the Act passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, No. 3232, entitled, An Act to continue and amend Cap. 29 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Militia," to its operation; I think it right, however, to direct your attention to the provisions of this Act, as an apparent inconsistency seems to exist between the 3rd and 6th Sections, it being provided under Section 3, that the Adjutants shall receive 10s. a day, for services which it is conceived would be required of them in some sort, even though the Militia were not enrolled; and under Section 6, that no money shall be drawn from the Treasury until the Governor, in consequence of an invasion made or threatened, or in any other emergency, shall have issued a Proclamation for the enrolment of the Militia.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

Lieut. Governor SIR J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

ROYAL COMMISSION OF THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith. To Our most dearly-beloved Consort, His Royal Highness Francis Albert Augustus Charles Emanuel, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe Cobourg and Gotha, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, and Field-Marshal in Our Army. To Our right trusty and right entirely-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry Pelham, Duke of Newcastle, one of Our Principal Secretaries of State ; Our right trusty and right entirely-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Arthur, Duke of Wellington, Major-General in Our Army ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward Adolphus Somerset, commonly called Lord Seymour ; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Edward Geoffrey, Earl of Derby ; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin, Anthony, Earl of Shaftesbury ; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, George Hamilton, Earl of Aberdeen, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle ; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Charles Philip, Earl of Hardwicke, Rear-Admiral on the Reserved Half-Pay of Our Navy ; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin, Henry Thomas, Earl of Chichester ; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin, Horatio, Earl Nelson ; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry, Earl Grey ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry John, Viscount Palmerston, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and one of our Principal Secretaries of State ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Stapylton, Viscount Combermere, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and General in Our Army ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Cousin and Councillor, Henry, Viscount Hardinge, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and General Commanding-in-chief of Our Army ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Henry Robinson, Baron Rokeby, Major-General in Our Army ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Charles, Baron Colchester, Rear-Admiral on the Reserved Half-Pay of Our Navy ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Fox, Baron Panmure, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle ; Our right trusty and well-beloved John, Baron Seaton, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and General in Our Army ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward Burtenshaw, Baron Saint Leonards ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Fitz Roy James Henry, Baron Raglan, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, General in our Army, Master-General of Our Ordnance, and Commander of Our Forces employed on a particular service ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Sidney Herbert, Our Secretary-at-War ; Our trusty and well-beloved James Lindsay, commonly called the Honourable James Lindsay, Colonel in Our Army ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Sir James Robert George Graham, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and one of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Henry Thomas Lowry Corry ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward Ellice ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Robert Vernon Smith ; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Sir John Somerset Pakington, Baronet ; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Robert Throckmorton, Baronet ; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Parker, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Admiral of the White Squadron of Our Fleet ; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Thomas Byam Martin, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath,

Bath, and Admiral of the Fleet; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Fox Burgoyne, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General in Our Army, and Inspector-General of Fortifications; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Hew Dalrymple Ross, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Lieutenant-General of Our Ordnance; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor the Lord Mayor of Our City of London for the time being; Our trusty and well-beloved Joseph Hume, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Baring, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved John Gellibrand Hubbard, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved John Wilson Patten, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved Samuel Morton Peto, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved Edmund Burke Roche, Esquire; and Our trusty and well-beloved John Ball, Esquire.

WHEREAS, amidst the glorious successes which, through the power of Almighty God, have attended Our arms during the present war, many soldiers, sailors, and marines, serving in Our armies and fleets, have gallantly fallen in battle, or by other casualties during war; and many who shall hereafter be engaged in conflict, or in the further prosecution of hostilities, may also nobly sacrifice their lives in Our service, while protecting the invaded liberties of Our Ally, and repressing the lawless ambition of Our enemies:

AND WHEREAS it hath been represented to Us, that many of Our loving subjects throughout Our Kingdom and Dominions, actuated by a just sense of the sacred rights of those who fall in their country's service and in support of Our just cause of war, are anxiously desirous of testifying their loyalty and love to Us, and to Our Throne, by a just and generous benevolence towards the widows and orphans of those of Our soldiers, sailors, and marines who have been so killed, or who may hereafter die amidst the ravages and casualties of war, and also by their gifts and subscriptions to contribute a portion of those means with which Our Nation has been blessed, towards the succouring, educating, and relieving those who, by the loss of their husbands and parents in battle, or by death on active service in the present war, are unable to maintain or support themselves:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that public measures should be taken, and that preparation should be made for the safe keeping and beneficial application of the several sums of money which may henceforth, and from time to time hereafter, during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission, be given, subscribed, or collected, for all or any of the several purposes aforesaid: And also for the purpose of securing such prompt and authentic information as may be required, to aid the just and faithful distribution of the said several sums of money, when so received: And it hath also appeared to Us, that by issuing this, Our Royal Commission, greater efficacy, power, and support, may be given to the benevolent desires of Our loving subjects: And also that the respective claims, merits, and necessities of individual claimants will be duly inquired into: And that by permitting assistance to be rendered by the officers of Our civil, military, and naval services, we may prevent the wrong application, by misrepresentation or otherwise, of those contributions which Our loving subjects may hereafter, during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission, for the several purposes aforesaid, generously and benevolently supply:

Now KNOW YE, that We, having taken into Our consideration the premises, and being earnestly desirous, in lasting memory of those who have faithfully fallen in Our service, to encourage the loyal and hearty benevolence of Our loving subjects, which may hereafter be directed towards the widows and orphans of the soldiers, sailors, and marines of Our forces, who may now or hereafter be serving abroad in Our armies and fleets, or in services connected with our present hostilities, and for other the several purposes hereinbefore recited or mentioned, and reposing great trust and confidence in your fidelity, discretion, and integrity, HAVE authorized and appointed, and

do by these presents authorize and appoint you, the said Prince Albert, the said Duke of Newcastle, the said Duke of Wellington, the said Lord Seymour, the said Earl of Derby, the said Earl of Shaftesbury, the said Earl of Aberdeen, the said Earl of Hardwicke, the said Earl of Chichester, the said Earl Nelson, the said Earl Grey, the said Viscount Palmerston, the said Viscount Combermere, the said Viscount Hardinge, the said Baron Rokeby, the said Baron Colchester, the said Baron Panmure, the said Baron Seaton, the said Baron St. Leonards, the said Baron Raglan, the said Sidney Herbert, the said James Lindsay, the said Sir James Robert George Graham, the said Henry Thomas Lowry Corry, the said Edward Ellice, the said Robert Vernon Smith, the said Sir John Somerset Pakington, the said Sir Robert Throckmorton, the said Sir William Parker, the said Sir Thomas Byam Martin, the said Sir John Fox Burgoyne, the said Sir Hew Dalrymple Ross, the said Lord Mayor of Our City of London, the said Joseph Hume, the said Thomas Baring, the said John Gellibrand Hubbard, the said John Wilson Patten, the said Samuel Morton Peto, the said Edmund Burke Roche, and the said John Ball, to make full and diligent inquiry into the best mode of aiding the loyalty and benevolence of Our loving subjects, and of ascertaining the best means by which the gifts, subscriptions, and contributions of Our loving subjects can be best applied, according to the generous intentions of the donors thereof, and from time to time to apply the same as you, Our Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall think fit or direct, either for the immediate relief of such special objects of destitution as may come within the meaning and purpose of such benevolence, or, for any of the purposes aforesaid, to increase, extend, or make additions to any of Our Royal or other charitable institutions already founded for similar purposes within Our United Kingdom. And further, to apply, or to order and direct the application of, all such monies in such manner as to you, Our Commissioners, or to any three or more of you, shall seem fit in the premises; so that you do in all things secure the most impartial and beneficent distribution of all such sums as may hereafter and from time to time be received under or by virtue of this Our Royal Commission.

AND KNOW YE that We do by these presents further give and grant to you, and to any three or more of you, full power and authority to call before you, or any three or more of you, all such persons in connection with Our civil, military, and naval service, as you shall judge necessary, by whom you may be the better informed of all matters and things most desirable to be done and performed, and to inquire into the premises and every part thereof by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And Our further will and pleasure is, That for the purpose of aiding you in the execution of these premises, We do hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Edmund Gardiner Fishbourne, Esquire, Captain in Our Navy, and Our trusty and well-beloved John Henry Lefroy, Esquire, Captain in Our Royal Regiment of Artillery, to be joint Honorary Secretaries to this Our Royal Commission.

And We do command you, Our said Commissioners, upon the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of either or both of them the said Secretaries to this Our Royal Commission, that you do from time to time, and as often as the same may occur, proceed according to your discretion to fill up the same by virtue of this Our Royal Commission.

And for the further, better and more perfectly enabling all Our loving subjects, according to their desire and ability, and from time to time and at all times during the existence of this Our Royal Commission, according to their several means and wishes, to contribute to the benevolent and praiseworthy objects aforesaid, and that *Local Committees* may the more readily and speedily be formed throughout Our Kingdom and Dominions, of all Our magistrates, justices of the peace, the clergy, and other of Our loving subjects within all cities, parishes, boroughs, and places in Our Kingdom

and Dominions, and in Our Colonies, possessions, and territories abroad, It is Our Royal will and pleasure, and We do for such purpose constitute and appoint the Lords Lieutenant, Sheriffs, and Custodes Rotulorum for the time being of the several counties within Our Kingdom; the Aldermen and Recorder for the time being of Our City of London; the Provost of Edinburgh for the time being; the Lord Mayor of Dublin for the time being; the Lord Mayor of York for the time being; and all other the Mayors, Provosts, Bailiffs, and Bailies for the time being of Our cities, boroughs, and corporate towns; and also all Our Governors-General, Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, and officers administering the Governments for the time being of Our territories and Colonial possessions, to be within their several counties, cities, boroughs, governments, and jurisdictions respectively, COMMISSIONERS IN AID of the several duties and services to be performed by you, and for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned to encourage, aid, and assist the establishment of all such *Local Committees* as may be useful or necessary in every town, parish, or place, within the jurisdictions aforesaid, for the several purposes of collecting from time to time all or any gifts, subscriptions, and voluntary contributions as aforesaid, and transmitting the same when so collected to Our Paymaster-General, as is hereinafter mentioned: Provided always, that each and every such Local Committee shall keep a correct account of the moneys collected by them respectively; and each of the said Local Committees shall only be answerable and accountable for the due and speedy transmission to Our said Paymaster-General of all such sum and sums of money as may from time to time be voluntarily subscribed or collected through its own special means and agency.

And We do authorize and empower the said COMMISSIONERS IN AID, under the rules and regulations of you Our said Commissioners, or of any three or more of you, in all other matters to perform and do such acts as may best promote the objects of this Our Royal Commission, during the continuance thereof, and to encourage and aid a due and faithful fulfilment of the benevolent desires of Our loving subjects in this behalf, within their several counties, governments, and jurisdictions aforesaid.

And for the safe custody of all moneys which may hereafter be received for the purposes herein set forth, and of all sums of money already subscribed or given for any such purpose as aforesaid, which may be duly handed over for the purpose of being applied under this Our Royal Commission, Our Royal will and pleasure further is, and We do hereby direct and command Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Edward John, Baron Stanley of Alderley, our Paymaster-General, or Our Paymaster-General for the time being, to receive and safely keep all and every sum and sums of money which by virtue of this Our Royal Commission may at any time or times, and from time to time hereafter during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission, be received and paid, but subject nevertheless to the orders and directions of you Our said Commissioners, or of any three or more of you, and also to such drafts of the Executive and Finance Committee as are hereinafter mentioned, and which may be in accordance with the rules and regulations of you Our said Commissioners.

And to this end We do command our said Paymaster-General to open and keep a separate account at the Bank of England, and that he do pay to the credit of such account, which shall be called and known by the name of the "PATRIOTIC FUND," all and every sum and sums of money which he may at any time hereafter receive, under or by virtue of this Our Royal Commission, and that Our said Paymaster-General do cause payments to be made therefrom by virtue of such drafts or orders as may be addressed to him by or on behalf of you Our said Commissioners, and, subject to your direction and authority, by your said Secretaries or either of them, or by the said Executive and Finance Committee, or by any two or more of such Committee, for the time being.

And in order to facilitate the imprest to Our said Paymaster-General of any and all subscriptions, donations, and collections of moneys now or hereafter to be made, or which from time to time during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission may be received, for any of the several purposes aforesaid, and also for the purposes of carrying into effect what you Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall hereafter direct to be done in respect to the said subscriptions, donations, and collections so expected to be made as aforesaid, We hereby authorize you Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, to nominate and appoint any three or more persons whomsoever, as to you shall seem meet, to be an Executive Committee in the premises; and Our pleasure is that such Executive Committee shall also be a Finance Committee, with power to select their own Chairman, and having the direction and control, under such orders and regulations as may hereafter from time to time be made by you, or by any three or more of you, over the receipts and expenditure of the said several sums of money which from time to time during the continuance of this Our Royal Commission may be collected, as aforesaid; and, subject to such your orders and regulations, the said Executive and Finance Committee, or any two or more of them, shall and may order and direct the payment and disbursement of any sum or sums so to be received by Our said Paymaster-General to the account of the said "Patriotic Fund."

And it is our further will and pleasure that you, or any three or more of you, do from time to time, according to your discretion, fill up any such vacancies as may occur in such Executive and Finance Committee, as occasion shall require, and that the said Executive and Finance Committee, or any three or more of them, do from time to time appoint their own clerk, who shall also duly record their proceedings, and which said proceedings shall be duly preserved and kept, and the said Executive and Finance Committee, or any three of them, inclusive of their Chairman for the time being if he shall be then present, shall from time to time, and at all times, report to you as and when you may desire, all matters and things that they shall or may have done in the premises, and shall render accounts of all disbursements and payments which may be made, or ordered to be made, by them in manner aforesaid under the orders and regulations so to be received from you, or any three or more of you, as aforesaid. And further that you do, as soon as conveniently may be after the receipt of such accounts, proceed to audit, by one or more of your number, all such accounts disbursements, and payments, so that there be no expenditure of any sum or sums of money by anticipation or in advance of any balance already in hand of Our said Paymaster-General to the account of the said "Patriotic Fund."

And Our further will and pleasure is, that you, or any three or more of you, when and so often as need or occasion shall require, so long as this Our Commission shall continue in force, do report to Us in writing, under your hands and seals respectively, all and every of the several proceedings of yourselves had by virtue of these presents, together with such other matters, if any, as may be deserving of Our Royal consideration touching or concerning the premises.

And lastly, We do by these presents ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, shall and may from time to time, and at any place or places, proceed in the execution thereof, and of every other matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

Given at Our Court at Balmoral, this seventh day of October, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the eighteenth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's command,

(Signed)

NEWCASTLE.

Notice

 NOTICE.

The Offices of the ROYAL COMMISSIONERS of the "PATRIOTIC FUND" are, for the present, at No. 16a, Great George Street, corner of Parliament Street, Westminster.

The hours of attendance will be from 11 a. m. till 4 p. m., daily.

The "COMMISSIONERS IN AID" of the "Patriotic Fund" are earnestly requested, without further notice, to take immediate steps for giving publicity, within their several jurisdictions, to the Royal Commission, in order that Local Committees be formed wherever practicable, with the least possible delay.

"Local Committees" will, according to their discretion, obtain contributions to the "Patriotic Fund," either by public meetings establishing Subscription Lists, or otherwise.

The acknowledgment of individual donations, where obtained through the "Commissioners in Aid," or by "Local Committees," must in all cases, to avoid error and expense, be left exclusively to the "Local Committees."

Local Committees are requested to make up their first Subscription Lists and Accounts in or before the first week in December next, and to remit the amounts in or before the following week, by drafts payable to the "Patriotic Fund," crossed "Bank of England," to the Secretaries of the Commission, or direct to the Bank of England.

Total amounts only, as transmitted by Local Committees, will be acknowledged at fixed periods in two London daily newspapers.

Donations, Subscriptions, and Contributions, to the "Patriotic Fund," other than those paid to Local Committees, will be received by the Secretaries at the Offices of the Royal Commission as above, at the Bank of England, and by all London Bankers. Acknowledgements of the receipt will appear, from time to time, in London papers above mentioned; but it is hoped, that no separate receipts or acknowledgments will be required from the Honorary Secretaries, whose duties will be otherwise sufficiently laborious.

 RAILWAY.

*Nova-Scotia Railway Office,
Halifax, February 6, 1855.*

SIR—

We beg to submit, for the information of His Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, and of the LEGISLATURE :

1st. A Balance Sheet, showing the amount received by this Board from the Public Treasury, and disbursed within the year 1854, distinguishing each head of expenditure.

2nd. Copies of the Accounts which, under the law, have been furnished to the Financial Secretary quarterly, with whom the vouchers for the year's expenditure have been lodged.

The Books of the Commission, consisting of Minute, Letter and Account Books, open, throughout the year, to the inspection of members of the Government, are open now to the inspection of members of the Legislature; and the Accountant has received

received instructions to attend upon any Committee of either or of both Houses, to whom the business of examining the accounts of the Board may be confided.

The whole amount of expenditure, to the 31st December, is £53,573 17s. 4d. The liabilities of the Board, for Contracts already made, and not complete, or for goods received and not paid for, amount to £37,558 6s. 6d. An account, showing the nature and extent of these liabilities, is submitted. The amount, added to the expenditure, will represent the whole sum which has been drawn, or will be required, to complete the works to the Rocky Lake.

These are: works at the Halifax Terminus, on the Governor's Farm, including a Wharf, Reservoir, and temporary Station and Engine Houses.

Section, No. 1, extending from the Halifax Terminus to near the Nine Mile River, contracted for by MESSRS. CAMERONS, TURNBULL and FRASER.

Section, No. 2, extending to Cochran's Ship Yard, and contracted for by MESSRS. BLACK and McDONALD.

Section, No. 3, extending to the Rocky Lake, and contracted for by MESSRS. CREELMAN and TUPPER.

Plans and Sections of these works have been already laid before the Governor in Council, and Plans and Descriptions of the Lands taken from individuals have been lodged in the Registry Office, and to these the Board respectfully beg leave to refer.

The works extend over a distance of 10 miles and 31 chains, admitted to be the most difficult which the Board have to encounter. The cost of these Sections, for grading and permanent way, as accurately determined, will be £7840 per mile, to which must be added such proportion of the general expenses, common to the whole system, as may be regarded as fairly chargeable upon these portions when the lines now in progress have been completed.

When it is considered that rock and hard gravel had to be removed on almost every portion of these Contracts,—that heavy embankments had to be formed across Coves and Arms of the Basin, and that the price of labour has, throughout the Summer, been one-third higher than at any period for 20 years, the cost per mile will not appear extravagant. Before the approaching Summer closes, we hope that our operations, on both lines, will have reached beyond the rocky region which extends from the southern shores of the Province, and over which any Railways running out of the Capital must be constructed. When once the river beds and fertile lands of the interior have been reached, we confidently anticipate a very material reduction in the cost.

A Schedule, showing the Stock and Property appertaining to the works, now in possession of the Commissioners, and which belongs to the Province, is appended to this Report. It will be found to include a Locomotive—two first class Cars—a Snow Plough, and such a number of Trucks and Waggons as will suffice for working that portion of the Line which has been or will be opened within this year.

Two Locomotives are being built for the Board, in Scotland. As Cars and other Rolling Stock are required, they will be constructed; and the Board are not without a hope that such an Establishment may be created or encouraged, near the Depot, as will not only be sufficient to do ordinary repairs, but at which Engines may be built, not inferior to those produced in Canada, or in the United States.

Difficulties have arisen during the past year, in adjusting the damages due to parties whose land has been taken by the Commissioners, for the construction and use of the Road. None of the parties have been paid. The attention of the Government should, the Board are bound respectfully to suggest, be directed to this subject, as cases of hardship have already occurred, and others must occur, unless some mode by which relief can be afforded, is devised.

The Chief Engineer is now engaged in locating a section of the Eastern Road, which will carry the works in that direction to the Grand Lake. He is also concluding such preliminary Surveys as will enable him to place under Contract ten miles of the Western Road. The Board confidently anticipate that these two sections, in addition to the three already in progress, will be completed within this year, while they shall labor very zealously to locate and place under Contract other portions of the lines between Halifax and Windsor, and Halifax and Truro.

The Board regret that they have not been able, during the short period that has elapsed since they were commissioned, to accomplish more. They met for the first time on the 5th of April. They had an Engineering Staff to organize, and Contractors and skilled workmen to discover. No member of the Board had any practical knowledge of Railway making. By the 4th of May the first contract for Grading was advertized; and on the 13th of June the ground was broken. In less than nine months three Sections have been placed under Contract,—eighty miles of country beyond surveyed,—Rails and Rolling Stock have been imported, and a Depot sufficient for the present, has been formed. Twenty miles more will be under Contract before the 1st May. The Commissioners see no reason to doubt the completion of the line to Windsor, with a corresponding extension into the heart of the Eastern Counties, by the close of 1856. The Cars now run daily from the Depot to the Four-Mile House. They will carry Mails and Passengers to the Head of the Basin early in the Spring.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servants,

JOSEPH HOWE,
J. McCULLY,
WM. PRYOR, JR.
P. M. CUNNINGHAM,
J. H. ANDERSON,
THOS. S. TOBIN.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

(Copy.)

No. 66.

Halifax, 13th December, 1854.

SIR—

I have much satisfaction in transmitting to you the inclosed copy of a Resolution of the House of Assembly, concurred in by the Honorable the Legislative Council, for the appropriation of the sum of Two Thousand Pounds, Sterling, towards the relief, education, and support of the Widows and Orphans of those Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who have fallen or may fall in battle, or die in active service, during the present War.

I inclose a Bill of Exchange for the above sum, which I beg that you will have the goodness to forward to the London Committee of the Patriotic Fund.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable

Sir GEORGE GREY, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 33.

Downing-Street, 17th January, 1855.

SIR—

I have received your Despatch No. 66, of the 13th of December last, enclosing a copy of a Resolution of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, for the appropriation of the Sum of £2,000 Sterling, towards the relief, education, and support of the Widows and Orphans of those persons who may have fallen, or may hereafter fall, during the War with Russia.

This proof of sympathy and generosity on the part of the House of Assembly, has been received with much satisfaction by Her Majesty's Government, and will, I am confident, be duly appreciated by the people of this Country.

I have caused the sum voted by the Assembly to be placed, in accordance with the terms of their Resolution, at the disposal of the Royal Commission of the Patriotic Fund.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) G. GREY.

Lieutenant-Governor

Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c., &c., &c.,
Nova-Scotia.

RECIPROCITY ADDRESS.

(Copy.)

Downing-Street, 26th January, 1855.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 67, of the 14th December last, and to acquaint you that I have laid before the Queen the Address from the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, which you enclose.

With

With regard to the observation made by the Council, that at the Conferences on the subject of the Reciprocity Treaty, the Province did not enjoy the privilege of being represented, I have to refer you to Lord Elgin's Letter to yourself of the 14th of June last, a copy of which, together with a copy of your Letter to which it was a reply, was forwarded to me by His Lordship, as explaining the circumstances under which it happened, that no Delegates from Nova Scotia met Lord Elgin at New York, to confer with him before the Treaty was negotiated.

Lord Elgin states in his Despatch to me, that he did everything in his power to procure for himself the advantage of the advice and assistance of the Delegates from Nova Scotia before concluding the Treaty; but having been disappointed in this, he still expresses his confidence that the interests of Nova Scotia were duly attended to at Washington.

I hope, therefore, that it will be felt that there was no intention to disregard the privileges of the Legislature, or to deal with the interests of the Province in a manner different from that in which the interests of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island were dealt with.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

His Excellency

Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

RECIPROCITY ACT.

(Copy.)

Washington, February 12, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to the Letter which I addressed to Your Excellency on the 29th ultimo, enclosing the copy of a Draft Bill to amend the Act of Congress for carrying into effect the Reciprocity Treaty of June 5, 1854, I have now the honor to inform you that this Bill has passed the Senate of the United States, and will be immediately submitted to the House of Representatives.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His Excellency

Sir G. LEMARCHANT, &c., &c., &c.,

Nova-Scotia.

TRADE RETURNS.

Return of the Amount of Duties collected on all Wines and Spirituous Liquors Imported or Distilled within this Province, for the Years 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, and 1854, exhibiting the Rate and Amount of Duty on each Article, respectively.

1850.			
Articles.	Rate of Duty	Gallons.	Amount of Duty.
Brandy,	£0 2 8	27,561 $\frac{1}{2}$	£3,674 16 10
Geneva,	0 2 8	17,376	2,316 16 0
Rum,	0 0 11	42,464	1,946 5 4
Ditto,	0 1 6	26,563	1,992 4 6
Distillery Licences,			
Whiskey,	0 0 11	191	8 15 1
Ditto,	0 2 8	1,790	238 13 4
Wine,	0 1 3	16,710	1,044 7 6
Ditto,	0 2 6	6,977 $\frac{3}{4}$	872 4 5
Ditto,	0 3 0	721 $\frac{1}{2}$	108 4 6
Total Sterling,			£12,202 7 6

1851.			
Articles.	Rate of Duty	Gallons.	Amount of Duty.
Brandy,	£0 2 8	30,951	£4,126 16 0
Geneva,	0 2 8	17,265 $\frac{1}{4}$	2,302 0 8
Rum,	0 0 11	39,424	1,806 18 8
Ditto,	0 1 6	24,225	1,816 17 6
Distillery Licences,			
Whiskey,	0 0 11	560 $\frac{3}{4}$	25 14 1
Ditto,	0 2 8	1,837	244 18 8
Wine,	0 1 3	16,005 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,000 7 3
Ditto,	0 2 6	7,336	917 0 0
Ditto,	0 3 0	713	106 19 0
Total Sterling,			£12,347 11 10

1852.			
Articles.	Rate of Duty	Gallons.	Amount of Duty.
Brandy,	£0 2 8	33,277 $\frac{3}{4}$	£4,437 0 8
Geneva,	0 2 8	16,698 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,226 9 4
Rum,	0 0 11	11,156	511 6 4
Ditto,	0 1 6	24,387	1,829 0 6
Distillery Licences,			1,809 4 6
Whiskey,	0 0 11	418 $\frac{3}{4}$	19 3 10
Ditto,	0 2 8	2,000	266 13 4
Wine,	0 1 3	16,482 4-5	1,030 3 6
Ditto,	0 2 6	5,177 $\frac{1}{2}$	647 3 9
Ditto,	0 3 0	663 1-5	99 9 7
Total Sterling,			£12,875 15 4

RECIPROCITY TREATY.

1853.			
Articles.	Rate of Duty	Gallons.	Amount of Duty.
Brandy,	£0 2 8	28,099	£3,746 10 8
Geneva,	0 2 8	22,038½	2,938 9 4
Rum,	0 0 11		
Ditto,	0 1 6	19,681	1,476 1 6
Distillery Licences,			2,741 0 0
Whiskey,	0 0 11		
Ditto,	0 2 8	2,233	311 1 4
Wine,	0 1 3	16,321 1-10	1,020 1 6
Ditto,	0 2 6	5,580 2-5	697 11 0
Ditto,	0 3 0	783 2-5	117 10 3
Total Sterling,			£13,048 5 7

1854.			
Articles.	Rate of Duty	Gallons.	Amount of Duty.
Brandy,	£0 2 8	25,269	£3,369 4 0
Geneva,	0 2 8	27,326	3,643 9 4
Rum,	0 0 11		
Ditto,	0 1 6	27,394½	2,054 11 9
Distillery Licences,			3,618 0 0
Whiskey,	0 0 11		
Ditto,	0 2 8	2,854	380 10 8
Wine,	0 1 3	16,049 7-10	1,003 2 2
Ditto,	0 2 6	5,476 1-5	684 10 6
Ditto,	0 3 0	805½	120 16 6
Total Sterling,			£14,874 4 11

Financial Secretary's Office, February, 1855.

RECIPROCITY TREATY.

(Copy.)

Downing-Street, 14th February, 1855.

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration, an Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, in the month of December last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch, noted in the margin.

This Act 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, and I have to transmit to you herewith, an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 8th February, approving that Report.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

SIDNEY HERBERT.

Lieutenant-Governor

Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

At

At the Court at Windsor, the 8th day of February, 1855.

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of December, 1854, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz. :—No. 3281, An Act for giving effect on the part of the Province of Nova Scotia to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America :

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.

WM. L. BATHURST.

MINES AND MINERALS.

Sir George Grey to Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant.

(Copy.)

No. 34.

Downing-Street, 18th January, 1855.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 61, of the 26th of October last, and, in compliance with your request, I transmit copies of two Letters addressed to this Office by the Solicitor to the General Mining Association.

With respect to such documents as have been sent by the Association to the Board of Treasury, you will perceive from the enclosed copy of a Letter addressed to my Department by desire of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that copies of all the material papers were furnished to Mr. Young, when in this country, by their Lordship's Solicitor.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

Lieutenant-Governor

Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

J. B. F. 8th Aug.
1854.

F. T. B. 18th Nov.
1854.

C. E. T. 12th Jan.
1855.

Treasury Chambers, 12th January, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to your Letter of the 14th November last, transmitting copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia applying for copies of certain representations made to Her Majesty's Government by or on behalf of the
General

General Mining Association, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, for the information of Secretary Sir George Grey, that the only material papers connected with this subject have been addressed to the Solicitor to this Board, and not to their Lordships.

I am to state that copies of these documents have been furnished by the Solicitor to Mr. Young, the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, and they apprehend that the Colonial Government has thus been supplied with all the information required.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

C. E. TREVELYAN.

HERMAN MERIVALE, Esquire, &c.

(Copy.)

46 Parliament Street, 18th November, 1854.

(NOVA SCOTIA MINES.)

SIR—

With reference to the subject which was under discussion on the 13th instant, I must beg to recapitulate briefly the points to which I had then the honor of calling your attention, in the hope that the Colonial Department of the Government will be induced further to consider the relations of the parties interested, and adopting the views which have appeared to them on former occasions to be just and politic, will determine that the arrangements so long ago concluded in substance between the Crown, the Representatives of the Duke of York, and the General Mining Association, shall, without further delay, receive their formal completion.

This final consummation would doubtless have been effected in August last, but for the unexpected intervention of the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, who, first in person, and afterwards by his Memorandum of the 30th July, 1854, urged objection against the matter being proceeded with. At that time the draft surrender of the original grant to the Duke of York, the draft new grant to his representatives, and the draft underlease by them to the General Mining Association, had been once again placed in the hands of the Solicitor to the Treasury in the very same shape, so far as the interests of the Crown and Colony are concerned, in which the Counsel of the Crown had already approved them, and in a form at length agreed on by all other parties concerned.

It is right that I should remind you that these three drafts were originally prepared by the Treasury Solicitor for carrying out, as he judged best, the Treasury Minute of 27th June, 1845,—that when at length after considerable discussion and careful revision by the Counsel of the Crown, their language had been settled, a formal agreement was in 1849 prepared also by the same authority for execution by the Crown, the Duke of York's Administrators, and the Association,—and that the Crown was only withdrawn at the last moment as a party to execute the agreement on formal considerations, and with the understanding that the Attorney General would appear and express the concurrence of the Crown on the proceedings in the Court of Chancery necessary to be taken for completing the arrangements come to in the suits pending there between the Duke of York's Administrators and the Association, to which suits the Attorney General was a party, and in those pending for the administration of the Duke's Estate. Upon several such occasions, between 1849 and 1854, Her Majesty's Attorney General has so appeared and concurred, and I may add that one of the stipulations in 1849 of the Crown advisers having been that a suit should be instituted in the Equity

Equity Courts of the Colony for confirming the compromise, such stipulation was afterwards withdrawn on a Memorial presented by the Association to the Treasury, alleging the delay which must ensue, and on a full consideration of the matter by the then Law Officers of the Crown.

This being the state of things as between the Association and the Home Government, and the Association having performed most punctually and honorably every point on their side of the arrangement, I pause, with the highest respect, but at the same time with the strongest confidence to ask, what circumstance supervening can disentitle the Association to the completion by the Crown of an agreement made by its responsible advisers with so much consideration, and sanctioned with so much more than the usual solemnities. And if now disentitled, then by what forms of law or course of conduct can the Directors of the Association, as respects this or any future agreement, secure for their constituents the performance of what is due to them? As Trustees for large interests, and as men who implicitly relied on the completion of the obligation contracted by the Government, and have again and again explained to their Shareholders the causes of delay, and as often pledged themselves that every thing being so clearly understood there could be no ultimate miscarriage, they cannot allow me to address you on this subject without making known their strong feeling upon it; nor can they permit me to put forward this further appeal to your Department as anything less than a distinct and unequivocal *claim* upon the justice of Her Majesty's Government.

This, the Directors submit, would be their position and their duty in whatever state of new circumstances, the Association having been no party to the creation of those circumstances, but the facts being, as in truth they are, it is with a yet stronger sense of their title to what they ask that they again earnestly urge the completion of the pending documents, and the dismissal of the objections urged by the Colony, through their Attorney General.

Mr. Young's points of objection are three:

I. That the Provincial Civil List Act of 1849 has deprived the Crown of the power to complete its engagements.

II. That the grant of 1826 is void and ought not to be recognised.

III. That the new lease is not the same in its terms as the existing lease of 1826, and agreements of 1828.

On all these points the Secretary of the Association has already addressed Her Majesty's Secretary for the Colonies, and I need only refer you to Mr. Foord's Letter of the 8th August, 1854, for conclusive facts and reasoning on each of them. But I am induced to add a few words on each head, in consequence of a Letter addressed by Mr. Young, the Attorney General of the Province, to Mr. Foord, on the 7th August last, and which had not been received when Mr. Foord wrote to Sir George Grey, and because a further reference to documents has suggested yet further reasons for dismissing Mr. Young's appeal.

1. As regards the Civil List Act of 1849, I must therefore be permitted to add, that not only does it in terms save all existing rights, but it must have been passed by the Colonial Legislature with full knowledge of what those rights were.

1. The Colony were in possession of the Treasury Minute of 25th June, 1845, and had at that time warmly canvassed the relations of the Colony and the Association, and had been told nevertheless that the compromise then made was fit and right, and would be proceeded with. See Lord Stanley's Despatch, of 18th July, 1845.

2. It will be found that this close discussion of the rights of parties was followed up in 1846 and 1847, when strong representations were made by the Colony to the Home Government, on the subject. I am in possession of the paper then (20th June, 1847) addressed by the Honorable Mr. Cunard, as the Agent of the Association,

to Sir Charles Trevelyan (as Under Secretary of the Treasury), but I must refer you to the records of the Treasury, or of your own Department, for the communication in reply made to the Colony by the Home Government. Earl Grey's Despatch of 20th June, 1848, will be found to bear in an important degree on the point.

3. I have to entreat your careful consideration of Sir John Harvey's Despatch to Lord Grey of the 2nd May, 1849, and the Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly, of the 5th February, 1849, of the Resolutions of that House thereon, and their Address to Sir John Harvey, the 23d February, 1849. Relying on your reference to these papers, I will not trouble you with extracts from them, but I will proceed to assume that that you find in them is, in different language, but almost identically, the same *case*, as that attempted to be made by Mr. Young's Memorandum of 1854. Before reminding you of the terms of Earl Grey's Despatch in reply, it is material that I should point out to you that the Civil List Act of 1849 passed the Provincial Legislature 8th March, 1849; that it so passed with all the objections of the Colony to the pending arrangements with the Association fresh in the minds of the Colonial Legislature, (their Resolutions and Address to the Lieutenant-Governor being then not three weeks old,) and that the Colony shewed themselves willing to accept the Civil List arrangement, with or without the modified arrangement with the Association which their Address suggested, by passing the Civil List Act immediately after their Resolutions and Address, and by not waiting to hear the result, the latter not having even been sent to England until two months afterwards. In the mean time the agreement defining in formal language the terms of compromise of 1845, and containing *in extenso* copies of the Deeds by which they were to be carried into effect was executed on the 29th May, 1849, not merely with the consent, but with the fullest concurrence of the Home Government. And I must presume that its language was communicated to the Colony by your Department, or that the latter accepted, as they most reasonably might, the responsibility of assuming that the Colony were already in possession of all that was necessary.

4. Next in date comes Earl Grey's Despatch of 16th August, 1849, and upon this Despatch, as a document of five years standing, which, so far as I know, remains wholly unanswered by the Colony, and upon the suggestions of which they have allowed five years to elapse without acting, the Directors of the Association feel that their whole case might well be rested.

In this state of things and at this date, no new fact being in 1854 submitted for shewing any misapprehension by the Colony of their position when they passed the Act of 1849, the Directors feel that nothing connected with that Act has in the remotest degree affected the plain and unequivocal right of the Association to the completion of the terms of 1845, as set forth in the agreement of 1849, nor the power of the Crown to complete them.

The Act was passed by the Colony in no ignorance of the real relations of the parties, and the appeal to the Crown in 1849 can only be regarded as an after experiment, and certainly was not in the nature of a condition precedent. Mr. Young's attempt of 1854 is yet more of an experiment, and there are now far weightier reasons why it should not succeed.

ii. On the second of Mr. Young's objections, viz.: that the grant of 1826 is void, I have nothing to add. At no time, during the last twenty years at least, has it been fairly open to the Colony to raise this point; at all events it must be at this time, five years after Lord Grey's Despatch, taken as finally at rest.

iii. On Mr. Young's position that the new Lease is not the same in its terms as the existing Lease of 1826, and the Agreement of 1828, Mr. Foord has already in his Letter of the 8th August to Sir George Grey, pointed out that this is not the question.

At the end of 9 years, from the time when the Colony were in the possession of

the Treasury Minute of 1845, it is really too late to find any discussion on earlier documents, and it must be enough to show that the Deeds of 1854 correspond with the arrangements of 1845.

But Mr. Young, in his Letter to Mr. Foord of the 7th August, argues that the Agreement of 1849, and the Deeds of 1854, go beyond what in the Colony the compromise of 1845 was understood to mean. He states that the Minute has no reference whatever to a surrender of the Lease of 1826 to the Duke of York, or to any other Lease or Grant in lieu thereof. It extended the 20,000 chaldrons of Coal in the Agreement of 1828 to 26,000, retaining the same royalty of 2s. a chaldron, &c. &c. and in a subsequent part of his Letter it is added, that the Agreement of May, 1849, lately transmitted to Nova-Scotia, was the first intimation given to us of any reduction of the Royalty in the Grant of 1826.

Happily the former of these passages confutes the other, for Mr. Young admits that the compromise of 1845 was an extension of the Agreement of 1828 in point of quantity, retaining the same royalty of 2s. for the excess beyond the extended number of chaldrons. If then the Agreement of 1828 made the same reduction of royalty in the Grant of 1826 as is now complained of, Mr. Young will be seen to be in error when he states that the agreement of May, 1849, lately transmitted to Nova Scotia, was the first intimation given there of any reduction.

The Agreement of 1828 rests on a Memorial of Messrs. Rundell, Bridge & Rundell, of 22d January, 1828—a Despatch of the Lieutenant Governor of the Colony, 10th April, 1828—and two Letters addressed to Messrs. Rundell & Co. by Mr. Under Secretary Hay, dated 22d May and 4th July, 1828; a Lease was never executed, because the Association and the Representatives of the Duke of York were, and continued until the compromise of 1845, in *disagreement* and litigation, and because the new Lease implied a surrender of the existing one, which the Association were in no position to make.

The very question which Mr. Young now raises, arose in 1834. You will find that a Memorandum of the date of the first of July in that year, was transmitted from the Colony to the Home Government. It suggested that a sum of £1,242 5s. had become due to the Crown for royalty at 1s. a ton on Coals raised within the Territory *comprised in the original grant of 1826*, and not therefore covered by the fixed rent of £3,000, Sterling, for 20,000 chaldrons reserved by the agreement of 1826. This Memorandum was made known to the Association by Mr. Hay, 24th January, 1835, and an explanation given by Mr. Duval, the then Secretary of the Company, in a Letter to Mr. Hay of the 30th January, 1835. The concluding sentence of this Letter is as follows:—“The Directors trust that the explanation now given will satisfy the Earl of Aberdeen that the General Mining Association is not liable to the payment of the sum of £1,242 5s. Sterling, claimed by the local Governor of Nova Scotia, nor to the payment of any other annual sum for Coal sold and raised in any part of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton than the stipulated Rent of £3,333 6s. 8d., and of 2s. currency for every chaldron of Coal, Newcastle measure, raised and sold in one year above 20,000 chaldrons.”

On the 3d February, 1835, Mr. Hay replied that Mr. Duval's “communication would be forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor, as furnishing an answer to the claim in question, which appeared to have been preferred under a misconception of the nature of the existing agreements with the General Mining Association.”

From that hour to the date of Mr. Young's Memorandum in July last, nothing has in any way transpired which suggested or implied that as between the Crown and the Association the lease of 1826 had anything more than a nominal existence; on the contrary, the agreement of 1828 was in every respect acted upon until extended and virtually superseded by that of 1845.

Again, *since* the passing of the Act in 1849, Coals have been raised every year in the Territory originally comprised in the grant of 1826, and according to Mr. Young's view the royalty for them shall have been at 1s. a ton, and not at 2s. per Newcastle chaldron. But no such claim has been at any time made, and these Coals (distinguished, however, as to the locality in which they were got) have been allowed to form part of the aggregate quantity raised, and royalty on them had been paid accordingly.

I regret the necessity for so long an explanation. But I trust that at least the reference to documents which I have been enabled to make will not be unserviceable in bringing the real merits of the case before you.

I have only further to express the earnest hope of the Directors that the subject may have the early consideration of your Department of the Government, and that the Solicitor of the Treasury may be instructed, without further delay, to complete the instruments now before him.

I enclose a copy of Mr. Young's Letter to Mr. Foord, of the 7th August last.

I have, &c.

(Signed) FRANCIS T. BIRCHAM.

H. MERIVALE, Esq. &c. &c.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

DR. *The Province of Nova-Scotia in Account Current with the Receiver General from 1st January to 31st December, 1854.*

1854.				
December 31.	To Cash paid	Advances, per Abstract,	£947	16 3
	"	Chairman Board of Works, do.	14,683	1 1
	"	Criminal Prosecutions, do.	267	18 6
	"	Coroners' Inquests, do.	270	0 0
	"	Drawback of Duties, do.	3,582	5 4
	"	Erection of Oat Mills, do.	105	0 0
	"	General Education, do.	16,750	13 3
	"	Judiciary Expenses, do.	346	10 0
	"	Legislative Expenses, do.	9,148	19 6
	"	Miscellaneous Expenses, do.	7,654	17 10
	"	Militia Expenses, do.	153	3 5
	"	Piers and Breakwaters, do.	810	0 0
	"	Post Communication, do.	4,443	10 8
	"	Poor Asylum, do.	2,000	0 0
	"	Provincial Railway, do.	56,228	2 6
	"	Public Printing,	1,165	5 10
	"	Revenue Expenses, do.	7,540	2 1
	"	Rations to Troops, do.	66	7 6
	"	Support of Indians, do.	280	4 5
	"	Support of Agriculture, do.	955	16 8
				December

December 31.	To Cash paid	Support of Transient Poor, per Abstract,	£214	18	8
"	"	Support of Packets, Steam Boats and Ferries, do.		867	10 0
"	"	Salaries to Officers of Government, do.	15,009	7	6
"	"	Interest,	2,400	0	0
"	"	St. Peter's Canal,	1,508	9	2
"	"	Protection of Fisheries,	2,360	0	0
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				£149,760	0 2

ROAD SERVICE.

"	Road Advances,	£2,608	4	2	
"	Road Compensation,	870	14	3	
"	Old Road Votes,	1,571	7	3	
"	Annapolis,	1,877	19	6	
"	Colchester,	2,345	15	9	
"	Cumberland,	2,166	15	8	
"	Cape Breton,	2,260	8	5	
"	Digby,	1,769	4	6	
"	Guysborough,	1,900	15	0	
"	Halifax,	3,244	1	1	
"	Hants,	2,829	0	9	
"	Inverness,	2,499	9	1	
"	Kings,	2,001	13	1	
"	Lunenburg,	2,258	4	3	
"	Pictou,	2,764	4	0	
"	Queens,	2,034	12	0	
"	Richmond,	1,720	14	1	
"	Sydney,	1,970	7	6	
"	Shelburne,	1,950	5	3	
"	Victoria,	2,044	3	2	
"	Yarmouth,	1,752	13	7	
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				44,440	12 2
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				194,200	12 6
Balance,				11,226	0 8
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				£205,426	13 2

Financial Secretary's Office, Jany. 1855.—Examined and found correct.

SAMUEL CREELMAN, Fin. Sec.

1854.

January 1 to Dec. 31.	By balance at this date,			CR.	£17,266	2 7
Cash received for Colonial Duties, viz :						
From Halifax,					99,850	0 0
	Annapolis,	1,065	12	5		
	Amherst,	2,004	14	8		
	Antigonishe,	45	0	0		
	Argyle, (Tusket,)	254	0	0		
	Arichat,	696	4	0		

		<i>Brought over—</i>	£117,116 2 7		
January 1 to December 31.	Advocate Harbour,	£35	2	3	
	Barrington,	312	10	0	
	Beaver River,	36	5	5	
	Bridgetown,	381	7	9	
	Cornwallis,	392	7	9	
	Cape Canso,	70	14	6	
	Canada Creek,	420	3	11	
	Clements Port,	236	4	1	
	Church Point, Clare,	381	9	6	
	Digby,	1,864	16	9	
	Guysborough,	11	8	7	
	Givan's Wharf,	0	0	0	
	Great Bras d'Or,	90	9	5	
	Horton,	293	16	8	
	Hants Port,	190	9	5	
	Harbor Bouchie,	23	5	0	
	Joggins,	118	11	11	
	Lunenburg,	97	9	3	
	Liverpool,	1,762	1	3	
	Londonderry,	555	7	7	
	LaHave,	453	19	6	
	Maitland,	429	6	4	
	McNair's Cove,	0	0	0	
	Margaree,	28	19	3	
	Pictou,	4,086	14	4	
	Pugwash,	378	0	8	
	Port Hood,	242	2	8	
	Parrsborough,	226	16	0	
	Pubnico,	114	12	2	
	Ragged Islands,	477	11	11	
	Sydney, C. B.	95	14	1	
	Shelburne,	29	11	0	
	St. Mary's River,	121	4	10	
	Ship Harbour,	152	17	11	
	Sheet Harbour,	13	10	10	
	Sandy Cove,	41	9	6	
	St. Ann's,	12	0	6	
	Truro,	246	19	8	
	Tatamagouche,	164	6	6	
	Thorne's Cove,	98	1	8	
	Windsor,	1,786	3	9	
	Westport,	342	10	8	
	Weymouth,	182	11	1	
	Wilmot,	826	17	3	
	Wallace,	201	15	2	
	Walton,	108	11	8	
	Yarmouth,	4,177	18	0	
	French Cross,	76	6	6	
	McNair's Cove,	8	7	0	
	McKeen, St. of Canso,				
	Light Duty,	734	17	0	
	Bigelow, do. do.	110	19	5	
	Halifax, Light Duty,	1,552	19	3	

		<i>Brought over—</i>	£117,116 2 7
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	Colonial Duties, North Sydney,	£921 5 8	
	Ditto Port Medway,	88 10 0	
			29,873 3 10.
	By Cash received from Canada, for their proportion of ex- pense of St. Paul's and Scat- tarie Light Houses,		0 0 0
	Ditto from New Brunswick, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's and Scattarie Light Houses,		238 19 7
	Ditto from Prince Edward Is- land, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's and Scattarie Light Houses,		37 10 0
	Ditto from Distilleries, for Li- cense granted,		4,522 10 0
	Ditto from Casual Revenue, (Coal Mines),	7,666 17 0	} 20,191 7 2
	Ditto from Crown Land Depart- ment, for Land sold,	11,226 1 5	
	Ditto for Fees from the Secre- tary's Office,	1,298 8 9	
	Ditto from Savings' Bank, Ditto from the Lords of the Treasury, towards support of Sable Island,		20,500 0 0
	Ditto from Canal Company,		493 6 8
	Ditto for Copy Right,		1,000 0 0
	Ditto for Fines and Forfeitures,		20 10 10
	Ditto for Passenger Head Mo- ney,		150 6 3
	Ditto from R. Nugent for sales of Revised Statutes,		70 3 9
	Ditto Treasury Notes, New Is- sue,		56 6 3
	By Cash returned on account of Advances,		11,000 0 0
	Ditto of Criminal Prosecutions,		51 6 8
	Ditto of Miscellaneous expenses,		7 6 6
	Ditto of Rations to Troops,		25 0 0
	By Cash received from Bank of Nova Scotia, for Interest,		6 1 6
			66 11 7
			£205,426 13 2
	Balance brought down,		11,226 0 8

Receiver General's Office,
Halifax, 31st Dec., 1854. }

JAMES McNAB, Receiver General.

The

The Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts, beg leave to report as follows :

That they have examined the Accounts submitted them.

• Balance in hands of Receiver General, 31st December, 1854, £11,226 0 8

LIGHT, IMPOST, AND EXCISE.

The balances with these Departments, to 31st December, 1854.

SINCE PAID.			AS FOLLOWS:			
£777	3	2	Halifax,	£777	3	2
300	0	0	Halifax Light,	428	18	10
2	10	0	Advocate Harbour,	6	14	7
260	0	0	Amherst,	£260	7	4
414	17	0	Annapolis,	412	0	1
			Antigonishe,	34	5	10
232	0	0	Arichat,	231	12	10
71	2	10	Aylesford,	69	10	2
40	10	0	Barrington,	46	13	4
1	3	4	Beaver River,	1	3	4
170	19	6	Bridgetown,	170	18	10
174	5	8	Canada Creek,	174	5	8
			Canso, Hadley, old balance,	46	15	0
			Canso, McKeen, all in orders,	1,069	17	10
153	1	3	Cape Canso, Bigelow,	153	1	3
6	5	3	“ “ Norris,	6	5	3
94	0	0	Church Point,	206	9	10
113	7	3	Clements Port,	113	7	3
151	8	11	Cornwallis,	151	9	0
640	11	0	Digby,	640	11	0
10	19	0	Great Bras d'Or,	11	16	4
			Guysborough, late Collector,	5	7	2
39	9	3	Hantsport,	39	9	9
5	0	0	Harbour Bouchie,	5	19	6
148	6	11	Horton,	167	14	10
46	11	3	Joggins Mines,	46	11	3
91	5	4	LaHave,	91	5	4
493	10	4	Liverpool,	493	9	2
			Old balance, J. Newton,	40	19	0
127	4	5	Londonderry,	127	4	5
11	0	0	Lunenburg,	11	1	11
3	3	4	Late Collector,	3	3	4
160	6	5	Maitland,	160	6	5
12	15	7	McNair's Cove,	12	15	6
20	0	0	Parrsborough,	221	7	1
287	10	0	Pictou,	287	10	0
49	0	1	Port Hood,	49	0	1
			Port Medway,	52	1	4
			Late Collector,	2	16	7
16	2	5	Pubnico,	16	1	9
95	10	0	Pugwash,	94	10	11
20	0	0	Ragged Islands,	21	7	10
24	0	2	Sandy Cove,	23	19	6
			Sheet Harbour,	6	4	0

£73	9	0	Shelburne,	£73	9	0
33	0	0	Ship Harbour,	42	18	6
3	5	0	St. Ann's,	3	8	1
			St. Mary's,	14	17	1
146	0	0	Sydney, Cape Breton,	151	12	5
164	17	10	Sydney, North,	174	14	3
38	0	0	Tatamagouche,	63	9	8
45	6	4	Thomas Cove,	45	5	6
297	15	0	Truro,	299	1	1
			Late Collector,			
				6	3	8
33	0	0	Tusket,	33	8	11
37	10	4	Wallace,	38	6	7
14	0	0	Walton,	14	2	5
72	10	0	Westport,	73	3	4
23	12	0	Weymouth,	23	12	0
404	0	4	Wilmot,	404	0	4
			Windsor,	8	12	3
72	19	0	Yarmouth,	72	19	0
			Barrington, late Collector,			
				24	6	10

The whole amount of Revenue from Excise collected in 1854, is £130,178 6s. 4d. Currency, being an increase over 1853 of £25,216 3s. 6d., of which £25,214 15s. 8d. was collected at the Outports, being an increase over 1853 of £5,385 6s. 3d. Light Duties collected, £6,809 17s. being an increase over 1853 of £604 15s. 4d.

The accounts of Collectors of Excise and Light Duties are, with few exceptions, satisfactory.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Expenses for Government House,	£1,595	0	11
Province Building,	530	2	0
Gas Company's Account,	101	13	5
	<u>£2,226</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>

SCHOONER DARING.

Expenses,	£1,160	2	0
	<i>Cr.</i>		
Amount received freight of wrecked goods from Sable Island,	£218	11	7
Allowed for service Protecting Fisheries,	399	0	4
	<u>£617</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
	£542	10	2

SABLE ISLAND.

Expenses,	£2,470	16	9
	<i>Cr.</i>		
Salvage on cargo Brig East Boston,	£185	0	0
Hull and Materials,	85	0	0
Sales Grease,	14	9	6
Cooking Stove,	3	13	3
Oxen, &c.	153	11	6

Sundries

Old Copper and Lead from Government House,	£55 12 5		
Amount due Board Works 31st December, 1854,	4,279 19 2		
		<u>21,383</u>	8 2

Memorandum.

Due from Canada, for Light House Service, 1853, reported last Session,	580 19 8		
Yearly Grant, 1854, St. Paul's and Scattarie,	500 0 0		
Proportion over-expenditure,	194 9 6		
Total due,		<u>1,275</u>	9 2

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Yearly Grant, reported last Session,	250 0 0		
Do, 1854, Scattarie and St. Paul's,	250 0 0		
Do, Brier Island,	100 0 0		
One-half Seal Island Light, 1854,	169 13 7		
Total,		<u>769</u>	13 7

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Yearly Grant St. Paul's and Scattarie,	30 0 0		
Proportion over-expenditure,	11 13 4		
		<u>41</u>	13 4

PROVINCE NOTES.

The Committee have received from the Receiver General One thousand pounds in torn and defaced notes, and destroyed them.
There has also been issued of new notes, £11,000 0 0

RAILWAY.

Amount paid Commissioners, £56,228 2 6
Of which sum £20,500 was from deposits in the Savings' Bank ;
£11,000 of new issue of one pound notes ; and £24,728 2s. 6d.
from the General Revenue.

Account of Debts and Expenses, as follows :

Balance, December, 30, 1854.	Dr.	Cr.
1. Cash,	£2 9 8	
6. Bank of Nova-Scotia,	179 2 10	
10. Postage and Telegraph,	44 12 3½	
14. Office Expenses,	156 15 10	
20. Receiver General,		£56,228 2 6
26. Premium and Discount,		59 9 3
30. Bills Exchange,	2,532 1 8	
36. Baring, Brothers & Co.,		4,817 1 3½
40. Surveying,	957 4 9	
50. James Allen,		12 17 0
52. Incidental Expenses,	405 16 4	
56. Damages at African Village,	210 7 9	
60. Main Road Alterations,	2,268 9 9	
62. Salaries,	1,700 0 0	66

66.	John Cameron & Co.,	£20,601	10	10			
77.	J. J. Clark,				£12	10	0
72.	Sleepers,	485	17	3			
76.	Terminus,	1,582	16	5½			
80.	Printing and Advertising,	134	11	2			
86.	Mason Work at Terminus,	213	4	6			
89.	Materials,	405	14	9½			
92.	Engineering,	250	0	0			
96.	Iron Rails,	12,633	3	10½			
98.	J. R. Mosse,				116	7	9
100.	Horse Account,	82	18	3			
102.	James Pollock,				1	2	6
105.	Office Furniture,	137	13	8			
108.	Reservoir,	274	4	2			
114.	Daniel McPherson,	27	7	0			
115.	Fire Wood,	18	15	0			
118.	Cars,	2,076	18	4			
122.	Station House,	266	15	4½			
124.	Spikes,	612	14	11			
126.	Iron Chairs,	4,418	11	4½			
128.	McDonald & Black,	6,022	10	0			
131.	Bessonett & Brown,				4	6	6
132.	Permanent Way,	798	1	6½			
140.	Switches and Crossings,	504	11	9			
141.	Keys,	183	5	11			
142.	Wharf,	521	10	6			
143.	Gunpowder,	67	14	4			
144.	W. Turnbull,	20	0	0			
145.	Brig "Jane,"	25	0	0			
146.	Caleb Putnam,	400	0	0			
147.	Creelman & Co.,	4	10	0			
148.	Pickford & Co.,	15	0	0			
149.	Joseph Jennings,				17	17	6
150.	Snow Plough,	225	0	0			
151.	Thompson & Esson,	64	9	3			
152.	Ordnance Department,				132	19	4
153.	Locomotives,	2,078	0	0			
154.	Turntables,	400	0	0			
155.	Matfield Manufacturing Co.,				2,478	0	0
		£63,945	2	10½	63,945	2	10½

(Signed) . J. W. MORROW, Accountant.

Memorandum.

Debit Balance Sheet,		£63,945	2	10½	
Less Cash,	£2	9	8		
Bank,	179	2	10		
Bills Exchange,	2,532	1	8		
		<u>2713</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>	
					61231 8 8
					Deduct

	<i>Brought over—</i>	£61,231 8 8
Deduct Allen,	£12 17 0	
Clark,	12 10 0	
Baring, Brothers & Co.,	4,817 1 3½	
Mosse,	116 7 9	
Pollock,	1 2 6	
Bessonett & Brown,	4 6 6	
Jennings,	17 17 6	
Thompson & Esson,	64 9 3	
Ordnance,	132 19 4	
Matfield Manufacturing Co.,	2,476 0 0	
	<hr/>	7,657 11 4
		<hr/>
		£53,573 17 4
Liabilities as above,	£7,657 11 4	
Cameron,	2,323 9 2	
Black & Co.,	3,376 6 0	
Creelman & Co.,	24,196 10 0	
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	37,563 16 6	
Gunpowder to Creelman,	4 10 0	
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	£37,558 6 6	

CROWN LAND DEPARTMENT.

Quantities of Crown Lands in the Province of Nova-Scotia, granted during the year 1854.

Annapolis,	3,365 acres.
Colchester,	6,547 do.
Cumberland,	10,394 do.
Digby,	6,079 do.
Guysborough,	1,817½ do.
Halifax	3,012 do. and 4 Water Lots, and 1 Fishing Lot.
Hants,	4,510 do.
King's,	5,835 do.
Lunenburg,	2,717 do. and 3 Fishing Lots.
Queen's,	3,156 do.
Sydney,	575 do.
Pictou,	1,884½ do.
Shelburne,	1,255 do.
Yarmouth,	1,801 do.
Cape Breton,	1,786½ do. and 4 Water Lots.
Inverness,	1,291 do.
Richmond,	1,142 do. and 1 Water Lot.
Victoria,	400 do.

Total, 57,967½ do.

Of these were granted, in Lots }
of 500 acres and upwards, } 6,703

Cash received for Land sold and applied for,	£13,696 6 7½
Balance in hand of Commissioner, 31st December,	31 10 3
	Quantities

Quantities of Crown Land in Nova-Scotia, applied for during the year 1854.

Annapolis,	£32,020
Colchester,	4,850
Cumberland,	13,763
Digby,	7,245
Guysboro'	2,103
Halifax,	7,100
Hants,	4,402
Kings,	8,585
Lunenburg,	4,600
Pictou,	2,150
Queen's,	7,806
Shelburne,	3,100
Sydney,	784
Yarmouth,	2,075
Cape Breton,	1,798
Inverness,	1,822½
Richmond,	2,061
Victoria,	1,486

107,750½ acres.

ST. PETER'S CANAL.

Amount expended, £1,508 0 0

Statement of Cash received for and on Account of the Casual Revenue, between 1st January and 31st December, 1854.

1854.

COAL MINES.

Jan. 12. Rent to 31st December, 1853,	£1,875	0	0	
Royalty on 39,156 chlds. and 39 bushels, to 31st December,	3,915	12	0	
July 28. Rent to 30th June, 1854,	1,876	5	0	£7,666 17 0

CROWN LANDS.

Jan. 12. Cash on account of Lands sold to 31st December, 1853,	1,000	0	0	
March 3. Cash on account of Lands sold,	2,000	0	0	
July 24. Ditto to 30th June,	1,718	1	5	
Octr. 7. Ditto on account Land sold,	3,500	0	0	
Nov. 15. Cash from Alpheus Jones, for Timber seized on Crown Lands,	8	0	0	
Decr. 18. Cash on account of Lands sold,	3,000	0	0	11,226 1 5

FEEES FROM SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Cash for Fees received in 1853,	£759	2	9	
Cash for Fees	147	1	4	
Ditto	219	0	0	
Ditto	173	4	8	1,298 8 9

£20,191 7 2

Receiver General's Office,
Halifax, 31st December, 1854. }

Undrawn

UNDRAWN MONIES, 31ST DECEMBER, 1854.

Ferries,	£1,157	10	0
Poor Asylum,	525	0	0
Bahama Grant,	17	7	5
Salaries,	3,906	5	0
Education,	612	10	0
Revenue expenses,	2,740	0	0
Agriculture,	240	0	0
Navigation Securities,	1,800	0	0
Post Communication,	1,325	0	0
Grants to Speaker of Assembly,	45	0	0
Interest to Savings' Bank,	270	0	0
Drawbacks,	840	0	0
Lunatic Asylum,	12,750	0	0
River Fisheries,	550	0	0
St. Peter's Canal,	1,819	0	10
	<u>£28,597</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>

The Monies granted last year for the relief of the Colored Population in the Counties of Halifax, Hants, Cumberland, Shelburne, Annapolis, Queens, Kings, Guysborough, Digby, Sydney and Yarmouth, have all been drawn from the Treasury, with the exception of £6 9s. 5d. for Yarmouth.

The Returns before the Committee shew an expenditure of the whole amount drawn for each County respectively, excepting as follows :

Kings,	£0	7	0
Hants,	12	10	0
Shelburne,	8	0	0

There are no Returns of Expenditure in the Counties of Sydney and Digby.

The Committee are of opinion that all services and supplies required by the Board of Works, including Sable Island, should in future be put up to public tender and contract.

The following statement of Provincial liabilities and assets, is furnished by the Financial Secretary :

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

Dr.

Amount of Province Notes (old issue), in circulation, 31st Dec. 1854,	£59,682	0	0
Amount of Province Notes (new issue), ditto,	11,000	0	0
“ Funded Debt, deposits in Savings' Bank,	70,500	0	0
Undrawn for Roads and Bridges,	2,850	0	0
“ for other Services,	28,500	0	0
Due the Board of Works for the different Public Services,	4,279	19	2
	<u>£176,811</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>

Cr.

Balance in hands of Receiver Genl., 31st Dec. 1854,	£11,226	0	8
Due from Collectors of Colonial Duties at Outports,	7,361	0	0
Do. from Casual Revenue,	8,605	0	0
Do. from Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, for Lights,	2,086	16	1

Due

Due from Counties for advances for Road Service,	£2,043	16	1		
Dalhousie College,	5,000	0	0		
Canal Property, Dartmouth,	1,000	0	0		
Provincial Railway,	56,228	2	6	93,850	15 4
					£82,961 3 10

Financial Secretary's Office, }
 March, 1855. }

SAMUEL CREELMAN, Fin. Sec.

Your Committee call the attention of the House to the Balance due from Canada and New Brunswick on account of the Light House Establishments, and recommend the amounts be applied for immediately.

Your Committee have carefully examined all Accounts sent to them, and have made all necessary enquiry at the Public Offices. They have examined the Books kept by the Secretary of the Railway Commissioners, which appear to be very correctly kept.

The Report of the Railway Commissioners, referred to your Committee, has been carefully examined. The amount there stated as to expenditure and debt, agree with the Books.

As to the amount of cost per mile, your Committee have no means of testing its correctness: much work appears to have been commenced and progressing, but nothing finished.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 21st March, 1855.

JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, Chairman, }
 J. McCULLY, } Committee
 T. D. ARCHIBALD, } of the
 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THOMAS KILLAM, Chairman, }
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 HENRY S. JOST, }
 ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD, } HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.
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