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QUEEN VICTORIA.


BEING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE FIRST PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT' OF CANADA.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WORKS. 

# Report of the Board of Works, laid before the Legislative Assembly, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, on the 13th October, 1843. 

It accordance with the 30 th section of the 4th \& 5th Victoria, Cap. 38, for the establishment of a Board for the control and management of all public works and buildings in the Province of Canada, it becomes my duty as Chairman of that Board, appointed under the Act referred to, to submit the following detailed statement of the several public works carried on under the direction of the Board, shewing the progress made in thesc works, and the amount of monics expended upon them respectively, togethor with such further details as are deemed necessary to be submitted for the full information of His Excellency the Governor-General.

In consequence of the large immigration, as well as in consideration of the then existing low rates of provisions, and other necessaries, upon the prices of which the cost of public works greatly depends, it was deemed advisable by His Excellency, the Governor in Council, immediately after the passing of the Act establishing this Board, that no time should be lost in commencing with, as many as possible, of these works, for the construction of which flunds were provided by the Act 4th \& 5th Vic. Cap. 28.

In pursuance of directions to that effect, the Board at once proceeded with the advertizing for tenders, and the placing under contract those, for which the necessary specifications, plans and working details, had then been prepared, and subsequently, and by the same authority, and with as little delay as the locntions, and the preparation of the various working plans admitted of, the Board have, from time to time, advertized and entered into contracts for most of the works, sanctioned by the Act last referred to.

In doing so the Board have endeavoured to rogulate the annual rate of expenditure as nearly as possible, by that recommended in the Schedule I had the honour to prepare by the order of the late Lord Sydenham, and which was laid before the House of Assembly; but where extensive works, the execution of which extends over a period of two or three years, are being carried on by contract, the rate of expenditure for cach year must, in a grent degree, be governed by the interests of the Contractors, and their arrangements founded thereon.

As most of the works sanctioned by the Legislature, form links of a connected choin of main communication, either by land or by water, throughout the Province, it was considered highly desirable that the entirc should be undertaken simultaneously, so as to be completed together, in as short a time, as a due regard to their efficient and permanent construction would pernit: in order that the Province might, as soon as possible, derive the benefit of the large revenue, reasonably expected therefrom, by the collection of tolls and dues, the imposition of which, however, particularly as regards the improvements of the River St. Lawrence, was considered inexpedient and unwarrantable, until the entire would be completed;

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prior to which the public could derive but comparatively little benefit from these improvements.

The Board have been governed in their operations by the foregoing considerations, as well as by a desire to reduce, at as early a period as well may be, the heavy expense of the large establishments unavoidably requisite to the effective superintendence and management of such extensive works. There are theretore but very few of the works embraced in the Schedule, already referred to, which are not now under contract, and in progress of construction ; and in the hercinafter detailed notice of each work will be found, explained under its respective head, the reasons for delay in each particular instance.

In the management of these works, the Board have, almost without exception, adopted the system of public competition and contract, and heretofore, as invariably, have accepted the lowest tenders; they have also been most scrupulous in not listening to claims for after allowance beyond the terms of the respective contracts; and this unalterable determination of theirs, they have taken much pains to promulgate.

Notwithstanding which, in many instances, the works have been taken below their real value, and much difficulty has been experienced in having them performed in a manner fully up to the specifications. These difficultics had not been unforcseen, and the Board by no means advocate the principle of uniformly accepting the lowest tender, as one to be continued and acted upon in all cases hereafter; but by adopting it in the first commencement with public works generally on a large scale in the Province, they calculated on the prices being thereby brought down to a reasonable rate, that the matter would shortly right itsclf, and that the works would ultimately fall into the hands of mon practically acquainted with their true value, and capable of properly executing them.

The chief objections to the system of accepting the lowest tenders are :

The probability of the labourers being more or less left unpaid by the defaulting contractors:

The certainty of delay (in some cases of an entire season) in the completion of the work:

The acceptance of the tender below the value of the work, thereby ultimately entailing increased expense ;

And, finally, the impossibility under any supervision, however extensive, of having the work faithfully performed.

To guard against these evils, the Board have taken every possible precaution by stringent stipulations introduced into the contracts; by looking very closely to the nature of the security tendered; by holding in hands a drawback on the returns until the final completion of the work, which drawback is for-
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feited in case of failure, and, where it appeared neces(Q.) sary, by promptly taking the work out of the hands of the contractors.

It has also been the endeavour of the Board to protect the labourors from impositions to which they are subjected, from the establishment on the works by the contractors of a mode of payment styled "Truck payment"-a system which. however much to be reprobated when abused, is extremely difficult to be legislated on, and is, in many cases, rather to be controlled than wholly put down.

The Board regret that the exccution of the works committed to their charge has not been excmpt from riot and insubordination. In some places these riots assumed a formidable character, and, in one instance, the quelling of them was attended by loss of life.
$T$ artous causes have been assigned as the origin of these disturbances, such as the establishment of "truck pay" to which allusion has been already made -the exaction of too long a duration of daily working hours-a rate of pay considered too low by the operatives, \& c . dec.

The result of careful and impartial inquiries and examinations, and a full consideration of all the circumstances, induce the Board to the conclusion, that the riots have arisen simply from the fact of a great number of laborers having congregated at particular points, amongst many of whom, previous to their being so assembled, bitter national or sectional feuds had existed. The number of men, also, who flocked over from the United States, on heing thrown out of employment by the general suspension of the public works there, added considerably to the evil-more especially, as from their previous habits and irregular life (wandering firm one work th anothor) they wore little accustoned to legal restraint, and had but slight respect for the laws : and, finally, the circumstances of crowds having remained at the works, over and above the number which could be, with any advantage, employed thereon, tended much to a disposition for riot.

The " truck system" was established at first with the laudable view of having the men supplied with necessaries on reasonable terms, and with the object of putting down the hust of petty hucksters who swarm around pablic works, charging most exorbitantly for what they have to dispose of: but there is no doubt, that in coursc of time, its continuance became, in two or three instances, a nuisance, which the Board took measures to abate.

The alteration in the working hours, at the commencement of summer, is usual on all extensive works. By it the men are required to attend at an earlier hour in the morning and to a later hour in the evening; but as this arrangement, in every instanee (within my experience). is accompanied by a longer period of rest being allowed during the midday sun, the men are, I conceive, bencfitted by it.

Witli reference to the rate of wages, the opinion of the Board is, that it is already too high, in proportion to the value of agricultural produce-that the price of labor should be allowed to be regulated solely by the ordinary prineiples of supply and demand, and that any oflicial interference with it would be productive of inuch mischief: The Board are convinced, from experience, that at whatever fixed rate of labor the works might have been commenced, similar "turns out" would, and always have, under like circumstances. taken place from time to time, and every month's experience proves that whenever the contractors are supposed by the men to be strictly tied to, or limited in time, the laborers immediately take advantage thereof, and "strike" for an increase of wages.

The Board conceive that the only interference on the part of the authorities of the country, which is
necessiry and called for in such cases, is necrely to Appendix (Q.) protect, effectually, those disposed to work at the $\xrightarrow{(\underbrace{2})}$ wages offered, from the others, who, by violence and 13 th Uctober. intimidation, endeavour to prevent then.

While upon this subject, I think it may be well to state, that in the view of the Board, it is far from being desirable, by the inducoment of high wages, io draw the laborers from their more ligitimate, and (to the Province) much more bencficial employment in agricultural pursuits and settlement, to that temporarily offered by public works.

It is notorious that the great majority of the men who have been for some time engaged on public works, become a class of migrating laborers, neither valuable as settlers, nor disposed to fix themselves as such.

I have much gratification in stating, that the appropriations made by $4 \& 5$ Vic. chap. 38 , for all these public works, are likely to turn out ample and sufficient, not only for the creditable construction of the various works, as originally designed, but also to cover the cost of such improvements in their details. as have suggested themselves, from time to time, during their progress.

The advanced state of many of the most important of the works enables me to report this fact with confidence, and leads me to expect that, upon the completion of the entirc, a considerable balance of the proceeds of the loan will remain unexpended, although the amount of that loan is far short of the aggregate amount of the appropriations.

There are expenses, however, consequent upon. these works, which should, when ascertained hereafter, be charged upon the balance just spoken of, such as law expenses, damages, compensation, \&ce., the amount of which, however, it is not possible yet to state with certainty.

In the great and sudden change which has been effected in the nature of the control and managoment of the expenditure upon public works, by the establishment of this Department, "the former system of local "Commissioners for each work being thereby super"seded," it was not to have been expected but that some difficulties woulk have been felt, especially in the completion of such works as had previously been carried on by Commissioners-such difficultics have been felt, and many points have been developed in carrying out the Board of Works Act, in which change for the better can, in the estimation of the Board, be easily made, and would tend much to render the Act more efficient.

Allusion is particularly had to the necessity of as soon as possible deciding upon what principle the several roads and other works shatl be duly and properly maintained.

Some of the works are already finished, and many others on the eve of completion. In many instances, also, works, such as bridges, \&cc., continue under the management of the original local Commissioners, although it has boen considered advisable to have the repairs effected through this Department. It appears to the Board, also, that the existence of all Special Commissions for the maintenance or collection of tolls on any works whatever, constructed at public cost, shall cease and determine, and their management \&c.; be placed under the control of this Board. That the periodical paying of such tolls, in all cases, directly to the Receiver General of the Province, is advisable ; and that such amounts thereof as may be required for the maintenance of the respective works, shall be had only by warrant issued to that effect, upon the cstimates therefor having been
submitted by this Board and approved and ordered Appendix by the Governor in Council.
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These, with some gencral provisions for the obtaining of land, materials, \&c., necessary for the construction or repairs of public works, upon terms more just to the public, and with less difficulty and loss of time than can be done under the present Act, with other practical details of a similar nature, would add considerably to the efficiency of the Department.

Accompanying this Report is a general tabular statement (Schedule A.) shewing clearly, at one glance, the state of cach work respectively, the amount expended, the cost of the establishment thereon, the period of completion, \&c.

From it will be found that the rate of superintendence upon all the works under the control of this Department, cven from the commencement up to the present, in which period the heavy cost of the various necessary preliminary surveys is included, amounts to a charge of but $5 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. on their cost : and on the completion of the works, the proportional rate of the whole superintendence to the whole outlay, will be not more than about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., a rate, I can safcly assert, as low as, if not lower than, that on any similar extent of corresponding public works in any country. There could not have been a more favorable juucture for the spirited commencement and carrying on of these improvements, than the moment at which they were undertaken-provisions were low, laborers were numerous, the whole of the works in the United States were suspended.

The injurious effects, and want of circulation consequent upon the failure of the harvest of the preceding year, were much mitigated by the large amount of expenditure, widely diffused, which the works gave rise to, the long expressed wants of the country supplied, or in progress of being so ; individual enterprise called forth and encouraged-Steamboats, so long required on the Canada side, are now plying on Lake Eric-additional and improved modes of convcyance by land, in many instances, established; and a better system of District work, adopted from the example of the public works in their vicinity, are among the many advantages which have already resulted from the progress of these works.

The advanced state of several of the works will enable the Board to reduce the establishment thercon, considerably, from the first of November next, and thenceforth further reductions will, from time to time, be effected as the works progress.

I now proceed to report, in detail, upon each work separately, in the order in which they are embraced in the appropriation Act.

## WELLAND CANAL.

The works of enlargement and completion of the entire line, and the improvement of the Harbors, may now be said to be fully in progress. Their precise location, and the arrangement of all the details connected therewith, have been attended with numerous difficulties, which were much increased by the necessity of maintaining the navigation unimpeded, many of the new Locks : being situated as close as possible to the existing ones; and tho no wand old lines in many places crossing or interfering with each other.

Saveral alterations have been made from time to time in those details, as circumstances and natural causes pointed out to be advisable, and in the final decisions come to, and acted on, with the concurrence of the Board, by the Engineers, Messist Power rand Barrett, sound judgment and practical skill hate been -
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The very low rates at which the works have been taken, have cnabled the Board to effect most important improvements in the completion of this Canal,






















































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> believe that this most important work will, by the close of 1845 , be completed throughout, in as substan-品

Appendix character in any country has ever been.
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131h October.
The maintenance of the old works has been carefully attended to, and the navigation has been but very little interrupted during the past season, and no expenditure has been incurred thereon that could possibly have been avoided.

The location of the works of this Canal, in which Mr . Barrett has been chiefly employed in assisting Mr . Power, being now completed, the former gentleman is transferred to the charge of the Lachine Canal. Upon the transfer of the full control of the Welland Canal to this Department, it became necessary from time to time, as the new works thereof were placed under contract, to form a local engineering establishment for the superintendence and management of those works; and upon this establishment being made up to its full complement some months since, the control of the necessary expunditure upon the repairs of the old Canal was imposed upon it.

The services, therefore, of Mr. W. B. Robinson, who had acted as Superintendent and Gencral Manager of the Repairs, Sc.., of those old works, have ceased in a great measure to be required, and have been continued on only until such assistance or explamation may be had from him as it is in his power to afford the Board, in the settement of the old accounts and outstanding claims.

With respect to Mr. Prescott, who was Secretary to the former Commissioners, it became necessary, when the Board took up the management of the works, that the Secretary and seal should be at Kingston: accordingly, the Secretary of the Board of Works was made Honorary Secretary, and Mr. Prescott has continued to discharge the other portion of his dutics as heretofore.

During the execution of the works of the enlargement and completion of this Canal, a person will be required to act as Paymaster and Clerk, at a salary of $£ 300$ per annum. To this situation, while necessary, the Board conceive Mr. Prescott has claims. Upon the completion of the works, a Clerk and Foreman Carpenter, at a saliry of about $£ 150$ a-year cach, would be all the local establishment requisite, independent of the Lock tenders, \&c.

## ST. LAWRENCE NAVIGATION.

PRESCOTR TO DICKENSON'S IANDING.
In the portion of the RiverSt. Lawrence between Prescott and Dichenson's Landing, are comprehended the following Rapids, the navigation of which it is proposed to improve:

## The Galops, <br> Point Cardinal, <br> Rapid Plat, <br> Farren's Point.

The works of the improvement of these several Rapids, as will appear from the Schedule already referred to, it was proposed should be commenced in 1844, so as to be completed simultancously with the other parts of the navigation.

A varicty of levels, and several lines of surveys have been madc. for the purpose of determining the precise location of each; and from the progress already made with the plans thereof, the Board will be enabled very shortly to advertize the work so as to give the contractors the benefit of the ensuing winter for the getting out and delivery of materials.

As the works are sufficiently near to those of the Beauharnois Canal to admit of the same Enginecr
managing both, the Board have taken advantage thercof, in order to effect an economical arrangement for their superintendence.

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dickenson's landing to lake gt. franceg,
Under this head is embraced the completion of the Cornwall Canal, the object of which was to get over the difficulties presented by the Long Sault Rapids.

The works of this portion of the improvement of the navigation of the River St. Lawrence, were commenced in 183.4, under local Commissioners, named by an Act of the Legislature. They were suspended in 1838 for want of funds, at which time the works generally of carthwork, as well as of masonry, were in various stages of progress, and to a great extent advanced.

In the autumn of 1841 , I examined the state of this work, and as I had anticipated from observations I had made in the years 1836 and 7 (before I was connected with the public works in this Province), I found the embankments which had been made very much and unequally settled, and out of form.

This settlement I attributed, at the time, partly to difficultios presented by the nature of the strata of the ground upon which the works were situated; partly to the bad description of materiais, of which the embankments were in some instances composed; and partly to the circumstance of (as I conceive) sufficient pains not having been taken with the puddling, both as regards quantity and quality; and to proper precaution not haviug been observed in preparing the seats of the banks.

Several slides which have taken place since the Canal has been partly filled with water, too fully confirm the opinion I had formed. I had been in hopes that the length of time which had clapsed from the suspension of the work to its resumption, by allowing the embankments to consolidnte and bind, would, to a greater extent, have averted the evil I had feared.

The estimate included in the Schedule I submitted in 1841, for the completion of this Canal, amounted to $£ 57,670$. The works were resumed, under the direction of the Board of Works, in 1842; and in December of that year the steamboat Highlander passed through the Canal, which, however, was not then completed in various parts.

Early in Junc of this year (1843), the several works, considered nccessary to the completion of the Canal, were effected, and the Canal was opened.

The sum expended thereon in full was $£ 57,110$. Since that time two interruptions, caused by slips in the old embankments, have taken place in the navigation of the Canal, the repairs of which have been attended by considerable expense.

During these repairs, I caused many other parts of the old embankments, for the safoty of which I cntertained strong apprehensions, to be puddled and strengthened, and the Canal is again open ; but I think it necessary to state that 1 still entertain misgivings as to the sufficiency of other parts of the embankments. Upon the strengthening of thent, however, an effective force, with scows, dtc., is now employed, under a person experienced in such works.

The Commissioners of this Canal ate now engaged at Cornwall, under the provisions of the sccond section of 4 and 5 Vic. ch. 28, in the old and unsettled claims for lands, damages, \&c., the amount of which is very large, and the claims put forward in many instances of a very serious nature; and aftord a striking proof
of the necessity for the introduction of a clause in the amended Board of Works Act for the regulating of similar claims.

## BEAUHARNOIS CANAL.

The entire of the works of this Canal, remaining to be done, are under contract, and such rapid and satisfactory progress made thereon, as will ensure the navigation of it being opened carly in 1845.

Fully two thirds of the entire of the earthwork are already completed, and a large proportion of the whole of the stone and other materials is provided for the locks; such of these materials as are not on the spot, will generally be delivered this winter, and very little work will remain to be done after this time twelve months.

The loss of six weeks of the best part of the working season during the summer, in consequence of the roots, is seriously felt, and but for it the Canal would have been fully completed next year, to effect which, even yet, every effort will be made.

The pier, at the St. Louis end, is carried out nearly to the full extent.required, and, at the Lake $\mathbf{S t}$. Francis end, three crib piers have been sunk, two to mark the north side of the channel, and one the south.

The course of the channel, as marked out for the present operations, is perfectly straight and 380 feet wide at the narrowest part, but immediately above and below this point it widens out to double that width.

The dredge vessel is now at work; and has most satisfactorily proved, by the progress already made, that there will be no difficulty in removing the shoal to any width that may be thought necessary: there is no danger of it reforming, as it consists of large and small stones, resting on clay and gravel. The Engineer reports that the dredge removes from 70 to 80 yards a-day, the daily cost being about $£ 2$ 10s.-the excavation costing, therefore, about 9 d . per yard. He further reports that "a few days since, "a stone measuring 55 cubic feet (about $4 \frac{1}{2}$ tons) "was taken up, and the obstruction in the south of the
"channel (which is the larger portion of the entirc)
"will have ceased to exist by the end of October, if "the season continue favournble."

## LACHINE CANAL.

Previous to the commencement of any work upon this Canal, the Board called upon Messrs. Atherton, Mills, and Keefer, to examine, conjointly, and report upon the most advisable and economical course to be adopted, whether to follow or abandon the present route.

The result of their examination and inquiries was strongly in favor of following the present line; and, by its adoption, a considerable saying of expenditure is effected, compared with that which would have been necessary in the event of taking a now course. Moreover, the second severing of the properties, from end to end of the line, is avoided.

It is intended to form the entrance to the Canal from the Lake. St. Louis by a mole carried out from a point near the site of the present regulating lock to deep water, above the head of the present Canal, and by removing a portion of twon thre shouls included 'between the proposed mole and the shore to run the mole sufficiently up-stream to free the entrance perfectly from the effects of the eurrent, and atit sthe
distance from the shore as to afford a commodious and quiet basin opposite the whole extent of the Appendix village of Lachine.

By adopting this course, the entire quantity of rock produced in the enlargement of the present Canal at its western extremity will be profitably disposed of; the great extent of quarry excavation, which would be encountered in following the line at the back of the village, as formerly proposed, is avoided, and any necessity for cutting through all the village lots or "emplacements" obviated.

Thence to Montreal the present line affords every facility for being enlarged, and for re-constructing the locks, without interfering with the navigation.

The Montreal terminus of this Canal has received a great deal of the Board's attention, particularly as it appears to them that it may very materially affect the future improvements of the port and harbour of Montreal.

The Board are aware of the strong arguments that have been adduced by those who conceive these improvements should take place at the upper end of the port, as well as by those who advocate the advantage of their being at the foot of the current.

Had the Lachine Canal now, for the first time, to be located, the Board would not hesitate in recommending the adoption of the line terminating at the foot of the current; but, in the present state of the question, taking into consideration the locality in which the trade has settled down, the investment of capital, \&cc., the Board are anxious'to proceed very cautiously in fixing on the termination of the Canal, so as not, in any manner, to prejudge the other question.

With this view they have been careful not to decide on any line or levels for the proposed enlargement, which would prevent either termination from being adopted at any future period.

To come to a satisfactory and safe conclusion in this matter, the Board conceive it would be of great importance to ascertain, from actual experiment, what the effect of throwing out works on the shoal from the windmill point would be, and how far such works would tend to the formation, annually, of a "bord-' age" there.

If the result of such works should turn out to be the prevention of the great rise of the river, or to lessen materially the thrust of the ice, a considerable saving could be made in carrying out the details of the works at the termination of the Canal.

With this view, the Board have instructed their Engineer to take immediate steps for having one or two ice-breakers constructed on such parts of the shoal as may, after duly examining the set of the current, appear to him most suitable; and they consider it prudent, therefore, to postpone the settlement of this question until spring next; especially as they can arrange so that the postponement will not interfere with the progress of the Canal generally, nor be productive of delay in its ultimate completion in 1845.

During the pastwinter steam-engine waserected for the unwatering of parts of the works, and a considerable quantity of the quarry excavation $(33,007$ cubic yards) in the enlargement of the Canal was effected, although not to the full extent which the Board had hoped, and which the contract requited; owing mainly to the serious diffeciltias the:contractor's had to encounter, especially caised by the turbulence and riots which prevailed among the labovers forts portion of the time.

Considerable and unforseen delay has taken place in commencing the operations of this important work, the occurrence of which the Board very much regret, and had no renson to have anticipated. As soon dis well could be after the passing of the approprintion for this work by the Legislature, the Board instructed the Engineer appointed for this service to prepare and forward such documents as were necessary to enable them to agree for the several boats, machinery, \&c.; and without loss of time the contracts were entered into for tho construction of most of them.

These contracts, with a view to ensure expedition, were parcelled out among the most respectable ship-builders and founders; but in the procuration of sundry details, necessary to their completion and outfit, the Engineer was induced to make arrangements with other partics, securing theroby, as he conceived, their being furnished with the least delay. It, however, turned out otherwise; mistakes occurred in making the models in the different shops, the parts did not correspond, and a large proportion of the work so prepared was rejected, and had to be re-made at the cost of the contractors. This circumstance, together with the disappointments which usually take place in such expensive outfits, have prevented the dredge and other establishments from being ready early in the year, as the Board werc led to expect; and the season is now so far advanced as to render it imprudent in their judgment to attempt more than to test the powers of the several vessels, and prove experimentally in two or three places the nature of the bottom to be dredged, and ascertain with as much certainty as possible the rate at which the work can be made to progress with our own equipment.

Having thereby ascertained the precise value of the work. the Board would be enabled to engage such other dredging vessels by contract as the proprietors may be disposed to employ in this service.

## RIVER RICHELIEU.

The work for the improvement of this River, near St. Ours, has not yot been procceded with, but arrangements are now about being made to have the requisite details of the location, \&c., procured, in order to take the necossary steps preparatory to advertizing the work which should be ready for the trade in 1845.

As the necessity for this work is felt only at the scasons of low water, it did not appear to the Board to be one of those of so much consequence to be taken up instantly as the others, more especially as it was probable, from some delay being allowed to take place, that machinery, \&c., in usc at other works, could be transferred to it without incurring the cost of specially providing for it.

## RIVER OTTAWA.

Many of the works, the funds for which are provided by the appropriation of $£ 28,000$, sterling, are now in course of satisfactory progress; thosc at Bytown consisting of the series of Bridges named the "Union Bridges," are so far advanced towards completion as to ensure their being opened to the public by the first of June next. They consist, at the south side, of three wooden Bridges over branches of the Ottawa, the lengths of which are as follows: first, of 150 fect, in spans of 24 feet each; second of 159 fect, containing one span of 111 feet, and two of 24 feet each.

The third a single arch of 76 feet span, over that pait of the River called the "Kettle," at the foot of
the great Chaudière Falls, a wire Bridge of 487 feet length of chain is being suspended, 242 feet between the points of suspension, versed sine, or depression about 20 feet.

The masonry of the south towers and anchorages, \&e. is completed, and that of the north will be completed before winter.

The wire and iron are in store, and the contractor for the iron work is making his arrangements so as to be prepared to suspend the Bridge early in the spring.

To the north of the suspension Bridge, the works consist of one arch of masonry, 44 feet span, built during the present season, the repairing of one arch 57 feet span, and the rc-building of another arch of 55 fect span, which, owing to its dilapidated state, bas been taken down, and is now being re-built, as woll as a large portion of the spandrel walls, and of the retaining walls of the causeway.

Although the failure of the Bridge erected by Colonel By over the main channel of the River, at the site of the proposed suspension Bridge, was owing, in the first place, to the adoption of a system of imperfect framing, the rapidity with which the decay of the timber proceeded, exposed, as it necessarily was at this place, to the injurious effects of the spray and sun, induced the Board to adopt the wire suspension arch; any stone or other Bridge requiring centering from below being out of the question, in consequance of the strength of the current and the immense deptly of the water, which has never been fathomed.

Of the other works connected with the Ottawa, those now in progress are the construction of the Slides at the High Falls and Rugged Chute, on the Madawaska, aid at the Mountain.

The Calumet and Deux Joachims, on the Ottawa, upon the completion of these Slides, (to have which effected against the running of the timber next spring, every effort is being made, most important facilities will be affordod to the passing of the timber, lamentable loss of life annually prevented, very material saving in time and expense obtained, and rafts can with certainty be brought to market from above the Deep River, \&c. in one scason, and from other parts of the River several weeks earlier than can now be done.

It appears to the Board to be highly desirable that the control of this River should be wholly in the hands of the Government; to obtain which it is only necessary to construct a Slide in the Timber Chenail at Bytown, to purchase the residue of the term of the late T. Buchanan's Slide at the "Chats," and to purchase the Slide at the Portage du.Fort. It is presumed, from the nature of the tenure of these Slides, that possession of them can be had at very reasonable cost, and by a moderate outlay in improving them, as woll as in freeing the timber channels in sundry places from some detached and projecting rocks, great additional assistance would be afforded to the timber trade, and a very remunerating revenue had from the expenditure.

In addition to the Slides and other works already mentioned, the Board will be crabled to alter and amend the Portage Roads, so as to lessen the cost of transporting the necessaries which have annually to be sent up for the supply of those engaged in the lumber trade.

In connection with these several improvements, the immediate suryey of the large islands, as well as of other tracts bordering on this River, in which settlement has taken place to 'a great extent,' is highily
desirable:
desirable, ; individual property not being officially defined, serious disputess are daily being originated.

The opening of an uninterrupted main road to the foot of Deep River, the'construction of some more Slides, and otherwise improving the principal tributaries, as well as the main river itself, so tar as the running of timber requires it, and the opening for settlement, on the easiest terms, of such Crown Lands as would be traversed by the main road alluded to, would, in the estimation of the Board, be of immediate and incalculable benefit, not only to the interests of the Timber Trade, but to that of the Province at large.

## BURLINGTON BAY CANAL.

The works of this Canal were in such a wretched state of dilapidation, asi to threaten the stoppage of the navigation. 'The first operation, therefore, upon it at the commencement of this season, was to stop the breaches which the sea had made, and to put it into such a state of repair as; would keep it servicenble until the new works were completed.

With regard to the proper location of this' work, some difference of 'opinion has existed, originating in part from local interests, and partly from the greater advantages which other positions than the present one appeared to some to hold out.

Three sites have been spoken of. First-one close to the north shore, the line passing through Brant's Pond...The advantages urged in favor of this line are, that it is defensible, in case of war, from the shore; that its entrance would be: in quiet water; that the bottom would be in clay; and that in thick and foggy weather vessels could make the entrance by soundings.

The disadvantages are, that from its being so close in shore, to all vessels except those propelled by steam, great inconvenience would thereby frequently be presented; that the slightest mistake being made in the management of vessels making for the enurance, their going on shore would be certain. The work should necessarily be much longer, and the expense of constructing it would be nearly double that of the line adopted.

The second site, in favor of which arguments are adduced, is that of the old outlet. The chief reason urged for the adoption of this place is that the water of the Lake there is usually more quiet than that of the present Canal.

The third site is that of the existing work. After a careful examination of all the advantages and disadvantages of each site, and ascertaining the opinion of the most intelligent naval men acquainted with this Lake, the Board had no hesitation in adopting the last mentioned, for the following reasons:

Experience has proved that the in and out flow of the waters are but 'sufficient to keep one channel open, for the natural outlet became blocked up with deposit, in proportion as the waters were permitted to flow through the artificial channel ; and on the completion of the latter, the former was altogether stopped up.

If it were attempted to have the present Canal open for the accommodation of the trade while a hew one was being dredged; there isino question but thit the former would close up; or the latter be tre-filled, according to the difection of the winds thich onitht from time to time prextil.

The difficulty of enteritedthe present Canal is causd not by the rough water foil by the dilapidated state of the work, by its total insuificiency as to whath
(but 56 feet) and by the cross sea, caused by the irregular line of the Piers, the control of the helm being thereby lost.

A large portion of the expense in the construction of such works is, that in weather at all rough, the operations must in a great measure be suspended; the dredge and scows brought from their berths into shelter ; and the establishment, although doing nothing in a great measure,' kept on at cost: By adopting the present position, this difficulty is materially lessened, as shelter will be afforded 'by the existing work, and advantage will be had of a large portion of this work (on which about $£ 40,000$ hive been expended) not only during the operations, but as a breakwater and permanent protection to the new work ; whereas, by fixing on any other location, the whole of the former outlay would be useless.

Finally, the present lino is the shortest from deep water to deep water;' and by adopting it in preference to any other, a saving is effected of about e20,000.

The preparations made for this work, are the construction of $a$ train road from the Quairies to the Canal, a distance of about $5 \frac{1}{4}$ miles, by means of which suitable stone can be quarried, loaded, and delivered at the work for 9 s. '4d.'per cord; and the certain supply ensured. The propositions received for furnishing the stones from other quarters vary from 23s.' 8 d . to 30s. per cord.

That which is procured in the same neighbourhood, for the purposes of the University of King's College at Toronto, I understand costs 5s. per ton, for its transport' alone, from the Quarry to the Lake' a distance of but $3 \frac{1}{2}$ miles, at which rate the carriage of a cord of stone comes to 30 .

The right to procure as much stone as shall be required for the works has been obtained from the Rev. Mr. Greene, the occupier of the Clergy Reserve on which the Quarry is situated, for the sum of $£ 60$, being less than one penny per cord.

The sum paid for the Quarry right of the stone, required for the macidamizing of the Hamilton and Brantford Road, was not less than 1s. 3d. per cord.

A large quantity of timber has been delivered by contract, and considerable progress will be made in the works this winter.

## IMPROVEMENT OF THE INLAND WATERS OF THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

Under the foregoing head there have been embraced the following works:-
The completion of a Lock and Dam on the Scugog River;
The construction of a Lock and Dam at Whitlas; on the Otonabee River;
The construction of a Lock, Dam, and Slide, at Crooks', on the River Trent;
The formation of a Road fiom Rice Lake to Lake Ontario;
Tho construction of a Slide at Buckhorn Rapids;
Burleigh Chute:
Heeley's Falls;
Miadí Falls:
Raninéys Falls,
Lock, Dam, and Slide, at Chis holm's;
Deepening the Shoals betwee Chisholms and Widow Harits
Removing the Rooks in the Channel othe Highlaid R Rapido

Appendix Constructing a Wing Dam at Fiddler's Island;
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Frankfort, and finally by the renewing of some Bridges over the River, the level of the old Bridges not suiting the heights to which the waters were raised by the several Dams;
By the construction of a Lock and Dam at the Scugog River, an uninterrupted water communication, capable of passing boats or scows drawing three fect three inches, will be established from the head of the Scugog Lake to Cameron's and the Bobcaygcan Falls, being upwards of 45 miles.
The works are now considerably advanced, and would have been completed ere this, but for the fearful extent to which fever and ague raged among the laborers ; the overscers, and three-fourths of the men being at times incapable of working, and during the last month, out of 75 men but 11 could stand. It may, however, still be completed this year; but if not, it will be early in spring.

Whitlas Lock and Dam, on the Otonabee River below Peterboro', and Crooks' Lock and Dam on the River T'rent, below Rice Lake, when completed, will open an uninterrupted and fine navigation from Peterboro' to Seymour, being a distance of upwards of 45 miles. The inhabitants of the Inland Townships of Smith, Otonabee, Douro, Monaghan, Alnwick, Asphodei, Percy, Belmont, and Seymour, bordering on the navigation, will, by it, in conjunction with the Portage Road of about ten miles in length from the head of Rice Lake to Lake Ontario, be afforded great facilities for the disposal and transport of their produce to market.

The works at Whitlas are on the eve of completion, the masonry being finished, and the Lock gates framed and hung in their places, and all obstructions in the Channel removed; the Dam will also shortly be finished, and the only delay to the opening of the navigation arises from the gearing for the Lock sluices not being yet ready. It is being prepared, and is daily expected.

The works at Crooks', so far as the Lock masonry, and Lock gates, and Dam, will be completed this fall. Some difficulty and delay have taken place in getting out the rock excavation at the tail of the Lock, owing, as at Scugog, to the great prevalence of fever and ague among the men. It is hoped, however, that it will yet be completed this season, and the work will be roady for the navigation early in next ycar. The completion of the Slide must be postponed until next summer.

The works of the Slide in course of construction at Heeley's Falls, have also been seriously retarded by the prevalence of fever and ague, and much difficulty experienced in getting the necessary number of men to remain on the works. The Engineer reports that it may still be completed this season; but the Slide at the Middle Falls cannot.

The Slide proposed at Ranney's Falls has not yet been commenced. The maps, surveys, and cstimates for the works, furnished by the local Engineer to the Board, were found not sufficiently correct to be relied on; and as much difficulty is to be overcome at this part of the River, the Board propose to have a further examination made of it by their own officer, prior to commencing the work.

At Chisholm's Rapids, the construction of a Lock and Dam, and the excavation of a short line of Canal, chiefly through quarry, will open a navigation from Percy Landing to near the "Widow Harrs"; about 21 miles. The Townships bordering on this reach of navigation are Seymour, Murray, Rawdon, and

Sidney. Thence to the mouth of the River is about 0 miles, but the expense of improving this portion of Appendix the navigation, would be very great, as the River presents a continued Rapid for almost the whule distance.

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The bencfits to be derived, upon the completion of the Lock and Dam at Chisholin's, from that work, isolated as it is, will of course be comparatively but small; and only for the advanced stage to which the works had progressed under the Commissioners, it would not have been considered advisable to have undertaken them. I am firmly persuaded that the outlay of the immense sum which would have been necessary to carry out the original project, would never have been productive of commensurate advantages; but that the completion of the improvements of these waters, so far as is necessary to render the running of timber in cribs safe and expeditious, is advisable, and will be attended with a remunerative revenue; and that the opening of this inavigation to the extent now undertaken, when completed, together with the formation of the Roads connected therewith, will be found for many years quite sufficient for the wants of that part of the country.

The works of the Road from Rice Lake to Port Hope were taken much under the estimate; and the contractor has got into considerable difficulty with his men; his sureties will be called upon to finish the works, which otherwise have proceeded satisfactorily, very little remaining to be done as relates to its draining, grading and formation. The advertizing for the plank has been posiponed, in order to test the nature of the several excavations talong the line of the Road, as there is reason to hope that they might afford a good description of gravel wherewith to form the surface of a large portion of it.

The Board are not by any means advocates for the adoption of plank in the forming of the roadway, where more durable and substantial material can be laid on, except in those cases where, calculating the duration of the plank at but 10 or 12 years, the saving in first cost by using it, as well as in the annual cost of maintenance, would amount to more than the cost of renewing the entire of it at the expiration of that period.

From the adyanced state of most of the several works embraced in this appropriation, a safe calculation can be made of the cost of completing them; and as it appears from it that there will be a surplus sufficient to form a branch from the main Rice Lake Road to Cobourg, the Board have been authorized to undertake it.

## HARBOURS, LIGHT HOUSES, \&o.

Under this head of the appropriation is embraced a class of works of the greatest importance, and the want of which has been most seriously felt.

Along the entire coast of Lake Erie, from the entrance to the Welland Canal at Port Colborne to Point Pelee, there has been for some years but one Light, that at Port Burwell; which Light, from that Harbour being silted up, and unavallable, was of course comparatively of but Ittle usc. The extremity of Long Point, projecting ncarly midway into the Lake, was not to be distinguished by a Light; and the cut through the spit of land near Port Rowan, which is now so much used by steam and other vessels passing up and down the Canadian shore, "was also without a Light, and no season has passed without:the loss of many vessels from want of the necessary Lights on this Lake.

Lake Ontario has been better provided in this respect, but much improvement: was required on it ralso.

With respect to the Harbours at the commences A ppendix ment of 1842 , there was scarcely one on the Canadian wwas, that the proprietors' of vessels in many cases rofused to charter them; and it was not unusual to see the few vessels. which were engaged " Jying to" off shore to be loaded, or to discharge their cargoes by means of jolly-boats. The result naturally was, that section of country suffered most severely from the difficultics to be encountered, and the increased cost of transporting its produce to market.

To remedy these evils the following works are provided for. Some of them are in progress, and others about to becommenced forthwith:

Near the head of Lake Erie, at the Point aux Pins, prcparations are being made to convert the natural busin called the Rondeniu into a good Harbour, by the construction of a Breakwater and two Piers. When they are built, this Harbour will afford the advantages of easy entrance, perfect salety, sufficient water, and ample room to accommodate any number of vesscls.

It is proposed to erect a good Light at its entrance, and from the Harbour to make a facile Rond, communicating with Chatham,' and with the interior of that fine section of country, for the productions of which this Harbour will then be the natural outlet. This Road will be terminated at the Harbour by a commodious Wharf. From Chatham to the Rondeau by this Road will be a distance of about 17 miles; by the prosent route of the River and Lake it is 150 miles and upwards.

At Port Stanley a great deal has been done. Most of the old work, which had been miserably constructed and was in utter ruin, has been removed, nocessarily at much expense. T'wo substantial Piers have been constructed, in order to kecp open and shelter the mouth of Kettle Creek, which here empties itself inte the Lake; the deposite has been removed, which had partly filled it , owing to the state of the old Piers, and a good Road is being made from it into the interior of the country, passing close to the Town of St. Thomas, and uniting with the main London and Chatham Road.

## PORT BURWELJ.

The charter of this Harbour has been surrendered to the Government.

The boats, pile engine, dredge, and other machinery at Port Stanley, will shortly be transported to this place, and the works of the alteration and improvement of the Harbour, as well as that of the Road leading. te it, will be proceeded with as soon as possible.

## CUT AT PORT ROWAN,

A strong and well appointed Floating Light Vessel has been built, to be stationed at the cut near Yort Rowan, which, since its being opened through the neck of land there in the storms of 1834, has been used by steam and other craft coasting on the Cunadian shore of Lake Erie, instead of making the great circuit of Long Point.

The moorings for this vessel have been sent up, and the lighit will be exhibited very shoritly.

At the extremity of Long Point, near the silc where the old Light House had stood, a new one has been erccted. The tower and keeper's. house are completed, ho fantern is being secured in its berth, and the old lamps are undergoing a thorough repair, but they are of a very inferior doscription, and it is
proposed shortly to subsitute better lamps in their place.

## PORT DOVER HARBOUR.

This Harbour has also been taken into the hands 13n Octobs of Government. A moderate sum is about being expended on it to render it more effective, by repairing the Piers and extending them into deep water, and by removing the deposite in the channel. The timber and stone are delivered, and the works will immediately be put in progress:

As this Harbour will form a terminus of the new Road to Hamilton, a considerable increase of trade there must take place.

## PORT DOVEL ROAD.

With the works of this Road considerable progress has been made. Such portions of the line as afford the material within noderate carriage, are to be macadamized or gravelled; the remuinder is to be plaiked. The clearing, draining, and grading generally are in a very forward state; a grent part of the plank and scantling is provided; a portion of it is now being laid down, and the large Bridge over the Grand River at Caledonia is completed.

## PORT MAITLAND AND PORT COLBORNE HARDOURS,

Forming the two entrances of the Welland Canal into Lake Erie are being proceeded with; but the expenditure thereon is embraced in the appropriation for the Welland Canal.

## LAKE ONTARIO.

The construction of the new Piers at Port Dalhousie is about to be commenced; but the cost thereof is also borne and provided for in the estimate for the complotion of the Welland Canal.

At Windsor the works necessary to secure a good entrance into the fine Bay called Big Bay, and convert it into a safe and commodious Harbour, have been urged with great spirit, and are now in a very satisfactory and advanced state; the entire of the breakwater is raised niearly to its full height, and the two piers are finished up to water level. It is intended to let them lie in this state until spring, in order to permit the cribs to stand the winter storms, and to give time for their' settlement; after which they will be raised upon, and the work generally finished.

The Binard were obliged to take these works out of the hands of the original contractor, as, from the rate at which they were progressing under his management, it was perfectly clear that they could not be finistied within the period in which he was bound by his contract; the consequence would be, that the works being caught by the equinoctial gales in a state insufficient to withstand their violence, would have been seriously injured, and much additional expense incurred.

The improvement of the Road leading from this Harbour to the fine tract of country north of it, is about to be entered upon; some of the materials are delivered. T'his road will communicate with the head of the Scugog navigation, and if opened throughout to the bridge about to: be built across the "Narrows" of Lake Simcoe, a direct and important line of road would be thereby made from Lake Ontario to Lako Huron.

## COBOURG HALHOUR:

The Harbour' at Cobourg has been very con. siderably repaired and improved; to effect which, the faking up of a large portion ofthe old work was unavoldable, frobm its dilifapidàted state and the sissiuffcient minner in wifin to had been constructed. The piery are now completed, with the exception of the
sinking of two cribs. The dredging of the outer (Q.) 13th October. portion of the Harbour still remains undone; and I am of opinion that it is not advisable to attempt it until spring next. The set of the shingle or deposite here is governed by the prevailing south-west wind; and the deposite which has settled in the Harbour took place while the old works of the western pier remained in an open and unfinished state, the sand washing through them on the lenst blow of westerly or south-westerly winds. This pier being now staunch, and terminating in nearly twenty feet of water, and. the eastern pict having about seventecn fect water at its head, it remains to be satisfactorily ascertained whether nature may not bencficially affict the depth of the water within the piers, without expense being incurred in the dredging thereof. I conceive that the silt will not now be carried round the heads of the piess into the Harbour, and should this fortunately turn out to be the case, that purtion of it which had collected before the finishing of the Harbour, and which now hes within the entrance, will, I consider, partly be washed upon shore by the setting in of a southerly sca, and partly be carried out by the ground current.

## GULL ISIIAND AND PRESQUISLE LIGITT HOUSES.

At the latter, a keeper's house is required, which it is proposed to advertize for in urder that the materials may be delivered this winter. In lieu of the fixed Light at Point Peter, a revolving Lighth has been substituted, shewing a full light at periods of every half minute ; and the Light at Presquisle is about io be changed to a coloured Light. In coming down the Lake. diticulty has frequently been experienced in distinguishing between these Lights.
It is proposed generally to place a Light upon the head of one Pier at each Provincial Harbour; these Lights to be of uniform character, to stand about 24 feet high, to shew about 6 miles, and to appear with a green belt across them ; by it they will always be oasily distinguished from fishing or shore lights, with which the Pier Lights herctolore have been Irequenily confounded.

The improvement of the Bay of Chateurs Road, running along or ncar to the north shore of the Bay of Chaleurs, fiom which it derives its name, has proceeded satistactorily, and those parts are now on the eve of completion, and the Bridges are built, for which the appropriation was made; but the further appropriation of a moderate sum would, in the opinion of the Board, be very desinable to effect a more general and perticet opening of this road. At the castern end it requires to be extended a fow miles fiurther, so as to reach the settlement of Gaspe Point; and on the portion of this communication, which is known as the Kempt Road, from the head of the Bay of Chatcurs to Mctis on the St. Lawrence, many parts require amendment, and sorne Bridges to be built. West of Metis a Bridge is much required on the Rimouski. As this Road constitutes one main communicution from Quebec to New Brunswich, it is, in the estimation of the Bourd, very deserving of the consideration of the Legislaturc. The last reports of Mr. Russell, to whom the management of these works has been cntrusted, lead the Board to hope that they will be fully comploted this scason.

The works of the Gosford Road have also been advanced nearly to complet on, although under many disadvantages, to which the very great curtailment of distance, and facilities of travel which are afforded by this Road, between the Townships and Quebec, hare chiefly contributed, in as much as, according as the drainage and formation of the road proceeded, it was immediately used and passed over by drovers from the United States with gratat quantities of cattle.
From the formation being in so fresh a state, and much
of the road being constructed by laying coais of clay over moor, the cattle did much injury by sinking through it.

In the parts where the contractor or superintendent was enabled to keep the public off it for some ${ }^{\text {sid }}$ October. time, the Road, being thereby allowed to consolidate, now presents a hard and good surface.

In parts of the Road also, from the depth of moor, and the desire to open the Road to the public with the least possible delay, the superintendent was induced to confine the soling and formation to the centre, thereby not giving the road sufficient breadth. This must also be remedied next spring.

The several Bridges and Culverts on the line are well and substantially built; the side and off-take drains gencrally well sunk; the road well raised across the moory and low parts, and the other material points of construction fairly attended to.

## THE MAIN NORTHERN ROAD FROM LAKE ontario to lake huron.

Under this head of the Appropriation Act, there were embraced three improvements in that section of country :

First, That of the portion of Road between the termination of the part undertaken by the District, near the Holland Landing and the 'Town of Barrie;

Second, The continuation of this Road from Barrie to Penctanguishine ;
Third, The improvement of the Cold water Portage Road.

For the two latter, the plans and detailed estimates have been prepared for some time; but those for the Bridge over the Narrows, required to complete the Coldwater Portage Road, have been but lately forwarded. All is, however, now ready for the advertizing of these $t$ wo latter works, which it is proposed to let out immediately, so that the oak required for the Bridges may be cut during the ensuing winter (which is the proper time to procure it), and the works can be completed by midsummer next.

With respect to the first section of the work, viz. that fiom the Holland Landing to Barrie, it was thought expedient by the Board, after due consideration, to postpone commencing upon it until the sense of the Legislature, at its present session, should be had upon another mode by which it will be propiosed to complete this main communication, and by which the public convenicnice would be better accommodated, and a saving effccted.

By this mode now proposed, the portion of the Road between Toronto and the Holland Landing, which has not been improved, and which, from traversing a heavy clay soil, is in wet seasons all but impassable, would be perfected, either by macadamizing, gravelling, or planking, as may be found most advisable ; and thence to Burric it is proposed only to plank or macudamize such parts as may most require it ; effcctually draining, forming, and grading the remainder, and building the necessary Culverts and Bridges. By adopting this course the main line would be effcctually opened throughout, instead of leaving a gap in the centre of 21 miles undone.
To improve the Portage Road, and build
the Narrows Bridge ..................
Yenetanguishine Road....
To complete the portion to the Holland

To improve (as now proposed) thence to
Barrie.


From the foregoing estimate, it will be seen that to effect the whole of these improvements, as now proposed, would cost but $£ 37,000$, instcad of $£ 51,833$ currency, being a saving of $£ 14,833$. It would of course be necessary to add to the former appropriation of $£ 33,333$, the sum of $£ 4,677$ currency.

## BRIDGES ON THE MAIN PROVINCE ROAD.

## BRIDGES AT STE. ANNE DE LA PERADE.

The superstructure of these Bridges, consisting of ten arches of about 100 feet span each, which were built in 1838, under Commissioners appointed by the Legislature, upon examination last year, being found to be in a very dangerous state, and likely to fall, it was deemed necassary to take it down. The Piers and abutments also had not been carefiully founded; these have been well piled around and otherwise secured; and the entire superstructurc of the Bridges is in course of being constructed in a substantial manner, and a Swing Bridge of 45 feet span has been added to it. The entire will be completed this year.

Over the River Batiscan, in crossing which, at certain periods of the year, great difficulty and danger were encountered, a Bridge of eight arches of 132 feet span, and a Swing Bridge of 45 feet in width are being built. Thc foundation and masonry of the Piers and abutments are in progress; several of the arches are framed, and are ready to be raised upon the completion of the abutments. This Bridge will be completed this season.

## two bridges over the st. maubice.

These Biridges are being erected at the same sites where the former Bridges (which had been carried away by the flood) were constructed; and such of the old Piers as could be made available by piling, and other precautions, have been adopted to carry the new arches. Those in the Eastern Branch have been cut down to below water level, and secured by strong external coffers (as it was found impracticable to drive piles) ; and upon the foundation so formed the new Piers have bcen carried up. The masonry, abutnents, and four arches of the superstructure have been raised. The entire of this Bridge, consisting of five arches of about 115 fect span, and two semi-arches, will be completed this season.

The Bridge over the Western Channel will consist of five archer of from 110 to 115 . feet span. The contractors are working by night and day, and are making every possible exertion to have the piling and foundation of the Piers completed-before the close of the season. The piling round four of the Piers, and for the formation of the stone abutments, has been completed; three new Piers are built; four piling machines are in operation, and the work goes on satisfactorily.

The contractors have been thus urged, in order to get the superstructure wholly raised upon the Piers before the breaking up of the ice. ${ }^{*}$ Two substantial ice-breakers have been placed in this Channel to break the large fields of descending ice The extra: ordinarily high floods which occurred at the breaking up of the ice last spring have induced the Board to incur some extra expense in raising the Be Bridges, as well as that over the Batiscan, and to adopt wurther measures to ensure their permanence.


## berthier bridge.

The difficulties presented by the depth of the soft material on which it was necessary to found the abutments of this Bridge, rendered the cost of piling unavoidable, which was not at first contemplated. The Bridge consists of an arch of 86 feet span. The whole



















































This Road, $61 \frac{1}{2}$ miles in length, innearly a straight line, passes for the most part through low rich land of the finest description, to which the draining and formation of the Road will be of the utmost importance. The banks wece commenced partially in March 1842. The entire will' be finished this year.' A Bridge of 140 feet span has been thrown over the Thames, and three other considerable Bridges built along the line of the Road.:

## ghatham road.

In the construction of this Road several very important alterations for the better have been effected, especially between London and Delaware, by which six miles are made common to it and the Road lead. ing to the Harbor of Port Stanley. Many very bad hills have been avoded, and considerable curtailment of distance obtained.



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#### Abstract

 


At the same time it has been the aim of the Appendix Board as much as possible to follow the old Road, where the future and permanent interests of the country did not forbid it. The works were placed under 15th October. contract in May last, and have been prosecuted so energetically as to be now half done. The Bridges, many of which are considerable, and the Culverts, are in a very forward state, and no pains have been spared to make them substantial. The building of a very large and expensive Bridge, 141 feet in length on this line of Road at the Town of Delaware, was rendered unavoidable, the former Bridge having been swept away in January last by one of those tremendous floods to which the River is liable; and the short interval which elapsed between its destruction and the commencement of the new Bridge, has been fatally marked by the death of several persons, who were drowned in the beginning of this year while endeavouring to cross in canoes.

## CHATHAM, SANDWIGI, AND AMHERTSBURGE ROAD.

The surveys and plans of these Roads are completed, and the advertizements have been issued. The works will be pushed forward with as much vigor as possible, so as to be completed in the year 1845 . On the completion of the foregoing Roads, a great highway will be opened throughout the entire western portion of the Province from Hamilton, at the head of Lake Ontario, to Detroit, and to the foot of Lake Huron at Port Sarnia.

Independent of the immediate Provincial and local benefits which will be derived therefrom, a glance at its geographical position, as it lies with respect to the eastern and western parts of the United States, will shew that it is by no means unreasonable to expect that it must, at no distant period, become a thoroughfare of very great importance; and that these improvements will tend, not only indirectly by their influence upon the opening and settlement of the country through which they pass, but directly by the revenue which will be had from them on their completion, fully to remunerate the Province for the portion of the public funds expended upon them.

The last work, embraced in the Appropriation Act, which it remains for me to report upon, is that from Lancaster to the Ottawa. Upon a portion of this Road, the full sum named in the appropriation (viz. $£ 1,500$ sterling) has been expended on the opening, draining, and forming of it ; in addition to which
the sum of about $£ 1,157$ currency, was laid out in further repairing the Road, and completing it to the Appendix Wharf at Lancaster, where the Mail steamer daily touches.

In addition to the foregoing, the entire of which 13th' Uctöber was embraced in, and provided for by the Appropriation Act, a grent number of other works and repairs have been effected under the control of this department, by order of the Governor in Council; for the details of which I beg most respectfully to refer to Schedule C. hereunto annexcd.

LIST OP DOCLMENTS ACCOHPANYING THIS BEPORT.
Scaldule A. Shewing the several works authorized by $4 \& 5$ Vic. ch. 28 ; the sums appropriated for each; the estimate of the cost of their construction; the sums expended thereon up to the lst Sept'r. 1843, with sundry other details connected therewith.
" B. Shewing the amounts which have been expended by the Board of Works on certain works not embraced in 4 \& 5 Vic. ch. 28, but were provided, or partially provided for by other Acts.
" C. Shewing the several works upon which expenditure or advances have been made by the Board of Works by the authority of the Governor in Council, but for which funds have not been appropriated by the Legislature.
" $\boldsymbol{D}$. Shewing the present establishment on each work now in progress under the control of the Board of Works; the amount paid for preliminary surveys, $\& c$. and the rate per cent of the cost of superintendence upon the gross expenditure on the several works.
" E. Shewing the dimensions and other details of the various works completed, or in progress under the Board of Works.
All which is respectfully subinitted.

# HAMILTON H. KILLALY, Chairman Bioard of Works. 

Kingston, 11th October, 184s.

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## SCHEDULE B

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| WORK. |  |  |  | Amount required to complete. |  |  |
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| St. Ann's Lock and Dam . . Do. $\quad$ Award paid | $\begin{array}{ccc}  & & \\ \hline & 8 & \\ 17916 & 12 & 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} d & & d \\ 18621 & 9.11 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} x & y_{i} & d \\ 16643 & 14 \cdot 10 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \boldsymbol{f} \\ & \hdashline 2000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & f . f . \\ & 1320 \cdot 15 \cdot \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Mr. Jones . . . . . . ......... of Montreal. | 1027156 | $\begin{array}{lll} 969 & 13 & 4 \end{array}$ | $86618$ |  | $100$ | , |

# HAMLTON H KILLALY <br> Chairman Board of Works. 

Kingston, 11th October, 1843.

## SCHEDULE C.

Sheming the several works upon which expenditure or advances have been made by the Board of Works, by the authority of the Governor in Council, but for which funds have not been appropriated by the Legislature.

| WORK. | Amount of gross ex. penditure to 1 st Septémber '1843, inf'currency. | Amount : required to complete. | Amount paid to Engineer and Superintending Establishments. |
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| Missisquoi Canal Survey | $\begin{array}{r} \text { st } \mathrm{d} \\ 119.210 \end{array}$ | - $\mathcal{L}$. st d: | ( $\boldsymbol{S}_{0}$ |
| Tecumseth, Road. . . . . | . 1007 3. 3. |  | n |
| Gánanoque Bridge | 998.17 .7 |  |  |
| Toronto and Sanguine Road Survey | 507.15 .0 |  | Da |
| Bayonne Bridge . ......................................... | - 11761811 | - | 91000 l |
| Kingston Harbour Survey . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\therefore \quad 2500$ |  | - , -t: |
| Presqu'ile Light House . .................................... | $\square{ }^{2} 78$ |  |  |
| Queenston and Grimsby Road. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ${ }^{\text {a }}$. Chambly Canal. | 2613160 $14000: 14$ |  | 62100 6800 |
| Chambly Canal <br> Paris Bridge $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{r}14000: 14 \\ 818 \\ \hline 16\end{array}$ | $10000^{2} 0$ | (1060 0 |
|  | $2551 \quad 0: 9$ | -8106172 | 4626 |
| Chaudiere Bridge . . . . . . |  | 77074 | 46. 0.0 |
| Rouge Hill Survey.. | $97 \cdot 010$ |  |  |
| Gull Island Light House . | 52219 | (1, |  |
| $\pm$ | 2395813.7 | 4818196 | 311126 |

HAMILTON H. KILLALY,
Chairman Board of Wotker:
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## SCHEDULE D.

(Q.) Shewing the present Establishment on each work now in progress under the control of the 13 October. Board of Works, the amount paid for preliminary Surveys, \&c., and the rate per cent. of the cost of Superintendence upon the gross expenditure on the several works.
*WELLAND CANAL.


Being at the rate of $1 \frac{5}{8}$ per cent.

## ST. LAWRENCE CANALS, viz.: <br> prescott to dickenson's landing.




Being at the rate of about $1 \frac{7}{8}$ per cent.
beauilarmois.

| J. B. Mills . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Enginee | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C. M. Tate . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Asst. Engineer | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| W. Shanly . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Asst. Engincer | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| A. Kierzkowski . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Asst. Engineer | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| A. Guy . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sub. Asst. Enginc | 175 | 0 | 0 |
| J. G. Cowley . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sub. Asst. Engince | 175 | 0 | 0 |
| A. B. Larocque . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Jun. S. A. Engincer | 120 | 0 | 0 |
| R. J. Begley . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Paymaster . . . . . | 400 | 0 | $0 ¢$ |
| Gross amount expended on this work to 1st Sept. 1843......... Gross amount of superintendence and surveys to same period .. Being at the rate of about 3y per cent. |  |  |  |
| Gross amount of cost of completion. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Gross amount of superintendence, \&c., when completed. . ... Being at the rate of about $2 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. |  |  |  |
| lacuine. |  |  |  |
| A. G. Robinsorr. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Asst. Engineer | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Jos. F. McDonald . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Asst. Engineer . | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| D. Starke . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Sub. Asst. Engineer | 120 | 0 | 0 |

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## SCHEDULE D.-continued.



## BURLINGTON BAY CANAL, DOVER ROAD AND HARBOUR, AND LONG POINT LIGHT HOUSE.



## NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.



## HARBOURS AND LIGHT HOUSES, AND ROADS LEADING THERETO, viz.




## RIVER OTTAWA.



## BAY OF CHALEURS ROAD.



## GOSFORD ROAD.



BRIDGES BETWEEN MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.


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SCHEDULE D.-continued.
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CASCADES ROAD.
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| Gross amount expended to 1st September 1843 | £6056 | 1.4 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross amount of superintendence and surveys to same period Being at the rate of about $11 \frac{3}{8}$ per cent. | 709 | 7 | 6 | [. |
| Gross amount of cost of completion | 14463 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Gross amount of superintendence, \&c., to completion | 830 | 0 | 0 |  |

## SARNIA, BRANTFORD, CHATHAM, AND AMHERSTBURG ROADS.



Gross amount expended to 1st September 1843........................... . . 27782110
Gross amount of superintendence, \&c.; to same period................... . . 2043610
Being at the rate of about 73 per cent.
Gross amount of cost of completion . ....................................... 98199 3 4
Gross amount of superintendence, \&c., to completion . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $4434 \quad 610$
Being at the rate of about $4 \frac{5}{8}$ per cent.

MILITARY ROAD.
Gross amount of cost of completion . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £2823 16 6
Gross amount of superintendence, \&c., to cumpletion . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
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Being at the rate of about $8 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

## ST. ANNE'S RAPIDS.



RIVER LIGHTS WITHIN THE PORT OF MONTREAL.
Gross amount of cost of completion. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £969 13 \&
Gross amount of superintendence, \&c., to completion .......................... $100 \quad 0 \quad 0$
Being at the rate of about $10 \frac{7}{8}$ per cent.

BAYONNE BRIDGE.


## QUEENSTON AND GRIMSBY ROAD.

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CHAUDIERE BRIDGE.


* No allowance except for Cornwall.

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| Appendix <br> (Q.) | SCHEDULE D.-continued. BOARD OF WORKS FIXED ESTABLISIMENT. |  | Appendix <br> (Q.) |
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|  |  | Sterling per annum. | Octers |
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| T. A. Begley | . Scerctary | 400 0 0 |  |
| John H. Connolly | .Clerk .... | 13500 |  |
|  | Messenger | 5100 |  |

In addition to this Fixed Establishment of the Board of Works, the following extra nersons have from time to time been employed in the Oflice, the cost of whose services are embraced in the Returns subnitted, and are charged gencrally on the respective works. As those works are completed, their scrvices can be dispensed with, viz.:-


## HAMILTON H. KILLALY.

 Chairman Board of Works,Kingston, 11th October, 1848.

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Shewing the dimensions, and other details, of the various works completed or in progress under the Board of Works.

| CANALS. |  |  |  | Size of Locks. |  |  | Width of Canal. |  | REMARKS. |
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|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \dot{5} \\ & \text { 号 } \end{aligned}$ |  | 宮 | ¢ |  |
| The Welland Canal: |  |  |  | Feet | Feet | Feet | Feet |  | This Canal has two entrances in Lake Erie, Port Maitland and Port Colborne; and also communicates with the Grand River Navigation at Dunnville. The Lake at Port Maitland |
| - Main Trunk from Port Colborne to Port Dalhousie | 28 | 31 | 328 | 150 | $26 \frac{1}{2}$ | 82 | 45 |  | (is open some weeks earlier in the spring than at Port Colborne or Buffalo. |
|  |  |  |  |  | 26 |  |  |  | The whole of these works are under contract ; several of the Locks will be completed this |
| Junction branch to Dunnville . .................... ${ }_{\text {Not }}^{\text {Not added }}$ below. | 21 | 1 | 6 | 150 | $26 \frac{1}{2}$ | $8 \frac{1}{2}$ | 35 |  | season, and the entire line will be available in 1845. The navigation of the old Canal being |
| Broad Creek branch to Port Maitland. . . . . . . . . . . $\}^{\text {below. }}$ | 12 | 1 | 6 | 200 | 45 | 9 | 45 |  | preserved uninterrupted in the mean time. |
| Thr St. Lawrence Canals: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Galops and Port Cardinal. | 2 | 2 | 7 | 200 | 45 | 9 | 50 |  |  |
| Rapid Plat..... | 4 | 2 | 112 | 200 | 45 | 9 | 50 |  |  |
| Farren's Point. . . . . . . . | ${ }^{3}$ | 1 | 3 ${ }^{1}$ | 200 | 45 | 9 | 50 | 90 | immediately, and ready for navigation in 1845. |
| Cornwall, passing the Long Sault Rapids | $11 \frac{1}{2}$ | 7 | 48 | 200 | 55 | 9 | 100 |  | Completed, and now in operation. The banks are being strengthened. |
| Beauharnois, do. Coteau, Cedars, and Cascades Road . . . . . . . . | $11 \frac{1}{4}$ | 9 | $82 \frac{1}{2}$ | 200 | 45 | 9 | 80 | $120$ | In progress. The work rapidly advancing, and will be ready for navigation in the spring of 1845. |
| Lachine, $\because$ do. Lachine Rapids ............................ | 812 | 5 | $44 \frac{1}{2}$ | 200 | 45 | 9 | 80 | $120$ | Surveyed, but not yet put under contract. |
| All Total from Lake Erie to the Sea. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 66 | 57 | 525 |  |  |  |  |  | The whole distance from Lake Erie to tide water is 520 miles. |
| All these Canals will be completed before the opening of the navigation in the spring of 1846. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Newcastle District $^{\text {Improvements: }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Scugog Lock and Dam. . |  | 1 | . $\cdot$ | 134 | 33 | 5 | 35 |  | Will be completed early in spring. |
| Whitlas' Lock and Dam. |  | 1 | 3 | 134 | 33 | 5 | 35 |  | Lock completed, and the Gates hung. |
| Crooks ${ }^{2}$ Lock and Dam. |  | 1 | 3 | 134 | $3^{-}$ | 5 | 35 | 59 | Lock completed, and Gates framed. |
| Chisholm's Lock and Dam |  | 1 | 10 | 134 | 33 | 5 | 35 | . 59 | Lock completed, and Gates framed. |
| St. Anne's Lock and Dam, head of Montreal Island. |  | 1 | 3 to 6 | 200 | 45 | 7 |  |  |  |
| St. Ours Lock and Diso, River Richelieu. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $\cdot \cdot$ | 1 | 3 to 7 | 200 | 45 | 7 |  |  | About to be advertized, and will be oompleted in 1845. |

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SCHEDULE E.-continued.

| BRIDGES, BUILT OR BUILDING, EXCLUSIVE OF THE ORDINARY BRIDGES ON ROADS. |  | Number of Arches. | Spans of Arches. |  | REMARKS. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| St. Anne de la Pérade, East Channel Do. West Channel | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Feet } \\ 969 \\ 303 \end{array}$ | 8 , and 1 swing. . 2, and 2 semi... | Feet. Feet. 50 to $101 \ldots .$. 97 and $100 \ldots .$. | 18 | Will be completed this year. Wooden Piers and Abutments. Swing Bridge, 45 feet span. Will be completed this year. Wooden Piers and Abutments. |
| The Batiscan . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 1220 | 8 , and 1 swing. | ... 132 | 18 | Will be completed this year. Wooden Piers and stone Alvutments. Swing Bridge, 45 feet span. |
| The St. Maurice, East Channel | 731 | 5, and 2 semi... | 110 to 115 | 18 | Will be completed next spring. Wooden Piers and stone Abutments. |
| Do. West Channel | 1378 | 10, and 2 semi. | 80 to 141 | 20 | Will be completed next spring. Wooden Piers and stone Abutments. |
| The Chaudiére, mouth of Chaudiére | 208 | .... 1 | .. 208 | 30 | Built by Commissioners in 1831. Repaired by the Board of Works in 1843. |
| The Berthier, Bayonne River... | 86 | . 1 | 86 | 24 | Completed. Stone Abutments. |
| The Bout de L'Isle, L'Assomption C | 725 | 4, and 1 swing. | . 160 | 18 | Plans prepared. Stone Abutments; wooden Piers, Swing Bridge, 45 feet span. |
| Do. Middle Channel | 546 | 3 | 2 of 140, 1 of 250 | 24 | Plans prepared. Stone Piers and Abutments. |
| Do. West Chan | 1190 | .... 7 - | 160 | 18 | Plans prepared. Stone Abutments and wooden Piers. |
| The River a Delisle. | 70 | .... 1 . | - 70 | 16 | Completed. Stone Abutments; embanked approach. |
| The Memphramagog, outlet of Lake | 208 | 10 | 9 of 20,1 of $40 \ldots$ | 19 | Completed. Bridge on Bents. |
| The Gananoque | 262 | 5 | $\left\{\begin{array}{c}2 \\ 47,1 \text { of } 46,2 \text { of } \\ 48\end{array}\right\}$ | 18 | Completed. Wooden Piers and Abutments. |
| The Bytown Bridges: 1st wooden. |  | 5, and 2 semi. |  | 18 | Completed. Bridge on Bents. |
| Do. 2nd wooden |  | .... 3 | 1 of 111,2 of 24 | 18 | Completed. Stone Abutments. |
| Do. 3rd wooden |  |  | .... 76 ... | 18 | Completed. Stone Abutments. <br> (In progress; will be completed 1st June, 1844. Towers 21 feet high above Roadway; |
| The Suspension Bridge.6. |  | .... 1 .... | .. 242 ..... | 24 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { In progress, } \\ 242 \text { feet between the points of suspension; } 487 \text { feet length of Cable; } 20 \text { feet depres } \\ \text { sion. }\end{array}\right.$ |
| Ist stone arch. | 44 | 1 | 44 | 37 | Nearly completed. |
| 2 nd stone arch. | 57 | 1 | 57 | 20 | Old Arch repaired. |
| 3 rd stone arch | 55 | 1 | 55 | 20 | Old Arch taken down, and now being re-built. |
| The Caledonia Bridge. | 638 | 6, and 1 swing. | 62 to 100 | 18 | Completed. Swing Bridge, 40 feet span. |
| The Paris Bridge.... | 282 | … 2 | 115 to $130 \ldots .$. | 24 | Built by Commissioners in 18:33. Repaired by the Board of Works in 1842. |
| The London Bridge. | 190 | $\ldots{ }^{2} \quad \ldots$ | 140 to $40 \ldots .$. | 18 | Completed. ${ }^{\text {d }}$, |
| The Delaware Bridge. | 641 | 3 large, 15 small. | 3 of 80, 15 of $24 .$. | 18 | Will be finished this season. |
| The Narrows, Lake Simeoe | 635 | 17, and 1 swing... | 30, swing 45..... | 18 | Plans prepared. Swing Bridge to be 45 feet span: |
| The Port Stanley . . . . . . |  | 2, and 1 swing. ... | 2 of 30 , swing 30 | 12 | Completed. Swing Bridge, 30 feet span. |
| The Cornwall Swing Bridge... |  | ..... 1 -.... | $\ldots . .150$. | 10 | Completed. |



## RETURN

Of all Seizures of Goons illegally imported, in the years 1840, 1841, and 1842, laid before the Legislative Assembly, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, in compliance with an Address of the House, of the 10th October, 1842.

## CANADA EAST.

Return of all Serzures of Goods illegally imported, within the years 1840, 1841, and 1842, pursuant to an Address of the IIonourable the Legislative Assembly; of 10 th October, 1842, as reported by the Collectors.
















## RETURNS.



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| Reward for the apprehension of Morrow, a leader of Brigands | 450 |
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## REPORT

Oe the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Disturbances upon the line of the Beauharnois Canal, durug the summer of 1843; and Statements of the Expenses attending the suppression of the Riots on the Beauharnois and Lachine Canals; laid before the Legislative Assembly, by Message from IIis Excollency the Governor General, on the 16th October, 1843.

To His Exeellency the Right Honourable Sir Cbarles
Theophilus Metcalfe.Baronet, Knight Grand Crass of the Most Honourable Orderof the Buth, One of HerMajesty's.Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of Brilish North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, \&c. \&oc.

## May it Please Your Excellency,

Your Excellency having been pleased, by letters under clate of the twenty fourth of June last, to appoint the undersigned Commissioners, to inquire into the cause and progress of the late disturbances on the line of the Beauharnois Canal, and also into the lamentable catastrophe which followed them, we humbly beg leave to submit to Your Excellency the result of our investigation.

On the twenty-sixth of June last, we caused primed notices to he distributed and affixed along the line of the Canal, announcing our intention of commencing the inquiry on the following Friday (the thirtieth of June), at the dwelling house of Mr. Mills, the principal Engineer, within a mile from the cast end of the Canal, and inviting the attendance of all those who could afford us information relative to the matter we were deputed to investigate.

Having met on the day and hour, and at the place appointed, we found a number of labourers loitering in the environs of Mr. Mills' house. Wo soon discovered, however, that they had assembled there merely through motives of curiosity; and that no full or satisfactory information could be obtained from any of the workmen on the Canal without previously removing from their minds the impression they were under, that the Commissioners were not only authorised to investigate, but also armed with authority to punish.

Being aware that Mr. Falvey, the Roman Catholic Missinnary, was the only person who possessed sufficient influence over these men to convince them of the strict impartiality we were bound and determined to observe in the course of our investigation, we solicited the attendance of that Reverend Gentleman, who readily accepted the task of conveying to his flock the explanation we gave him, as well of the nature and ubject of the enquiry as of the spirit in which we were disposed to conduct it.

The adoption of this sourss has enabled us to lay before Your Excellency, in addition to the information obtained from Magistrates; Military Officers, Contractors, and othersy the substance of the testimony rendered by a number of the most intelligent and best disposed amongst the labourers employed in each of the principal sections of the Canal.

The enquiry was held at the Engineer's office. in St. Clement de Beauharnois, at the village of St. Clement de Beauharnois, in various parts of the parish of St. Timothée de Beauharnois, and in this City, according as circumstances and the convenience of the witnesses to be examined, seemed to require, Each witness was examined apart from all others, in order to obviate the angry discussions which would have necessarily followed the adoption of a different course of procceding, and would have tencted to increase and perpetuate those feelings of distrust and animosity which we found cxisting between the labourers and their employers.

A portion only of the testimony rendered before us, accompanies this Report, as it was considered unnecessary to reduce to writing such evidence as tended merely to corroborate without adding any thing of importance to the depositions contained in the Appendix.

The information we have obtained from the various sources we have resorted to, may be given in substance as follows:-

The Beauharnois Canal is divided into thirteen sections. About July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, the Board of Works undertook the excavation of two sections-a task which was completed by a body of labourers who were employed by the Board, and continued to work under the inmmediate control of their officers.

The hours of labour required from the workmen, each day, were never made to extend beyond twelve: some say the day's labour usually 'began at six A. M. and closed at six P. M., while two hours of intermission were allowed for meals. The labourers were invariably paid in cash, at the rate of three shillings per day, and they usually received their wages semi-monthly. Under this system, the men employed were quiet and apparently content. But when, subsequently, the same labourers, with many others, were employed by the various individuals who have entered into contracts with the Board of Works for the completion of the work which remained to be performed on the Canal, their condition was greatly altered. Their hours of daily labour were extended; their wages became payable at the close of each month, and were reduced to the following rates per day-two shillings in March; two shillings and three pence in April; and two stillings and six pence in May.

The Contractors bept Stores, to which the men, when unprovided with money and credit to purchase elsewhere, were compelled to resort for such articles of food and clothing as they supplied.

In these Stores, few, if any, of the provisions which conotitute the netcensal ies of life among the labouring clatsed where to be found so that the workmeor ore obliged to live diniof exditively upon fobd of on Guentwe deseriptiont duth at


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Mr. Dunn, a sub-contractor, on one of Mr. Crawford's sections, seems to be the only person who gave notes or bons for these balances.

High rents were also paid to the contractors by the laborers for the small wooden huts called shantues which afford them shelter, although in each contract, the person undertaking it, binds himself towards the Board of Works "to provide the workmen on the Canal with suitable lodgings."

The general discontent which grew out of this new order of things soon became appnrent. On the first day of May a body of men, amounting in number to about one hundred, procceded from the western extremity of the Canal, along the whole line, for the purpose of effecting a combination amongst the laborers, but failing to induce all their fellow workmen to adopt at once the course proposed, they obtained a promisa, that a general strike should be made on the thirty-first of May, throughout every portion of the vorks, and that no more labor should be performed after that time until they had obtained three shillings per day.

On the section contracted for, by Messrs. Picree, Black \& $\mathrm{C}_{0}$. where the dissatisfaction was increased by the length of the houses which extended, as it has been termed by the witnesses, from dark to dark, a number of workmen went, on the fifteenth of May last, to Mr. Crawford's castern section, with a view to induce that, gentleman's labourers to join in a strike for higher wages, and shorter hours. The latter refused to do so, on the gromen that they had agreed to accept of two shillings and six pence per day, for the current month, wherenpon Mcssrs. Pierce, Black \& Co's. men, returned to their work, with the understanding that their horses of labour were to be abridged, as in fact they were.

The intention the laburers had formed, to strike for higher wages at the close of May, becane generally known in the neighhourhond of the Canal, and had at an early period of that month. reached the ears of Mr. Laviolete, the stipendiary Magistrate appointed by Your Excellency's lamented predecessor, for the purpose of maintaining order anongst the workmen on the Canal.
We infer, as well from the instructions ad Iressed to himself. as from the motives which induced the IIonourable Chairman of the Board of Works to suggest an appointment of that nature (as we find them expressed in his able report touching the Deauharnois Canal) that it was the duty of Mr. Laviolette to employ his time in endeavouring to remove all difficultics and allay all dissensions which inight occur, as well amongst the workmen as between them and their employers. Yet we find that no effort was made to divert these men from their purpose, if we except the exhortations of the Reverend Missionary Mr. Falvey, nor was there any attempt made to convince them either of the illegal character of the combination they contemplated. or of the dangerous consequences which would necessarily flow from it, if carried into effect.

On the evening of the thirty-first of May, all the labourers employed on the Canal, gave up their tools and notified their employers; that they would not resume their labors until wages had been increased to three ahillings per day.

From this time until the tenth of the following month all remained quiet ; although want and distress prevailed in various quarters, but more espe. cially, on Mr. Crawford's sections, where the proyision Stores were closed, so soon as the men with${ }_{16 \mathrm{~h}}$ October. drew from their labours.
Meantime a requisition for military assistance, was addressed to Colonel England, by Mr. Laviolette and Mr. Crawford, (the contractor above alluded to, who had been commissioned to act as Magistrate for the purpose of assisting Mr. Laviolette in the performance of his duties) and a party, consisting of fifty men and one subaltern, under the command of Major Campbell, was consequently detached from the 74th Regiment, and stationed at St. Timothec where they arrived on the morning of the tenth of June.

On the same day, a large body of men, amounting in number to three hundred, went down from the upper sections, to the eastern extremity of the Canal and obtained a promise from a number of the labourers on each section, to the effect that they would assomble at the Mills in the Parish of St. 'Timothec on the following Monday, for the purpose of proceeding thence, in a body, to demand higher wagos, from cach of the contractors.

On their return towards the western ond of the Canal, these men stopped at Grant's Motel, where Mr. McDonald, one of the contractors then resided, and enquired of him if he would consent to pay his men more than two shillings and six pence per day: Mr. McDonald ans wered this question in the negative. whereupon a voice, from the crowd. was heard to say, that he (Mr. McDonald) would be compelled to do sp, or give up his contract, and that if on the following Monday he did not consent to give three shillings per day, he should be killed or thrown into the rapids.
They then advanced towaris Brown \& Finlay's section when having met with a similar refusal, they broke a few panes of glass in the store, and intimated to Mr. Brown, that they would grant him delay, until the following Monday, at eleven o'elock to refloct upon the expediency of complying with their demands. It would appear that these men, a number of whom it is to be remarked, were recognized as having been in the employ of Mr . Dunn, soon after dispersed.
During the night of Sunday the eleventh, Mr. Andrew Elliott, contractor for section No. 2, was attarked in his dwelling house, by a number of men. four of whom were armed with muskets, which were placed at his breast, while the question was put to him, whether he would or would not raise the wages to the required price; and while he hositated to reply, the trigger of one of the musket was drawn, but the priming flashed in the pan. Mr. Elliott's assailants did not disperse until they had beaten hirn so severely, as to leave him senseless on the ground, and had committed some other acts of violence.
Mr . Laviolette in the deposition made by him on the ninctenth ultimo states in detail what occurred at Mr. Larocque's, at an carly hour on the following morning (Monday the twelfth of June, ) when after the proclamation of the Riot Act had been read, a party of thirty soldiers, under the command of Lieutenant Debutts, was surrounded and rendered powerless. by a mob collected from the western section of the Canal, who taking advantage of their success, compelled Mr. Symonds, Mr. Larocque's partner, to consent to the demanded increase of wages. During the absence of Mr. Laviolette in this quarter, a body of men from the
eastern end of the Canal, crowded tumultnously around Mr. Grant's Hotel, situate at the place of Rendez-vous, chosen on the preceding Saturday. Mr. McDonald stepped forward on being called for, and having refused to accede to the demand which was made for higher wages, he was pursued and compelled to seek refuge in the cellar of the hotel, to protect himself from the fury of the mob, who when baffled in their pursuit, broke several windows in Grant's house, and turning towards Mr. McDonald's store, entered it by force, and destroyed or scattered all its contents.

After these men had disappeared, in the direction of the western extremity of the Canal, Mr. Laviolette returned to Grant's hotel at about noon, with the party of Infantry under the command of Lieutenant Debutts. They were accompanied by Mr. Crawford and Captain Jones at the head of a Troop, consisting of thirty horsemen, by whom they had been joined on the way from Mr. Larocque's section.

Mr. Laviolette on his arrival preferred a requisition to Major Campbell, for assistance, to protect Mr. Crawford's property at the eastern extremity of the Canal. The party which was detached for that purpose, consisting of forty men and a subaltern, under the command of Major Campbell, was drawn up on the high road, waiting for Mr. Laviolette, when the approach of a large body of men, formed as it is natural to infer, by a junction of the two mobs, who had appeared at Grant's, and at Mr. Larocque's in the morning, induced the Officer in command of the detachment to place his men in a position of safety.

They were accordingly drawn up in line before Grant's house, immediately in front of the gallery ; the Infantry was stationed in the centre, facing the highway and was flanked by the cavalry on either side.

The mob halted by word of command, on the highway, in front of the hotel, their first line being at the distance of from twenty five to thirty paces from the troops; no fire arms were seen amongst them, they made no attempt to advance, but kept moving up and down the high road, and "there was a little shouting and hissing amongst them."

Mr. Laviolette after having requested them, in vain, to disperse peaceably, placed himself on a line with the troops, read the proclamation contained in the Riot Act, and again enjoined them to disperse; seeing however, that they evinced no disposition to withdraw and apprehending with Major Campbell, that, by means of a manœuvre similar to that which was so successfully practised, but a few hours previous, on Mr. Debutt's detach. ment, at Mr. Larocque's house, the troops might be surrounded and overpowered. Mr. Laviolette, commanded the latter to firc. This order was repeated by Major Campbell, to the troops under his command; whereupon a volley was fired by the cavalry, as well as by the infantry and the former charged the mob with drawn swords. A remarkable discrepancy will be perceived between the testimony given by Mr. Laviolette and Major Campbell's statements in reference to the movements and demeanour of the mob, from the time they assembled before Grant's hotel, until their dispersion by the troops.

In our narrative we have preferved to follow Major Campbell's yersion, from the impression we are under, that the accuracy of Mr. Laviolette's recollection of what recurred on that particular
occasion cannot be implicitly relled on, owing to the state of dread and apprehension in which he acknowledges to have been at the time.

These gentlemen however agree in many points and amongst others on two, of great importance :1stly. That the cavalry under Captain Jones received an order from the officer in command, to charge and pursue the crowd, as they fled, and 2dly. That no more than three minutes or four elapsed between the reading of the proclamation, to the crowd and the volley of musketry which was poured into them.

The mob fled in all directions at the first fire, and were pursued by the Cavalry and Infantry. It is said that the Infantry discharged no more than one round, yet several shots were fired subsequently, not only around Grant's Hotel, but also in the neighbourhood of the Mills. It has been ascertained that six men, at least, were killed by the fire of the musketry ; a person whose body was found at Lachine, some days afterwards, as stated in the Coroner's certificate is supposed to have leaped into the river on that occasion to evade his pursuers and to have been drowned in the rapids.

The number of persons wounded remains unknown, as we have received no information on this point from any other quarter, than the English Hospital into which five of them were admitted.

During the pursuit, twenty seven prisoners were made, but after having remained under the charge of the Military at the Mills, during some five or six days, these men were all discharged by Mr. Laviolotte, without examination, for the reasons assigned in the deposition given by him on the nineteenth ultimo.

We have clearly traced the origin of the disturbances, which terminated in the fatal manner above described, to the universal dissatisfaction entertained by all the labourers on the Canal, with the rate of wages allowed them by their employers.

This obvious fact naturally suggested the enquiry, whether these men had any just ground of complaint in that respect ; and feeling the importance of this branch of our investigation, we amassed a volume of evidence relative thereto, which will fully bear us out in the opinion we have formed, namely: that the price paid by the contractors to their labourers, even when increased to two shillings and six pence per day, was not only an inadequate remuneration for the services of the latter, but was insufficient to afford them the means of subsisting.

It appears evident to us that a labourer employed on a Canal. remote from his ordinary place of abode, should always receive' a remuneration higher by one fourth than the current wages of the season. The Canal labourer can seldom, if ever, obtain employment during more than twenty days in one month, even during the most favorable season and the works are not unfrequently suspended during weeks in succession, in consequence of rainy weather, and other accidents. During these intervals he cannot leave the neighbourhood to seek temporary employment without incurring the risk of being thrown out of employment for the season ; as, a sudden resumption of the works may induce the contractor to employ another in his stead; moreover, protisions are invariably higher in the neighbourhood of public works, and, if he be a married man, his wife instead of contributing by her induss try to the support of the little household, as,
becomes merely an additional burthen. Indeed we have to douht that two shillings and six pence per day, even when paid in money at the most convenient intervals, is a remuneration of loss value to the Canal man, than one shilling and eight penco would be to a labourer in a City, who is permanently employed, at least through the whole of the working season.

But, in addition to the disadvantages common to all labourers on Canals, the workmen on this line were compelled, by the system of monthly payments, to resort to the storcs of the Contractors for all the necessarics of life. Here the small pittance of those who were burthened with familics was usually exhaustod before the diy of reckoning, in the purchase of bread, pork, tea, coffee, sugar, and other such expensive articles of food, for which they would have advantageously substituted potatoes, meal, milk, eggs, \&ec., had the payments been made at such convenient intervals as to leave them a free choice. Heavy rents had also to be paid by these men, notwithstanding the 8 th clause of the contracts, by which, according to our interpretation. the contractors were bound to furnish all the workmen on the Canal with suitable lodgings, free of expense.

The dissatisfaction which sprung nut of the feeling that their labour was not sufficiently remunerated was increased by the unreasonable length to which their daily hours of labour were extended, especially on certain sections ; and, when discontent had ripened into tumult and disorder, we find standing prominently forth, amongst the first instigators of aggressive measures, the men who wero reduced to a state of destitution by Mr. Dunn's inability to pay them.

In the month of May, the Canal gave employment to between two and three thousand workmen, the great majority of whom were natives of Ireland: some of them had recently emigrated; others had been for several years engaged in public works in Canada and the United States.

The discontent occasioned by the various causes of complaint above adverted to, being fostered by neglect, soon roused the angry feelings of the more easily excited portion of these men, and they determined upon urging their fellow labourers to coinbine for the purpose of compelling the contractors to better their condition.

So early as the first of May a disposition had been publicly manifested; by the men employed on some of the western sections, to effect a combination. On the fiftrenth of that month, the men cmployed on Pierce, Black and Co.'s section, rose with the same object in view ; and about that time it became publicly known throughout the whole neighbourhood, that a strike for higher wages was to take place, on the first of June, along the whole line of the works. Meanwhile, the Stipendiary Magistrate, who was appointed for the sole purpose of maintaining peace and order amongst these ignorant and excitable men, remained inactive. In fact, the gentleman who acted in that capacity seems to have wholly misunderstood the object for which he was appointed.

We humbly conceive that his endeavours, from the time he began the performance of his duties, should have been directed towards familiarising himself with the labuurers on the Canal, and acquiring such influence over them as would have enabled him to aot as a mediator between them and their employers. He should have sedidously opposed;, and, ifi unsuccessfur, reported to the Go.
vernment all acts of illiberality, injustice or oppression, which might have been remarked in the conduct of the contractors towards the workmen.

When discontent became manifest amongst the latter. he should have enquired into its origin. and interfered to remove it ; and when, at length, a strike was contemplated as a means of redress, he should have pointed out the illegality of all combinations of that nature and the punishment reserved for all those, who would dare to resort to such violations of the law. But his voice was never heard amongst them either to advise or control, to dissuade or to threaten. In making these observations, which we have deemed necessary from the conviction we are under that a timely interference would have avolted the lamentable calamities which have ensued, we are far from imputing to Mr. Laviolette any intentional dereliction of duty. On the contrary, we are convinced; that the supineness manifested by that gentleman is to be ascribed solely to the impression he entertained that he was bound not to interfere when his assistance as a Magistrate was not applied for. We may here, be permitted to remark, that Mr. Laviolette appears to have been assisted by Mr. Erawford in the exercise of the Magisterial duties, on two occasions only: firstly, when a joint requisition was mado by these gentemen for Military assis tance on the tifth day of June, by a letter addressed to Colonel England, and secondly, when on the twelfth he requested Major Camplbell to cease firing. Mr. Crawford deserves praise for having to far abstained from the exorcise of his power, as a Justice of the Pence, over the men in his employ. We would humbly suggest the propriety of avoiding in future the appointment of eontractors to act as Magistrates. A contractor clothed with Magisterial authority is placed in a false position, and exposed in many instances, to the sispicion of wieldiug the powers of the law, solely for the purpose of maintaining his own personal intercsts.

The impropricty of resorting to the employment of Military assistance, except in cases of absolute and imperious necessity is a topic which we would deem it unnecessary to dwell upon in addressing Your Excellency, even though our instructions had gone further than to require of us such information only as we could furnish, respecting the lamentable catastrophe which occurred on that day.

Whether a Magistrate can legally order troops to fire into an assembly of men who are not at the moment engaged in the perpetration of any Act of violence against persons or property and when no more than four minutes have elapsed after reading the proclamation contained in the Riot Act, is a question which with various others of minor importance arising out of the occurrences of that fatal day, as narrated above, is left for the consideration of the Executive.

In lamenting above all, the necessity, real or supposed, which demanded a sacrifice of several lives on that occasion, we deem it our duty to record also the regret which we have experienced on discovering that whenever the assistance of the civil power was invoked during these disturbances, it has been invariably rendered by ignorance or neglect, either an instrument of oppression or an object of derision.

The twenty seven prisoners who were taken upon the dispersion of the mob by the united attack of the Infantry and Cavalry, on the twelfth day of June, were detained during five or six d'ays in close confinement under a Milltary guard; and then diso oharged without examination: If these men had

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rendered themselves guilty of an offence against the laws, why were they allowed to escape punishment ? If on the other hand they were innocent why detain them a single hour?

On the fifteenth of the same month, an individual was arrested at $\mathbf{S t}$. Timothée, upon common report, without affidavit or warrant having issued against him, and was consigned to the Common Ganl of this District, as a louse, idle and disorderly person.

This commitment was made under the Police Act, as it is alleged, although the operation of that Act does not extend to the place where the illegal arrest was mado. Four other persnns were apprehended, between that time and the close of the same month upon simple affilavits and without any warrants having been issted against them, and were consigned, without oxamination to the common Gaol of the District where, we prosume, they still remain.

Enough has been said on this subject to prove the necessity of immediate interference for the purpose of putting an end to these flagrant abuses, and of vindicating the insulted majesty of the Law.

To attain these dosirable objects, we deem it indispensable that an active and efficient magistracy should be immediately placed in the vicinity of the works, in lieu of the present incumbent whose ignorance of the character and habits of tho workmen on the Canal, added to his want of experience in legal proceedings, have the effect of entirely neutralizing his good intentions. Indeed we are convinced that the future tranguility of that neighbourhood during the time which will be required to complete the Canal, will depend in a great measure upon the character and capacity of the gentleman who may be chosen to fill that important post. Education, energy, vigilance, humanity and expericnce in the performance of Magisterial duties, are not the only qualities which should be found combined in him ; he should also be possessed of a cool temper, a practised judgment and a thorough knowledge of the character and habits of the labourers, as well as of the art of managing and controlling large bodies of men. A small body of mounted Police should be placed at his disposal, for the purpose of being stationed on the various sections of the Canal, and of keeping up a rapid communication with the Magistrate.

These men should be distinguished by firmness tempered with moderation in the execution of their duty. All undue display of authority should be forbidden them and they should be enjoined to mingle with the labourers and use every endeavour to secure their confidence. A ware of the immense expense which would attend the organization of a Police force. sufficient in physical strength, to controul the large bodies of men collected on the line of the Canal, we would beg to suggest the propricty of adopting a system of internal Police, which we have reason to bolieve, from personal observation, and the opinion of experienced Engineers, would be attended with the most satisfactory results. A certam number of the most intelligent and best disposed labourers employed on each section should be chosen to act as Constables for the purpnse of promoting harmony and gond order, and of reporting to the Magistrate or in his absetice to the mounted Policemen, the origin, nature and tendency, of any diffirulties or dissentions which might ariso amongst their fellow-workmen or between the latter and their employers. The assistance of their "select men" (under which denormination for obvious reasons, we would wish them to be known,
in preference to any other designation usually ap. plied to inferior Officers of the Peace) could be secured in all cases where the mounted. Police might require it, by paying each of them a small sum,
say six pence say six pence per day, under this arrangement, extended to all other public works, now in progress, the labourers employed on the plank road from Cóleau du Lac to the Province line, on the intended enlargement of the Lachine Canal, as well as on the Beauharnois Canal, might all be placed under the surveillance of the same Magistrate, still we are of opinion, that no system of Police, however wisely devised, and efficiently executed, will have the effect of maintaining perfect order amongst the labourers on public works, unless means be adopted to remave all just causes of complaint, such as those which we have pointed out as existing on the Beauharnois Canal. It is true, under the present contracts, the Government is deprived of all power to regulate either the rate of wages which should be paid to the labourers or the number of hours to which their daily work ought to be limited But, we can imagine no reason why the Board of Works should not insist upon the fulfilment of the clauses of these contracts, by which the contractors are bound to pay their workmen in cash, and to provide them with lorlgings free of expense. And in all contracts, which shall be entered into for the performance of public works in future, we think the interests of the community require that the Board of Works should bind the contractors under penalty of voidance of their contracts.

1stly.-To pay all the laborers and other persons emploved by them in money at the termination of cach fortnight, if not at the close of every week :

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3rdly.-To comply with such rates of wages and hours of labour as may be established by the Chairman of the Board, of Works at the baginning of each season.

Having thus, in fulfilment of the instructions received by us in the first instance, traced these unfortunate disturbances from therr origin to their fatal conclusion, and having endeavoured to comply with the additional suggestions conveyed to us in Your Excellency's letter of the eleventh ultimo, by submitting our views as to the means which may be best adapted to prevent the recurrence of similar outbreaks, we beg permission before closing our report to call Your Excellency's attention to two other points which have an indirect bearing on the matters we have been required to investigate.

The first is a complaint preferred by the Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr. Laviolette against Mr. Falvey, the Roman Catholic Missionary, conscious that if that Reverend Gentleman could be convicted of having, in the slightest degree, contributed to excite, or encourage a spirit of insubordination amongst his flock, it would become our duty, in suggesting preventive measures, to advise his immediate removal, we proceeded to institute a strict enquiry into his conduct. The result of our investigation has been to convince us of the fact, established by a number of witnesses and controverted by none. that from the period when he assumed the spiritual guidance of the labourers on the Canal he has unceasingly endeavored to impress them with the necessity of obeging their employers of respecting the law, and of acting with forbearance and charity towards each other. We therefore feel bound to say, that far from being obnoxious to reproach ${ }_{y}$ Mr. Falvey is deserving of the highest praise for the earnest efforts he
made to subdue the discontent which prevailed among his hearers, and to dissuade them from resorting to violent measures for redress. The second point has reference to a petition annexed to this report in which several inhabitants of French origin, through whose farms the canal has been cut, have set forth various heavy grievances which we have had occasion to observe are by no means exaggerated. Although we know not whose duty it may be to enclose the works on the canal, yet we feel that the attention of the Chairman of the Board of Works should be directed towards the necessity which exists of immediately erecting fences to prevent the destruction of property incessintly occasioned by the workmen on the Canal, who allow their horses and other cattle to stray unrestrained over the adjoining fields. If this cvil and others which the neighbouring farmers have reason to complain of, be not promptly remedied, collisions may take place between them and the labourers and other serious consequences may ensuc. In fine, we deem it our duty to add, that if a higher respect for private property and a greater alacrity to remunerate persons injured in the protection of public works be not manifested in future, all hope of rendering such undertakings popular throughout the Province may be abandoned.

The whole respectfully submitted.

> R. L. MORROGH,
> LEWIS T. DRUMMOND, C. WETHERALL, J. P.

Montreal, 10th August, 1843,

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Montreal, 10th Aug.,
R. L. MORROGH. LEWIS DRUMMOND. C. WETHERALL, J.P.

No. 1.

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

## notice.

Public Notice is hereby given that the Commission appointed by His Excellency the Governor General for the purpose of inquiring into the Riots which lately took place on the line of the Beauharnois Canal will assemble at
the instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and will continue to hold its sittings daily at that place, between the hours of ten and four o'clock until further notice. All persons who may have any information to communicate to the commissioners on the subject under investigation, are hereby invited to attend.

By order of the Comnissioners.

No. 2.

## John Ford's Deposition.

On the 13th day of June, 1843, before Charles Wetherall, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for the District of Montrcal, came and appeared, John Ford of Beauharnois, Labourer, who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists doth depose and say :-I entered Mr. Crawford's service a short time after Christmas, as a blaster on the Beauharnois Canal : at first I had no agreement as to wages, I remained in his employ until the 7th of April last, I was paid by Mr. Crawford at the rate of 2s. 3d. a day ; when he paid me, the balance due, he offered to increase my wages to

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2s, 9d. a day if I remained. I received payment for all my wages in cash with the exception of a deduction of 2 s. 9 d . that is to say, 2 s . for a tarpaulin hat, and 9d. for a half yard of flannel supplied to me from Mr . Crawford's store at my request. I left the Canal on the 7th day of April, so that I have no personal knowledge of the disturbances which took place lately. Juring a couple of months while in the employ of Mr. Crawford, I paid 8s. 6d. per week for boarding, lodging, washing and mending, to Michael Bowlan, one of Mr. Crawford's foremen and the owner of the shanty in which I lived. I afterwards went to board with Philip Neylan, a fellow laborer who afforded me the same accomodations at the rate of 7 s . $6 d$. I have been out of employ for about a fortnight past. It was want of employ which induced me to return here in the hope of finding work on the Canal. I have hitherto found none and have been supporting myself out of the money which I earned as well on this Canal as in the States where I wrought during two years or thereabouts on the Erie Canal. There are about two hnndred as near as I can say, of the men who wrought at tne Erie Canal, who have been lately working on the Beauharnois Canal. And further the deponent saith not. This deposition being read to him, he declareth the same to be true, persisteth therein and declareth that he cannot write and hath made his mark.
> his
> JOHN $\propto$ FORD. mark

Sworn before me,
this 13th June, 1843.
C. Wetherali, J. P.

No. 3.

## Martin Donnelly's Deposition.

On the first day of July, 1843, came and appeared before Charles Wetherall, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for the District of Montreal, and the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor General of this Province for enquiring into the causes, \&c. of the disturbances which took place lately on the line of the Beauharnois Canal, Martin Donnelly, of Beauharnois, Labourer, who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists deposeth and saith :-I am a native of the County of Mayo, in Ireland; I arrived in this Province from my native Country on the 7th day of July last. On the $20 t h$ day of the same month I began to work on this Canal, from that time until the month of March last, I continued to work for the Board of Works so long as they had employment to give me, at the rate of 3 s . per day, during the whole time the works were in active operation. From the month of March last, until the first of last month I remained in the employ of Messrs. Crawford, at the eastern extremity of the Canal. During that period there have been about 250 men at work on this section. The larger portion of these men are Irishmen who havo worked in the United States. The remaining portion are with very few exceptions, Emigrants from Ireland, recently arrived in this Province. In the month of March last, 1 received 2s. a day, the price generally paid for that month. In April I received 2s. 3d. a day, and on the 1st of May, at the request of the other men employed on that section, I applied to Mr. Crawford, Senior, to ascertain what amount of wages he intonded to give us during the ensuing month; he told me he would give 2s. 6d, for which price, we
all agreed to work during that month. The hours of work on this section being from five in the morning, till seven in the evening, one hour being

Appendis allowed for breakfast and one hour and a quarter 16 th October. for dimner. The payments were made at the end of each month in cash after deduction made of the value of articles supplied from the contractor's store. I was never compelled to take goods out of the store kept by Mr. Crawford, but $I$ found the goods in that store cheaper than in two or three other stores in that neighbourhood and equally convenient where I could have got credit, had 1 required it. I believe few of the other men could obtain like credit, but I was well known and was generally better treated by the Store keepers and others, on account of the orphan children I have to support, and on account of my own character. For such articles as I had occasion to purchase from Crawford's store, the following prices were charged. 4 lbs. loaf, 5 d., 1 lb. sugar, $5 \mathrm{~d} ., 1 \mathrm{lb}$. tea, 3s. 8d., there was also tea sold at that store for $4 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} ., 1 \mathrm{lb}$. tobacco, $10 \mathrm{~d} ., 1 \mathrm{lb}$. coffee, from 10 d . to 1s. 3d. I cannot say how butter was sold at this store as 1 never purchased any there, and no beer or spirituous liquors of any kind. The men on that section are generally temperate. There are some men, especially among the unmarried, who drink occasionally. These men obtain liquour at two or three shanties, near the section where it is sold at 9 d . a quart, and freely given on credit. 1 received payment regularly, at the close of each month, and no deduction was in any instance made from the amount of wages due me, except for such supplies as had been furnished me from the store, and such voluntary contributions as I occasionally made for the support of fellow labourers during sickness. We only receive payment for the days during which we have been engaged in labour. The works are frequently suspended by bad weather. I do not consider that half a dollar is a suffcient remuneration, for the following reasons:Firstly, the work is not continuous, as the following statement will shew. In the month of August last, I worked, and was paid for only....... 18 days.

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Secondly.-House rent and provisions are higher here than in the cities. I should prefer 2s. a day in Montreal to 3s. here. And thirdly, we are here compelled to make small contributions for the support of suffering fellow labourers a burthen which we would be exempt from in the cities. The expenses of a labouring man on the canal per day are as follows, to wit :-

for fuel, clothing and other contingencies including lost time. During the time when the operations on the canal are suspended by unfavorable weather or other causes, there are no means of obtaining other employment without abandoning the works
entirely. This is a calculation of the average expenses of a single man which I have made from my own experience. A large portion of the labourers are married men, many of whom have families : their expenses must of course increase in proportiou with their families. The unmarried men usually pay from cight to nine shillings per week for boarding, lodging, washing and mending. My wife is dead; but I have three children to take care of, whom I am obliged to keep, and a servant woman, to whom I pay 10s. a month; but I only pay 2:. 6 d . a month for my shanty as I built it myself with money I brought from Ireland, and only have to pay for the ground rent. The general impression amongst the labourers is, that the daily work of each man on the Canal is worth from six to seven shillinge to the contractors. This is also my opinion; but 1 cannot be certain, as I have not seen the contracts. Four good labourers can quarry from two to three square yards, and can excavate in clay or mixed soil from six to seven yards a day. About the first of May last, a body of men. above 100 in number. came down from the head of the line: amongst them I recognised some of MrDonald's men. They said their object in coming down was to induce us to join them in a strike for higher wages, urging upon us that ©s. od. was an insufficient price : but. having been promised 2s. 6d. for that month by our employers, we refused to turn out; at the same time we promised to join a general strike at the close of that month (May), unless the contractors raised the wages to 3 s ., for the ensuing month, along the whole line. The men from above appeared satisfied, and returned to work at their own sections. On the 15 th of the same month. about 100 of Blark's men. at work on the section adjoining Crawfurd's, at the east end of the Canal, came down and ordered us to get out of tho pit where we were working. and join them, as they had struck for higher wages and shorter hours. Their hours were, and had been from some time in April, from dark to dark; so that in May they were compelled to set at work at about four in the morning, and to continue at work until eight in the evening, with the usual hours of intermission for meals. We refused to lurn out with them, on the ground that we had agreed with our contractors for the month at hat a dollar a day. They called us cowardly two and three penny men; but after some discussion. and after receiving from us a promise to turn out at the end of that month unless our wages were raised to ss., they returned to their section and continued to work until the first of June, their hours having been made the same as ours, that is to say-from five in the morning until seven in the evening. On the last day of May, all the labourcrs down the whole line gave up iheir tools to their respective foremen, and gave notice that they would not return to work until the wages were raised to 3 s . From that evening until the 10 th of June they all remained quiet in their shanties. Directly the men struck, the stores on Crawford's section were closed, and the ordinary means of getting supplies and the necessaries of life were thus taken away from us; and I have a personal knowledge that great distress prevailed in many of the shanties during that interval. On Saturday the 10th a large body of men from the upper sections of the line came down to this end: their object was to induce Crawford's and Black's men to on to their respective contractors, and demand higher wages. The larger portion of our men accompanied these men from above; but 1 remained in my shanty. On their return, I' heard them agree to mect on the following Monday, at the Mills, in St. Timothee, for the purpose of ascestaining whether the contractors along the whole line would or would not raise the wages to 3 s . On that day, Monday the

12th of last month, Crawford's men, with very few exceptions, went up towards the Mills; but, as I remained below with my little family, I cannot say what occured (T.) the labourers there. The general feeling amongst keeping stores by the contractors. I, however, am of opinion, that provision would be more expensive along the line of the Canal, if the contractors were prohibited from keeping stores; and I feel confident that all the evils arising out of that system would be remedied by paying the men weekly for their labour in cash, and leaving them free to purchase either at the contractor's stores or at any other. No compulsion has been directly used by the contractors to make the labourers purchase at their stores, as far as I have been able to observe; but, from the facts of the payments being made monthly, those who cannot get credit elsewhere (and, as I have stated above. there are few who can), are obliged to supply themselves and their families with the necessarics of life out of the contractor's stores; morcover, the men are thus obliged, in many instances, to live upon morc expensive food, such as tea, coffice, \&c., while, if they had money in hand, they might supply themselves with potatoes, milk, oatmeal, butter, and other such food, which would go much further in a large family. When I arrived here in July last, I had about seven sovereigns and a half remaining from the funds I left Ireland with. I have never lost the chance of a day's labour from sickness since I came to this country. The only time I lost was about twelve days, during my wife's illness and at the time of her death. I belong to the Temperance Socicty, having been a member of it for these three years past, so that 1 have never spent six-pence unneressarily since I came to this country; and yet I have barcly sufficient remaining out of the money I have brought here, and that I have earned here, to meet the little debts I have contracted on the Canal for the necessaties of life. I an aware that there have been no disturbances on this Canal between the Cork and Connaught men: and further I say not. This present deposition being read to me, I declare the same to contain the truth, persist therein, and have made my mark.
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MARTIN $\&$ mONNELLY, mark.

Sworn before me the day and year first above mentioned-
C. Wetherali, J. P.

No. 4.

## Thomas Reynold's Deposition.

On the 1st day of July, 1843, before Chailes We therall, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for the District of Montreal, and the Commissioners appointed for enquiring into the causes, \&c. of the disturbances which lately took place on the line of the Beauharnois Canal-came and appeared, Thomas Reynolds, of Beauharnois, labourer, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say.-I have been three years in this country, and am a native of King's County in lreland. I was engaged in July last by the Board of Works, to work on this Canal at 3s. a day. I was paid at this rate until I was discharged on the 1st of November last. I remained out of employ from that time until January, when Mr. Crawford began to open the Canal at the east end. Besides the time lost in the winter, the labourers on the Canal are frequently thrown out of employment during the spring, summer and autumn months by unfavorable weather. The works
are always suspended on the Canal during rainy weather. I think on an average, healthy labourcr's who lose no chances of day's work, can get employment two days out of three in Canal work during the year. During the suspension of labour on the Canal, the men employed there, cannot go elsewhere in scarch of work, without exposing themselves to lose their places on the Canal. I have never heard any altercations or disputes between the Conk and Connaught men employed on the Canal since the month of March last. In January and February last, I reccived 2s. a day, in March and April, 2s. 3d. and in May, 2s. Bd. In January, February and March, we wrought from dark to dark in Crawford's section. In April and May, from s in tho morning until 7 in the evening. Blach's men always began the work before us and continurd after we had ecased. Black's is the next section in Crawford's. at the cast end of the Canal. On the first of May last, some of the men of one of the neighbouring sections, I am not sure whose men they were, came down to induce us to strike for higher wages and shorter hours, but as we had made an agrecment with our emplovers for that month, we refused to join the strike. On the 15th of the same munth, Blark's men came down to us, with the same object in view. Our employer was absent, and as we had heard, sick in Montreal. Morcover we had agreed for the month, and we doelined joining, whercupon they returned to their work, after having had their hours assimilated to ours. The last strike which was general along the whole line of the Canal, took place on the last day of May, on the ovening of which day we quietly deposited our tools in the boxes made for them, delivered them to the foremen, and repaired to our shanties. Since that time no work was done on the Canal, until some day of last week, when employment was given to labourers on two sections, towards the west end of the Canal by Larocquo, and by Brown and Finley, at 3s. aday. From the 1st clay of June until the 10th, the labourers remained quiet, along the line, but on that day, it was a Saturday, a body of inen from the upper line of the works came down and invited us to mect them on the following Monday, at the St. Timothéc Mills, for the purpose of gring along the whole line, and ascertaining whether or not the contractors were willing to give 3 s , and regular hours. Immediately on ascertaining that the men had struck, contractors Crawford and McDonald closed their stores. Black allowrd his to remain open, and behaved woll towards his men, whom he allowed to have supplies therefrom as usual. Numbers of the labourers on Crawford's section were thus deprived of the necessaries of life, and lived on the charity of others. The general opinion of the labourers is, that the contractors should not be allowed to keep stores, and they would wish to be paid weekly so as to be frec to purchase food and other necessarics wherever they might consider it most advantageous for themselves. The contractors' stores do not contain the articles of fond which are most suited to the means and habits of the laborers, such as oatmeal, eggs, potatoes, milk, fresh meat. \&c. I have known various instances where familics and single men have been nbliged to live on what the stores supplied, namoly: bread, butter, tea, coffee, \&c., while had they possessed ready moncy, they would have advantagcously substituted potatnes, oatmeal, eggs, milk, \&c. 1 have known many labourers who were obliged to eat bread three times a day, because they had no moans of purchasing potatoes. I have worked in the City of Montreal as a labourer, and should prefer 2s. a day, with constant employment to 3s. here. I am unable to state the precise amount required for the daily support of a labourer on this Canal, at the present time, and I have been boarding for several months past with my father, on
advantageous terms; but when, previous to that time, I tried to board myself upon 2s. a day, 1 Appendix could not succeed, but got into debt. And further (T.) I say not. This present deposition being read to 1 tith Octerirn me, I declare the same to contain the truth, persist therein, and have made my mark.
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TIIOMAS $W$ REYNOLDS.
mark.
Sworn before me, the day
and year first above written.
C. Wetherath, J. P.

No. 5.

## Mathew Congan's deposition.

On the 12th day of July, 1843. Before Charles Wetherall. Esquirc, one of the Justices of the Peace for the District of Montreal, and one of the Commissioners appointed by Itis Excellency the Governor General, for the purpose of enquiring into the causes, \&c. of the disturbances which lately took place on the line of the Beauharnois Canal. -Personally came and appeared, Mathew Congan. of the Parish of Beauharnnis, labourer, who, being duly sworn on the Moly Evangelists, deposeth and saith :-I am a native of Kilkonny in Ireland. I came in this country about twelve months ago. I began to work on this Canal on the 20 th of July, last year, under the Board of Works and roceived 3s. a day, until the first of January last. On the 10 th of April last, I was engaged with Mr. Black at 2s. 6d a day, 1 worked 11 days only in April, and 20 days in May on account of the bad weathor. I have worked 3 days in this month at 3s. a day. On the 1st of June last, the men on Mr. Black's section, all struck for higher wages. We required 3s. a day, and to work from five in the morning until seven in the cvening, instead of the old hours, that is from day light till dark. I was obliged to get my provisions from Mr. Black's Store as we were settled with, only once a month, and had no money to get them elsewhere. I could procure potatoes, which arc my principal articles of consumption from the habitans cheaper than in the Store. And such articles as eggs, milk, were not be get in the store, which obliged me to receive more expensive articles, such as bread, coffee, tea and sugar. I would prefer to have half a dollar a day payable in cash, weekly, to 3s. a day, payable at the end of the month, and be confined to the store for the necessarics of life. This is also the general feeling among the workmen. I pay to Mr. Black half a dollar a month for the ground on which my shanty is built, and which I bought for 12 dollars. I am a married man and board myself. I had some moncy of my own and bought a barrel of pork and a barrel of flour in Montreal, in the month of February, which enabled me to receive in cash from Mr. Black, the following sums, to wit, seventeen shillings for the month of A pril, and twenty shillings for the month of May, which is all the cash I have received; and further I say not, and declare that I cannot write nor sign my name.

S worn before me at St . Thimothée, the day and year first above written.
C. Wetherall; J. P.

No. 6.

## Francis Dowd's Deposition.

On' the 12 th day of July, 1843 , before Charles Wetherall, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for the District of Montreal, and one of the

Commissioncrs appointed by Mis Excellency the Governor General. for the purpose of enquiring into the causes of the disturbances which took place on the line of the Beauharnois Canal-Came and appeared, Francis Dowd, of St. Clement, labourer, who being duly sworn, doth depose and say :-I am a native of Queen's County in Ireland, and came in this country in March, 1842; I was engaged on this Canal by the Board of Works, about the 12 th of July of the same year, at the rate of 3 s . a day until the month of November. 1 got money from the paymaster on account, when I required it, and was settled with at the end of each month. The hours of work were from 6 in the morning until 6 in the afternoon. In April I was engaged with Mr. Black at 2s. 6d. a day. In wet weather there is no employment for the workmen. The hours of work on this section were at first from daylight to dark. At present we commence at 5 in the morning and work until seven in the af. ternoon. I was paid once a month, and got every thing I required at Mr. Black's store. I pay the following prices for the articles I require, to wit : Oatmeal, 1s. 6d. a stone ; pork, $5 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. a lb . ; bread, $5 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$, a loaf ; coffee, 10d. a lb.; sugar, 5d. ; mackerel. 2d. a piece. If my employment was constant, I should be satisfied with 2s. 6d. a day, which I should expend wherever I could get the articles I require chcapest : but as I and others are many days unemployed, in consequence of bad weather, we have no other means to get victuals at the store, for which we are charged at the end of the month. I pay a dollar and a half, shanty rent per month. The men rent from Mr. Black a piece of ground for a shanty at the rate of 2 s .6 d. a month for 12 feet square. and are supplied with boards to build the shanty by Mr. Black at the rate of $£ 2$ a thousand feet which quantity is required to build it. The price of this is stopped from their pay. I received in cash from Mr. Black on my settlement of the month of May including $4 \frac{1}{2}$ days work in April, 6s. Id. In June, there was no work in consequence of the strike. I worked six days in the strike at 3s. a day and received 2 s . which I took nut in bread. Since being employed by the Board of Works, I only received the above sum of 6s. 1d. in cash. The men generally would prefer spending their money where they like, and not be compelled from neccssity to take their articles from the contractors' stores. I could purchase such articles as potatoes, butter, eggs, milk, \&c. cheaper from the farmers and others passing by than from the contractors' store, in which these latter articles are rarely to be got. And further, the deponent saith not, and declareth that he cannot write or sign his name.

Sworn before me at St. Thimothee, the day and year first above written.
C. Wetherall, J. P.

## No. 7.

## John Black's Deposition.

On the 13 th day of July. 1843, before Charles Wetherall, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace for the District of Montreal, and one of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor-General, for the purpose of enquiring into the causes, \&c., of the disturbances which lately took place on the line of the Beauharnois CanalPersonally came and appeared, John Black, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:-I am one of thie firm of Pierce, Black \& Co., holding the contract of Section 12, of the Beauharmois Canal. I Have bees engaged for these fifteen or sixteen
years past as contractor for public works, and especially on the following :-On the first place,' Clark's Ferry-dam across the River Susquehanna-which Appendix (T.) occupied eighteen months, and employed 250 men. 16th October. The next work was Section 2, on Pensylvania Canal, which employed 400 men, and took six months to complete. Thirdly-a section on the same line of Canal, which required one year to complete, and gave employment to about eighty men. Fourthly-the construction of an Arch Bridge, 6728 feet in length, called the Columbia Bridge, and employed 250 men for two years. Fifthly-a part of the Philadelphia Railway, which employed between forty and fifty men for six months. Sixthly-the superintendence of a slack water navigation, eighteen miles long, from the Susquehanna to Lancaster : on this I employed from fifly to three hundred and fifty men, and it lasted about seven years. Seventhly-the Columbia Dam over the Susquehanna, 7000 feet in length, and occupied 500 men for two seasons. Making a Towingpath bridge, connecting the Colombia Bridge, which took 100 to 140 men. Section 15 of the Tidewater and Susquehanna Canal, which employed from forty to eighty men. The construction of the Croton Dam, for the supply of water to New York, which employed 600 men on the spnt during the first year. On all these works, with the exception ot one, where I was outvoted by my partners, I never had a store; and, as a general principle, I object to their adoption. In my opinion, they should only be resorted to by the contractors when no other means are opened to the labourers to obtain the necessaries of life elsowhere. I know the feelings of the generality of the labourers to be opposed to it. I have no stores on the sections of this Canal. There is one kept on my section by one Mr. Davidson, with whom I have no connection or interest whatever in its management or profits. I had invariably explained to my men and Mr. Davidson that, if the prites of his articles exceeded those at other stores any where, the men should be supplied with money at any time for the purpose of supplying themsolves. Mr. Davidson, at the end of the month, sends in to us his accounts, which, if approved of by the labourcrs. we deduct from their wages and pay to Mr. Davidson. I commenced my works in the month of March. My rate of pay was then 2s. 6 d ., which I have invariably paid. During my absence for about seven days, my agents increased the wages to 3 s : : this was subsequent to the general turn out. I never had an application from one of my men to increase the wages to 3s., or any complaint whatever. There were 250 men working on my section before the last strike; which number has increased since they fell into work at 2s. 6 d . My first hours were from about half after four in the morning until half past seven in the evening, allowing one hour for breakfast and one hour for dinner. At present, they commence at five in the morning and work until seven in the evening, allowing one hour for the breakfast, and one hour and a half for dinner. My general rule is to pay once a month; but, if they require money in the mean time which is due to them, they have it ; and I have very frequently advanced to them. The works are frequently interrupted by bad weather. In the month of May there wore only twenty-one working days, which is a fair average throughout the season; but much depends upon the situation of the works and the management of them. The men pay me a dollar a month for a piece of ground twelve feet by twenty ; and boards were supplied by me, previous to their going to work, for building their shanties, at eight and nine dollars a thousand feet, which has been stopped out of their wages. Some have not yet all paid. I have no objection to pay my men every fortnight-meven every Monday -if they

require it ; with this exception, that, if they require
to be paid at these periods, the loss of time must be to be paid at these periods, the loss of time must be theirs and not mine, as is the case under my pre-
sent system. None of my overseers are permitted sent system. None of my overseers are permitted
to make money in any way from the men-nor do I permit any foreman to hire any man for the works: that is uniformily done by myself. And further I say not ; and have signed.
(Signed,) JOHN BLACK.
Sworn before me at St. Timothée, the day and year first above mentioned.
C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 8.

## William Dowling's Dcposition — [12th July, 1843.]

I am a native of Queen's County, in Ireland, and came into this country about seven years ago. I worked under the Board of Works on this Canal last year, from the 21st of August to the 1st of January last, at 3s. per day-hoirs being from five in the morning until seven in the evening. I have worked on Mr. Denant's section since the work commenced on that section, at 2s. 6 d . per day, and am still working there. We are paid by the month. There is a store on that section, on which tickets are given for delivery of articles required by the men, signed by one Kamerell, a sub-contractor under Denant. There is a store close to it, kept by Mr. Egan, who has no connotion with the contractors, where articles can be bought cheaper than in the former one. But, as the men are only paid once a month, they have no means of availing themselves of this advantage; and must, consequently, take the articles at the stores at any price. I would prefer halfa-crown per day, payable in cash every week, to 3s. payable at the end of the month. It am a single man, and kept a boarding house on the line of this Canal, and boarded twenty men for four months. Each man paid me eight shillings a week for board and lodging. I have kept a note of the number of working days, and find that twenty days is rather above the number in the month. Thave known instances where men have been able to work only three and a half days in a fortnight. . Milk, potatoes, and eggs, are not to be procured in these stores. There are no shanties on this section for the labnurers, who pay $1 \mathrm{s}$. . 6 d . each a week for lodging in the Canadian families. And further I say not ; and have signed.

## (Signed,) WILLIAM DOWLING.

Sworn before me at St. Timothée, \} the day and year first above written. $\}$
C. Wetherale, J. P.

No. 9.
John Falvey's Deposition.-[12th July, 1843.]
I am the clergyman appointed to administer to the spiritual wants of the catholic labourers on the Beauharnois Canal, amounting to nearly 2,500 souls. I have been residing here for about 11 months. The works on the Canal have been in operation during the whole of that time with the exception of about two months. The commencement of the worke on this Canal was undertaken by the Board of Works. Whilst under their superintendence, no material cause of dissatiafaction existed: Par-
tial delays in the payments occurred, but it led to no vexatious results on the reason being explained. Since the work has been transferred to the hands of the contractors, I have received frequent complaints to the following effects, that is, firstly, that the rates of pay given to the labourcrs. that is to say, 2s., 2s. 3d. and 2 s . 6 d . were inadequate to supply the wants of their families, slating at the same time that the Board of Works on the same line of work had paid 3s. per day during the past year. Secondly. That the hours they were required to work were too severe, being on some sections from day light to dark. On Mr. Black's section, this latter grievance led to a strike amongst his men, when the hours were assimilated to those on the other sections, namely from five in the morning until seven in the evening. Thirdly. The great delay in payments which were made only monthly, which necessarily obliged them to take at the contractors' stores provisions of a more expensive nature than their limited means permitted them to purchase, and which if they had money in their hands, they would have purchased cheaper from the farmers and elsewhere, 2s 6d. a day payable weekly being preferable to 3 s . a day payable at the end of the month. From my intimate acquaintance of the character and feelings of the labourers in general on the line of the Canal, I do not hesitate to state that they are strongly opposed to the system of stores being kept by the contractors. Referring to the unfortunate affairs which lately took place causing the destruction of life, I am of opinion that they might have been prevented by the judicious interference of an officer of Government, totally independent of the contractors and of the officers in charge of the works, conversant with the character and the mode of management of the labourers, and who, by constant intercourse with them would seem disposed to render them justice. This I consider would render all physical force unnecessary, the late excitement having been accelerated rather than protracted by the appearance of the military. I was not present during the interference of the military. Under every circumstance, however grievous it might have appeared to the workmen, I constantly recommended the strictest observance of obedience to laws and submission to their respective employers. And further I say not; and have signed.

## (Signed) JOIIN FALVEY, P’tre.

Sworn before me at St. Timothee,
the day and year first above mentioned. $\}$
C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 10.

## D. A. McDonald's Deposition.-[12th July, 1843.]

1 am one of the contractors of the Beauharnois Canal for sections 7 and 8, and employed about 200 labourers, before the 1st of June last. I allowed them 2s. 3d. in the month of April and 2s. 6d. in the month of May. The hours of work were from five to seven and work twelve hours, the payments being monthly. I had a store for the supply of such men as chose voluntarily to resort to it, there was no understanding that provisions or other store goods should be taken in payment or part pay ment of the labour. The following are the prices charged for the articles sold at my store during the month of May : 4 lb , loaf, fine flour, 6 d . ; miess pork, 4d. ; tea, 8s, 6d. ; coffé, New York, 10d; oatmeal per stone is 8 , sugar from sáa o 840 , tobacco, 10 d, 'sodp, 4 d . Io not remember that

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the men ever complained of the articles sold at my store. I have no shanties, and know nothing about them, nor are my overseers permitted to board or lodge any of the men. The labourers have been paid according to the agreement. In the beginning of May, they struck for higher wages, namely : 3s. a day and shorter hours, from 6 to 7 . 1 understond from them that their shanties being so far from the work, the time was too short for them to go and come for their meals, I declined making any alterations in the hours, but raied their wages it 2s. Gd. which had always been my imtention, two thirds of them left, and nearly all of them returned and begged work from me, and that nothing but force woud induce them to turn out for higher wages than 2s. Gd. They continued to work on these terms until the first of Junc, when they struch for 3 s . I am convinced that the strike for 3 . was a general understanding throughout the line. No application was made to me during the month of May to give 3s. On Saturday, the 10th of June last, a paty of about 300 men coming from the wenteri sections, among whom I recognzed 10 or 12 of my men advanced opposite Mr. Girant's hotel where I resided, one of the party adranced and anhed me what I was going to give per day to my men, to which I replied, that as he was one of my men. he know my terms, his name was William Glover, he then said, are you not guing to pay inore than ?s. bid., to which I replicd, that I would not. A voice in the crowd, said that I would be compelled to pay 3s. or give up my contract, I replicd that I would not give up my contract, nor would 1 gire 3s. a day. Then they said that unless I would raise the wages on the Monday following, I would be served as they intended to serve all the contractors, be killed or thrown in the rapids. I said that they might hill me, but that they could not force me io yited to their demand. They loft and expressed that they intended visiting Mr. Crawford, whom the threatencd with violence, promising to return and visit me on the next Monday. On the Monday morring a party from the castern end, evidently not the same party who visited me on the Saturlay, made its appeareance about 10 o'dock before noon, and called for me to come out of Mr. Grant's hotel, I went out and found the mobs in a wery excited state. A man who advanced, asked me whether or not I would give the 3s. per day, I answered that I had nothirg to do with them. as I could not recognize one of my own men among them. At this moment one of the mob made a rush at ne, armed with a stick about four feet long: they were all armed in the same way. This man was held back by the man who first addressed me, saying that nothing should be done to me until I had given him further explanation, I think I cond recognize the first spokesman by a cut on his left hand. I replied that unless all the contractors agreed ingive 3 s . I would not give more than 2 s bid. A general mish was then made at ine, with crics of "kill him "-" murder him." I retreated into Mr., Grant's hotel. and secreted myself in the collar. 1 know nothing more abont it. I subsequently went down to the Mill, where Major Campleell advised me to leave the place for the moment. I am a Roman Catholic myself, and from the influence 1 know the Clergy posscsses and occasionally exercises over their forks, I am convinced that if Mr. Falvey had been present on the 12th of Junc last, my property would not have been destroyed, nor Mr. Granis'-and furthor 1 say not, and have signed.
(Signed)

1. A. McDONALD.
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Sworn before me, at St. Timothee, } \\ \text { the day and year first above written. }\end{array}\right\}$
C. Wemheraile, J. P.

No. 11.
Alc.xander Stewart's Deposition.—[12th July, 1843.]
My teams were employed last year and this year on this Canal. On the morning of the 12th of June last, 1 was in my shanty sleeping in my bed, when a man whose name is unknown to me, armed with a club, cane to me and desired me to get up. I asked him what he was going to do. he said, "We are going higher wages or blood." 1 got up and saw aluut a dozen of persons outside armed with clubs. Ite insisted upon my accompanying him, snyine hat he knew I was interested in the work of the Conal, and that it would be worse for any whe who would not go with him. I made as excuse. that I had a raft at ILungry Bay, and that I would follow him up. I then proceeded with them on my way to the raft. 1 kept as far in the rear as 1 could, when one of the pratty took hold of me, and swore he wonld knock ne down, with a stick he had in his hand if I did not come along. I saw them enter Mr. Brown's house violently, and 1 heard them demand 3s. a day, and hours from 6 to Go odock, which Mr. Brown promised them. They then put Mr. Brown in a chair, lifted him on their shoulders and cheored him; after this, the mob proceoded to Mr. Larocque's where I saw a party of soldiers so surrounded by the mob, that they could not act. Mr. Laviolette was there also and 12 Policemen or thereabouts. $A$ party of the labourers went round the store, and I saw one of the windows opened by them, they ware about to break it open when a man who was speaking to Mr. Laviolette, called out to them-" Itold on my lads for a few minutes more, we have got no answer yet." Mr. Larocque then came out and promised them the wages they required. They then procceded on their way for a few acres and returned to Larocque's, stating that they had forgotten the hours, and Larocque came out and promised them the hours they were asking for. I heard them then boast of having surrounded the soldiers, and that there was not a Regiment in Her Majesty's service could do any thing with all that were assembled that day. Thuy went to Squire, but what they did there, I cannot say.--And further 1 say not; and have signed.

## (Signed) ALEXANDER STEWART.

Sworn before me, at St. Timothée,
the day and year first above mentioned.

## C. Wetherali, J. P.

No. 12.
Jolin Lyons' and Juln Collin's Deposition.
[12th July, 1843.]
We have been working on the Beauharnois Canal, on the Scetion No. 1, sub-contracted to Mr. Francis Dunn. aml instead of moncy. we received. after deduction of the value of the goods furnished to us by him, documents as follows:-
"Good to the bearer John Lyons, for the sum of " one pound, nine shillings and six pence, for value " reccived, dated this 20 th day of Junc, 1843.
(Signed) "CORNELIUS IIORAN.

## (Signed) "Francis Dunn."

"Good to the Bearer, rohn Collins, for the sum " of nineteen shillings and six pence.
(Signed) "FRANCIS DUNN.
"July 11, 1843."


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[^13] no moncy to pay us, and there being no provisions in the store from which we could be supplied, we have been compelled to leave the work, and further we say not. The said John Lyons declares that he cannot write nor sign his name, and John Collins has signed.
(Signed) JOIIN COLLINS.
Sworn before me at St. Timnthéc, the day and year first above mentioned.
C. Wetheradi, J. P.

No. 13.

## Edward Cross' Deposition.-[13th July, 1843.]

I have been working on the Benuharnois Canal as labourer on the section subcontracted to Trancis Dunn, 3s, a day for my'self, and 3s. Od. for a a man and a horse, which 1 engaged to supply. A store was kept by him, but was never sufficiently supplied to accomodate the labourers. I havo known instances when he had nothing in his store, and people were obliged to come in to St. Thimothe to get bread. Thave done so myself : when he was able to supply articles, I obtained them at the following prices :-3 lb. loaf, 6d. ; oats, 1 s .8 d . a bushel ; hay, 6 d . a bundle ; the oats of the same quality I could have purchased if I had had moncy at 1s. 3d. and the hay at id. a bundle. There is due to me for work performed in the month of June and a few days in July after deducting the price of the articles 1 received from the store, the sum of $£ 21 \mathrm{~s}$. 1d. As Mr. Dunn had no money to pay, nor articles in his store which I could be supplied with. I leth his work and received from him instead of casti a due bill which I now produce and which I got from Mr. Dunn and saw him sign, being as follows :-
" Good to the Bearer Edward Cross, the sum of "two pounds, one shilling and 1d.

> (Signed) "FRANCIS DUNN.

## " July the 12th, 1843."

There was grent distress and dissatisfaction among the labourers in consequence of the want of payment on the first of the month, as is on the other sections, and the want of provisions to support them during the mean time. And further I say not; and declare 1 cannot write nor sign my name.

Sworn before me at St. Timothée, the day and year first above mentioned. $\}$
C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 14.
James Ferguson's Deposition.- [13th July, 1843.]
I have been employed on the Beauharnois Canal on the section subcontracted to one Francis Dunn by W. Crawford, since the 19th of May last, I engaged with a double team at 9 s . a day. A store was kept by Mr. Dunn, which was seldom supplied, a load caine from time to time to his store, but there was never a regular and sufficient supply. On the 12 ih of June, I received in cash the balance of my wages for work done in May, by the hands of Mr. Shanley; and I now produce a
duc Bill signed by Mr. Dunn for the work performed by me since the month of May, and I Appendix received no money for that which was due on (T.) the 8th instant, but a due bill in the following fith (litutes manner :-
" Good to the bearer James Ferguson, six pounds fifteen shillings and two pence for labour done. Done July 12th, 1843.
(Signed) FRANCIS LIUNN."
There was a great discontent amongst the men of this section from being settled with in clue bills, the doubts whether they would ever be paid or not and the want of articles in the store from whieh they could be supp!ied. I believe that the first discontent along the line arose from this cause, and men from other sections offered to support us. The feelings among the labourers are that Mr. Dunn being a sub-contractor is unable to pay them, that is, that he is not sufficiently provided with funds. I believe there are upwards of 150 men on Mr. Dunn's section. who hold his due bills. I have left the work as there are no payments in cash, and no provisions in the stire. from which we could maintain ourselves. And further I say not ; and have signed.

## (Signed) JAMES FERGUSON.

Sworn before me at St. Timothee, \} the day and year first above mentioned. $\}$
C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 15.

## John Cunning's Deposition.-[13th July, 1843.]

I have worked under Mr. Dunn sub-contractor of Mr. Crawford on the Beauharnois Canal, since the 4 th or 5 th of May last. I was paid the balance due to me for work done by me in May last by the hands of one Mr. Shanley. I was engaged at 3s. a day; there is now due to me for balance of work donc by me for Mr. Dunn on his section since the 1 st of June last, a sum of $£ 115 \mathrm{~s}$. 3 d . for which he gave me a due bill. I did not ask him money, for I heard him very often say that he had none. I never received any from him since I began to work for him ; Mr. Dunn kept a store, which was never sufficiently supplied with articles to accomodate the workmen. I left the work because I reccived no money nor could get from his store the necessaries of lifc. There was a great discontent on that section by reason of his paying the men in due bills, the want of money and articles in his store, and the doubts whether the men would ever get paid or not. And further I say not ; and have signed.

## (Signed) JOHN CUNNING.

Sworn before me at St. Timothée, , the day and year first above mentioned. $\}$
C. Wetherali, J. P.

## No. 16.

William Kees' Deposition.-[13th July, 1843.]
I have been employed during the months of May, June, and partit of July, at the Beauharnois Canal, on the section sub-contracted to Francis Dunn, at the rate of 2s. 6di for myself; and 4s. 6d. for my

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hors:. A store was kept hy Mr. Dunn ; but it was seldom sutficiently supplied. There are other stores in the neighbourhood not belonging to contractors. I never received any money from Mr. Inmm since I began to work for him. On the 8th Why of this month we settled for the work done by me in May last; and, instead of money. Mr. Dunn qave me a due bill, as he termed it, as follows:-
" Good to the bearer, William Kees, for the sum $\cdots$ of 11 s . lod., for value received in May.
"Dated this Sth day of July, 1813.
(Signed,) "CORNELIUS HORAN.
(Signed.) "Frances Duns."
And afterwards. on the 12 th instant, we seltled for the work done by me in June last and July inctant; and there was then due to me a sum of £? 7s., for which he gave me another duo bill, as follows:-
"Gnod to the bearer. Willian Kecs, for the sum " of $£=7$.
". July loth, 1813.
(Signed.)
"FRANCIS DUNN."
1 left lis work on Monday last, for the only reason that I was not paid, nor had means to be ripplied with the neressaries of life out of Mr. Dumn's store. And further I say not : and declare 1 cannot write nor sign my uame.

Sworn before mo at St. Timothic, ) the rlay and year first above menC. Wemmenahi, J. I.

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Putrich Sheet's Drposition.-[13th July, 1843.]
Ihaw heen worhing on the Beauhamois Canal. under Messrs. Brown and Fiuley, since about the 15 h of May last. I recocived half a dollar a day for myselt, and 7 s. id. for a man and two horses. 1 wis settled with in the brequing of every inonth fir work done in the preceding one. When 1 first "ngaged, I took such articles as I required from Messis. Brown and Finley store, as I had no money to go clsowhere. 1 paid the following wrices:-Pork, bl. jer ll. : there was a second wht for def ; bread, lod, for a 6 ll . Inaf- it is now chared at 11 d ; tea, 4 s . a ll. : hay, Ed. a bundle; wats, 1 s . 8 d . a bushel. I have now a tittle monoy, and I am enabled to buy articles else where cheaper. 1 pay now 3d, a bundie tor bay: best pork for $4 d$ : I can buy oats for 1 od . 1 would rather have 2 s .6 d . a day paid cuery fortnight to 3 s . at the end of the monih, and be confined to the store articles. I know the opinion of the men on the subject; and I am satisfied a large majority of them is of my way of thinking, and have an objection to be obliged to purchase from the eontractors' store on credit. Eggs, milk, dec., aro not supplied by the store: and can always be more advantageously purchased from the country people. I own fifty iacres of land. I both labour myself and employ labourers. On this experience I form my opinion. And further I say not; and declare I cannot write nor sign my name.
Sworn before me at St. Timothée, the day and year first above men-
tioned.
C. Wetherami, J. P.

No. 18.
G. N. Brown's Deposition,-[13th July, 1843.]

I am one of the contractors on the Beauharnois Canal, in partnership with one Finley, for Section 6. I employed a number of labourers, about 300, from the first of April last until the lst of June last, at the rate of 2s. Gl.. On the lst of June last, I was forced by the workmen to give them 3s. a day. which sum I paid to them diring that month. I keep a store for the convenionce of the labourers. No one is compelled to purchase at my store. The prices of my store never exceded that of other stores in the place. The men were always settled with monthly. Any balaneo coming to the men, after deduction of such articles as they had been provided with out of my store, was regilarly paid to them in cash. I nevor had any complaints from my men as to wages, hours, or prices of goods in the store. I have hired a piece of land, which I sub-let to the workmen. Five shillings was the highest price I argreed to charge them for the ground rent, which rent was to be reduced acenrding to the number of shantics built upon it; but I have never charged them with that rent. I have supplied them with boards to build their shantios, at $£ 2$ for a hundred. On Saturday, the 10 th day of Junc last, a party of men, about 200 in number, came to my house from the western sections, and asked for ine. I camo out; and they domanded of me if I was disposed to give them 3s. a day. A number of them came, I helieve, from Mr. Dunn's scction. They halted by the sound of a horn. I replied "No" to their demand-that I would not trive 3s. They went round the store, and broke two panes, when a man called out "IIalt", and ordered them to stand hack, to hear what I had to state. They then said, "We will give him till Monlay, at 11 oclock, to comply with our wishes." On the Monday following, carly, I hend that my store was to be attacked; and on that morning a mob, amounting to about 2000 , armed with bludgeons, surrounded the house. Some of them had stones in their hands to break open the store. A man. whose name I belicvo to be Daly, stepped forward, and called for me to come out. I stood forward on the step of the door, when he demanded 3s. a day for the men; or. if I hesitated in giving it, I would not have my life in three minutes, and my store would go in the same time. Whilst he mate use of these words, a party of the mob held their sticks over my head. I fimbly believe that, if I had not acceded to their demands, they would have put their threats into execution. I accordingly consented to give the 3 s . They then took me on their slonalders and cheered me. On the Saturday and Sunday I acquainted Mr. Saviolette with what had taken place, and asked him for military protection. After the mol, had left my house, to proceed to Mr. Larocque's, they came back again, and ordered a "halt" before my housc. Three or four of the leaders came to the house, and ordered me to sign my hand to what I had agreed, which I did. They then stated they would have Crawford's and MoDonald's (two of the contractors) lives, if they would not comply to their demandsthat they had the whole line above, and that they did not thank us for our agreement," and that they would have the same on the other part, or have the lives of the contractors. It is usual to have different rates of wages, according to the length of the days and the seasons. And the deponent has signed.
(Signed,) G. N. BROWN.
Sworn before me at St . Timothée,
the day and year first above men-
tioned.
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Alexander Chisholm's Dcposition.-[13th July, 1843.] 16th October.

I am in the employ of Mr. McDonald, the contractor since the month of February last. On the 12th of June last, I was working at the St. Timothéc Mills. I saw a large mob coming from the direction of Beauharnois, and stop opposite Mr. Grant's house. I went up to sec what was going on, I saw all the men armed, I suw Mr. McDonald standing on the gallery. A number of them went and spoke to Mr. McDonald standing, but I could not hear them. A rush took place towards the house, but I cannot say for what purpose. Sron afterwards a party commencod to break in Mr. McDonald's store, and into Mr. Grant's house. They destroyed every thing in the sture, and then they left and went away. They were in a very excited state, and proceeded upwards, it was about 10 o'clock in the morning, when this took place.And further I say not; and have signed.

## (Signed) ALEXANDER CHISHOLM.

Sworn before me. at St. Timothée, $\}$ the day and year first above mentioned. $\}$

> C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 20.
John Brilgman's Deposition.-[14th July, 1843.]
I am a foreman in the employ of Messrs. Brown \& Finley. The labourers on this section were employed at the rate of 2s. ©d. a day, the hours wero from 5 to 7, allowing one hour for breakfast and one hour for dinner. The causes of the strike were for higher wages, that is 3s. a day, and regular hours being from 6 to 6 . I have four horses working on the Canal, and another foreman has two horses, and also another one two horses. I have been boarding some men with me, and still have a few. The foremen have always had the power to engage and discharge men as they saw fit. During the month of May, the rate of wages for a double team was 7s. fild. and in June 8s. The payments were made monthly. On Messrs. Brown and Finloy's section, the men are desirous of having higher wages. Men have no objection to the contractor's stores. if they can get the articles for a reasonable price, but I am of opinion that if there was an open market. the men would be better off, with 2s. Gd. a day, paid cash every weck, than with 3 s . payable at the end of the month in store pay. I was present when the mob attacked Mr. Brown's house, and extorted from him the promise of 3 s . And further I suy not ; and have signed.

> (Signed)

JOIIN BRIDGMAN.
Sworn before me, at St. Timothée, the day and year first above mentioned. $\}$
C. Wetierall, J. P.

No. 21.
Patrick D. Cummin's Deposition.-[14th July, 1843.]
I am one of the Overseers in the employ of Mr. Elliott, contractor of Section two, on the Beauharnois Canal, and that since the 7th day of May last. I am a native of Mayo, and came in this Country 12 months ago. I was employed last year under the Board of Works as foreman, at the rate of 5 s. a day, and no half daye I receive at present the
same rate, with the exception of the half'days for which 1 have no understanding. The men on this section were paid at the rate of 2s. 6 d . a day, hours from 5 in the morning until 7 in the evening, allowing one hour for breakfast and one hour and a half for dinner, until the 1st of June, and they recommenced on the 14th of the same month, at 3s. a day, which thoy had obtained from Mr. Elliott by threats. There are between 2 and 300 working men on this section, with six foremen. Two of these toremen have horses cmployed in the works for which they get 3s. 9d. a day each, I have none, no men are boarded by the foremen on this section. I consider it very objectionable that they should do so, for this reason : the foremen are permitted to engage and discharge the men as they sce fit, and as it is their interest, to have as many boarders as they can accommodate, when a reduction is necessary in consequenre of less work, or change in the season, they will naturally discharge any other, rather than their boarders. It is therefore an object with the men to board with the foreman, who from the reason above mentioned must have great influence over them. Injustice may be done to good men who do not reside with the foreman by being thus discharged. I have often heard men say to others similarly circumstanced "devilmanger if you boarded with the Boss you would not be discharged." Mr. Elliott keeps a store, and there are two private stores close at hand, the following are the prices of the articles sold in Mr. Elliott's store : pork, from 4d. to 5d. a lb., bread, about 2d. a lb., sugar, from 5 d . to 6 d . a lb., tea, 3s. 8 d. a lb ., potatoes, 1s. 9 d . a bushel, eggs, 5d. a dozen, there is no milk. Generally speaking the prices of the other stores are lower than those at the contractors. The feeling of the men is generally opposed to the contractors keeping stores, but I am of opinion, that if the prices are not higher than at private stores, they are an advantage for the men who are not obliged to run at a distance to grt from private stores their supplies by which they would lose their time. I believe that the strike was arranged throughout the different sections to be general, and I saw many men forced to join the mob. My opinion is, that if there was competition onough, 2s. Gd. paid in cash every week, would be botter than 3s. paid at the end of the month in store pay, and I think where there is a steady demand, there will be a supply. There may be positions on the line, where the demands would not be sufficiently great to justify speculation, and when the contractors' stores would become essential to the existence of the men. The men pay from 5 s . to 7 s . 6 d . a month to the contractor for chanty rent. Others build their shanties and ray to the contractors 2s. 6d. per month for grount rent. The Boards were supplied by the contractors. The strike was purely to force a higher rate of wages. 1 consider 3s. a day, is a fair price t'r the labour performed, considoring that the mell are not constantly employed. A man is fortunate $v$ ho has 20 working days in the month. -And furthe: I say not; and have signed.

## (Signed)

P. D. CUMMINS.

Sworn before ne at St. Timothee. \} the day and yoar fiest above written. \}
C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 22.
Andrew Elliott's Deposition.-[14th July, 1843.]
I am contrtetor for section two of the Beauharnois Cans!. and give employment to 217 men. The general rate of pay was 2s. 6. per day, but I gave

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to some $2 \mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{~d}$. and to a few, 3s.-11 and a half hours boing the actual time of work 1, nquired. I keep a store, from which the men con. I supply themselves at the same prices as at any ot. er store even could they pay cash. They have alwi v lad what the store could supply altho' money was not due them and I have never refused to grit cash to those to whom it was due whenever they required it. On the night of Sunday, the Ilth of Jme last, I was sitting with two of my foremen when I heard a knock at the door ; one of the foremen immediately opened it. I heard say: "Are you the contractor?" Ile replied no. I then went to the door. Immediately 4 men armed with guns prosented them to my breast, they were not my mon. and I should not know arrain. They said: "Walk out." I asked them what they had against me. They said: "Walk out and we will let you know." They were very violent and swore much; they were not drunk. I said: "Men, you are not brutes, I have had great many dealines with the Irish and they never injured one hair of my head." Then I went out. The muskets were continued to be held to my breast and the quostion put to me whether I would give the is. and bours from 8 to 6. and if I did not, I had but two minutos to consider of it or to live. I said : "I am sure rou will not put these threats into exccution." iheard a voice from the rear of my house, call nut, "fire," whilst many of the mob were urging them to do so. The trigger of one of the muskets was pulled, but it flashed in the pan. I begged of them to give me till the morning when I should give them a de. cided answer. A man then ran and poked his musket through a pane of the glass, as I supposed, with the intention of shooting me if I ran into the house. Several men then rushed on me and ono gave me a blow on the head and another one on the side, which left me senseless. This is all I can rerollect. I belicve that this strike was a general combination along the whole line for a rise of wages. They returned to the sture which is opposite my dwelling house on the Monday morning when my foremen l'eter Onterson and George Rae came into my house where I was lying and said that the property would be destroyed inless I granted their demands. Under these circumstances 1 acceded. I paid them for eleven diys and a half that they worked in the month of Junc, at the rate of 3s. a dar, and those that are now working are doing so with the understanding that they will be paid at the same rate as the others along the line. I should have no objection to pay the men in cash once a fornight. I believe at this moment there are abont 2,200 men em . ployed on this Canal. and that there are nearly 1,000 unemployed and further I say not and have signed.
(Signed) ANDREW ELILIOT'T.
Sworn at St. Timothec, the day and year first above mentioned.
C. Wetherali, J. P.

No. 23.
Louis Isaac Larocque's Deposition.
[14th July, 1843.]
My father is the contractor for sections three, four and five of the Beauharnois Camal. I, with one Symons have the direction of the works. My father obtained this contract with the condition to employ the Canadian farmers residing on the spot. I caused to be advertized at three Churches's doors hat we were ready to take in people to work on
the Canal. We waited for about a fortnight, during which time very few Canadians came to us and every day we were refusing to engage Irish. Then Mr. Mills ordered us to go to work and take whatuver labourers wonld come forward. We then engaged every person whatever, Canadian, Irish or Scotch who presented themselves, and refused none. 1 gave half a dollar a day to the persons emploved. About the middle of the month of May the Cinadians employed on our sections struck for higher wages and shorter hours, but they were dismissed to the number of 19 . On the first of June the whole men on our sections to the number of about 750 struck for 3 s. and hours from six to six. They remained quiet and made us no thrents. On the 21st of Junc last, finding that some other contractors werc giving 3s. a day, I was induced to give the same from fear of their committing similar violences. I continued to that rate fur about 10 or 11 days, and last Monday I started afresh at 2s. 6. a day. Our hours have always been from five to seven, allowing one hour for breakfast and before the strike one hour for dinner, but since we allow them one and a half hour for dinner. The men are generally paid every fortnight. And further 1 say not, and have signed.

## (Signed) <br> L.-I. LAROCQUE.

Sworn before me at 太it. Timothée, \} the day and year first above mentioned.
C. Wetmetaili, J. P.

No. 24.
Thomns Marshall's Deposition-[14th July, 1843.]
I am employed as a labourer by Mr. Giban, one of the enntractors on the Beauharnois Canal. Before the strike took place, we were paid at the rate of 2 s . 6d. ; since that time he pays 3 s . a day, hours being from half past five in the morning until seven in the evening, allowing one hour for breakfast and no and a half hour for dinner. We have always been paid every fortnight. And further I say not.

Sworn before me at St . Timothee, the day and year first above mentioned. \}
C. Wetherall, J. P.

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## Francis Dunn's Depasition.-[14th July, 1843.]

I am a sub-contractor to Messrs. Crawford for part of Section 1, of the Beauharnois Canal. My contract with Mcssrs. Crawford was 9d. for every cubic yard, and 50 per cent more for all the earth which was carried over 300 feet. He engaged to pay mo in cash every month, and to furnish provisions necessary for the supply of the men working on my section. In the month of April he supplied me with provisinns enough for the men, and paid me on the lst of May $£ 40$. During the month of May he furnished me with a quantity of provisions ; but by no means equal to the demand, which caused much discontent and distress among my men-mot receiving pay or provisions-arising from Mr . Crawford not having fulfilled his contract with me. The men would have boen satisfiod to wait another month for their pay, if I had been supplied with provisions to support them in the meantime. There are only 171 men working on my section, bosides their families, and the supply
of goods reccived from Mr. Crawford, of every description, for the last fifteen days, has been eight barrels of flour, about three days' consumption. On the Saturday evening, 10th of June, before the rint, I went down to Mr. Crawford to look for moncy to pay me; but could not see him. On my return, I was met by the best part of my own men,
and ahout 400 of tho other sections. They asked me why I had not paid my men. I said I did not get a shilling from Mr. Crawford for the purpose of paying them. Some said "IIe has it in his pocket"-" Knock his brains out"-others prevented them. Notwithstanding, the mob took hold of me, and I wonld have bern killeci, withnut the interference of Mr. Shanley. This happened at the door of Mr Crawford's store. Having no mon'y on the 5 th and (ith June, 1 gave the men due bills. And further I say not; and have signed.

## (Signed,) FRANCIS DUNN.

Sworn before me, at St. Timothée, the \} day and year first above mentioned. \}
C. Wetmerali, J. P.

No. 26.
David D. Barry's Deposilion.-[14th July, 1843.]
I am oversecr of the present works of the Beanharmis Canal, and was formerly foreman on that part of the works on that line, which was performed under the direction of the Board of Works. I was also cmployed under the Buard of Works for the construction of Bridges over the Lachine Canal. I had constant intercourse with the men along the whole line of this Canal, which it is part of my duty 10 visit. I have no hesitation to state, as my opinion, that the late strike and thr discontent which led to it originated with the emorsmen. A gangsman is a person placed by the emitractor in charge of n number of men, and receives generally from 4 s. to 5s. a day. This man if properly selected, and if prohibited from having any pecuniary transactions with the men under his charge, could effectually check any rising discontent, by bringing at once to tho notice of his Employers any cause of grievance, and discouraging any of an imaginary nature. It is by the conduct of these men, and by the influonce which they are known to prossess, and could exercise, if thoy chose, that the behaviour of the men under their charge is regulatod. In short. I know from my own experience that they have the means of fomenting mischief or appeasing it. On this line these men are not only permitted to board and Indge their men, for which they are amply paid, but they are pormitted in some instances to take men into employment on their own nuthority, and peremptorily to discharge without reference to the contractor, and in general they have horses omployed on the Canal. It is evident, therefore, that their interests are at variance with their duty; any syrintom of dissatisfaction amongst the men as to their rate of pay, would naturally be encouraged by them as the means of obtaining for themsolves also, and for the hire of cattle, the same rate of increase. The gangsman generally bnards or lodges single men, amongst whom he selects the most influential, which gives him anadditional power over the men generally. As an instance of the influence of those gangsmen, I mention the following fact. During the great exciteme t between the Cork and Connaught men, here and at Lachine; 1 sent for Thomas Burns, a gangeman in the employ of Mr. Crawford. a Connaught man, and Michael Barry, formerly a gangsman under the Board of Worke; and now a gangsman in the employ of Mr. Black, and a Cork
man, and told them that I knew they had the means in their power of obtaining the arms from the rinters, and of reconciling the contending parties. They agreed at once to do so, and I sent them off in a sleigh together to Lachine. Mr. Shanly followed them, and his influence, added to theirs, produced the effect, and a large portion of the arms were given up, peace restored, and continues still amongst those partics. There is a general fecling against contractors having stores, and undoubtedly the men with cash could supply themselves elsewhere cheaper, and with articles which suit their means and taste better. I have heard of men selling the pork or bread which they received in the store, considerably under the price they had paid for them, in order to procure some articles they could not obtain in the stores. I made it my busincss to enquire into the working system of the stores, and made notes of it, and I have no hesitation in stating that there are great abuses in it, and that it is one of the most prevailing causes of discontent amongst the men. I am satisfied that the men would be satisfied with 2s. 6d., paid every week or every fortnight in cash. and it would be more to their advantage than 3s. payable monthly in stnre pay. I have a large family, and know well what is necessary to support it. I consider that a labouring man can supply himself, and make a slight provision for the winter, at 2s. 6d., if paid in cash once a fortnight, which I prefer to once a week, when the savings, if any, would be larger than on a weekly settiement, and many who would spend the latter, as too trifling a sum to nut by, would act differently with the other. With an officer in the employ of Government who knew well the Irish character, and how to manage them, the discontent and the subsequent riot, wonld never had arrived to its pitch. The present Magistrate in this place is a Canadian, and the men have neither confidence in him nor care for him.-And further I say not ; and have signed.

## (Signed) <br> DAVID D. BARRY.

## Sworn before me at St. Timothée, the $\}$ <br> day and year first above mentioned.

C. Wetherale, J. P.

I have held various contracts under Government

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## Joln Whillaw's Deposition.—[17th July, 1843.]

 for public works, and been in the habit of employing from 500 to 800 men . In the year 1840. I was em ployod on tho Chambly Canal. I paid to the lahourers, in the early part of the season, 2s. 0 d . per man: towards the fall of the year, when the labourers becane scarce, the rate of payment was increased from 2s. 0d. to 3s. 8d. At that time, the provisions were much doarer than at present: the hours were from six in the morning until six in the evening, alluwing one hour for breakfast, and ne hour for dinner. In the year 1841, the rate of wages on the same work was from 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d., with the same hours. In the year 1842. the rate of wages was: 2 s .8 d , -hours the same. During the whole of this time we had but two strikes for higher wages, viz., 3s. These strikes invariably arise among one or two who incite the others to strike, and prevent the others from, working, In May, last year, when the first strike topk plage, and intimidation and violence made $u$ se of to prevent others from workingrapplication was made to the Police Magistrate of the District who ascertained the names of the loaderg arrested them imprediately and committed them for trial; upon which the others immediatelycay and year fir
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returned to their work, and no disturbance has since taken place on that section of the work. I am of the opinion. that the prompt interposition of authority, in ascertaining and securing the ringleaders, is the only effectual means to check the evils of combination, which would otherwise invariably lead to violence. I have given my attention to the subject of the quantity of labour that can be performed advantageously to both contractor and labourer ; and I am of opinion that a labourer can perform as much labour in ten hours as he would in twelve. I know this from having actually trested the thing. $A$ store was kept on the line for the convenience of the labourers. There were other stores in Chambly to which they might resort. At first we had no stores, and were requested by the labourers to keep one for their convenence. We sold at the market price, and had the same profit that other retailing stores had. We always paid our tabourers every furtnight. In Montreal I paid every week. I consider the payment every fortnight to be in favor of the labourer, but agaiust the interest of the contractor, as the men generally lose one or two days at cach payment ; therefore 1 consider the fower the payments are made the better. We were not bound to provide shanties for the lahourers, but we did so at our own expenses. and charged thom 1s. per week for cach, which would contain from twelve to fifteen men, and was about twolve feet square. No men were boarded by my foremen, and I consider the system to be open to great abuses. With reference to the prices of the times. 1 consider 2 s . Gd. per day for ten hours work, to be a fair price, and equal to 2 s . 9 d . and 3 s . id . paid in the previous years. And further I say not; and have signed.
(Signed) JOHN WIIITLAW.
Sworn before me at Montreal, the day and year first above men. $\}$ thoned.

## C. Weitherall, J. P.

## No. 28.

Mrssrs. Antros' Drpmsition.-[17th July, 1813.]
We had $11 \frac{1}{2}$ miles of the Chambly Canal to excavate, under two different contracts, and gave occupation to from 500 to 1000 men during frur years. The ratee of pavmnt varied according to eircumstances from 2 s . id. to 3 s . Our hours were first from five to seven. allowing one hour for breakfast and one hour for dinner. Afterwards, in consequence of discontent, we altered the hours from six to six. Ten hours antual work we consider to be as much labour as a man can advan. tageously perform. Our payments werc made monthly in cash. We had stores conveniently siluated along the line for the supply of provisions and necessaries to the workmen. We consider that the interests of both the contractors and the men are best consulted by the semi-monthly payments. With regard to stores, in many instances they are absolutely necessary. We can cite many instances where inen who sought work were unable to procure on credit the means of subsistence, and without stores would starve. Notwithstandmg the berefit thus derived from the cstablishment of stores.we know the general feeling of the labourers to be opposed to them. Our opinion is that they are beneficial to the labourers if conducted on proper principles. But if we undertook any public work on an extensive scale, with a knowledge of the feeling above described, we would not establish them until their convenience had been proved to the full conviction of the men. In short, whatever evils may exist in the store system, they are
remedied by payments in cash. and that at the shortest practicable periods, which we have already stated to be the semi-monthly. We have always supplied the men with shanties. We have had se- $T_{16 \text { h October. }}$ veral strikes arising from various complaints. They invariably can be traced to a few turbulent individuals ; the great object in these cases is the immediate apprehension and punishment by committal or otherwise on the spot, one good example being sufficient to arrest the evil. The great difficulty under which the contracturs labnur, is the want of an efficiont magistrato and paid constabulary, to arrest the evil at its outbreak, and before it gains head, when the mob becomes formidablo, and viclent measures must be resorted to. No local magistrate, unpaid. will ever act on such occasions. There is a moral effect produced on the minds of the men by the presence of an authorisod Government Officer. The average working days of a labourer may be computed from eighteen to twenty days a month. We have no public works in hand now. We considur 2 s .6 d . to be a fair price of daily labour, the hours being from six to six, two hours dedicted for the meals. We prefer Canadians to Irish Intourers. Our foremen had authority to discharge and engage men, and in some instances they boarded some of the men. And further we say not ; and have signed.
(Signed) sAMUEL ANDRES. S'TEP'ILEN R. ANDRES.
Sworn before me at Montreal.)
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C. Wetherali, J. P.

No. 20.

## Lieut. Col. Ermatinger's Depositiom.

[17th July, 1843.]
William Ermatinger, Esquirc, Superintendent of the police of Montreal, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say : copies of all the instructions I have reccived from the Executive relative to the organizing of a temporary force of police on the line of the Beauharnois Canal are submitted to make part of my deposition. I organized a force of ten men, which were placed undor the controul of Mr. Laviolette, Stipendiary Magistrate at St. Timothé. I have never exercised any controulover the acts of Mr. Laviolette as a magistrate. The men were placed at his disposal, and I never interferod with his dispositions regarding the police men. He was free $\mathrm{t}^{\prime}$ ) cmploy them as he saw best. My only interfurence with him was in the way of advice. I submit a copy of a deposition which was talion before Mr. Laviolette against one Neil McCuloch. charged with being one of the mob which assembled before Mr. Grant's Ifotel on the 10th of June last. He was brought before me at Montreal by one of the policemen from Benuharnois-there was no warrant. IIe was committed by me, for want of Bail to keep the peace, for six months. No other person from Beaularnois has been brought before me at Montren, to the best of my recollection. I arrested one man persnally, who was pointed out to me at Beauharnois as one of the Ringleaders, and committed him to gaol as a loose, idle person. I made frequent visits to Beauharnois and its neighbourhood for the purpose of inspecting the men, and ascertaining how the things were going on. And further I say not ; and have signed.
(Signed)
WM. ERMATINGER, Inspr. \& Supt. of Police.
Sworn before me, at Montreal,
the day and year first above mentioned. $\}$
C. Wetrieale, J. P.

Copy of the Instructions to Lieut. Col. Ermatinger (referred to above.)

Sir,
Secretary's Office, East,
Kingston, 25th March, 1843,
I am commanded by the Governor General to convey to you His Excellency's Instructions, that you should lose no time in organizing a temporary force of ten men, to serve as a police force on the line of the Beauharnois Canal, under the immediate command of Mr. Laviolette, the Stipendiary Magistrate at St . Timothée, but subject to your general superintendance, and in fact under the same regulations as to pay, duty and term of serviee with the force you have been directed to raise for the maintenance of the peace on the line of the Lachine Canal.
You will be pleased to lose no time in forwarding the enclosed letter to Mr. Lavinlette, and placing yourself in communication with him on the subject ; and you will report to me, for IIis Excellency's information, the various steps you may take to carry out these instructions.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) D. DALY,
Secy.
Lt. Col. Ermatinger,
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True Copy.
C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 31.
Copy of affidavit against Noil McCulloch.

## District of <br> Montreal.

On the 27th day of June, 1813, came and appeared before me J.-B. Laviolette, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Pence for the said District, D. A. McDonald, of the Parish of St. Timothée, in the County of Beauharnois, in the District of Montreal, and being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, deposeth and saith that on Saturday, the 10th day of June instant, one Neil McCulloch, a party, and one of a mob, assembled in front of Mr. Grant's Hotel of the said Parish, did use violent threats against the said D. A. Mc Donald, and used the following words, viz: that the said deponent should be slaughtered on the Monday following, or words to that effect.

> (Signed) D. A. McDONALD.

St. Timothee. 27th June, 1843.
Sworn before me at St. Timothee,
this 27th day of June, 1843.
(Signed) J.-B. Laviolette, J. P.

## True Copy.

C. Wetherale, J. P.

## No: 32.

## J. B. Laviolette, Esritire's, Deposition.

I herewith submit a copy of my instructions and appointment, as a Magisirate, to act as such on the line of the Beauharnois Canal. The reason why I did not comply with the verbul request made to me by Mr. Seaton, to attend beffre the Comimissioners, this day at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at Mr. Ra-
pin's hotel, is that I did not wish to meet with Mr. Falvey, in consequence of the manner in which he Appendix has treated me as a Megistrate since the last riot; and as my life has often been threatened to be taken, 16th Octoter. on account of my having ordered the fire on the 12th of June last, 1 did not think it expedient to expose myself. On the day of the riot, the 12th of June last, Mr. Faivey came to the Village, after the firing had taken place, to administer some dying and wounded men, and in consequence of certain words which 1 was told by several persons he made use of on that day, in reference to my conduct, in ordering the troops to fire, I do not wish to meet him, or hold any communication with him. The words which I am told Mr. Falvey uttered on that occasion were the following, and were pronounced under the following circumstances, as they have been related to me; he was knecling in the act of administering a man who was dying of wounds received from the fire of the soldiers. IIe enquired of the dying man whether he had been engayed in the riot-the latter answered that he had not, and that he had done nothing; whereupon Mr. Falvey. as I have heard, extended his hands over the dying man, and said," The blood of these men cries to Ileaven for vengeance, and may my curse, ant the curse of Almighty Gord, be upon that French Magistrate, and upon the Contractor's," and it is said he added that I was a coward and a murderer; these last words were said to Mr. Crawford, who reported them to me. I was made aware previous to the 1st of June, that the mon working on the Canal had declared their intention to riso or strike on the whole line of the Canal for an increase of wages and shorter hours. I was rather unwell occasionally at that time, and did not go to the Canal to dissuade the men from carrying their intention into effect ; moreover I knew it would be of no avail, as Mr. Falvey and Mr. Shanly had both done their best to induce the men to give up their determination ; and their efforts, joined with those of Mr. Begley, Payinaster for the Board of Works, had proved unsuccessful. I met a few of the labourers almost every day some time previous to the strike. who, when I sought to induce them to abstain from striking, answered that they could not, for it was out of their power to maintain themselves on the wages they reccived, particularly on account of the long winters, during which they had no employinent. Finding they were determined, I procecded to Montreal on the 1st of June. I mentioned what was going on to Col. Ermatinger, but I did not then make any demand for an addition to the Police force, then under my controul. This Police force, consisting of a Chief Constable and 9 men, unarmed, was placed at my disposal on the 9th of April last. I had previously made several applications for an nugmentation of a Police force, but unavailingly. I had also applied some time in March or April to Colonel Ermatinger for a detachment of troops to be stationed here. On the lst of June 1 asked Colonel Ermatinger if any addition was to be made to my Police force, or if troops were to be stationed here, in compliance with my previous application. That gentleman said he had forwarded my letters to Government, but that no answer had been received. After returning to St . Timothee, on the 5th of June last, I mado an application for troops, through a letter signed by Mr. Geo. Crawford, one of the contractore, and a brother Justice of the Peace, and by myself, and addressed to Col. England, of the 71st. A party of fifty men, of the 74th, under the command of Major Campbell, arrived here on the morning of the 10th. The troops had been here but a short time when a number of labourers from the Canal came opposite Mr. Grant's hotel, in which I was living. I was then on the gallery, with. Major Campbell and the other officerti. Mr. McDionald, the contractor, was

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also there, with scveral other persons. Some of the men came up to him, and asked him if. on Monday, he would raise their wages. He said he would not-that he conld not. I heard some pirsons among the cri,wel saying that on Monday they would have the 3s or lives:" We come to give you notice this day, that on Munday we shall relurn again." Thry then proceeded upwarde, for the purynse. as I belicese, of giving the same notice to the uther contractors, which 1 was told by the other cumtractors they did, with the same threats. As they had dene no mischef. I did not derm it "xpedtient to ndopt any: logal measures agginst them. My impressiom was ihnt their only ofyect was to intimidate the centractors into thicir ierms. All remainet quiet until the Monday following. when. mbout six celork in the murning. I reecived from Mr. Symons, a partner of Mr. Larneque, a contrastir of the Beauharnois Canal, a note, requesting me to be up with a proty of tromps to protect his properts: which he had hern warned was in dauger of bieing destroyed that day. I proceecled with thirty uldicrs, under the command of Lieut. Deluuts. About an hour after our arrival, a mob, armed with budqeons, arriver, and immediately proses, upwn the tromps. I was on the gallery with Mr. Debultc, and read the Proclamation contancol in the Riot Act, which they endeavoured to prevent me from doing. saying, "What the devila are you doing? Is that the Riot Act you are reading? You hal hetter put it in your pocket." They continued slouting, and demanded Mr. Larocque or Mr. Syinoms; and as they were threatening to smash cvery thing, and as they were going to foree the honse to get Mr. Symons, I berged them Io lo quiet for a moment, and that, if he was in the hense. I would hring him cutt. I went up stairs th the girret, where If found Mr. Symons, whom 1 brought out, telling him. "You must come down, as the only means to save your property and our hives, as we are completely overpowered by the mot)." Mr. Symons came down, and said, "Well, tryes, what do you want?" "We want 3s. a day, and obtained them from the contractors below." Mr. Symons replicd. "If they give the 3s., I shall do the sunc." They then gave him a cheer; and, as they were hanging about the house, I told thom. "Weil, boys. youl have got what you wantell-now disperse; "" and I pustiod then off in the rond. On my arrival from Mr. Larocque's house with the detachiment of military under the command of L. Delyntt, and with the cavalry, under the command of Captain Jones, whom I had met on my road. we haited hrere at Grant's hotel, in order to rest the troops. The troop, commanded by Ciapt. Jones, consistrd of thirty horsemen. Mr. George Crawford, who had accompanied Captain Jones upwards. requested me to proceed down to his rastern section with the troops, in order to protect limself and his property, which he alleged to have been threatenced. As we were about to start, 1 saw the mob conning from the direction of Mr. Larrecpue's. nlong the high road. Their number hall incrensed sinice the time I had seen them at Larocque's: and thry approached Grant's hotel, opposite the Sts. Timothee mills, shonting and yelling: some of them were also brandishing shillelaghs and bludgcons. They were not more violent than when I saw them at Larocque's, but they were equally so, and their numbers had increascil. When I saw thein approarh, I ascended the gallery of the second story of Grant's hotel, tholding in my hand a piece of paper on which the proclamation provided in the hiot Act was written.' I was requested by Major Campbell, cominanding the troops which were formen before the gallery; to return which were iormen berore the galiery, to return
down stairs on the first gallery, which पdid. I went down, and standing on the left hand of Major Campbell I ordered the inob to disperse, and return to
their homes or to their business, which they did not; and sccing that they were surrounding the house, I lost no time in proceeding to read the prochamation contained in the Riot Act, which pro clamatiom I read in a loud and distinct voice, after which I agair enjoined them 'wo or three times to dicperse-illis they refised to do, saying that they werc ahnut their busincss, and would go when they chose, and some of them slomting and hissing. and comtinuing to advance towards the tronps, and round thic lousss: their firct line was about 17 or 20 yards distant from where tho Infantry stool. drawn tif in a line in front of the hotel, and flanked on both sides by the Cavalry, which had divided itsolf intit two parties. equal in number. Secing the determination of the motb not to disperse, but, on the cuntrary, secing that they were advancing, and pursuaded that it was thrir intention to close in, and onorpower us, as they had done at Mr. Larocquess 1 ordered the troops to firc. The Infantry discharged their muskets. I have no knowledge that the Cavalry fired on the mob, but I heard Capt. Jones command his men to charge the mob. which they did. I did not urrier the charge of the Cavaly, nor did I hear Major Camplecll, the senior Olficer prescrut, sive any order to that effect. No more than 3 or 4 minutes elapsed, between the reading of the Rith Act Prochmation and the order I gave to the Officer in commanil, to fire upon the mish. The rapits run in front of the hotel. Between them, however, there is a fence and a thick brush wood, and they are distant hetwern three or four acres. 1 saw the Cavalry charge the moth) up and duwn the $r$ add, which is at a distance of alout 25 yards from the front of Grant's hotel, diverging th the right aund to the left of the lowses to reach the rumal. One man was killed on tho spnt, by the fire from the Infiantry. There were six men burried after the Coroner's Inquest, which took place sume 3 or 4 clays after the Riot, from wounds received ly the fire of the Infintry. Tr roops. with the Police, sirrrounded the Bush between the road and the river, and made twenty-seven prisoners, whw, were given in charge of the Military at the Mills, where they were kept for five or six days. 1 did not examine them, having no deposition agninst them, and having been assured on the contrary by the contractors, and by Mr. Shanly, one of the assistant-engineers, that there was nothing against them, and that they had been forced ints the Riot. I thought my best course was to discharge them, which I did the morc readily, as I wes convinced that the one-half of the poor men who har shown themselves in the mob, had been compolled to do so against their wishes. Since the Riots, 1 have causell three mon to be apprehended and committed to the Montreal Gaol, without any provious exanination, as I did not ennsider myself comperent to enquire into offences of the nature of those with which they stood rharged by the depnsitious made against them. The names of the mon so committed are Daniel Barron, Neil McCulloch, and Michacl Cochran. I issued no warrants for the apprchension of these men, or any of them. hut merely gave vertal orders to the Special Constables who arrested them. Mr. Seaton; Chlef-Constable, arrested two of them, and the othor was arrested by ong of his men. 1 was induced to do so, because I had seen Col. Ermatinger cause a man to be arrested and sent to the gaol on a verbal order, without any warrants; considering the warrant of arrost mercly necessary to protect the constable in the excention of his duty. And further I sny not ; and have signed.
(Sighed) J. B. Lavioletite.
Sworn boffre me at St. Timothée $\}$
the day and year first above mentioned: $\}$


No. 33.


Copy of Appointment of J. B. Laviolette, Esquire. 16th October.

Government House,
Montreal, 5th August, 1842.
Sir,
You are no doubt aware that the Governor General has given directions for the commencement of the Canal which is to connect the Lakes St. Francis and St. Louis, through the County of Beauharnois, and that the neressary operations are accordingly in progress, under the superintendence of the B ard of Works. But it has been suggested to His Excellency, by tho Chairman of that Board, that in consequence of the Canal passing through a Country inhabited exclusively by persons of French origin, while the labourcrs on it are likely to be composed principally of persons of English or lrish descent, there is a considerable risk that from their mutual ignorance of each other's language, and the consequent difficulty of intercourse between them, difficulties and mistakes may arise, which if not at once removed, may ripen inio scrious dissensinns. With a view to avoid such a result, which would necessarily lead to a breach of the peace, His Excellency is anxions to obtain the services on the Canal, of some Gentleman thoroughly conversant with the English and French languager, who, being clothed with Magisterial authority, might be able to interpret between the two parties, and if necessary, to controul them. Your name having been submitted to His Excellency as a person peculinrly qualified for such a duty, His Excellency desires me to offer the situation for your acceptance. and I am to mention, at the same time, that His Excelpency would attach to it a remuneration, at the rate of $\mathrm{e}_{200}$ a ycar.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient and humble servant,
(Signed)
T. W. C. MURDOCH,

## J. B. Lavinlette, Esquire, <br> \& c., \&c., \&c.

True Copy.
C. Wetheratl, J. P.

No. 34.
Copy of Instructions to J. B. Laviolette, Esquire.

> Secretary's Office, Eabt,
> Kingston, 25th March, 1843.

Sir,
I am commanded by the Governor General, to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to instruct Lt. Col. Ermatinger, Inspector and Superintentlant of Police, of Montreal, to raise and swear in, under the Ordinance 2nd Victoria, chap. 2; a temporary force of ten special constables. to act under your immediate orders, for the maintenance of the Peace along the line of the Beauharnois Cab nal. You will accordingly proceed to station and employ these men in the manner you may judge to be the best for the desired end, reporting to me, for His Excellency's information; your proceedings from time to time, and keeping Mre Ermatinger always aware of them.

His Excellency has further directed the association of Mr. Crawford, the contractor on the Canal Appendix in the Commission of the Peace, for the District of (T.) Montreal, to enable him the better to co-operate 16 th October. with you, in the task of preserving order among the labourers upon the work.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed)
D. DALY, Secretary:
J. B. Laviolette, Esquire,
\&c., \&c., \&c.
True Copy.
C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 35.
Letter from Lt.-Col. England, to J. B. Laviolette. Esquire, and others.

Montreal, June 5, 1843.

## Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, requesting the presence of a military party at Beauharnois, to prevent an expected disturbance, and to acquaint you that your letter has been forwarded to the Officer commanding at Laprairie, who will give such instructions therion as he may deem expedient.

## I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, <br> Your most obedient servant,

> (Signed) JAMES ENGLAND,
> Lt..Col. 71st Regt.,
> Commanding the Troops at Montreal.

True Copy.
C. Wetiferall, J. P.

No. 36.

## Certifirate of Burial, given by Reverend J. O. Archambault.

We, the undersigned, Curate of St. Timothee, certify to have buried in the Cemetry of the aforesaid Parish, the bodies of the following individuals, that is to say : Miles Higgins, Thomas McMannus, Bernard Gormley, and an unknown person, which they have buried during the Mass, 15th June. 1843.

Given at St. Timothée, 22nd July, 1843.
(Signod) J. O. ARCHAMBAULT, P. C.

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## Certificate of Burial, given by Reverend W. Roach.

Beauharnois, 25th July, 1843.

## Gevilemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of yesterday's date, requesting me to farnish you with the number and names of persons killed in
the St. Timothee Riots of whe 12th ultimo, and buried in the Protestant Burying Ground of this place. I beg leave to say that one Protestant (a Presbyterian) only was killed in the affair, and interred here, John Duway; aged about 22 years, and late of the County of Armagh, Ireland. The register of burial is signed by Jas. Corbil, Wm. Ferguson. and Wm. Menly, who, I understand, were cohabourers with him at the Canal.

## I have the honor to be, Gentlomen, <br> Your most obedient servant,

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\text { (Signed) } & \text { WALTER ROACII, } \\
& \text { Minister. }
\end{aligned}
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R. L. Morrogh and
c. Wetherall, Esquires.

No. 38.

## Certificate of Coroner, Joseph Joncs.

An Inquisition was taken at St. Timothéc. Countw of Beauharnois, on the bodies of William Dowic, Miles IIiggins, Thomas McMannus, Bernard Gormley, and a man unknown. Also, at Lachinc, on the body of a man unknown, supposed to have been one of the Beaulornois Rioters.

## JOSEPII JONES, <br> Coroner.

Montreal, 25th July, 18.13.

No. 39.
Brnjamin Scaton's Deposition.-[10th July, 18 13.]
I am Chief Constable of the Police force, under the orders of Mr. Laviolette, Stipendiary Magistrate in this place. I came out to this place on the 1 th of June last, to take the command of the Police force stationed here since some time in March or April last. When the Riot took place on the 12th of June last, I had not yet arrived, nor was I sworn in to act. until the 14 th. Since that time I have employed the men under my command in patroling and obtaining all the information they could relative to the conduct of the labourers on the Canal. They have aloo assisted me in making such arrests as I received orders to make. The only prisoners which have been taken since 1 arrived here. amongst the labourers on the Canal, are the following: First-Martin Action; this man was arrested 1 believe about the 15 th of June last, under the following circumstancos. Col. Ermatinger was informed by Mr. Shanley and Mr. DunInp. that he (Martin Action) was one of the persons who were actively engaged in the Riots of the 12th. Action was at that moment standing near Grant's hotel, in St. Timothée, with some twenty or thirty of his fellow labourers, apparently lounging, in the absence of employment. Colonel Ermatinger called t', him, and crdered him to step out, and the moment he advanced he was conveycd down to the Mills opposite Grant's hotel, where the tronps were stationed, and placed in the Military guard. After Action had been thus arrested, an affidavit was made out against him, and sworn to by Mr. Dunlop, before Mr. Lavinlette, who issued no warrant upon it, but the prisoner was conveyed to Montreal, where, as I have understond from Col. Ermatinger, he was sentenced, under the Police Act, to two months imprisonment, as a loose, idle and dis-
orderly person. The second person who was arrested was Neil McCulloch. He was arrested by Appendix me, under a verbal order given mo by Mr. Laviolette. A deposition had been previously made against this man before Mr. Laviolette, but no warrant authorising his arrest was entrusted to me, nor was any such warrant made out. After his arrest he was not examined by Mr. Laviolette, who ordered me not to take the prisoner before him, saying that he preferred he (the prisoner) should be sent direct to Montreal. I conveyed McCulloch to town under the protection of a military escort, left him at one of the Police Station houses, and gave Col. Ermatinger the affidavit made against the prisoner, the affildavit being the only paper ever Mr. Laviolette gave me on the occason. I did not remain in the city to ascertain how the prisoner was disposed of. Another individual by the name of Daniel Barron was, 1 understand, arrested last week, but as I was absent on duty in Upper Canada, I can say nothing of the circumstances attending his arrest, On the $17 / \mathrm{h}$ instant 1 received verbal orders from Mr. Laviolette to arrest one Michacl Cochran, against whom a deposition had been made to the effect that the accused had extended threats of violence to the deponent some short time before. When I arrested this Cochran, I was accompanied by Mr. Laviolette, four policemen, and four troopers, who remained in sight until I had secured the prisoner. The magistrate accompanied me to within some ten yards of the spot where I made the arrest, so that it was not he, but the individual who made the alfidavit, who pointed out to me the person whom I arrested. I took this man in the midst of about forty labourers, none of whom evinced any disposition to interfere with my proceedings. I consider Mr. Laviolette as my only superior in this place, in so far as I consider the police force stationed here to be under his immediate controul. Copies of the depositions against Martin Action and Daniel Barron are now furnished to form part of this deposition. That against Cochran was given to constable O'Neil, who conveyed Cochran to Mrontreal under a warrant of commitment to the Montreal Gaol. The warrant of commitment was drawn up without any previous examination of the prisoner before the magistrate. And further I say not ; and have signed.
(Signed) BENJAMIN SEATON.
Sworn before me at $S$ t. Timothée, the day and year first above mentioned. $\}$

> C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 40.
Copy of Deposition against Marlin Action.

## District of <br> Montreal.

Ou the lath day of Junc, in the yoar of our Lord 1843, porsonally came nad appeared before me, J.-B. Laviolette, Esquire, one of IIer Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the snid District, Leonard II. Dunlop, of the parish of St. Clement. in the County of Beauharnois, in the said District, who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, deposeth and saith, that on Saturday, the 10th of June instant. a large mob of labourers employed on the Beauharnois Canal assombled in a very riotous manner, opposite George Crawford, Esquire's store, one of the contractors on the said Canal ; that the person now in custody, named Martin Action, was one of the leaders of the said mob ; that
after Mr . Shanly had succeeded in pacifying the said mob, the said Martin Action said that men did not come to this country to be treated in the manner they were here, endeavouring at the same time to encourage the mob to destroy Mr . Crawford's store ; when again spoken to by Mr. Shanly, he said that they would go away now, but that they would return on Monday, when they would burn the store and have some blood spilt-that then Mr. Crawford should be tied hands and feet and thrown into the rapids. And further deponent saith not. (Signed) LEONARD II. DUNLOP.

Sworn before me at St. Timothée, on the day and year aforesaid.
(Signed) J.-B. Lavioletre, J. P.
True Copy.
C. Wetherahl, J. P.

No. 41.
Copy of Deposition agrainst Daniel Barron.

## District of

Montreal.
Personally appeared before me, J.-B. Laviolette, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peaco for the said District, Leonard II. Dunlop, contractor on the Beauharnois Canal, of the parish of St. Timothee, in the County of Beauharnois, in the District of Montreal, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith : that one Daniel Barron, on the 10th day of July instant, (being then, the deponent, on his work on the said Canal) the said Daniel Barron did demand work, and being refused by the deponent, took a large stone and said he would dash out deponent's brains, and which throat he was about to execute, were he not prevonted by two of his fellow labourers, who held him. Deponent saith that the said Daniel Barron would have taken his life with the stone he had then in his hand, had he not been prevented by the two men who held him, and on getting loose from them returned a second time to carry his threats into effect, but said deponent withdrew. And further saith not.
(Signed) LEONARD H. DUNLOP.
Sworn before me on the 14 th day of July, 1843, at St. Timothée. (Signed) J. B. Laviolette, J. P.
True Copy,
C. Wetherall, J. P.

## No. 42.

Patrick Ryan's Deposition.-[19th July, 1843.]
On Friday evening last, Mr. Leonard II. Dunlop, a sub-contractor on this Canal, came to the Police Office, and told me he had orders from Mr. Laviolette to command three of our force to accompany him to the Canal, and arrest one Daniel Barron. Mr. Dunlop read us an order which he said Mr. Laviolette had written to that effect, whereupon we went with him and arrested Barron. It was Mr. Dunlop who put his hand on him, saying: "You are the Queen's prisoner." We were not furnished with any warrant of arrest under the magistrate's hand, nor did we see any such document, nind I am certain the paper read to us by Mr. Dunlop was not a warrant. Wo then conveyed Barron to Mr: Laviolette's residence, at Grant's

Hotel, and on our arrival there, Mr. Laviolette ordered us to take the prisoner to the mills oppo- Appendix site, where a detachment of the 74th is stationed. The prisoner remained there all that night, under a 16 th October. tent, and was sent off on the next morning to Beauharnois Village, with a requisition to the officer commanding there, to furnish a military escort, under which the prisoner was conveyed to Montreal. And further I say not ; and have signed.
(Signed) PATRICK RYAN.
Sworn before me at St. Timothée, the day and year first above mentioned. $\}$
C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 43.

## Jolun Squire's Deposition.—[10th July, 1848.]

On the morning of Monday the 12th of June last, a party of labourers went to my house, entuiring for me. Several from amongst them asked me if I were inclined to give them 3s. a day. I replied that I was willing to pay what the other contractors would give. Some few of them spoke threateningly; the most of them, however, spoke otherwise. Some said, "Let him go-he is a subcontractor, and cannot regulate the rate of wages:" others urged that I should be made to sign. I proposed to go down to ascertain from Mr . Larocque if he would give 3s., promising if he did that I would sign. They insisted on accompanying me; but when we got half way down to Larucque's section, they told me I might return home. I was not assaulted, and no violence of any kind was done to me. And further I say not ; and have signed.
(Signed,) JOIIN SQUIRE.
Sworn before me, at St. Timothée, the \} day and year first above mentioned.
C. Wetherahl, J. P.

## No. 44.

Copy of a letter from J. B. Laviolette, Esquire, to Lieut.-C. l. Ermatinger, and by the latter forwurded to the Commissioners.

St. Timothée, 28th June, 1843.
Sin,
The place chosert (the Engineer's office) for the sittings of the Court of Enguiry, concerning our riots on the Canal, is, in my opinion, a very improper one, being at least six miles from the centre, and of the scene of action. Witnesses say they will not be able to attend there, for various reasons: the strongest is that they will be too much exposed, as the excitement will be very great. As for my part, how can I leave my post, if any thing was to occur during my absence? besides, what protection shall I have, my life being every day threatened? I believe I am one of the most intercsted in that investigation, and of course should attend daily with witnesses. I am sure that, if the objection to the said place is duly represented by you to the Commissioners, they at once will see the necessity of changing the place, and moving it up here. I will be infinitely obliged to you, if you will have the goodness to inform the gentlemen of my remarks, and support the objection, being fully convinced that the Comissioners will never obtain

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their object below. The enquiry is of the greatest importance ; therefore, every precnution I hope will he taken to ensurc equal justice to all.

I have the honour to be, with consideration,
Sir, your very humble and obodient servant,
(Signed, ) J. B. LAVIOLETTE. S.M., B.C.

## Truc Copy.

C. Wetherali, J. P.

No. 45.
Letter from Mr. Laviolettc to the Commissioners.
St. Timothée, 10th July, 1813.
Sis.
For particular reasons. I cannot comply with your request to attend this morning at Rapins'. I shall be ready at ony time you may think proper tn call at my quarters, should you have any business with me.

I have the honour to he. Sir,
Your very humble servant.
(Signed,) J. B. LAVIOLETTE, S.M., B.C.
Captain Wetherall, Commissioner, \&c.

No. 46.
Another letter from same to same.
The Commissioners to investigate into the causes of the late Riots on the Beauharnois Canal-

## Gevtleyen,

As your short stay in St. Timothée did not permit me to bring before you the witnesses who heard Father Falvey imploring the curse of God upon we and upon the contractors, in order to prove what I stated in my affilavit on that sub. fect, we have adopted means to procure said affidarits, which will clearly prove the facts. Mr. MeDonald, the contractor, offered or sent to Capt. Wetherall two witnesses to prove the above, but ware tefused for some reason or other. I beg to rofer you t" Joseph Jones. Espl. Coroner of this District, who requested Mr. Filvey to attend at the ingurst which the was to hold ; and Mr. Falvey replied that he could not attend, as he knew nothing alout the riot. IInwever, he goes to Montreal. and causes a statoment to be inserted in the "Times." of the 19th ult., which is alsolutely false, and tending to criminate me to an extraordinary degree, particularly in the eyos of his countrymen, who lonk upon me as a murrerer, from the infamous statement of a Roman Catholic Priest, in the pay of Government, whose duty it was to act in another manner, and not expose me as a murderer to his countrymen, who swear vengeance against me from all quarters. As to the affidavits which we are about taking, 1 shall forward them to King. ston without delay.

1 have the honour to bc , Gentlemen,
Your most humble and
Most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. B. LA VIOLETTE, S.M., B.C.
St. 'Timuthée, 25th July, 1843.

No. 47.
Examination of the Rev. Joseph Oliver Archambault.
10th July, 1843.
I have been the officiating Cure of the parish of St. Timothee for six years past. The Rev. Mr. Falvey is the missionary for the Irish employed on
the Beauharnois Canal, and has been the Vicar (Viraire) of this parish since about the 29th of September last. Mr. Falvey performs his functions, with regard to the greater portion of the Irish, in the chapel of his mission; but a considerable number of them attend Divine Service in the church of St. Timnthée, becanse this church is nearer for many of them. Mr. Falvey remained at my house ahnut three monthe and a half, while the chapel of his mission and the house in which he now resides were being built. I had previously heen acquainted with lim at College while he was a student, and during my Vicarial at the Seminary of Montreal. From all that I know of Mr. Falvey, I should not think that he was a man likely to ex rite those under his spiritual charge to mischief; but. on the cintrary. in preach to them submission to the authorities, and obedience to the laws, and thase hy whum they are administered. I am aware that it has bern publiely reported that I was of npinion that Mr. Falvey had excited a spirit of insubordination amnng his flock: this is absolutely false I never expressed any opinion of this kind. Thave already denied this calumny in the "Mélanges Religeus." and I ngain deny it now. I have also heard reports that Mr. Falvey was not necessary in his mission; but I am firmly of opinion that he is very necessary, and that since his residence here ho has done much good, and prevented much harm. I am also of npinion that, but for his presence here during the late troubles. many excesses would have been committer, and the authoritics would have been in great danger. I know that, unfortunately, a gond understanding does not exist hetween the magistrate, Mr. Lavinlette, and Mr. Falvey. This arises, to the best of my knowledge, partly from Mr. Falvey's having benn dissatisfied with certain judgments rendered by Mr. Laviolete agninst cortain individuals under the spiritual charge of Mr. Falvev: and partly from his having opposed tho granting of a license to keep a tavern to a person who had been recommended by Mr. Iavinlette. I alsn thnught it my duty to oppose the granting of the said license. being convinced that the facility of procuring spirituous liquors wnold be a source of great disorder among the workmen on the Carial. During the whole season of active labour, last year, the workmen were quiet enough: the work was then exclusively in the hands of the Board of Works. It was orly when want began to prevail among the labourers, who had not then work enough to maintain their families, that some of them began to behave badly. From the information I have recoived on thes subject, and from my personal knowledgr, 1 am of opininn that the labourers on the Canal are not sufficiently paid, more especially those who have carts. Almost all the inhabitants in the neighbourhond who have taken any of these labourers as bonrders or loutigers. thrugh at very low rates, complain that their hoarders and lodgers, even those who exercise the most rigid econnmy. have not the means of paying for their hoard or lorlging. I have no knowledge that Mr Falvey has apenly expressed the dissatisfaction he felt at Mr. Laviolette's judgments, I have been informed by many inhabitants of this parish, that frequent complaints have been brought before Mr . Iavinlette, fir depredations and trespasses committed on their lands by the Canal people, and that the said magistrate most frequently declined acting, saying that he had not the requisite force, or that the pronf was insufficient. And firther the deponent saith not ; and hath signedthis deposition being duly read.
(Signed,) J. O. ARCHAMBAULT.
Sworn before me at St . Timothee, the \} day and year first above mentioned.
C. Wetharall, J. P.

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No. 48.
(T.) John Halpin's Eaamination.-[19th July, 1843.] 16ith Ootober.

1 am a foreman employed on Section number 12, by Messrs. Pierce, Black \& Co. I have been employed there since the beginning of April last. Some time in the course of that month, or about that time, a Committee of vigilance was organized by Mr. Falvey, for the purpose of maintaining temperate habits, tranquillity and grod order ainnongst the labourers on the Canal : this Committee was composed of one person or more from each section of the works, Mr. Falvey's object being to choose for such Committee the best conducted and the most influential workmen. I was one of the mem. bers of that Committee. Some time previous to the last strike, the Committee of vigilance were made aware, that the intention of their fellow-labourers was that, on tho first of June, the works should be suspended along the full extent of the line, in order to compel the contractors to give 3s. a day. Some would have required shorter hours, others would have been content to work the same hours, at an advanced prire. The Committee of vigilance, after having failed to dissuade the labourers from adopting this course, deemed it their duty to apprise their Pastor, whereupon Mr. Falvey promised the Committee that he would visit each section, and endeavour to prevent the combination being carried into effect. I am not aware whether he did in fact visit all the sections along the line, but I have a personal knowledge that he came to our section the same evening we apprised him of what was going on, and strenuously urged the labourers to continue their work peaceably, and not on any account or under any pretext to meet in large numbers, or threaten the contractors with any violence. I have been present at all the sermons and familiar instructions given by Mr. Falvey to his flock, since I came to work on the Canal, with the exception of one or two, and I can attest that he never inculcated lessons other than those which tended to unite the labourers to their employers, by the bonds of obedience and Christian charity, and to impress upon them the necessity of respecting and obeying the laws of God and the Country. I am a ware also that Mr. Falvey, when he came down to our section, on the occasion I have above alluded to, made a strict enquiry respecting the sale of spirituous liquors, which he had understood to be carried on in that neighbourhood, his object being to prevent such trafic. Acting under Mr. Falvey's orders, I apprised Mr. Pierce of the contemplated strike, some eight or ten days before it was carried into effect.-And further I'say not ; and have signed.

> (Signed) JOHN HALPIN.

Sworn before me, at St. Tiinothée, the day and ycar first above mentioncd. $\}$
C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 49.
John Walsh's Examination.-[19th July, 1843.]
I have been keeping a store on that section of works contracted for by Mr. McDonald, and 1 am one of the Committee of vigilance, organized by Mr. Falvey, for the purpose of maintaining temperate habits and good order amongst the workmen employed on the Canal. I ain a constant attendant at Mr. Falvey's Chapel, and have been present at nearly all the germons and familiar instructions he has given to his flock since 1 came to reside on the works. These sermons and instructions always
tended to impress upon the labourers the necessity of obeying their employers, of behaving well to-

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 wards each other, and of submitting to and res(T.) pecting the laws and the public authorities. I repecting the laws and the public authorities. I retions he gave them on the Sunday which preceded the Riot. He urged them to resume their work, and even besnught them, in the name of God, to do so immediately.-And further 1 say not ; and have signed.(Signed)
JOHN WALSH.
Sworn before me, at St. Timothée, the day and year first above mentioned. $\}$
C. Wetherale, J. P.

No. 50.

## Joseph Bergevin's Examination.-[19th July, 1843.]

I am a native of this Parish. I cultivate a land which belongs to me, and which is divided + by the Canal. I know the price of provisions and the value of labour in this neighbourhood. The loaf of six pounds, is sold at present for ten pence. During the spring, and thence until about the beginning of this month, it was sold at, from eight pence to nine pence. Pork sells at from four pence to four penco half-penny; potatoes at from fifteen to eighteen pence the bushel; eggs, six pence a dozen; milk, about two pence the quart ; butter, from six pence to seven pence half-penny ; moist sugar, from five to six pence; hay, from five to five and a half dollars the hundred; nats for thirteen pence. My father has a fine land adjoining mine, on which he rears a great quantity of live stock; and having milk in abundance he wished to sell it on the Canal. I wished to do the same, and the contractors sent us away, telling us, if we wished to sell to go and sell at home, or else to go and sell it at their stores: in the same way we wished to sell eggs and other provisions on the Canal, but we were prevented from so doing in the same manner. I am of opinion, as well as all those of my neighbours with whom I have conversed on this subject, that day-labourers cannot support themselves when they receive only half a crown a day. I know that the contractors in this vicinity have more than once suspended the work, even in fine weather : and the only reason we have been able to assign for it is, that they wished to compel their people to get farther in debt at the store, so as to have less money to pay them. It is impossible during these suspensions for the workmen to find work elsewhere, without abondoning altogether their work on the Canal. I know that the contractors have very often refused to employ the inhabitants of the place: I myself have been refused at the price they were then giving ; we see no other reason for that than the certainty which the contractors have of making money on the provisions which they furnish to strangers ; while the inhabitants of the place provision themselves; and also because they receive rents from those who come from a distance. The day-labourers ought to have three shillings a day, and they cannot support themselves on less. If less is given them they cannot live honestly. As they are paid at present, they cannot pay their lodging money, being barely able to exist, and reduced at times to eat boiled herbs.-And further the deponent sayeth not, and declares himself unable to sign-this deposition baving been read over.
Sworn before me at St. Timothee,
the day and year first above mentioned.
(Signed) C. Wetherale, J. P.

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$\overbrace{\text { (T.) Martin Foretier's Examination.-[19th July, 1843.] }}$
$I$ have been an inhabitant of the parish of $\mathbf{S t}$. Timothee, since the 15th of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two. I know the price of provisions and wares in this parish. From the spring till a month ago the loaf was sold at from eight pence to nine pence: for the last month, tho price has been ten-pence, for the loaf of six pounds. Pork sells at five-pence; potatoes at cighteen-pence the minot ; eggs from five-puree to six-pence tho dozen; milk at two-pence the quart; nats from fifteen to sixteen-pence; hay for five dollars and a lialf tho hundred; tobacco at ten-pence a pound; butter at cight-pence; moist sugar at six-pence. I do not think the labourers on the Canal aro sufficiently paid when they receive only half-a-crown a day; and theso wages cannot suffice fur thoir support ; for it is to be remembered that the work is frequently suspended-that they are obliged to pay dearly for their loolying-that the wives of those who are married cannot fiud, in the neighbourthonl of the Canal, any means of earning money to assist in supporting their families, as the wives of labourers in the towns and elsewhere can do; and that the intervals botween the pay days being considerable, they are forced to consume ten and coffee, and to take other eypensive kinde of provisions from their employers: whereas, if they had money, they could live on potatoes, oatmen, and other cheap provivions. I think the labourers who have horses are more especially inadequately paid: they receivo only 3s. od. for the man, the horse, and the cart. After I had got in my crop, 1 would willingly have gone to work on the Canal with a couple of horses, if I had found reasonable wagos. I think that many of the inhabitants would havo worked on the Canal if they had not found the wages too low. There are but few Canadians at work on the Canal; and those come from a distance. It is with difficulty that the penple of the place can find work; for thi contractors prefer those who come from a distance, and are obliged to take articles from the store.while the people of the place are furnished with what they require from their own homes. The general opinion is that the lablourers on the Canal nught to have 3e a day; and that those whim furnish horses onght to have at least a dollar a day-that is, for the man, the horse, and the vehicle. I do mot think that lower wages can suffice for the maintenance of the labourers. This is a wabject on whith we frequently converie: and I am well acquainted with the opinion of my ueighthours upou it. And further the deponent saith $n$; ; and hath declared himself unable to sign-this deposition being duly read.

Sworn before me at St. Timothée, the day and year first above mentioned.
C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 52.
Georgc Crawford, Essquire's, Examination.
[21st July, 1843.]
I am a contractor on the Beauharnois Canal, for two sections, No. 1, West end of Canal, and 13, East end of Canal, and five locks. The disturbances began at the West end of the Canal, on Larocque and D. McDonald's sections, as I was informed. The cause was the demand for higher wages. Iheard of no other complaint on the part of the men against the contractors. Mr. Dunn is a sub-contractor of mine on part of section No. 1. My agreement with Mr. Dunn fistly was, that he
should excavate the lock pit. He afterwards was so pleased with the work that he requested me to allow him to do part of the section also. I told Appendix him that he might continue on the section as long as he found it profitable, and I would pay him for what he would do. I agrced to furnish him with provisions, and, at the end of the month, pay him what balance would be coming to him. On the first of June, when I got from the Engineers the measurement of the work he had done up to that period, I found that the balance coming to him was quite insufficient to pay his men. The men at this time had all struck along the line. I went to Mr. Mills, the Engineer in charge of the work, and stated to him that it was best for me to pay them off, so that they should have no cause of dissatisfaction, and that as son as the amount should be ascertained, I should give the money to Mr. Shanley, one of the Engineers, and that he should pay them, as sonn as a list was made out of what he owed his men. This list was made out by his own clerk. I gave Mr. Shanley money to pay them, and at the same time I notified the men to attend at St. 'Timothee to reccive their pay on Monday, the 12 th of June, not having any idea that any riot woald take place at Grant's IIotel, a house off the line of the Canal, and opposite which the troops were stationed. Mr. Shanley was paying them to the very moment the firing took place from the house. I advanced somewbere abont $£ 100$ over and above what was coming to Dunn, for the purpuse of paying them. During the progress of the work provisions were regularly sent from my place to Dunn. The only way I can account for want of provisions, would be of a very wet day, when a waggon could not move up the Canal with the brcad, which could only be baked at the lower end of the Camal. Dunn commenced work again some time in July. I sent my clerk up to the workmen to warn them not to hold me responsible for their wages, as I would not be responsible for them. They were so notified, but I stated to my clork, if they insistod upon working I would furnish them with provisions as usum, and that whatever money should be coming to Dunn at the end of the month. I should hand over to him to pay them. My clerk stated to ms he had asked the men if they understo id him. and they answered in the affirmative. Dunn, as a subcontractor, was bound to settle with the men, and not me. He engaged the men, and had the sole management of, and payment of them. On the 1 st of Suly, 1 reccived the measurement made by Mr. Kuscinski, an Engineer, of the work done by the sub-contractor Dunn. Of this measurement Dunn complained, and I went with him to Mr. Mills. The measurement was made anew by Mr. Kuscinski, and the difference of the two incasuroments ainounted to nearly $\mathbf{E} 300$, I got Dunn's men at my office, and placed money there to pay all the labourers up th that period, stopped tho work, and discharged Dunn from it altogether. I paid them with iny own meney, and will not receive it from the Engineers antil next month. My advances, in my opinion, sver and above what was due to Dunn. amount to upwards of $£ 100$. I was present nt the riot of the leth June. I assisted as a magistrate on the occasion. On Saturday, the 10th of June, on my way to Beauharnois, I was warned by several persons who came on board the Steambont, not to go to my residence at Beanharnois, as my premises had been attacked on that day, and my life threathened. I however rode home, and found the men who had come down from the upper sections gone up again, after having made an attack upon the store, and threatened my lifo, if they could find mo. To satisfy them, some were permitted to search the premises. They went away, swaring they would retura again on Monday, and clear the whole-line of the contractors, and throw

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them in the rapids. I saw Mr. Mills that afternoon, Montreal that evening for Capt. Jones, of the Cavalry, to come up with his troop, and Mr. Mills sent accordingly. On Sunday morning I went to St. Timothée to see Mr. Laviolette and Major Campbell, to consult with them what was best to be done. I think it was agreed between us, to the best of my recollection, that I slould bring up the Cavairy to St. Timothée as som as it came to Beauharnois. I did so next morning. Before I went for the Cavalry sevora! horns were sounded among tho shanties, and my men brgan to assemble in small bodies, and went cutting elubs. I warned a number of them to desist, as there was protection for the well disposed near at hand, and that then I was then going down for protection. This I mentioned to a number distinetly. 1 took the cavalry to St. Timothée, and I found that a large number of men had been thcre, and had destroyed McDonald's store and injured Grant's house, and that a small detachment, thirly men of the 74th Regt., had been sent to Larocque's house, where an attack wns expected. I proseeded on with the cavalry toward tarocque's house. Before I roached it, I met Mr. Laviolette and the dotachment of 7.thl returning. Mr. Laviolette stated to me that all was settledthat the contractors had promised the men 3s. a day, and that the men had all promised to disperse and go peareably to their homes; we all returned dilen io st. Tinuothoe. I was prosont nit the frimg, but the only act I performed as a magistrate, after meeting Mr. Lavidette returning from Larocque's, was the order I gave Major Campbell to sound the "cease firing" after the first firc. When we returned to St. Timothee and Grant's Hotel, it was agreed between Mr. Laviolctte, Major Cumpbell and myself, that the troops should move down to my section, No. 13, as, from the threats uttered against me, it was our opinion the $m \geqslant b$ would make an attack on my place. Before the time appointed for our starting, we were told the mib wase ming. The troops had barely time to form before the head of the mob was before Grant's Motel. Mr. Lavioletto warned them to disperse twice, which they refused. The man who appeared to be the leader gave the wor, to halt, and the mob halted before the house. Mr. Lavinlotto then read the Proclamation of the Riot Act in a loud voice. I heard him mysolf, being on horveback on the road. They paid no attention to it. He warned them once certainly, if not twire, after reading the Proclamation of the Riot Act, th disperse. He then gave the order to fire. and the firing took place. The cavalry fired their carbines, and charged up and down the rond. It was, I think, Capt. Jones who gave the order to charge. Immediately after the first general fire, for I think some of the Infantry fired more than once, I requested Major Campbell to soind tho "cease frimg." which he did. I think there were a few shots fired by the cavalry in pursuit: I cannot swear to it positively, but it is my impression. There was no shot fired by a civilian that day, I believe, nor did I fire any myself. It is my opinion that if Mr, Lavioletto had delayed ten minutes in giving the order to fire, there would havo been ten times as many killed ns there were, as the mob was crowding up very fast. The prisoners taken were not examined, but discharged by Mr. Laviolette, on the recommendation of the contractors. The work of my own sections, and I think it general on the line, is now going on with the same pay, 2s. Bd., and the same hours, five to seven, as before the strike. I now pay my men weekly, and have shut up my store, being determined to keep none in future. I have been a contractor on public works since 1827 , in different parts of America, and the hours ware every where the same. My men before the strike never collectively
or individually asked me for an increase of wages, Appendix or ruade any complaint against me.-And furthor I say not ; and have signed.
(Signed) GEORGE CRAWFORD. 16 th Oetaber.
Sworn before me at Montreal, the
day and yoar first above mentioned.
C. Wetherali, J. P.

No. 53.

## Doctor A. Hall's Examination.

I am the Medical Officer in charge of the hospital of the City of Montreal. On the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 10th days of Juue last, the following patients were admitted into the Montreal Hospital:Jorry Murphy, IIugh McCebe, Francis Develin, John Cox, and John Hart. They were all cases of gun-shot wounds, said to have been received on tho 12 th of June last, at St. Timothée, at the firing of the troops. One of them was discharged yesterday; one left of his own accord; and the three others are doing well. From the appearance, one of the mon seems to have received a wound while facing the troops; the other four were evidently wounded while retreating, as the entrance of the balls were in the back part of the body. I cannot say whether the wounds were produced by musket, carbine, or pistol balls-the balls, with the oxceptiots of chit, having atl passed through, and the one being still unextracted, and apparently lorlged above the articulating cavity of the head of the thigh bone. And further I say not ; and have signed.
(Signed,) A. HALL, M. D.
Sworn before me at Montreal,
the day and year first above mentioned.
C. Wetherale, J. P.

No. 54.
Steplen May's Examination.-[26th July. 1843.]
I keep the mills of St. Timothee, near Mr. Grant's Intel. On Sunday, the 11th of June last, at different periods of the day, small parties of men, varying from five to fifteen-the whole parties amounting to about 100 -came to the mills, in which a party of the 74th Regt. was then qua rtered. I heard some of the men say to the soldiers that they were going to strike on tho following day for 3 s . ; and if they did not get it, they threatened the lives of the contractors; and that it would be better for the troops not to turn out to assist the contractors, as they were but few to nppose so large a body as would turn nut. I heard them ask the number of troops in the mills. On Monday morning, between eight and nine oclock, there was a cry in the mill that a large mob was approaching from the eastern sections of the Canal. I wont to the top of the mill, for the purpose of ascertaining if tho report was correct, and I saw a party proceeding along the high road, sounding horns, \&cc, and numbers coming from Giban's and MacDonald's sections, through the ficlds, to join the main body. To me they appeared to be about 1000 in number. When they came opposite to Mr. Grant's house, a man on horseback came out in front of the mob; and, upon wheeling his horse round, the whole mob halted beforc the house. There were soveral gentlemen on the lower gallery of the house ; but I cannot say who they were. Two or three minutes after their arrival, I saw the mob make a rush at Mr. Grant's house, and an attempt to surround it. The only troaps then in St. Timothe were in the mills, under Majur Campbell :-an officer; with thirty men, having accompanied Mr.

Laviolette carly that morning to Mr. Larncque's store. They broke some panes of glass and window frames in (irant's house, and then proceeded to McDonald's store, which is thirty or forty yards from Grant's house. 1 saw them break it open and enter : they plundered it of its contents. I saw barrels of oatmeal and flour, tea, coffec, and other articles kept in the store, brought out and destroyed. They carried siff portions of chintz, muleskins, ©s., which they displayed as they marched along up. wards, in the direction of Larocfue's store. They then mate an attack on a smaill house, rented by Mr. M.Jonath. They were armed with sticks and stunes. At about one o'clock, 1 saw Mr. Laviulette returning from Larocque's store, with the party of troops that had gone up in the morning at about seven o'clock. The troops proceeded to the mills, for the purpose of getting refreshmonts, when the whole of the troops stationed at St. Tinothee, except eight or ten men, were ordered to prepare and procecd to Mr. Crawford's works. They proceeded about three acres, to where the road from the mills intersects the high roud, which runs from one end of the Canal to the other. They had proceeded a short distance towards Crawford's section, when I saw a large mob coming from the direction of Larocque's, blowing herns, \&c. They were then ten or twelve acres off; and the ground descends from Grant's hill, and is covered with bush on both sides of the road. I then saw the Infantry move thwards Grant's house, which is about fiffeen or twenty yards from the high ruad, with an open space in frunt. The Imfintry were ,wsted in from of © rames house, and a party of Cavalry on mach flank. I was standing in the high road at this time. A serjeant then said that those who had no concern about this mob had better leave the place. I accordingly retired to the mills. I had not been there many minutes befife I heard the report of musketry, and saw the mob running in all directions, and some towards the river. The Cavalry were charging up and down the road, and the Infantry were pursuing the mob towards the bush, near the mills. After the volley which was fired by the Infantry, 1 heard several shots fired at intervals round and about the mills; but I cannot say by whom fired. Several prisoners were inade by the Infantry, whic h had surrounded the bustl. 1 only saw two men in the water. and they were both taken up by me and a soldier: one of them was wounded in the legs, and told me that he had been wounded in the road, and that he went towards the mills and threw himself in the Rapids; the other was concealing himself under the wheel of the carding mill, where the water was about two fect deep. The first was in about three feet of water, and for an acre towards the Rapids the water is not deeper. I do not believe that any other men threw themselves in the Rapids. And further 1 say not ; and have signed.

## (Signed,) STEPHEN MAY.

Sworn before me at Montreal, the day and year first above mentioned.

> C. Wetherald, J. P.

No. 55.
Brevet Major Campbell's Examination.
[ [20th July, 1843.]
I was sent to St. Timothée with a detachment, consisting of one subaltern and fifty men, of the 74th Regt., in aid of the civil power. I arrived at St. Timothee, on Saturday the 10th of June last, and placed myself under the orders of Mr. Lavio.
lette, Stipendiary Magistrate, of that place. On Appendix
Monday the 12th of June last, between six and Monday the 12 th of June last, between six and (T.) Laviolette for a party to accompany him to Mr. La-16th Octobor. rocque's store, for its protection. I sent a subaltern and thirty men: the party returned about noon. Mr. Laviolette then made a requisition for a party, to procced to the enstern section of Mr. Crawford, to protect his premises. I ordered forty men and one subaltern, under my own command, to proceed thereto. The party was halted on the high road, waiting for Mr. Laviolette, when I saw a large body of men conning down from the village of St. Timothéc. Mr. Laviolette thought it better not to proceed; and I considered it necessary to put my tronps in a position of safety, as the mob appeared very large. I accordingly placed the Infantry in front of Grant's hotel, and the Cavalry on each flank : there is an open space, about thirty paces, between the road and Grant's housc. The mob, halted by word of command on the high road, facing the troops. Mr. Laviolette desired them to disporse peaceably, to which they paid no attention. They still remained on the road. Mr. Laviolette then read the Proclamation of the Riot Act distinctly; after doing so, he again desired them to disperse : they still remained stationary. There was a little shouting and hissing amungst them. He (Mr. Laviolettc) then said, "Major Campbell, fire." On which the men fired a volley, I had repeated the order to fire after the magistrate. The first line of the mob was between twenty-five and thinty pacio frum the moops; they had mada no advance or attempt to advance on the troops, but kept moving up and down the high road. From what had occurred in the morning, us repeated to me, I was apprehonsive that the same manouvre might be attempted, with the intent to render the troops inoperative, but with the exception of a few who branched out of the road, I saw no movement indicative of this intention. I consider that the firing was necessary for the protection of the troops. The cavalry fired at the same time, and charged the mob, but I gave no orders to do so. Had the magistrate directed me to act with a view to the dispersal of the mob, I should have acted in the sanse way he did. On the Saturday, the 10th of Jun. last. I was standing with Mr. Laviolette in front o: Mr. Cirant's Mntel, when a large mob came in front if the buse in a threatening manner, and I heard several tate that if they did not get 3s. on Monday, ther would have blood. Mr. Laviolette recommended them not to take any violent measures, but to wait until some arrangements could be made. Mr. Laviolette had no consultation with me previous to Monday morning, as to the disposal of the force under my command, for the purpose of repressing the expected movements on the Monday following. The mob seemed to be the same which had attacked Mr. McDonald's store and Grant's Hotel in the morning. The number of Rioters in front of the house amounted to about 200, but others were scen advancing to join them from above-the mob, consequenily, increasing every minute. The troops fired cine volley : a few shots were fired by men whom I had sent out to secure prisoners who had taken refuge in a bush near the mills ; they brought in twenty-seven prisoners, who were placed under my charge, and were finally released by order of Mr. Laviolette.-And further I say not ; and have signed.

## (Signed) <br> A. CAMPBELL, Bt. Major, 74th Regt.

Sworn before me at Montreal, the day and year first above mentioned. $\}$
C. Wetherarl, J. P.

## R. J. Begley, Esquire's, Examination.

[26th July, 1843.]
I am Paymaster of the Board of Works. I have been arting as such on the Beauharn is Canal since the 12 th of July, 1842 ; and from that time resided on the line of the Beamharnois Canal until the last May. The Board of Works were then excavating several sections of the Canal. The labourers wero allowed 3s. a day. I cannot say positively, but 1 believe the hours of work were from five oclock in the morning until seven in the evening, with the intermission of the hours of meals. There were several stores kept on the spot by speculators, on their own account ; and I know that the articles sold there were of gond quality, and sold low, and at the Montroal prices, and the supply was equal to any demand that could bo made. The usual time of payment was semimonthly. It sometimes happened, from my absence on duty to Cornwall, or some other works, that the payments were delayed as long as a month. The payinents were always made in cash-nodedurtions being allowed to be made to moot accounts due at stores; nor were the store-keepers, or any person to whom the men owed money, permitted to be present when the men were prid. There were no complaints made by the men in the employ of the Board of Works ; on the contrary, they were quite contented and happy. The same rate of pay and made of prement exiatul, and now exists, on the Cornwall Canal and the Cascades Road. The shanties on the soctions excavated by the Board of Works were erected by the Board. A slanty. capable of giving ascommorlation to sixteen persons, was let by the Board in persons deserving their confidence, at the rate of 10 s , a month. The persons in whom they were let agreed as they pleased with the labourers whom they lodged or bnarded, without the interference of the Board of Works. No stoppage was ever inade by the Board for slanty-rent-ile men being left to make their own private arrangements for board and lodging. From the knowledge I have of the expensess of the men, and the price of provisions on the line of the Canal, I am convinced that 2s. od. a clay, paid monthly, and subject th store deductions, is not sufficient to enable the laburiers to exist. The genrral feoling among the hatourers is very strong against the store system. They detext it ; and I heard them sny to me that they would rather receive 2:. 6d. eash than 3s. in store pay. I consider that the profits which, under the most favourable circumstances to the men, arise from the supply of provisions to them by a store, is calculated on by the contractor as a logitinate source of profit. I have known the Rev. Mr. Falvey, missionary on the Canal. for about fourteen yenrs. I know him to be incapable of advising his flack to resist persons in authority, or commit breaches of the peace; on the cintrary, during my slay on the Canal, I attended his chapel every Sunday, and he invariably recommended to his men to be temperate in their habits, and respectful to their employers, and faithful to their work. Since the 10 th of May, when I came to reside in Montreal, I have frequently been at his chapel on Sundnys, and I heard him make the same remarks: and I know that he used every effort to prevent a strike, and. otter the strike, to induce the men to return peaccably to their work under the old prices: advising them, at the same time, to lay their grievances before the Government by petition, and not to attempt to redress them themstives. His intercourse with the men was constant: whenever he heard of any irregularity, he immeliately repaired to the spot, and was generally successful in correcting it. Mr. Laviolette, the magistrate, never
mixed with the labourers, being quite ignorant of their habits and peculiarities; and, in consequence, possesses $n$ influence among them. Furemen on the Canal should not be alluwed to board the men, keep horses working on the Canal, or be interested in stores in any way. It is detrimental to both contractors and men. I know when orders were given to decrease the number of labourers of the Bcauharnois Canal last year, and to keep the men with families in proference to single men, that the foremen retainod their boarders, who were single men, and dis:harged the married men, who did not live with hem, and causing great distress thereby. And further I say not; and have signed.

## (Signed,) ROBERT J. BEGLEY.

Sworn before ms at Montreal, the \} day and year first above mentioned.
C. Wefherall, J. P.

No. 57,
Is a Plan of the line of the Beauharnois Canul, fiom the River St. Laurcuce, near Hunrry Bay, to Lake St. Louis, near Beruharnois : by J. B. Mills.

No. 58,
Is a Form of Articles of Agrcement between the Contractors and the Board of Works.

No. 50.

## Copy of Commitineut of Martin Action.

Office of the Peace, I'rovince of Canada, City and District of Montreal.
By William Ermatinger, Esquire, Inspector and Superintendent of Police for the City of Montreal. nad one of the Justiecs of nur Sivereign Lady the Quren, assigned to keep the Peace within the said District.

To the Constables of the City of Montreal, and to each of them, and to the K"rper of the Common Ganl of the said District of Montreal, at the said City of Montreal-G inemina:
These are to command you, the said Constables, and each of you, in Her Majesty's name, frothwith to convey and deliver into the custody of the said Keeper of the Common Gaol of the said District of Montreal, the body of Martin Action-brought up and charged, and duly convicted before me, the said Justice, upon view, as a lonse, idle, and disorderly person, according to the true intent and meaning of the Ordinance concerning loose, idle, and disorterly persons, in such case made and provided, to wit:An Ordinance made and passed in the second year of Her prosent Majesty's reign, chap. 2, intituled, "An Ordinance for extablishing an efficient system" of Police in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal." And you, the said Keeper, are hereby required to receive the said Martin Action into your custorly, in the said Common Gaol of the said District of Muntreal, and him there safely keep at hard labour. for and during the term and space of two calendar months from this date.-Herein fail not.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Montreal, in the said District of Montreal, this 19th day of June, 1843 , and in the sixth year of Her Majesty's reign.
(Signed,) WILLIAM ERMATINGER,

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Cominitment, by virtue of which Martin Action was committed into my custody ; and further, that the said Martin Action was received into the stid Common Gaol, as therein com- manded, on the 19 th day of June, now last past where he still remains.

THOMAS McGINN, Gaolcr.
Montreal Gaol, 25th July, 1843.
Siworn before me this 26th day of July, 18.43 .
C. Wetherail, J. P.

No. 60.
Cquy of Commitment of Neil McCulloch.
Proviuce of Canada.
listrict of Montrual.
Office of the Peace.
William Ermatinger, Nisquirc, Inspector and Superintendent of Police, and one of the Justices of Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, assigned to keep the peace in the said District.
To the Keeper of the Common Gaol of the said Distract-Greeting :
Whereas Neil MeCulloch, of the parish of $\mathrm{St}^{\circ}$ Clement de Beauharnois, in the Comty of Beauharnois, in the said Distriet, labourer, stands charged upon oath with having on the loth day of June instant, together with a certain number of other persons, assembled in front of one Mr. Grant's ITotel, of the said paris', and there and then did make use of threatening language towards D. A. Mellonald, and threatened to slaughter the said MeDonald. These are, therefore, to authrize and command you to receive into your custody the said Veil McCulloch, and him safely keep, fur want of bail.

Given under my hand and scal, at Montreal, his 13th day of Junc, 1813, in the 6th year of Her Majestys reign.
(Signed) WILIIAM ERMATINGER,
Inspr. \& Supt. of Police.
I herely certify that the above is a true and "orrect copy of the Commitment of Nel MeCul loch, by virtue of which he was committed into my custoly: And further that the said Noil McCulloch was received into the Common Caol, as therem command in, on the 30th of June, now last past, where he still remains.
(Signed) TIIOMAS MoGINN, Gaoler.
Sworn to be a true copy by Thomas McGinn, before me, this 26th July, 1813.
C. Wetherall, J. P.

No. 61.
Copy of Commitnent of Duniel Barron.
$\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { District of } \\ \text { Montreal. }\end{array}\right\}$
To the Keeper of the Common Gaol of the said District-Greetino :
Whereas Danicl Barron, labourer on the Beauharnois Canal, is this day acrused, under oath, before me, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said District, of having, on the

10th day of July instant, threntened the life of Appendix Lconard II. Dunlop, a contractor on the Beauharnois Canal.


You are theretore commanded, in IIer Majesty's name. to receive into the Common Gaol of the District of Montrual the body of the said Daniel Barron, and there kecp him in your custody till he is regularly discharged.

Given at St. Timothée, under my hand and seal, on the 14th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 1843.
(Signed) J. B. LA VIOLETTE, J. P.
I hereby certify, that the above is a true ond correct enpy of the Commitment by virtue of which Daniel Barron was cominitted in my custody. And further that the said Daniol Barron was received int, the Common Gaol, as therein commanded, on the 15 th instant, where he still remains.
(Signed) THOMAS McGINN, Gaoler.

## Montreal Gaol, 25th Juls; 1813.

Sworn before me, $\}$
this 26th July, 1843. \}
C. Whimerail, J. P.

No. 02.
Copy of Commitanent of Michacl Cochran.
$\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { District of } \\ \text { Montreal. }\end{array}\right\}$
To the Keeper of the Common Gaol of the District of Montrcal-Greering :

Wherens Michael Cochran, of the parish of St. Timothe in the Comenty of Beauharnois, in the Dis. trict of Mentreal, a labourer on the Beacharnois Canal, has boun aceised, under oath, Lefore me, this day, of having threatened to take the life of John MeDonald. a foreman on the staid Canal, by making use of the following words on Saturday last, the 15th day of July instant: "If you discharge ine, 1 will have your life." You are commandel, in Her Majesty's name, to reccive into your cust idy, in the Cominon (iaol of the District if Montren!, the body of the said Mirhael Cochran. and there keep him in safety until duly discharged accordng to law. Herein fail not at your peril.
Given at St. Timothec, on the 17 th day of July, in the year of our Lord, 18.13, under my hand and seal.
(Signed)
J. B. LAVIOLETTE, J. P.

1 hereby cortify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Commitment by virtue of which. Michacl Cochran was committed into my custody. And further that the snid Michael Cochran was received into the Common Gaol, as therein commanded.on the 18 th day of July instant, where he still remains.
(Signed,) THOMAS McGINN, Gaoler.

## Montreal Gaol, 25th July, 1843.

Sworn before me,
this 20th July, 1843.
C. Wermerall, J. P.

## Appendix

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## No. 63.

To Messrs. Wetherall, Drummond, and Fisher, Commissioners on the Deauharnois Canal :-

We, the undersigned Petitioners, humbly and respectfully beg leave to lay before you the grievances under which we labour, in consequence of the tyranny exercised over us by the contractors, for whom we were obliged 10 work, after a long and severe winter. The great majority of the men had done no work during that time : dire necessity obliged them to work for Pierce, Black and Co. When they commencel their section, their work was exceedingly seyere, their hours for work being from dark to dark-the wages was only 2s. 0 d. per day, which was quite insufficient to maintain our families, taking into consideration broken time and dear house rent. These wages, though trifling, were kept back to the end of ench month, in order that the men should resort th their stores for provisions, and take them at whatever price they wished to charge for them, and being of a very inferior quality, particularly bread. l'etitioners respectfully and sincerely hope you will be pleased to take their melancholy situation into your very hamane consideration; and they, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

## (Signed) JAMES CARNES,

 And 97 others,No. 64.

## Petition of Louis Dequane and others.

To George Wetherall, Robort Lester Morrogh, and Lewis Thomas Drummond, Cominissioners appointed to inquire into the subjects of complaint on the Beauharnuis Canal, \&c. \&c.

The Petition of the undersigned, cultivators and other parties interested, of the parishes of St . Clément and St. Timohée de Beauharnois, Humbly sheweth :

That they have long silently and peaceably suffored injuries of a serinus nature, and which even threatened thom with ruin. That in the months of May and June, 1812 , your Petitioners consented to the making of a Canal, which they understond was to pass along the upper extremity of the lands of the first concession (whereby scarcely any damage would have been occusioned in the cultivation of their tands) and to be of dimensions smaller by one half than that which is now being made. That a promise was then made to them, that, in consideration of their willingness, they should have a preference of employment on the works, even at higher wages than those now given ; but that they now find themselves partially excluded, and their places Gilled by strangers who have sustained no damage
by reason of the location of the Canal. And further, that they have scen with dismay their fences Appendix burned ; and their hay, and other proluce absolutely necessary to the subsistence of their families, almost entircly destroyed, partly by the water which the contractors have caused to gather upon their lands, by obstructing its discharge, and partly by the cattle of labourers from a distance, who persist by force in causing them to graze in the meadows, and on the grain, in spite of the proprictors, who have not sufficient weight with the lincal authorities to enforce the observances of the law, and are in danger of losing their lives by opposing these incessant depredations, caused partly by indigence.

That they are prevented from selling their produce on the Canal, by some of the contractors, who compel their labourers to wait a month for their daily pay as such, or to take provisions from their stores to prevent their families from dying of want; and this often at a higher rate than they would have paid elscwhere.

That they see with extreme regret their houscs and other buildings cut off from the cultivated parts of their lands, or at least from the groater portion of them, or (which seems cruel) themselves obliged to change their abode, at their own expense, and to ro-inclose their lands, without a fair and prompt indemnity, before seed-time, by which they are all thrown into a state of the greatest penury.

That they are by this unfortunate state of things deprived of the sums due to them for board and lorlging from the strangers, who for the most part go off without their knowledge, and in their debt.

That they have been to a certain extent deceived by the contractors, or at least by some of them, who had promised to employ them with their vehicies. which they would not have procured. had it not been for the hope of having them so employed on the work.
Wherefore your Petitinners humbly pray, that you will be pleased to represent to His Excellency the Governor General, in your report on the complaints relative to the said Canal. their melancholy and unfortunate situntion, which will become still thore so if no remedy be applied. Up to the present time remonstrances have been made by ynur Petitioners, but they have been without effect. Fearing that, if the gricvances are not redressed, evils will arise yet greater than those which we have now to deplore, we carnestly desire that IIis Excellency may adopt such measures as his goodness, charity, generosity, justice and wisdom may suggest to him as necessary for the relicf and satisfaction of your Petitioners and of all parties interested on the line of the Canal, \&c. \&zc.-And your Petitioners shall ever pray.


And 73 others.
Beauharnois, 30th June, 1843.


## MEMORANDUM

Laid before the Legislative Assembly, by command of His Excellency the Governor-

General, and referred to in His Excellency's Message on the subject of the Civil List, presented to the House on the 16th October, 1843.

## (Copy.)

Mr. Hincks has the honor to transmit to the Govervor:General, a Mcinorandum containing some information respecting the Civil List, with sugggestions for puting it on a more satisfactory footing. Mr. Hincks has also the honor to state, that having communicated the Memorandum to such of his colleagues as are at present in Town, it has met twith their concurrence.

Kingston, May, 1843.
(Copy.)

## MEMORANDUM.

There is no Canadiun question requiring moro serious consideration than that relating to the Civil List of $£ 75,000$, sterling gramted annually to Her Majesty by the Imperial Act, 3rd \& 4th Vic. cap. 35 , intituled, "An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of Lower "and Upper Canada, and for the Government of "Canadu."

By the fiftiecth section of the said Act it is enacted, that "all Duties and Revenues over which "the respective Legislatures of the said Provinces "before and at the time of the passing of this Act "had, and have, rower of appropriation, shall form "one consolidated Revenue Fund, to bo appropriated "for the public service of the Province of Camada, " in the manner and subject to the charges hereinafter "mentioned."

By the fifty-second section of the snid Act, the said consolidated Revenue Fund is permanently charged with the amnual sum of $£ 45,000$, for defray:ing the expense of certain services and purposes named in a Schedule, marked A., unnexed to the Act; and also with an annual sum of $£ 30,000$, for defraying the expense of cortuin services, named in a Schedule, marked B., also annexed to the Act, and which later sum is granted during the life of Her Majesty, and for five years alter the demise of Her Majesty.

It is not desirable to enter at prosent upon the Constitutional question, of the right of the Imperial Parliament to make a graut to Her Majesty of a portion of the Revenne over which, as is admitted in the filtiecth section of the Act, the Provincinl Legislatures had, before and at the time of its passing, the sole power of appropriation.

It ought not, however, to be concealed from the Governor-General, that the Members of his Government, in common with the vast majority of Her Majesty's subjects in Canada, claim for the Legislative Assembly of the Province, the sole right of appropriating to the public service, at its discrection, the whole of the Revenue raised within the Province, whether arising from taxcs, or any other Canadian source.

It must be admitted that this claim is one which has always been denied by Her Majesty's Imperial Government, and that this difference of opinion was one of the principal causes of the misunderstanding, which unhappily existed in former times between that Goverument and the Houses of Assembly of Lower and Upper Canada.

For this very reason, it is important that no time should be lost in placing the Civil List on a satisfactory footing.

It is earnestly hoped that the information and ${ }^{*}$ suggestions contained in this Memorandum, may aid in bringing about so desirable a result.

The grant to Hor Majesty of $£ 75,000$ as a CivilList, was made by the Imperial Yarliament, in consequence of the recommendation of the late Lord Sydenham, at that tine Governor-General of British North America. It is stated in the Despatches of His Lordship, that he had previously obtained the consent of the Legislature of the Province of Upper Canada, and of the Special Council of Lower Canada.

On refercence to the Resolutions adopted by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Upper Canada, it will be found that they give no sanction to the establishment of such a Civil List as that granted by the Imperial l'arliament. It must be borne in mind that, previous to this question being submitted by Lord Sydenham to the Canadian Legislatures, clear and definite propositions had been made by the Imperial Government for the surrender of the entire Revenue claimed by the Crown as Hereditary, Casual, or 'Territorial, on an adequate provision being malle for the support of certain officers of the Civil Government.

It is important to notice that the grant of a Civil List had been invariably refused, on the ground of its excess, although the services for which provision was then asked fell very far short of those included in the Schedules annexed to the Re-union Act.

On the 14th February, 1837, Lieut. Governor Sir Francis Bond Head communicated, by Message, to the House of Assembly of Upper Cauada, a proposition for surreudering all the Hercditary, Territorial, and Casual Revenucs of the Crown, on a provision being made for certain expenses of the Civil Government, specified in a Schedule transmitted to the House, also for certain amnuities to the Indian Tribes, certain payments guaranteed to Religious Bodics, and Pensious, the latter charges being merely temporary.

The IIouse of Assembly declined aceeding to the proposition contained in the Message of the Lieutenant Governor, principally in consequence of the stipulation in favor of the Religious Bodies, which the House did not think should have been made. Fresh negotiations were opened on the subject, which had not terminated when the House was invited to consider the proposition for a Re-union ofthe Provinces.

The Message of His Excellency the late Lord Sydenham, to tho House of Assembly of Upper Canada, communicating the terms on which Her Majesty's Government were of opinion that a union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Cannda mighit be effected, stipulated for the permanent grant of a sufficiemt Civil List, "for securing the independence " of the Judges, and to the Executive Government "that freedom of action which is necessary for the "public good." Beyond a promise that the salaries and expenses would be calculated with a strict regard to economy and the state of the Provincial finances, the Message contained little further information on this subject.

It appears evident that the House, in pledging itself to the grant of a sufficient Civil List, never conter:0lated a permanent provision for any Officers but those for whom such provision had been required proviously by. Hor Majesty's Government, when the offer:
offer of the surrender of the Casual and Territorial

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 Revenue had been made. The Resolution adopted$\square$ "cone House is as follows:-" That this House "concur in the proposition, that a Civil List be granted "the Judges, and to the Executive Government that "freedom of action which is necessary for the public "good-the grant for the person administering the "Government, and for the Judges of the several "superior Courts to be permanent, and for the (Iii"ers conducting the other departments of the public "service, to be for the life of the Sovereign, and for a "period of not less than ten years."

It is manifest, from the tenor of the foregoing Resolution, that the House of Assembly never contemplated the grant of a Civil List, embracing the services provided for in the Schedules annexed to the Re-union Act. The permanent grant is expressly limited to the Governor and the Judges; whereas provision is made in Schedule A, not only for the salaries of the Crown Officers, but for all the contingent expenses of the administration of justice.

As the Constitution of Lower Canada was suspended, when the terms on which the Union might be effected were submitted for consideration in that Province, no expression of opinion was obtained from any parties claiming to represent public opinion.

But it will be found, that negotiations had taken place on the subject of a Civil List, between Her Majesty's Imperial Government and the House of Assambly of that Province, previous to the suspension of the Constitution.

It is satisfactory to find recorded in the Despatches, both of the Earl of Aberdeen and of Lord Glenelg, who successively held the Seals of the Coloneal Department, an admission, that it was expedient that the Hereditary and Territorial, as well as all other, branches of the l'rovincial Revenue should be surrendered to the appropriation of the House of Assembly, on the grant of a moderate Civil List. In none of the numerous propositions, made during a series of years by Her Majesty's Government, was there a demand for a Civil List to anything like the extent or amount granted by the Re-union Act. In the sister Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, diffcuties have been experienced, very similar to those which have existed in Canada, owing to the Imperial Government having stipulated that a provision should be made for services, which the Legislatures of those Provinces were unwilling to sanction. The question of the Civil List is still unsettled in Nova Scotia; but the Imperial Government have never claimed from the Legislature of that Province, that provision should be made for the services provided for in the Schedules annexed to the Re-union Act.

It is impossible for any Government to support a Civil List, to which objections are raised, and with justice, by the people at large: 1st, On the ground that its establishment was a violation of their Constitutional rights; and, That the services provided for are more than ought to be placed on the permanent Civil List; more than the Imperial Government ever asked previous to the Union ; and more than they now ask from the sister Colony of Nova Scotia; Bd, On the ground that the salaries provided are higher than the Province can afford to pay, with a due regard to the public interests, and move especially to the maintenance of the public credit.

However strong may be the objections to the present arrangement of the Civil List, yet, with a view to preserve a gond understanding between Ier Mijesty's Imperial Government and the Canadian Lewislature and People, an effort should be made to avert the evils which must una voidable arise, if this question he suffered to remain much longer in its present state.

It is right that the Governor-General should be informed of the anxious desire which is generally felt, that the Civil List to be granted to Her Majesty out of the consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada sty out of the consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada should, as far as possible, be analogous to that of the United 164 h October. Kingdom, and that the permanent grant should be limited to the Governor, the Private Secretary to the Governor, and the necessary contingencies of his office, and the Judges of the Superior Courts, who hold their offices during good behaviour; and, that the salaries of the principal officers of the Civil Governmont and of their Clerks, together with their contingent expenses, should bo voted annually, as in England.

## Although this opinion is very strongly entertained,

 and although the Members of the Provincial Governmont would experience great difficulty in advocating a Civil List of a greater extent than that which they hove hitherto supported, it may be found expedient, in consideration of the strong feeling entertained by the Imperial Government on this subject, and in vow of the interests of the people of Canada, that they should waive their objections, and agree to propose to the Canadian parliament the grant of such a a permanent Civil List as will, it may be hoped, fully meat the views of Her Majesty's Government. There does not seem any sufficient reason for dividing the appropriation into two classes, and specifying the services to be provided into two distinct Schedules. This has been found already to produce confusion; but the principal objection to it is, that it may reopen at a future day, a question which has already given rise to most serious difficulty. It would therefore be expedient, in bringing forward a bill for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty, to make the appropriation permanent, and to include all the services to be provided for in one Schedule. With a view of meeting the general demand on the part of the public for retrenchmont and economy, and in view of the large debt contraced for public works, the interest of which it is of the highest importance should be punctually met, it is necessary that a reduction of salaries should take place. A Schedule, annexed to this memorandum, will explain the extent of the reduction which is recommended, and which will leave the salaries of Public Officers quite as high as any Canadian Legislature will be willing to sanction. The reduction proposed in the salaries of the Chief Justice, Vice-Chancellor, Judge at Three Rivers, and J)eputy Inspector-General, ought not to affect the present incumbents. The only items provided for in the Schedules annexed to the Re-union Act. which are not included in the proposed Civil List, are a portion of those under the head of "Con"tingent and Miscellaneous Expenses of the Adminis"ration of Justice in Schedule A, and Contingencies "of Public Offices in Schedule B." There are many reasons why it is inexpedient to include these services. The charges in Schedule A, which it is proposed to exclude, consist chiefly of the contingent expenses of Sheriffs, Gaolers, Coroners, and other Judicial Officers in the lute Province of Lowe: Canada. Services of a similar character have always been checrtially provided for in Upper Canada, as they are in England, by local assessment; and it is possible tint some similar mode of dnfituying them in Lower Canada may be adopted by the Legislature.It is necessary to offer some observations on one item of the services provided for in the present Civil List, viz. the Pensions.

The system, which prevails in England, of granting Pensions and Gratuities to retired servants of the Crown, is considered highly objectionable in Canada; and any attempt to persevere in it will lead to very great discontent. 'I'he Pension List at present amounts to the very large sum of about $£ 7000$, $£ 2000$ of which is included in Schedule A, as pensions to the Judges, to which, however, there is no objection, and $£ 5000$ ;
in Schedule B. It has already been noticed that in the propositions, formerly made by the Imperial Government, for the grant of an adequate Civil List, in exchange for the Hereditary and Territorial Revenues of the Crown, the amount granted for Pensions was to cease on the death of the recipients, Although there is a very general feeling against the principle of pensioning retired servants of the Crown, there can be no doubt that the Legislative Assembly would at any time hereafter, as heretofore, be most ready to co-operate with Her Majesty in granting a retired allowance to any of Her old and meritorious servants, who might be in actual want. This is the utnost extent to which any of the sister Colonics have been called upon to go, and it would be necessary that, in proposing the same amount fixed in the present Civil List for pensions, the Members of the Government should be enabled to assure the Legislative Assembly, that every effort will be used to reduce this item of expenditure as much as possible.

In the annexed Schedule, remarks have been made on such of the different heads of service as appear to require explanation. The amount of the proposed Civil List is $£ 60,000-$ a sum much greater in proportion than what has been claimed for any of the other Colonies on this continent, and much more than what has ever been required from the Legislatures of Lower and Upper Canada, in exchange for the surrender of the Hereditary, Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown.

The plan suggested will be received, it is hoped, as evincing an anxious desire to meet the wishes of Her Mnjesty's Imperial Government on this question ; and, if approved of, there can be no doubt that the

Members of the present Provincial Government will be able to procure the assent of the Canadian Legis- Appendix lature to a Bill for granting a permanent Civil List to Her Majesty, to the amount, and for the services, specified in the annexed Schedule.

It is manifestly impossible that the Members of the present Provincial Government, having a regard to their conscientious convictions, and to the oaths which they have taken, can vindicate in Parliament the present arrangement of the Civil List ; and, were they to attempt such vindication, they would, by entirely losing that public confidence which they now enjoy, be deprived of the power of affording the Governor General any assistance in the administration of the Government. It is quite possible that calamities may result both to the Colony and the Parent State, if a serious difference of opinion should again arise between the Imperial Government and the Canadian Legislature, but it will be satisfactory to reflect that a mode has been pointed out in this Memorandum for averting these calamities.

The Civil List now proposed is greater than the people of Canada will approve of, and the Members of the Goverment will have to rely entirely upon an appreciation by the Legislative Assembly, and the people at large, of the motives which could alone induce them to bring it forward.

The question is in the hands of Her Majesty's Government, and it is earnestly to be hoped, that they may sanction the arrangement which has been suggested in this Memorandum, and that they may authorize it to be carried into effect, before any excited feelings on the subject shall have been manifested, either in or out of Parliament.


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## FINANCIA」 STATEMENTS,

Laid before the Legislative Assembly, on the 17th Octoher, 1843, by command of His Excellency the Governor Gencral, conformably to a Resolution of the House, of the 8th September, 1841.

Scmedele of certain Financial Statements required by the Resolution of the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of Canada, of 8th Scptember, 1841.
No. 1. Statement of all fees and allowances made for the services of any Public Officer commissioned within this Province, shewing the authority under which such fecs were levied, \&c.
"2. Statement of all advances to any Public Officer or Commissioner in the Province of Canada, for the last five years, and unaccounted for at this date.
" 3. Statement of all engagements of the security of the Province to Trustees, Commissioners or otherwise, not cancelled or the money re-paid.
"4. Statement of all arrears or balances due by any Recciver or Collector, with the date when such balances or arrears became due.

JOSEPH CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.
Inspector General's Office,
Kingston, 17th October, 1843.






## Apenddix

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| London | J. B. Clench....... | 31st Dee, $1838 \ldots$ |  | 12708 | Sir G. Authur. | ! - |  |
|  | Charles Widder ..... William G. Hall .... | .18th Oct., $18.41 . .$. |  | 3516 130 2 | Sir R. D. Juckson. <br> sir F. B. Ilmad. |  |  |


Statement of all Fees and Allowances made for the Services of any Public Officer commissioned within this Province, \&c.-(Continued.)

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## Appendix






## Appendix V.) 17th October.




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$\overbrace{17 \text { th October. }}^{\text {Apin }}$ (V.)
Retern of all Advances to any Public Officer or Commissioner in the Province of Canada for the last five years, and unaccounted for at this date-(Continued.)





# CHAMPLAIN AND ST. LAWRENCE RAIL-ROAD. 

Statement of the cost of the Champlain and St. Lawrence Rail-Road, and Appurtenances; and, also, the Receipts and Expenditure upon the same; together with the amount of Tonnage and Passengers transported by the Company, for the season or year 1842, as required by the 49th Section of the Act 2nd Will. IV.. Cap. 58.

Total cost of Rail-Road and Appurtenances, to 31st December, 1842.............€52872 49

| period. | No. of Passengers. | No. of Tons of Freight. | Total Receipts. | Total Expenditure. |
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| For the year 1842......................... | 27041 | . 7716 | $\begin{array}{ccc} \hline \neq & \text { s. } & \text {. } \\ 13600 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \hline \text { f } & \text { s. } & \text { D } \\ 10743 & 18 & 2 \end{array}$ |

Sworn before me, at Montreal, 16 th October, 1843.
B. HALL, J. P.

Rail-Road Office, Montreal, 16th October, 1843.

WM. D. LINDSAY,
Clerk of the Company.

## INSANE AND INVALID PERSONS AND FOUNDLINGS,

IN THE DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

The Commissioners, in conformity to law, have the honour to render their Accounts to the 30th September last, inclusive, by which there appears due them, a sum of four hundred and fifty-seven pounds, three shillings and one penny, currency, being the amount of the expenditure for the quarter from the 1st July, to the above date.

There are now under the charge of the Commissioners, the following, persons and foundlings, viz. :-


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Appendix For } \\ & (\mathrm{X} .) \end{aligned}$ | whose support during the ycar commencing on the 1st October instant, the fo be required, viz: | llowing sums will | Appendix (X.) |
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| $\overbrace{\text { Tith ncwiore }}=-$ | For the Insane-21, at 1s. Sd. per die | $\begin{array}{lll}  & 638 & 15 \end{array}$ | 19 th October. |
|  | For the Invalids,-2s, at 1s, per diem . ....................................... | 51100 |  |
|  | For Clothing for the same . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 10000 |  |
|  | For a Guardian for the Insane,-Salary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $25 \quad 0 \quad 0$ |  |
|  | For the Foundlings,-58, at fd. per diem. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 441010 |  |
|  | For a Nurse for the same,--Salary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | $30 \quad 0 \quad 0$ |  |
|  | For Clothing.... | 1500 |  |
|  | For allowance for tending Indigent Sick. | $200 \quad 0 \quad 0$ |  |
|  | Probable Amount of current Expenses. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | £1060 1510 |  |
|  | To which is to be added the Amount due as above........................... . | $457 \quad 31$ |  |
|  | Forming a Sum of. | £2417 1811 |  |

For which the Commissioners respectfully pray that an appropriation be made by the Legislature.

The Commissioners heg to renew the representations they have made to the Lesidiature., in prereding years, respecting the total insulticiency of Her Building in which the Insane are confined, and the imponsibility of adopting any system of treatment for their relief, owing to the very limited means granted for that purpose. So far lack as the year 1810. representations were made to the Executive. by the Commissioners then acting, on the necessity of erecting Buildings better adapted to the object in viow: and in the year 182.4. a very able and comprehensive Report was made by a Special Committec of the I, egislative Council, on that most important subject: unfortunately no mensures were taken to carry its recommendations interexecution.

Since that time the Population has more than doubled, and the number of persons labouring under that dreadful afliction, insanity, has increased in the same ratio. which renlers it most urgent that effective measures be taken fir their relief, by the establishment of an Asylum, upon the systems followed in Englanl, or in the United Sitates, whero so many of those unfortunats beings are daily restored to their Fanilies, and to Suricty.

The whole humbly submitted :

> CIIALES T. BAILAARGEON, P're.
> L. MASSUE,
> JOS. MORRIN.

Qucbec, 7th October, 1843.


7 Victorix.
Appendix (Y.)
A. 1843.



Return of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the City Bank, during the period from lst March, to 3lst August, 1843.

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|  | 31st March. | ${ }^{30 t h}$ April. | 31st May. | 30th June. | ${ }^{31}$ st July. | 31st August. |
| Promisory Notes in circulation, not bearing Interest |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bills of Exchange in circulation, not bearing Interst. | " ". ، | " " | " " " | " "، | " " | " |
| Bills and Notes in circulation, bearing Interest | " " " | " "، " | " " " | " "، | " " | " |
| Balances due to other Bayks. | 20723188 | 13758172 | 769137 | 1883021 | 1645270 | 910882 |
| Caah Deposits, not bearing Interest. | 25297911 | 292421210 | ${ }^{34529} 67$ | 38938192 | 43397144 | 52154135 |
| Cash Deposaits, bearing Interst. | 1479212 | 16025114 | 1750777 | 18071183 | 10471181 | 108379 |
| Total average Liabiitiea.................................................................... $\boldsymbol{x}$ | 13988199 | $13884{ }^{1} 4^{4}$ | 14623679 | 17236319 | 167223195 | 172410 19 10 |
| ^segrs. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coin and Bullion.. | 2067228 |  | 2044986 | 21996118 | 24074109 | 1871727 |
| Landed or other property of the Bank. | 4056166 | 4056166 | 4056166 | 4056166 | 405616 | 405616 |
| Govermment Securites.. | 50000 | 50000 | 50000 | 50000 | 50000 | 50000 |
| Promisory Notes, or Bills of other Banks. | 11924011 | 1289020 | 1518980 | 1502265 | 14690185 | 1411854 |
| Balances due from other Banks | 6372511 | 6620911 | 1066204 | 16193611 | 899781 | 2159712 |
| Notes and Bills discounted, or detss dne to the Pank, not included under the foregoing heads...................... | 3224132 | 319996310 | 311926 | 22759514 | 329417 | 32650911 |
| Total average Aspets.................................................................. | 3653388 | 3644957 | 3627831911 | 383364 210 | 381667010 | 38549986 |
| City Bank <br> Montreal, 1st September, 1843 |  |  |  |  | c. H | TLE Casbier. |


| Return of the Average Amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Quebec Bank during the period from the lst March to the 31st Aug Victoria, cap. 94. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lambities. | mosth ending. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $318 t$ March. | 30th April. | 31st May. | 30th Junc. | 31st July. | 31st Augast. |
| Promissory Notes in circulation, not bearing Interest <br> Bills of Exchange in circulation, not bearing Interest <br> Bills and Notes in circulation, bearing Interest <br> Balances due to other Banks <br> Cash Deposits, not bearing Interest. <br> Cash Deposits, bearing Interest |  | $\stackrel{\text { t }}{ }$ | $\mathrm{f}_{\text {c }} \mathrm{s}$ s. D . |  | ${ }_{38145}^{\text {f }}{ }_{0}^{\text {f. }}$ | $\underset{36100}{\text { E }}$ |
|  | " ، " | " " " | " " " | " | " | " " " |
|  | " | " " | " " | " | " | " " " |
|  | 321167 | 375918 | "، " " | 3643142 | 165951 | 2575131 |
|  | 3041537 | 30089145 | 25888114 | 3096993 | 39099103 | 39794152 |
|  | 22270114 | 24192193 | 20427125 | 1531400 | 1585900 | 12250 |
| Total average Liabilities ... ..... . .. ........... ...... .......... ............f | 82008166 | 5603154 | 8167589 | 8669335 | $9479215 \quad 4$ | 967213 |
| Coin and Bullion..................................... .................... ..... .... ... .... ... .............. .... ...... ... | 27666105 | 293880 | 22314145 | :0758 1810 | 3274283 | 343291010 |
| Landed or oher Property of the Bank.. | 5485511 | 54961013 | 51961011 | 54961011 | 54961011 | 54961011 |
| Government Securities........ ................................................................................................................................................................................ | 23500 | $\begin{array}{llll}2350 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 295000 | $30: 500$ | 305000 | 305000 |
|  | 461100 | 86650 | 109650 | 175700 | 1291100 | 1545100 |
| Balances due from other Banks... | 465917142373169 | $\begin{array}{rrr} 3986 \quad 46 \\ 14205 \quad 13 \quad 10 \end{array}$ | 87251111 | 7278157 | 827220 | 32.48108 |
| Notes and Bills discounted, or other Debts due to the Bank, not included under the foregoing heads. |  |  | 13256588 | 1362441410 | 14288762 | 1507517 |
| Total average Assets .. ........ ........................... ........ ...... $\boldsymbol{c}^{\text {\| }}$ | 182396199 | 186292150 | 1791481011 | 18461602 | 193739174 | 198421911 |
| Quebec Bank. 1st September, 1843. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. 

(Copied from the London Gazotte, of 11th August, 1843.)

Account shewing the whole amount of the Debrs and Assets of the Bank of British Nortit America, at the close of the year 1842 ; and shewing, also, the amount of its payable Notes on demand which had been in circulation during every month of the year ; together with the amount of Specie and other Assets, distinguishing each kind, immediately available in every such month for the discharge of such Notes.
(Published pursuant to Royal Charter of Incorporation.)


| 1842. | Notes in circula tion. Halifax Currency. | Specie. <br> Halifax Currency. | Notess of other Banks. <br> Halifax Currency. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { ¢ } & \text { S. } & \text { D. } \\ 166814 & 10 & 0\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { £ } & \text { s. } & \text { D. } \\ 53754 & 15 & 9 . \end{array}$ |
| February | 16223300 | 142726198 | 54361176 |
| March . | 146474 0 0 | 1262851111 | 543661211 |
| April | 145883100 | $12985315 \quad 2$ | 60323811 |
| May . | 152340000 | 12340478 | 59796 5 |
| June. | 15727050 | 12780414 | 5641172 |
| July | 157144 | 123391110 | 458551 |
| August | 162131150 | $129504 \quad 2 \quad 4$ | 34962169 |
| September | 15550250 | 132251112 | 3970518 0 |
| October | 16124000 | 12425291 | 4239818 |
| November | 100086 50 | 13496715 | 4103412 C |
| December | $14853510 \quad 0$ | 14528217 | 30595711 |

By order of the Court of Directors,
Toronto, 16th October, 1843.

A true copy,<br>THOS. PATEN,<br>Inspector of Branches.

Account shewing the whole amount of the Debts and Assets of the Canadian Branches of the Bank of Britisi North America, on 14th October, 1843, together with the amount of Notes in circulation, and Specie on hand, furnighed in accordance with the order of the House of Assembly, viz:


| Gexrral Stratemevt of the Affairs of the Connerciat | Baxk, Milland District, Monday, 9th Octoter, 1843. |
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| We the undersigned make oath that the foregoing Statements are correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief. <br> Commercial Bank, M. D. <br> Kingston, 9th October 1843. <br> Sworn before me, at Kingston, <br> JOHN S. CARTWRIGIIT, <br> THOMAS WILSON. President. | Rate of last Dividend, 4 per Cent...................................ssooo 00 <br> Amount of Dehts duc the Bank and not paid, of which $£ 5500$ may be considered doubtful. <br> $\begin{array}{lll}30544 & 6 & 5\end{array}$ |
| Join Maccluax. J. P. |  |

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Geveral Statement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada, on the 17th October, 1843, furnished by order of the Honourable the Legislative Assembly

Eomund Ritchie, J. P.
$\overbrace{26 \mathrm{H}}^{\text {Appendix }}$ October空


## D 0 C U M E NTS

Which accompanied the Message of His Excellency the Governor General to the Legislative Assembly, relating to the Act for the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools, dated 25th October, 1843.

No. 1.-Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, on the subject of the distribution of the appropriation for the support of Common Schools. Approved, 13th January, 1843.

No. 2.-Report of a ditto, on a Memorial from the Municipal Council of the District of Victoria. Approved, l6th March, 1843.

No. 3.-Report of a ditto, on an application from the Warden of the Midland District. Approved, 4th April, 1843.

No. 4.-Report of a ditto, on the subject of the distribution of the appropriation made for the support of Cominon Schools in Eastern Canada. Approved, 17th August, 1843.

No. 5.-Table of the Elementary Schools in operation in Canada East, which have a claim to the Government Allocation for the year 1842, according to the population and to the degree of conformity of the Inhabitants to the requirements of the Common School Act in each Municipal District respectively, as they have been reported.

No.6.-Statement shewing the payments made and sums owing on the appropriation of £20,000 Currency, for Common Schools in Canada West, for 1842.
No. 7.-Statistical Report on Education in Canada East, for 1842.

No. 1.-Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, dated 26th December, 1843.

## (Copy.)

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Charles Bagot, G. C. B. Governor General of British North America, \&ec. \&c. \&c.

Report of a Commit-
Approved in Council,
13th January, 1843. $\}$
(Signed,) The Honorable Mr. Sullivan, in the Chair, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Daly, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Kil-laly,Mr.Hincks,Mr.Lafontaine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr.Aylwin, Mr. Small', and Mr. Morin, on the subject of the distribution of the appropriation for the support of Common Schools.

## May it please Your Exceliency,

The Committee of the Executive Council have considered with much anxiety the difficult question of the distribution of the appropriation made by Parliament in the Session before the last of the Provincial Parliament, for the support of Common Schools.

The Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal cer" tain Acts therein mentioned, and to make " further provision for the establishment and " maintenance of Common Schools through" out the Province," provides a sum of $£ 50,000$ currency, to be distributed in the manner therein after provided. The Act further provides for the appointment of a Superintendent of Education, whose duty it should be to apportion in each and every year, the money granted by the Legislature as aforesaid, among the several Municipal Districts, in the ratio of the number of children over five and under sixteen years of age, that should appear by the then last census of the Province to be resident within such District respectively. The same Act further provides that the District Council of each District should be a Board of Education, and their duties as such Board should be to divide the several townships and parishes within their District into School Districts, and to furnish a report' of such division to the SuperintendentofEducation, and also to apportion and distribute to each of the School Districts its share of the Scliool fund proportioned to the number of children resident in such School District; also to cause to be assessed; on the inhabitants of each School District, sums of money for the erection of a School house, for the purchase of books, and further to report their proceedings in matters relating to Comimon Schools annually.

By the same Act it is further: provided, that if the District Council should at any time refuse or neglect to comply with the foregoing requirements, the District should not be entitled to receive any sum of money out of the School fund until stich requirements shall have been duly complied with, or a good and sufficient cause for non compliance shall have been shewn to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Education.

The Act further provides for the election of Common School Commissioners in each Iownship, whose duty it should be to acquire Sites for Common School Houses, to make estimates of the costs thorcof, and of the cost of fuel and appendages, and to transmit the same to the Clerk of the District Council, in order that the Inhabitants of the respective Districts may be assessed accordingly; also to appoint one of their number to superintend the School and to manage the concerns thereof, and to report quarterly the state thereof to the Commissioners, and the amount of monies received for the same and the mode of their expenditure, the number of children taught in the School, and the number of days of attendance of each child; also to appoint and remove Teachers, to regulate the course of study, and hear and determine disputes; also to appoint two of their number as Visitors, and to grant Warrants on the District 'Ireasurers, to exonerate poor persons from payment of the Teachers, and to report annually to the District Council.

The Act further provides for the collection of the School Rates, and also of a Special Rate of one shilling and three pence monthly, as additional wages to the Masters. The same Act further provides that no Common School shall be entitled to any portion of the fund, unless it shall have been open for at least nine months during the year then last past, and shall have been attended during that time by fifteen children, nor unless the reports required as above stated shall have been regularly made, and the sum paid by the Inhabitants by Assessment, or othernise, towards the support of the School, shall have been at least equal to the sum apportioned; and it is further provided that nothing in this section of the Act contained, shall prevent the payment of monies under the said Act, towards the establishment and maintenance of any Common School for the first year after the passing of the Act.

It will be seen from these provisions of the Common School Act, that its operation depended mainly upon the successful working of the Ordinance passed by the Governor and Special Council of Lower Canada, intituled, "An Ordinance to provide for the better " internal Government of this Province by the "establishment of local or municipal au"thorities therein,"-and of the Act of the Parliament of Canada, intituled, "An Act for " the better internal Govermment of that part " of this Province which formerly constituted
"the Provinco of Upper Canada, by the "establishment of local or municipal authori"ties thercin,"-and that where these laws 26 th October. have not been carried into effect, there can be 10 Common Schools coming strictly within the meaning of the Common School Act, and that even when the same Laws have been but partially put in operation, and when all the requirements of the Commonschool Act have not been fally carricd out, there can, according to strict Law, be no appropriation from public funds in aid of Common Schools.

Now it appears that in Lower Canada, allhough the Municipal Ordinance has been gencrally carried into effect so far as the election of Municipal Councillors, and although in some Districts, Common School Districts have been set out, and in others preparatory steps have been taken for Assessment for the purposes of Common Schools, yet in no instance within the knowledge of the Committce have the Assessments actually been levied, or the other requirements of the Common School Act carried fully out, so as to entitle the Schools to public support, according to strict Law.

The reasons why, in a great portion of Lower Canada, the Municipal Ordinance has not been fully operative, need not now be subject of enquiry. It is sufficient to say, that a Law, the execution of which depended upon the exercise of elective powers by the conslituency of a whole country, could not well have effectual operation if the Law or the mode of its enactiment were generally received unfavorably by the population. It will be for the wisdom of Padiament to substitute such Municipal Code as will induce its cordial adoption; this, the Committee are happy to think may be done without much difficulty; and in the meantime, and until a more perfect System of Assessment than is proposed by the present Law shall be established, the Com. mittee do not see much reason to regret that the Municipal Laws have not been fully carried into cffect.

The Common School Act deals with the Municipal Act as ir in full operation, but it appears to contemplate the probability of want of observance of forms and requircments on the part of the School Commissioners during the lirst year after it should itself become law, and accordingly the want of these forms and requirements are not under the proviso of the Act to prevent a distribution of the public funds for school purposes. But the forms and requirements which are thus for one year rendered not indispensable, could not by possibility have been observed while the District Councils remained inactive, and the question for the Committee to consider is, whether the spirit of the Act which appears to require. a distribution of the Scliool funds, for one year. at all events, should be allowed, or whether the Country should be deprived of the support beneficiently intended for education in obe-
dience to the strict letter of the law, but without fault in those who are immediately interested; and when the difficulties in the way of receiving that support have arisen from political questions not connected with the subject of education.

In Lower-Canada generally, Schools in the nature of CominonSchools, have been in operation during the past year. They lave received private contributions probably to as large an amount as the School Act requires to raise from assessment or otherwise. These schools want very much the aidintended to be afforded by the Legislature, although in strict law they may not be entitled to receive it.
The Committee of Council think, after great consideration, that the intention of the Legislature will be carried out substantially by a distribution of the School fund, and that a denial of such distripution, although in strict conformity with law, would be a contravention of its spirit and intention, and would amount to a visitation upon the rising generation of a species of penally, for a fault, if it may be so termed, in which those who would suffer had no participation.

The Committee therefore respectlully recommend that the sum of thirty thousand pounds, out of the sum of fifty thousand pounds appropriated as above, be reserved for LowerCanada, and thatso much thereof be distributed in aid of Schools as may be found on enquiry they are equitably entitled to, or had reason to expect, and that a bill of indemnity to cover this expenditure be laid before Parliament at the next Session.

The Committee are not yct in possession of the reports of the officer who has been in the exercise of the functions of Superintendent of Education of Lower-Canada, or of sufficient information to enable them to enter into the the details of distributions; but if Your Excellency shall be pleased to assent to the appropriation of funds above recommended, the Committee will, on the receipt of the necessary information; enter immediately into the consideration of details. This plan will probably leave a sum of money, which may be considered equitably at the credit of Lower-Canada, for Common School purposes, and may be distributed in aid of the grant for next year if the Legislature shall see fit.

As regards Upper-Ganada, the Committee of Council find from the By-laws and Reports before them, that the following District Councils have complied with the law, and levied the assessment required thereby: 1 st. Bathurst, 2nd. Vietoria, 3rd. Newcastle, 4th. Home, 5 thi. Niagara, 6th. Gore, 7th. Talbot. But it appears thathitherto there has been no Census of tlie popnlation shewring the numbers's of children residentaneach Districtsand consequently the proportions required by the Common-school Act.cannot be ascertained.

The ©onmittee would therefore recommend that the proportions of the population appearing by the Census of 1841 , he taken as the rule of division. The Committee find that the Superintendent for Upper Canada lias already adopted this rule; and the Committee think that under the circumstances it was the best within his reach.

The Committee therefore recommend that the sum of twenty thousand pounds be set apart for Upper Canada, and that a share of the same be distributed amongst the above Districts according to their relative population, And further that Warrants issue for the ainount as ascertained by the Superintendent in favor of the respective District Treasurers.
TheCommittee further find that in the following Districts, the division into School Districts has been made, but no sums have been levied by assessment, the Common Schools therein continuing to be supported by voluntary fees upon tuition with the expected aid from public funds:-1 1 st.The District of Ottawa, 2d. Eastern, 3d. Midland, 4th. Prince Edward, 5th. Colborne, 6th. Wellington, 7hl. Brock, 8th. Huron, 9th. London, 10th. Western.
In these' Districts many of the School Dis* tricts have had no Schiool in operation during the past year, and therefore no public money will be distributed for the past year,as respects these vacant School Districts.

Thie Committee would therefore recommend that the sum of twenty thousand pounds aforesaid, be divided as appropriated for the Districts, according to their relative amounts of population, but that warrants be issued in favor of the District Treasurers for amounts in the proportion whicli the Schools reported to be in operation bear to the whole number of School Districts, in each of the said Districts respectively. This will leave a sum of money, equitably at the credit of each of the said Districts respectively, which may be expended in addition to the grant for next yeare for Common ©chool purposes, if Parliament shaly. see fit.

Thie Committee forther find that in the following Districts, the Wistrict Councils have not complied with the Common Sichool Act either by setting off School Districts or byy levying Assessments in aid of Commens Schools:-1st. The District of Johnstown; $2 d$. Dalhousie.

It is well known however that in these Districts a number of Common Schools have been in operation during thre past yearl. supported by voluntary tuition fees, and by the expectation of public aids.

As regards these Districts the Committe recommend that the School money in propore tion of the ppulalion be setapartyand thate such sums be distributed for the Commont

Schools reported to have been in operation, as they would have been entitled to under the old Law, leaving the balance as equitably at the credit of the Districts, to be expended, in addition to the funds of next year, for Common School purposes, if the Legislature shall see fit.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By Order,

## (Signed,)

R.B. SULLIVAN, Chairman.

Council Chamber, Kingston 26th Deccmber, 1843.<br>Certificd,<br>E. PARENT, C. E. C.

No. 2--Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, dated 3d March, 1843.
(Copy.)
To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Charles Bagot, G.C.B., Governor General of British North America, \&c., \&c., \&c.

Report of Committee
Approved in Council, R of the ExecutiveCoun-
16th March, 1843. $\}$ cil — Present: The (Signed, ) Honorable Mr. Sulli-
C.B. van in the Chair, Mr. Daly, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Lafontaine and Mr. Baldwin, on a Memorial from the Municipal Council of the District of Vic. toria.

## May it please Your Excellency,

With reference to a Minute of Council of the 13th January last, on the subject of the distribution of the Common School Fund, appropriated for the year 1842, and upon consideration of the Memorial of the Municipal Council of the District of Victoria, representing certain difficulties which have arisen in the distribution contemplated by the said Minute, the Committce of the Executive Council are respectfully of opinion-first, that the money appropriated from the general funds of the Province is distributable in respect of the services performed by Teachers in the year 1842, and should be distributed amongst the Teachers who have actually kept Schools open in the several Townships, the District Councils using their own discretion as to the distribution of money raised by local taxation.

Second; that in the distribution of the public money so appropriated in the District of Victoria, the Treasurer should be guided by the appropriation made by the District Council
amongst the several Toownships, and place the amount so appropriated at the credit of the said Townships respectively, and honor the warrants of the School Commissioners to the amount so credited, leaving it to the School Commissioners to distribute the money amongst the Teachers of the year 1842 ; in such manner as they shall judge to be in just proportion to the time for which the Schools have been kept open, and to the average number of Scholars who have atiended.

Third, that the Treasurer should require separate warrants for the money so appropriated, signed by a majority of the Commissioners, of whom the Chairman shall be one, which warrants should have embodied therein or attached thereto, a statement of the Teacher's name, the time for which his School shall have been kept open, and the average number of scholars instructed therein; and that no appropriation to a greater amount than twenty five pounds should be credited or paid to any School District from the Provincial Fund.

If the District Council shall be found not to have made such distribution amongst the several Townships, the Warden of the District, with the assistance of the Clerk, should, in the opinion of the Committee, make the distribution according to the Census of the population under the age of sixteen, taken in the year 1841, and inform the Treasurer of the District of the distribution so made.

Mr. Secretary Harrison will communicate the substance of this order to the Receiver and Inspector General, and to the Treasurers and Wardens of the Districts for their information and guidance, and the regulation will apply to all Districts classed number one in Upper Canada, in the above mentioned Minute of Council.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By Order.
(Signed,)
R. B. SULLIVAN, Chairman. Certified.

E. PARENT, C.E.C.

Council Chamber,
Kingston, 3d March, 1843.

No. 3.--Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, dated 1st April 1843.

## (Copy,)

To His Excellency The Right Honorable Sir Charles T. Metcalfe, Baronet, and G. C.B. Governor General of British North America, dec. \&c. \&c.

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Approved in Council, th April, 1843. (Signed,

Report of a Committee of the Executive Council: Present, the Honorable Mr. Sullivan in the Chair, Mr. Hincks, Mr.Harrison, Mr.Dunn, Mr, Lafontaine and Mr. Morin, on an application from the Warden of the Midland District.

## May it please Your Excellency,

The Committee of Council having reference to a general Minute, on the subject of the distribution of the fund appropriated by Parliament in aid of the Common Schools, dated 13th January last, and to a Minute on the same subject, relating to the distribution of the same fund, in the District of Victoria, dated the 16th March last, have, in obedience to the commands of His Excellency Sir Charles Bagot, considercd the accompanying application from the Warden of the Midland District, selting forth, that although the Municipal Council had not, in strict obedience to the Common School Act, assessed the sum required to be raised by local taxation, so as to entitle that District to a full proportion of the School fund, yet that the inhabitants of the District had, by means of expenditure provided by voluntary subscription, and by township assessment, equitably entitled the District to a distribution on the same principles adopted as respects the District of Victoria.

Your Excellency will perceive from a perusal of the above mentioned Minutes of Council, that the Common School Act, in consequence of the novelty of its . provisions, as well as because of the Municipal Institution created by law in Lower-Canada, not having been carried into operation, a strict compliance with the law was not in the power of the Government, and that to avoid the evil which the Country would suffer, if the appropriation for the last year were withheld from distribution, a course has been adopted as nearly conformable to the spirit of the law, and the intentions of the Legislature, as circumstances would permit,

With the same object, the Committee, on consideration of the present application, are of opinion that the prayer of the Warden of the Midland District may be acceded to, and that the remaining portion of the sum of $£ 1129167 \frac{1}{4}$, appropriated to the Midland District, be distributed on the same principles as those adopted for the District of Victoria.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By Order,

> (Signed;) R. B. SULLIVAN,

Council Chamber,
Kingston, 1st April, 1843. $\}$
Certified,
E. PARENT, C. E.C.

No. 4.-Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, dated 17th August, 1843.
(Copy.)
To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Chatles T. Metcalfe, Baronet, and G. C. B., Governor General of British North America, \&c. \&c. \&c.

Report of a Commiltee Approved in Council, $\partial$ of the Executive Coun17th August, 1843. \}cil-Present: the Hon. (Signed,) Mr. Sullivan in the C. 'T. M. Chair, Mr. 1Junn, Mr. Daly, Mr. Hincks, Mr. Lafontaine, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Aylwin, and Mr. Morin; on the subject of the distribution of the appropriation made by the Provincial Parliament, for the support of Common Schools in Eastern Canada.

## May it please Your Excellency,

The Committee of Council, in obedience to Your Exceliency's commands, have taken into consideration the following documents, relating to the distribution of the appropriation made by the Provincial Parliament, for the support of Common Schools:-

1st. Statistical Tables on Elementary Education in Lower Canada, for the year 1842, made by Dr. J. B. Meilleur, Assistant Superintendent of Education, containing an abstract of the information obtained by that gentleman, before circulars were sent on the subject by the Provincial Secretary, with the view of obtaining further knowledge of the facts relaling to the same subject.

2nd. A Statistical Report on Education, by the same gentleman, compiled from letters reccived from the Wardens of Districts, and Members of Parliament, and also extracts of letters from members of the Clergy, School Commissioners, and others, in the several localities.

3rd. Statistical Tables compiled by the same gentleman from the letters received in answer to the above circular, from members of the Clergy, School Commissioners, and others, containing an analysis of the information obtained, as to the state of the Schools in each locality, and the extent to which the requirements of the Law have been attended to, as far as was practicable.

4th, A Statistical Report by the same gentleman, on the same sulbject, and with the same details, compiled fiom the docuinents abovenentioned as Nos 1 and 3 , havingre-

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ference also to letters received since by Dr . Mcilleur.

5th. Tables of the Rlementary Schools in operation during the year 1842, which are recommended for the Government allocation, according to the popalation taken from the Census of 1 s31, and to the degrec of conformity of the Inhabitants to the requirements of the Law, as far as the same have been reported to Govermment or to Doctor Meilleur, having in view cortain rules and Jimitations hereinafter mentioned. Having also referred to the Order in Council, approved by His Excellency Sir Charles Bagot on the 13th day of Jamary 1843, the Committee of Council respertially report as follows:-

In the Order in Council we found the following paragraphs: "The Committoe, there"fore, respectully recommend that the sum " of thinty thousind pounds, out of the sum of " fifty thousand pounds appropriated as above, " be reserved for Lower Canada, and that so " much thereof be distributed in aid of sichools, "as may be fourd, on inquiry, they are " equitably entitled to, or had reason to expect, " and that a bill of indemmity and to cover this " expenditure be laid before Parlianent at the " next Session.
"The Committee are not yet in possession " of the Reports of the officer who has been in "the exercise of the functions of Superin"tendent of Education of Lower Camada, or "of sulficient information to chable them to " enter into the details of distribution, but if "Your Excellency shall be pleased to assent "to the appropriation of the funds above re"commended, the Committee will, on the " receipt of the necessary information, enter " immediately into the consideration of detail. "'Lhis plan will probably leave a sum of " money, which may be considered equitably "at the credit of Lower Canada, for Common "School purposes, and may be distributed in "aid of the grant for next year, if the Legis-
" lature shall see fit."
In furtherance of those views, Dr. Mcilleur has been called to the Seat of Government to offer his own suggestions and views, and to put in proper order the mass of information which has been obtained; and from a very extensive correspondence, from the different parts of Lower Canada, with himself and Government, he has with great labour and diligence prepared the abovementioned reports and tables, upon which action mast now be taken.

The information contained in the letters condensed in the abovementioned documents are necessarily very imperfect, and groundod upon the different views of the persons who wrote the letters. It is to be expected however that the result will be as correct as the case admits. No doubt several Schools which might otherwise deserve their share of the
allocation have not been reported at all, and other Schools which have been reported tuo imperfectly to come within the terms of the $26 i h$ October. Law, and local contributions may, in these instances, have been made equally meritorious as in the cases reported more fully; but the inhabitants of those localities will have only to blame themselves, if, during the long space of time which has interrened, they have not thought proper to put themselves in correspendence with any of the authoritios, or to give the requisite information, through the Achool Commissioners, the members of the Clergy, or other persons in the respective localifies. It is not recommended to enter into the discussion of the claims of those Schools for the year 1812, beyond what may be left, as hereafter mentioned, to the Superintendent of Idducation, to provide for particular and extraordmary cases.

From the facts collected by Dr. Meilleur, and from his own information and knowledge of the subject, he has deduced the following classifications, as a guidance to the apportionment, that is to say :1 st. The share apportioned to each Municipal District is proposed to be according to the Census of 1831, for the reasons mentioned in the Order in Council above alluded to, and in Dr. Meilleur's Report. 2nd. I'the manner in which the Schools in each Municipal District have been established, maintaincd and directed, as far as reported.-3rd. The amount of the contributions of the inhabitants of each locality for the support of Elcmentary Schools.-4th. A minimum sum to be fixed for each School entitled to the allocation, even when the local contributions might have exceeded. Hence have resulted the following recommendations, on his part, as to which Schools may be considered as having a claim to the Govermment allocation, to wit: 1st. Those which have been placed under the control of the School Commissioncrs and were directed by them, and are reported as having been mainlained, and as having operated satisfactorily. 2nd. The independent Schools for the maintenance of which the inhabitants of the respective localities have contributed, so as to be, in that respect, in conformity with the spirit of the School Act. With regard to these latter ones, the recommendation is certainly the greatest extent to which it is possible to depart from the strict requirements of the law, as the want of action on the part of Municipal Councils did not hinder or prevent the inhabitants of each particular parish or township from doing what was in their own power to effect, by electing School Commissioners and by placing the Schools under their control.

From the above rules, limitations and recommendations, Dr. Meilleur has departed only in two instances. 1st. As regards three Schools in the District of Gaspe, and three Schools in the District of Bonaventure, for each of which a gratuity of fifteen pounds is recommended, owing to the remoteness of those districts from
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the rest of the Province, and to other known disadrantages, and to the extreme poverty of the inhabitants, although the information obtained is unsatisfactory. Dr. Meilleur was induced, from his own knowledge of that portion of the Province, obtained during his visit there, to make the recommendation as an encouragement for the future, considering, that unless it is adopted, those districts will not share in the allocation, there being no other Schools there. 2 nd. He has recommended additioual sums in two places werc great sacrifices have been made, as a help in the building of School houses, upon the prayer of the inhabitants themselves, and upon proofs of the merits of the claimants, there being also a large balance remaining untouched in that District.

The Committee therefore respectfully recommend that, out of the sum of thirty thousand pounds, being the sharc for Lower-Canada, according to the Order in Council above mentioned, the Recciver Gencral bo authorized to pay the sum of $£ 92907 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d. , currency, to the Commissioners to be appointed in eacl District for that purpose, according to the table accompanying the present Report.

As it is out of the question, under the present circumstances, considering the non-operation of the Municipal Councils, to entrust them, or any of their oflicers with the distribution of the money in the respective localities, and as on the other hand it would be impossible for the Government to correspond directly with the School Commissioners and others in every parish or township, and to make to them the respective payments, it is respectfully recommended that His Excellency the Governor General might appoint in each county a certain number of Commissioners, chosen amongst those who have crinced the greatest zeal for education, to be entrusted with the distribution of the money according to the said tables, and under instructions sent by the Superintendent of Education, and approved by Government, the advances so made to the said Commissioners to be hereafter accounted for ; and for greater facility and promptness, it is also recommended that the monies be deposited at some of the Banks, and paid according to orders from the said Commissioners in favour of the respective parishes, townships, or particular Schools as apportioned by them under their instructions.

Dr. Meilleur also recommends that an accountable warrant for the sum of five hundred pounds currency, from the above allocation of thirty thousand pounds, for the year 1842, might issue to him, to be accounted for hereafter, liable to be divided as an assistance in favour of indigent Schools in proportion of the efforts of the inhabitants to support them, in order to provide for unforseen cases, where some reasonable excuses may be brought for not having made report sooner, and also as a help for the building of School houses in meritorious instances; a recommendation which the

Committee are led to adopt, and they therefore also respectfully, recommend that the Receiver General may be authorized to make the said 2ath octobor. advance, to be hereafter accounted for, and to be charged against the allocation of thirty thousand pounds in the same manner as the above sum of $£ 92907 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$; the Superintendent of Education to state in his future reports, the grounds of each particular allowance out of the said sum.

In a memorial of the 34 th July, 1843, which the Committec have also had under their consideration, Dr. Meilleur requests to be dispensed from the visitation of the several districts for the present year, 184:3, on public grounds which appear admissible, and the Committee do not think that a visit, besides the expenses thereof, would be expedient at present, as the information could not be collected unless' each particular Parish and Township was gone over, which information besides would be only of the same nature as that obtained for the year 1842. And besides, the visit, if necessary at all, will be much better after next Session of Parliament, during which, no doubt, new Legislative provisions will be made on the subject.

Under the above there would be still left for Lower Canada, out of the $£ 30000$, an unexpended sum of $£ 20209$ 12s 6 d , as foreseen in the Report of Council, of the 13th January, 1843.

The Committee perceive, with much regret, that nothing has been done, or at least reported up to the present time, in the Cities of Quebrc, Montreal and Three Rivers, which could entitle them to a share of the allocation under the law, although the educational arrangements were for those places the least connected with the Municipal Institutions, which have failed to operate.
All which is respectfully submitted.
By Order,

> (Signed, ) R. B. SULLIVAN, Council Chamber, ston, 17 th August, 1843.$\}$

Certified, E. PARENT, C. E. C.

Apportionment of the sum of $£ 30,000$ among. the several Municipal Districts in Canada East, for the year 1842, according to their respective population under the Census of 1831.
Eikewise, a list of the sums recommended to be paid to each Municipal District in favour of the Schools in operation which are reported as having an established claim to the Government allocation, and of the sums remaining to the credit of each district, for the year 1842, respectively.
(Z.) APPORTIONMENT of the sum of $£ 30,000$ among the several Municipal Districts in 2Gth October.


Certified, E. PARENT, C. E.C.

Mo. 5.-TABLE of the Elementary Sciools in operation in Canadia East, which have a claim to the Government allocations, for the year 1812, according to the population and to the degree of conformity of the inhabitints to the requirements of the Common School Acts in each Municipal District, respectively, as they liave been reporied.

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Appendix
(Z.) No 5.-TABLE of the Elementary Schools in operation in Canada East, \&cc-Coniinued:

| DISTRICTS. | PARISHES OR TOWNSHIPS. |  |  |  |  |
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| Bonaventure. | Carleton (Township). <br> Port Daniel. <br> Bunaventure. | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { £ } & \text { s. } & \text { d. } \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots\end{array}$ | 1 1 1 | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { ¢ } & \text { s. } & \text { d. } \\ 15 & 0 & 0 \\ 15 & 0 & 0 \\ 15 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} f & \varepsilon_{0} & \\ 15 & d_{1} \\ 15 & 0 & 0 \\ 15 & 0 & 0 \\ 15 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$ |
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|  | Total. | $1 \quad 20 \quad 0 \quad 0$ | 1 | $20 \quad 0 \quad 0$ | $40 \quad 0$ |
| Dorchester. | St. Jean Chrysostôme. St. Henri de Lauzon. St. Isidore. St. Louis de Lotbinière. St. Joseph, Pointe Lévi. St. Nicolas. St. Antoine de Tilly. |  | 7 $\cdots$ 3 5 7 5 13 | $\begin{array}{rrr}115 & 0 & 0 \\ \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 46 & 0 & 0 \\ 80 & 0 & 0 \\ 103 & 0 & 0 \\ 100 & 0 & 0 \\ 156 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 115 0 0 <br> 140 0 0 <br> 46 0 0 <br> 80 0 0 <br> 103 0 0 <br> 100 0 0 <br> 156 0 0 |
|  | Total | $7 \quad 140000$ | 40 | 60000 | 74000 |
| Gaspe | Cape Cove. Gaspe Basin. Parcé |  | 1 1 1 | $\begin{array}{lll}15 & 0 & 0 \\ 15 & 0 & 0 \\ 15 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}15 & 0 & 0 \\ 15 & 0 & 0 \\ 15 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ |
|  | Total |  | 3 | 4500 | 4500 |
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No. 5.-TABLE of the Elementary Schools in operation in Canada East, \&e.-Continucd.


(Signed,)
J. B. MEILLEUR.

No. 6. -STATEMENT shewing the payments made, and sums owing on the appropriation of $£ 20,000$, Currency, for Common Schools in Canada West, for 1842.



Inspector General's Office,
Kingston, 17th October, 1843.

F. HINCKS,<br>Inspector General.

No. 7.-Statistical Report on Education, being an abstract from Report No. 2 and No. 4 on the same subject, in Canada East, for 1842.

## PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

## May it please Your Excrllency,

An Act passed by the Provincial Parliament, 18 th September 1841, for the establishment and maintenance of Elementary Schools throughout the Province of Canada, provides a sum of $\$ 50,000$ currency, to be divided, in the first place, between the two sections of the Province, now Canada West and Canada East; and, secondly, to be distributed among the several Municipal Districts, annually, in proportion to the number of children over five and under sixtcen years of age, that shall appear, by the Census then the last taken of the Province, to be resident within each District, respectively.

The same Act further provides that the Council of each Municipal District shall be a Board of Education, whose duties as such, shall be to divide the several Parishes and Townships, within their Municipal District, into School Districts, and furnish a Report of such a division, and likewise an annual Report of the Schools in operation, to the

Superintendent of Education; also to apportion and distribute to each of the School Districts its share of the School Fund in proportion to the number of children residing therein as aforesaid, and to cause to be assessed on the inhabitants of each School District sums of money sufficient to equal their respective share of the School grant.

The same Act provides for the election of School Commissioncrs in every Parish or Township to take the clarge and direction of the Elementary Schools established in each of them respectively,according to Law, and whose principal duties are to hire the Teachers, to prescribe to them the rules to be observed, and the books to be used in their respective Schools, to visit the said Schools several times, and to make a faidhful report of the whole once a year to the Wardens of the Municipal District.

The same Act further provides that no Common School shall be entilled to any portion of the School fund, unless it shall have been open for at least nine months during the year, shall have been attended during that time by, at least, fifteen children, nor unless the Reports required shail have been regularly made, and a sum be paid by the Inhabitants by Assessment; or otherwise, towards the
support of Elementary Schools, shall have been at least equal to the apportionment,except, according to the 6ith Section of the same Act, good and sulficient cause for non compliance shall have been shewn to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Education, and except, according to the 12 th section of the same Act, for the year 1812, as it is therely provided that nothing contained in the said Act shall prevent the payment of money as appropriated under the said Act towards the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools as aforessaid.

Now, although the Municipal Councils hare not generally operated in the lower section of the Province, towards the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools, except in a few Districts where the School Districts have been sot out and preparatory steps have been taken for $\Lambda$ ssessiment for the support of the snid Schools; and allhnugh in no instance this assessment has actuxtly been done, or have the other requirements of the Common School Act been carried fully out, so as to cutitle the Schools in operation to a share of the public fund according to strict law; still; Your Excellency will be pleased to observe the existence of six principal facts which are of a nature to prove in a satisfactory manner that the Inhabitants of Canada East have accepted the present Sehool Act, and have in a great measure complied with its most inportant requirements, that is: 1st. They have almost universally elected the School Commissioners for the years 1842 and 1843 :-2nd. They have divided the Parishes or 'Townships into School Districts either with or without the sanction of the Municipal Council, according as it was granted or refused: 3u. They have established Common Schools in their rospective Parishes or 'Lownships, and placed them under the control of the School Commissioners: 4 th. They have furnished, by voluntary contributions or otherwise, sums of money suffiesent to mect their share of the Sehool grant respectively: 5th. 'I'he School Commissioners have directed the Schools placed under their control, generally according to the most important requirements of the Common School Act: Gth. Some reports were by them made either to the Warden of the Municipal District, or directly to the Superintendent of Education, or to both.

Your Excellency will be pleased to observe that the Common School Act having in contemplation, as it appears by the 6th and by the 12 th sections, the possibility of a want of observance of certain forms and requirements on the part of the School Commissioners, especially for the year 1842, these forms and requirements are not all rendered indispensible. Indeed the actual operation of the Common Schools; and the sums of money necessary for their support being levied upon the inhabitants, by assessment or otherwise, and the forwarding of the Reports thereof to the Education Office, appear to be the main parts of the Law ;
and although those reports do not, in every case,mention the quantum of the contributions towards that object, still, the fact is generally rath Octotier. stated, and the probability is, that voluntary contributions have been made in support of all the Common Schools which are in actual operation, to as large an amount as the School Act may require to arise from assessment or otherwise, for they could have no existence, and all these Schools are indeed much in want of the aid intended to be offered by the Legislature in support of Elementary Education.

The Municipal Council being a body politic in each Municipal District, over the action of which neither the School Commissioners nor any other authority have any salutary control, if the strict observance of certain forms and requirements is sometimes wanting on the part of the School Commissioners, it is generally for want of co-operation on the part of the Municipal Council in cach locality, for considerations connected with political questions, and not with the subject of Education.

Therefore, although the letter of the Law was not at all times strictly observed by the School Commissioners in all its forms, yet, considering that the spirit thereof has been by them followed, and its object satisfactorily attained on the one side and on the other, considering the exceptional power given by the Gih section of the School Act generally, and by the 12 th section in a special manner for the year 1842, and the general attempt of the inhabitants and School Commissioners at setting the said Act in due operation, so as to attain its object with confidence in the liberal interpretation of the said sections of the same Act, it appcars evident that the intention of the Legislature would be carried out substantially, by the distribution of the School fund in favor of the localities mentioned in the following table.

And although there is room in that table for the exercise of the indulgence of Your Excellency, still it seems to rest sufficiently on a solid legal ground, corroborated by substantial facts, so as to be convinced of the execution of the Law as far as practicable under the present circumstances. I can then but sincerely hope that Your Excellency will be pleased to take these facts as leading principles in this important question, and thus come to the determination of ordering the issue of the Common School Fund in favor of the inhabitants of the localities mentioned in the following table.

The sum provided by the Common School Act of September 1841, was divided, in 1842, in a rather arbitrary manner between the two sections of the Unitel Province. There being no proper data according to which this primary division of the Common Schiool Fund could be made, owng to the Census in Canada East not being brought dnwn later than 1831, while
that in Canada West is to the year 1841, at which periods the Census for Eastern Canada is estimated at 51. 1,917 , and for Western Canada at 470,000 souls. It was therefore supposed that, for the year 1812 , it might be about right and satisfactory to allow the sum of $£ 20,000$ to Camada Wcst, and $£ 30,000$ to Canada List.

A still greater difficulty has arisen, also, in the subdivision of the $£ 30,000$ among the several Municipal Districts in Camada Eanst, notonly because the number of chiddren is not designated according to their ages of from 5 to 16 years, as contemplated by the Common School Act, but also because the Census of 1831 has nat been taken with any reference to the Manicipal Districts, as they were not then formed. After having waited a sulticient time for the Census ordered to be taken by the Municipal Councils for 1842 , it being found so incomplete as not to be able to make any thing out of it, it was necessary to procced again in a rather arbitrary manner in the subdivision of the $£ 30,000$ among the Municipal Districts. The population being much encreased throughout the Country since 1831 , especially by the emigration from other parts of British dominion, and in some particular localities more than in others, it would have been more correct and more satislactory to make up the apportionment of the Common School fund according to the Census ordered to be taken for 181 ? But mot being able to avail myself of it for that object, I wasobliged to have recourse to the Census for 1831. assuming the number of chiddren between 5 and 16 to be in proportion to the total population of each District.

Itowever, the following table containing the nearest approach that can be made to a correct distribution of the population of 1833 between the Municipal Districts, and to a distribution of the $£ 30,000$ between them in the ratio of such population, I hope Your Excellency will be pleased to approve them, and to order the distribution of the Common School grant ateordingly. In the former, it was not ventured to divide the population of a parish betiveen two Districts, unless the Census returns gwe data for the division, but the whole parish was taken as belonging to the District which contained the bulk of its popu.lation ; and in the latter, the consideration of all fractions of pounds, shillings and pence was thrown out of account.

Likewise, it was very diflentt to make up a general scheme including all the Schools Which have an apparent legal existence, for want of regular and uniform reports on education, although I have sent, as carly as the forepart of July 1842, printed forms for that object to the Wardons of the several Municipal Districts, or to their Clerk respectively, with an explanatory Circular on the subject. The School det not operating generally, I have received only three reports, and
at a late period, from the Wardens, out of twenty four, which, according to law, or the

Appendix (Z.) regulations of the Educational Department $\overbrace{20 \text { O }}$ Otolers should have been sent in in the beginning of February 1843. 'Therefore, I have been obliged to establish a scheme for the grant of governement allocations, from very general facts, scattered in about four hundred varions documents, many of which are far from giring plain and clear statements on the present state of cdacation, with regard to the operative condition of the Elementary Schoois in Canada Past. In such cases, I have extracted the facts which secmed to have the most favorable sense in fivor of the localities whose inhabitants may have a legal claim, either expressed or tacit, to the govermment allocations, in support of their Schools; and I hope Your Excellency will be pleased to view them in the same light, and order the grant of some money.

But, as in ordering the issue of money from the Common School Fund, it appears desirable to establish and follow some conditional limitations, I beg lave to propose the following for the consideration of Your Excellency, that is: -1st, the share of the Common School Fund apportioned to each Municipal District according to the Census for 1831 ; 2 d , the number of Schools in operation in each Municipal District which may have a right to the Government allocation, considering the manner in which they have been established, maintained and directed; 3d, the amount of the contributions of the inhabitants of each locality for the support of Elementary Schools, either by regular assessment, or by voluntary subscriptions, or otherwise; the the maximum sum to be fixed for each School entitled to an allocation, even when the local contributions might have excecled.

As to the share apportioned to cach Municipal District, according to the Census for 1S31, it will be seen opposite the total abstracts from this Statistical Report, No. 5.
The number of Schools in operation in each Municipal District, and which, in my humble opinion, may be considered as having a claim to the Government allocation, are of the two classes; that is-lst, those which have been placed under the control of the School Commissioners and were directed by them, and are reported as having operated satisfactorily; 2d, the indepentent Schools, for the maintenance of which the inhabitants of the respective localities where they are in operation, have contributed so as to be, with regard to the amount of their voluntary contributions, in conformity with the spirit of the School Act. These are the only two classes of Schools which, I believe, can properly be comprehended in the exceptional sense of the sixth and twellth sections of the same Act. Therefore, I would not dare to take the responsibility of recommending any other to the consideration of Your Excellency, as having a legal claim to the Government allocations for 1842 , although 1
may think it to be my duty to draw the favourable attention of Your Excellency upon some other Schools as worthy of a charitable assistance, which, on being extended to them, I am confident would not fail to do good, and meet the ready approbation of the Parliament.

Among the Schools of the first class, there are sixty-eight which are reported without any specification of the particular amount of the contributions of the inhabitants of the respective localities where they are established; it is merely stated that they have been substantiated and kept in useful operation by the School Commissioners and inhabitants with the intention of attaining the object of the Legislature, and of obtaining the Government allocation, and from the general contents of the reports and the respectability of the persons who sent them in, I beligue them to be as fully entitled to the allocation as the other Schools placed in like manner under the control of the School Commisssioners.

There are two peremptory reason; for fixing the maximum of the allocation to the sum of $£ 20$ for each Schsol in due operation: the first reason for doing so is, that the inhabitants being obliged to raise a sum equal to the allocation, they could not in many places reach its amount with the present contributions; and, the second reason is, that if the maximum was raised higher, it might be the means of granting more to some individual localities whose inhabitants have been zealous, than they might be entitled to, considering the collective apportionment of their Municipal Districts respectively, according to the Census for 1831.
Besides, having in view the preceding limitations in the subdivision of the sum of $£\{3(0,000$ among the several Municipal Districts, the consideration of the facts, that about the same amount is provided for the support of the same number of Schools which were established under the common school Act, expircd in 18:36, gives another good reason why the maximun of the allocation should, at once, be limited to the sum of $£ 20$; for, at that rate, the number of one thousand five hundred and thirty Schools ablsorbed the sum of $£ 30,(600$, which is a little more than that placed at the disposal of the Government for the same object, as we need about the same number of Schools. In the course of my instructions to the people, to induce them to set the Law in general operation, I always represented that, under its control, the Government allocation for common School Teachers, could not be more than $£ 20$, nor much less than that sum, provided the School Districts were not made more numerous throughout the country, under the present School Act, than they were under the Act expirel in 1836, and I am convinced, that considering the difficully and embarrassment in which the Government is placed, for want of a regular and more general operation of the Schnol Law, the parties interested will have sufficient reason to be satisfied willi the observauce of the preceding limitations.

After having observed the preceding limitations, the consideration of the sum remaining to the credit of any particular Municipal District, in conparison of the special needs of the inhabitants to whom the compliance with the requirements of the School Act is next to impossible, owing to their Geographical position, $\& \mathrm{c}$., is those located in theJudiciary District of Gaspe, may slow the propriety of deviating, in sume measure, from those limitations.

The Judiciary Districts of Gaspe is a tract of theProvince, which, compared with the other British Possessions in North America, labors, in many respects, under exceptional conditions. Thic inclemency of the climate, the shortness of the summer, the barrenness of the soil, the want of agricultural habits among the inhabitants, the want of public roads for internal communication, the great distance from town markets, the darkness of ignorance and the spirit of dissention which are unhappily prevailing among the mass of the inhabitants, their state of poverty, and even of indigence, are, for them, as many peculiar circumstances which rendered their compliance with the requirements of the Cominon School Law morally impossible. Still, the inhabitants of that poor section of the Province have made some efforts and sacrifires for the establishment and support of six Schools, which are in operation, three in each Municipal District, that is:-in


Now, as these six Schools are the only ones in operation in the two Municipal Districts above named, allhough they have no strict legal existence, still, considering the peculiar circunstances in which the inhabitants are placed, their efforts to support six Elementary Schools among them, and the amount of their apportionment of the Common School fund, I think it but just to recommend them to the indulgence of Your Excellency, and beg for them the small grant of $£ 15$ for each of them, as a charitable assistance, total $£ 90$, otherwise their apportionment of the School fund shall remain intact, and of no avail to their needy children.

On the same exceptionable principles, if Your Excellency was pleased to grant a responsible warrant for a certain sum from the Common School fund, liable to be divided as an assistance among the several Municipal. Districts in lavor of indigent Schools therein, in operation, in proportion to the efforts of the inhabitants to support them, and to the amount of the apportionment remaining to their credit respectively, it would be the means of doing great good, by thus giving aid, encouragement and vigour, in conformity to the spirit of the Common School Law, to those who may stand in need thereof Indeed, the weight of depression and discou-



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Of the Superintendent of Education for Lower Canada, for the year 1842, laid before the Legislative Assembly by command of His Excellency the Governor General, on the 7th November, 1843.

Report on Education in Lower Canada, for the year 1842, in three parts, containing :-
1st.--The account given in by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
$2 d$-The developement of the propositions which refer more particularly to the direction of Public Instruction.

3d.- The developement of the propositions which refer more particularly to the means of furnishing the requisite funds.

## I.

To His Excellency Sir Charles Bagot, Governor General of the United Province of Canala, G.C.B., \&c., \&c., \&c.

## May it please your Excellency,

The Elucation Commission having decided, in May last, at Kingston, that the annual report on Education, which the Wardens of the Municipal Districts are required to make to the Superintendent, should not be transmitted to him before the second Tuesday of next February, or thereabouts, and it having appeared to me that these reports should form part of that which I have to make to Your Excellency, on returning recently from my visits to the country parts, I expected to be furnished with these public documents, when on the twentieth of the present month I received, from the Honorable D. Daly, information that Your Excellency desiring to be put in possession of my Report on Education, I was required to transmit it as soon as possible to the Ofice of the Executive Government. I consequently applied myself immediately to the task, and have finally adopted the following report, which I have the honor to submit to Your Excellency, doubtless with many defects, which the haste in which it has been drawn up has rendered inevitable.

The changes and additions however, which for the sake of Education, I belicve myself compelled to recommend to be made in the law, are the fruit of mature reflexions which my observations and the frequent communications which I have had, in the course of my visits with the most intelligent persons of the country, have occasioned me to make daily. So that I have only to regret that the little time which I have reserved to myself to conform, without delay, to the desire of Your Exccllency, has not permitted me to develope them in a clearor and more persuasive manncr.

As to my report properly so called, it cannot in consequence of my being deprived of the help I should have derived from the Report of the Wardens of the Rural and Civic Municipalities, be accompanied by many little statistical details which might have interested Your Excellency.

It is then with pain that I shall observe brielly to Your Excellency, that the regular operation of the present Act depending on the co-operation of the Municipal Councils, and that these not having in general thought it expedient to act, cven for the purpose of favoring the operation of the Education Act, it has remained everywhere, under the in-
fluence of the present Ordinance, without producing any other appreciable effect than that of having induced the inhabitants of the country to make new efforts and new sacrifices to proctire for their children the benefit of education, waiting wilh anxiety for the changes and additions which, with myself, they ask with confidence, and which they earnestly pray Your Excellency to be pleased to recommend to Your Honorable Council and to the Provincial Parliament to be forthwith made to the present Education Act.

In connection with what $I$ have just remarked, to speak only of a few Municipal Districts, among many others, I may with justice instance, in a special manner, those of Sylonham, of Sherbrooke, of Missisquoi, of Rimouski, of Quebec and of Saguenay ; and there are certain Parishes the Inhabitants of which have shewn a courage and zeal for education which give rise to the brightest hopes for the future under the influence of the present Act, if, by some amendments, very easily made, the Parliament renders its operation more easy and more general.
Speaking of the Clergy as a body, I can say, to their credit, that their efforts to give impulse to the Act have been so much the greater in proportion as the obstacles were every where more invincible, without the ellective co-operation of the Municipal Councils. And it is just to observe to Your Excellency that, among the friends of education who, zealous in the general good, have, in unison with the Clergy, shewn most anxiety and zeal to put the Act in operation, the Wardens of the Municipalities have in general pre-eminently distinguished themselves, although without apparent elfect.
But a circumstance which has much contributed to prevent the Education Act from being sufficiently known and promulgated is, that this law was not in the hands of persons who, being better acquainted with its principles, would have been able to obtain from it better results.

The Clergy, that body always active and foremost in the arena of good, has not been this year provided with a copy of the Provincial Statules, as has usually been the custom, and this circumstance has caused among them uncertainties and hesitations, which have often retarded their progress and paralysed their efforts.

As to what regards myself particularly in the execution of my duties, in endeavouring to bring the Education Act into operation, I can assure Your Excellency that I have spared nothing that was in my power to ensure its working
a requiar, reneral, and useful manuer, hat in vin; for everything has been adsere to my eflorts except the goodwill and confidencert the poople and of the Clerge, which for have everwhere manifested towards me in the nost ohbing maner. So that haveg had to combat uncensinely wih difientites and ohstaches for the mos part beyond mas control, I hase had mach more labour, trombe, and fatiguc than success.

In order to procecel regularly and accorting to the letter of the law in the excemion of an important duty attached to my chare, it was neresmry for me to be provided with the Censts of the Chadren of each Ambicipal District, hetween five and sistern years af age. I suak how of the dwribution or duisim of the meney granted for the sthport of Tewhers in the Elementary Sthouls of the Province.

It being necessary that the division of the money roted be the Legsatare as an aid towards paying the Touchers, showh te made liy the Superintendent, among the Muncipal Disticts in proportion to the number of ehithen between those ages, this document berame abolutely necessary to cmable me to eftee this division.

The hates Census, however, for Lowor Camala, being of a dite as remole as 1831 , and the Municipal Councils beng thes rear charied to make out the gemeral Census of the comitry. I thought it right to apply to the Windens of the Municipahties to ohtain that of the children between the ates abow momoned, by a curcular, dated the abth of May last. But the ofteres who were directed to take the Cellasus having the whole year to accomplish their task-which moreover, has generaly heen confided totardy and often incapable persoms, I have not as yet beenable, even at the frosent hour, to furnish myself with the complete consin: of chaldren between the ages of five and sixtem. So that have, as yet, been umble to make the division of the money which the law has placed at my disposition for the esabhshment of Elomentary Selitok among the Municipal Districts, and those districts, the imhabitants of which have had the intention of qualifying fiemsolves in the eves of the law, are get in expeetaney of the anomat of the sman which is destined lor them, and have by contrbution, or oherwive, raised a sum, is nearly as may be, equal to the Govermment allowance.

The Commission having been unprovided with any allowance for contingencies, or with any clencal assinatace, the publie service has suttired considerably.

The numerous friends of education, in despair at the refusal of the Municipal Councils to co-opernte, and desiring to be emabled, withont it, to find some legal means of putting the Act in operation, and loeing alwars in lopes of somewhere discorering such means, ant of eliciting them from the context or from some exception of the Lav, have written uncensingly and still write to the Superintendent, cither to have his opinion or to awe him one on this sulject so interesting to all. And although I might ofien have dispensed with returning an answer, or might have contenter mysolf whel simply shying few words which, in the eye of lav, might hase produced grod withont rikine evil; neverthekes, polteness requiring that a letter showh not reman whom an maser, and that the answer should always be of an interest proportioned to the importance of the subfrect, that of chataon herge of the utuost posithe importance, demands consanty fom mo much care amblabour which, jomed to my abence withont any person to supply my place at tho offiee, leade frequently to comsiderable delay.

Nobwthenditg the diffornas when I have jur briefly emumerated, I think it right to oherve, for the atafiction of
 conre of my vieits and my cortspondence, to produce a 1 . it - for edtacation, to muke the necessity of it fitt and its alsantares appreciated, I venture to later mew for t have bern watul to the catse of public instrition, and hase ablod in preparime the path for its rapid advane enent, moder the approathing inluene of the anented hats, and that il I had wo other promb of this fact to ofire, I should be justified in retermer to what the pubhe junmats in both languages have simultancously observed on this subject.

Irofoundly penctrated with the importance of the duties attached to riy charge, and constantly umder the inflacnce of the particular and lively solicitude whieh Your Excellency has been plensed to shate whth me, for the general pro- Th November. pagation of elementary elucation in the Provinee, notwatlstandine the irremarity occasioned by the non-cooperation of the Mtumeipal Councils, relansely to the operation of the Lducation Act, I have every where recommended the School Commissioners to assume the powers and duties of these last, and to perform them as well as those which have seccially devolved upon them by haw,-to bollow the sprit and dispentions of he law, su as to attin the important end for which it was passed, and to make a report of their proceediners to the superimtendent in the hope that, approving my advice and their proredengs in this hehalf, Your Excellency will te pleased to recommend to I'aliament an amembent of the Act which should legalize the inevitable irregulatity in the procerdings of the Commissioners, and which wond have a retroactive effert in favor of the locadities the inhabitants of which generously assessing themselves for the caproses required for the difusion of useful information, have listened to my commels, have closely followed them, and have estahlished and sipported schooss which, in this respeet, are prodnctive of good and satisfactory results.

I have already received, to this efteet, several reports Which estahbsh in an unequivocal manner the taste and zeal or the Clerery ami of people for the education of youth, and I still eapect many others of a similar mature.

Nevertheless, it cannot be disunted that the inhabitants of the Cumbly are pror, extremely poor, oning to the alaminuly haguid and uncertain state of $\Lambda$ griculture and Commerce.

Alhnugh moral and religious chacation is sperially the huminess finst of the fanty. and aturwands of the Chureh, it ako neressandy reguires teaching in sehods. Newertheless, in lonalites where the popmation is mixed, I have, with a view to ofler to all the chidtren indifierently means of geneml edncation, withont allectug the particular tibh of any, thought it tecessary to recommend to the inhahitants to unite their eflorts and their comributhons in noder to establish, among them, schools on a suitable footing, without destinction of orgin, politics, or religious belied of any bind, and in this case, to abstain catelibly from teaching the dogmas of any particular seet, during the sehool hours; and I have the satisfaction of being able to infom Your Excelloney that this advice has been genemily listened to, appreciated, and followed by liberal and indelligent perons, becatse, in their estimation, it promises in practice the most happy results.

In fact, this manner of proceeling, which, in regenerated Ireland, is practised under the eyes or the Chunch and the Empire, and produces there a general good eftect, which is incaleulable, favors as much the mom and practical as the oducational interests of the rising pencration, since it prosuotes peace, charity and union, by which, in the end, Society, Goveratment and Religion will equally profit.

Having perceived that American books are scatered in profusion over the Coutatry, and that they are filled with principles which are hut litte in arcordance with those which povern this Comery, I have (reasoning by induction from that provisum of the Act which prohibits the service of Teacheres who are not British suhgects, thought it incombent on me to recommend the discontiminace of the use of these looks in our elementary schools, because by promaleatime corrwhere maxims contrary to the Government of Her Magraty, they tend to diveourage the tidents and indurtry of the inhatuants of the Province.

I think it mecestry to draw the attention of Your Excellence to a fact which my vists have occasioned mo to take notece of.

There exist, in many parts of the Country, honses belonging to the Royal Institution, which are ased for purposes by mo means calculaded to advances the interests of edesation. They are often oceupied by private familios for thein own abvantage, nud are falling genemily into rain: their value is utterly thrown away as regards the object of education.

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I think it my duty then to recommend to Your Excellency to be pleased to adopt means for placing them under the jurisuliction of the Schowl Comnissioners of the localitios where they are situate, to be used for the purposes of the present Act.
In fine, I should liave much satisfaction in pointing out to Your Exrellency many other maters of utility, if the narrow limiss to which I must confine my labours were not opposed to prolixity, in so far as relates to what is not strictly connected with the principal subject of which I have to treat in the present report.

As the most essential object of my report, however, is to propose the changes and additions which I think it neceessayy to reconmend to le made to the Education Act, I may be pernitted, in the following pages, to develope those amendments and hriefly assign reasons for them, in genural observations, which, considering the all-important sulbject to which they invariably have reference, will have, I venture to llatter myself, in the hands of Your Excellency their own interest, and their own utility.

I take, fhen, the liberty of recommending to the most serious attention of Your Excellency the following propasitions of amendment, the succinct developement of which will, I hepe, sufficiently shew the necessity lor them; hecause, if they become law, they will olfer, in my humble opinion, the most proper means for obtaining such an operation of the Act as shall be the move gencral, the most regslar, the most unitiorm, and the most useful.

## II.

Proposeds for amondments which refer more particularly to the direction of Public Instruction.

The Education Act being unfortunately engrafted upon the Municipal Ordinatee, the restult is that to obtain from the Aet a regular operation, it is necessary that there should exist, between these two laws, a co-operation and simultaneousness of action extromely difficult, not to say impossible to realise, at least for the jresent, in Lower Canada.
Besides, lhese two laws which, by the nature of their principles, offer great advantages to the inhabitants of the Country, are not, in practice, exempt from certain defects, the bad elfects of which it is necessary fully to remedy, otherwise there will always result but little or even no good from their respective operation, even though the working of the one should ne longer depend on that of the other.

Neither must it be concealed that cducation being as yet but litue spread in the country parts of Lower Canada, the people are little adapted to take, usefully, that effective part which is designed for them, in the operation of two new laws, whose connexion and complication mako their respective working extremely difficult, without that intormation and experience which are always essential to the success of any important enterprise.

Again, we know that at all times, the people of every country of the civilized world have more or less mistrusted the operation of new laws, the prineiples of which they do not well understand. They regard with suspicion, with fear even, Laws and Institutions with the nature and beating of which they are not sufficiently ncquainted, and the advantageous results of the operation of which they cannot, in consequence, either foresce or appreciate try anticipation. And to may be said that popular Institutions: although they have heen aaseel and expected for a number of ycars, are, for tho people of Lower Canada, things yol new, which in the outset require to be oflered to them will that degree of simplicity and facility of action, and that ceonomy in the proceedings which command the confidence of the people, and easily persuade them that they are as practicable and useful as they are desirable for all.

Thus, thoy having thut little practice or aptitude in traking an active part in the operation of similar Institutions, and perhagns int a slight degree also,prejudices and preposscssions,
having naturally been added to the ostensible impediments olfered by the working of the Education Act, from its connection with the Municipal Ordinance, these two laws which, by the nature of their principles, ought to lave met 7 ih November. with the simultaneous approbation and support of the people and the authorities, are, for the former, a mero dead letter.

It is not surprising, then, that the poople of Lower Canada, where popular Institutions are yet in their infancy, have not been able to perceive distinety, in the combined a od complicated maclinery of these two laws, all the advantages which may result from their respective operations, when, by their separation, their action shall be made independent and rogular.

But to obtain the important object which I am charged to have specially in view, Your Excellency will casily perceive that more is required than an Elucation Act ; means are still needed to carry it into effect, which, in the hands of the persons to whom it shall be entrusted, may render its operation certain.

Now, this Elucation Act exists,-we have had it, it is true, for the last year, and it is everywhere replete with liberal and just principles, the operation of which will lead to the most advantageous results if, by some amendments, they are allowed to act independently, if they are freed from all extrabcous influence, from all untimely co-operation, and if their action is directed and fortificd by that proper conlination of mildness and severity which leads recossarily to the desired cond.

I should believe, then, that I was signally wanting in the honourahle mission which it has heen Your Excellency's pleasure to entrust to me, were I not to forewarn you of the danger which there would be.in attacking this law in its fundamental principles.

Indeed, there is nothing which, as respects education, I should recommend with as much earnestness and solicitude as the preserving intact, the fundamental principles of the present Act, to the positive and negative effects of which it has pleased Your Excellency to allude in your speceh at the opening of the last Scssion of the Provincial Parliament.

Thus, in proposing, as it is my duty to do, amendments to this law, all that 1 have in view is to suggest the means which, in my humble opinion, would be the most proper to facilitate the useful operation of its principles, the excellence of which is a sure snfeguard against the abuse of power and proselytiam, and against encroachment on thuse collcctive and general privileges with which each origin and each distinct religious sect ought willingly to bo content and satisfied, seeing the practical impossibility of heing able to give to a mixed population, like ours, an Eduction Law perfectly adapted to the particular taste, the peculiar opinion, and the pertaps somewhat exclusive notions of each.

A law such as this would be an anomaly, a law of ex-ecption,--lle granting of which, if it were possible, would be as absurd as impolitic-one might say pernicious-since as many distinct provisions would be required as there were origins or particular secta, and these provisions would serve rather to nourish prejudices and party spirit than to extend education in the country.

It is sufficient, then, that each origit, each sect which might he found in a relative minority in any locality, should be protected by law against the oppression and injustice of which the majority might possibly become guily towards them, and this guarantee, so necessary for the protection of the poor and the weak, is offered in clear terms liy the present law, in an explicit, unambigtous and positive manner. Sce the 11th Clause of the Act.

The amendments, therefore, the adoption of which I think it my duty to recommend' to Your Excellency, relate to mere matters of detail, but are perhaps indispensable.

Now, the first and most important of the amendments which I take the liberty of suggesting to Your Excellency, is that by which the Flucation Act should be made independent of the Municipal Ordinance.

Appendix
The consequence of the conncetion of the Edueation Act with the Mumieipat Ordinance by which the former is made dependent, for the regularity of its ation, on the cooperation of the Manicipal Comeils, is that even although the said Comecils should te well disposed in fiver of eluctition, and inclined to lemd thesiz aid to the working of the Act, as they are required to do, there would still bo important obstacies 10 surnount, because of the conplication of the conjoint operation of two bolfes opposied to ench wher, and possessing powers and attributes separate and distine, which, in the present state of things, it is impossible to unite easily for obtainng one and the same olject.

The fact is, that the granting of Municipalitics to the inhabitants of Lower Canadu is premature: they are not yet, in general, sulliciently instructed to be able to take with advantage the effective part which has heen assigned to them, in consequence, it is impossible to nbtain from the Nunicipal Comneils a prompt, regular and effective co-uperation.

Thus, for a people among whom popular Iustitutions are still in their infancy, and who, moreover, are little hapituated to taking part in tho operation of the laws which govern them, it would be dangerrous to make the fate of a sysem of elementary elucation depend on the co-operation of two Institutions, on the simultaneous nction of two public bodies, to the great hazard of depriving the msing generation of its mualuable benefits, as umhapily has been the case this year. For even though Municipalities should be granted to the people in the form most proper to forward their interests and satisfy their wants, the result would nevertheless be, that ther would only adrance with a slow and timidstep in the pailh of public improvenents, and in the proccedings relative to ellucation.
And farther, the creation of opposing powers which, in a system of laws, serves generally as a counterpoise, and counterbalances in so salutary a manuer, opposite ideas and auts, is an obstacle and often an absolute hindrance to the well working, otherwise cary, of the hest laws.
In the state in which the country is, the people, who, for reasons mentioned above, are partly opposed to the action of Municipal Thstitutions, at least to such as they at present possess, are equally opposed to the en-operation of the Municipal Councils, and the latter, being a political body and elected by the people, will not act, because they believe that they ought not to act, contrary to the wish, in general strongly expressed, of their Constituents, whom a want of intelligence and experience in these matters keeps in inaction, passively enduring all that may be said by their opponents, which has the effect of creating suspitions, mistrusts and fears which may yet last a number of years, and for which there seem to be no other remedies than thase which a better education, time, and experience may aflord.

Thus then, in place of calling on two bedies of men, or two classes of officers belonging to two different institutions, of calling on them, I say, to act simultanenusly for one and the same end, I venture to think that Your Excellency will admit that it would be infinitely more useful for the well-working of a general and practical system of education, to concentrate, in thr person of the Scliool Commissioners the powers devolved on the Municipality in this matter. This would be the most certain means of facilitating, of accelerating the operation of the Blucation law, and of obtaining in a more certain and prompt mamer, results as advantageous as they are desimitle for all cliasses of society collectively. I can assure Your Excellency that this opinion, far from being peculiar to myself, is shared hy all the friends of education and even by the mass of the people in Lower Canada. Your Excellency has before you a written proof of this incontestible fact in the petition of the County of Beauharnois on this subject, and I an perfeelly conviticed that if this manner of expressing, if this proof lins not heen more common, it is locause in this matter the rest of the country renoses every comfidenice in the expected effect of my representations to Your Excellency.

If, however, notwithstanding these considerations, it is juiged proper to continue, for any purpose, the connection of the education Act with the Municipal Ordinance, I am humbly of opinion that the whole action of the Municipal

Councils should be confined to raising tho neressary funds inr the support of elenientary schools, and in this case, that this duty should be imposed upon them by the Legislature in an imperative manner, with the power of exercising coer- ith November. cion for this important object.

Situated us I have the lronor to he, relatively to the education Act and th the government, I believe it my duty to urge the amendment by which this Act would be made independant of the Muricipal Ordimanee because it is extremely important, and ceven indispensable to the easy and economiral operation of the edueation Aet, since it would reduce the oflicers under that Act to the number of the School Commissioners already determined by law, for tho varions localties, and the Superintendent for all, in each section of the United Province.

If it be oljected to this proposed ameniment that the pecuniary deparment will sulfer therely, beeause it requires some particular Oficers for the eflicicut careying oul of tho Elucation Act as respeets the necessary funds, my answer is simply, that Assessors, Collcetors and a Treasure7 could be chosen by the people, at the election of the Parish Officers, especially for bhis object. These men might act so as better to meet the views of the Education Act aud the opinions of the people, who would then have nothing to fear from tho politieal views which might otherwise exert an influence over them, or from the ulterior power of taxing them for any other purpose whatsocver. The people would never regard with an evil eye thase mon, special offiecrs of their own choico, and whose linaited power would have reference to the sole object of education in cach particular locality; and who would moreover follow the rules of form and proceeding prescribed in the law.

A District Trensurer is therefore unnecessary for carrying the Education Act into efliect, since the sanction of the Superintendent would be amply sullicient to authorive the Receiver General of the United Province, to pay to the Commissitners of Education of each locality the Government allowance to which they might be entitled, as proved to the Superintemident of public instruction by a cerificate, which they should be held to furnish to him, to thixs edeeth cach year, according to the requirements of the law.

This mothod would be the means of economising, or of avoiding tavelling expenses, retarducnts and delays in tho business, and a Parish or Township Treasurer whorn the inhalitants would themselves appoint each year, to be the depositary of their own monoy, would suffice, and would be infinitely more agrecable to the peoble, beeanse this eloctive Treasurer, heing constantly under the eyc of the inhabitants and of the School Commissioners of ench locality, would inspire confidence and daity afford a facility and a degree of convenience in business, which it is impossible otherwise to obtain with the samo degree of easo and satisfaction.

But ceen although the services of a District Treasures should lee judged necessary, it does not the less follow that in all other respects the Municipalities ought to have nothing to do with carrying out the Act of Education.

The organisation the plan of which, as far as relates to money matters in the operation of the Edreation Act, has just been explained, will not only have an action ensier, anvl inore usefiul to the cause of general instruction, but also more agreable to the sentiments and the views of the people who, by this means, will sulmit very willingly to the operation of a general tax for the sole object of education. It is for this reason that this amendment to the law has appeared to me of uhsolute urgency and neecssity, because, on the one hand, I know the invincible repugnanee of the people to having the power of taxing them confided to persons who might make uso of it for other purposes than these of elucation without their consent, as also their strong oljections to have their moncy carried out of their usual place of residence, and to the necessity under which they now are of making a journcy to obtain that which the expensos of oblaining leaves nothing that can conpensate them for the sacrifice of time, \&c. \&e., which they are compelled to make by the present Act ; and, on the other hand, it is evident that the operation of the law will be incomparably nore direct,more expalitions, more econo

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mical and more satisfartory, while, at the same time, it will help to give to the direction of elementary instruction a character of popularity, of fixity, and of independence whech will be one of the best gunrantees of suceess in teaching.

But Your Excellency will be plensed to permit me to roturn hereafter to this subject which, like many others, possess an interest, the degree of which can only be appreciated by experience.

From all that has lieen stated in this brief developement, which would bear to be extented to a much greater length, the elear inference is, that the entire direction of puhtic instruction should be exclusively entrusted to the School Commissioners of the several luealities and to tho Superintendent, who would guide it throughont by his instructions and advice, for which, liy the express terins of the law, ho is virtually responsible to the people as well as to the gowernment.

Thus, conformable to the amendment I have proposed, the Schnol Cominissioners would not have too much power, and the Supurintendent, who would have no more than he now has, would still havo sufficient. The question would then only he to define their respective duties, which would perhaps thus be a little increased for each of them, but would still be easy of execulion and directly productive of good.

But that I may be better understood, I request the permission of Your Excellency to say, apart from other matters, a few words touching the persons who are specially charged with the direction of public instruction.

1stly.-As to the Commissioners of Elucation ; if to the rights and powers which they have alrcady by the Act, there be added that of dividing their Parishes or Townships respectively into School Districts, of cortifying the employment of the funds of the perple for the support of the said achools, of requiring returns of the proceedings of the Assessors, the Collectors and the Treasurer, as well as of the Teachers in their parishes or townships,and of making their anmual report direclly to the Superintendent of public instruction, it may be said that they will then have all the rights and all the powers necessary to the right direction of the Schools confided to their immediate superintendence, so as to be able to carry on the good work to the advantage and satisfaction of all, without distinction of origin, politics, or religious creed; and their duties will be very casy to fulfil, if, by the amendment to the Act, it be provided that they should have literary and moral qualifications conformable to the honorable einployment, and to the great responsibility with which they are invested.

The urgent necessity for this twofold qualification of the School Commissioners is casily understood, when we observe that they have the absolute direction of the clementary Schools of their respective localities, and that their annual report is nothing else than an account rendered of their adminisistration willhont being subject to wait for the approbntion of any one before they act, as was the case uniler the old Education laws with regned to the Sehool visitors who consisted of persons from five classes, and for the most part of political men, such as Legislative Councillors, Members of the Assembly, Magistrates, the principal Militia Offiecrs, and the Members of the resident Clergy, and this ipso facto.

For a number of years, experience and practical observation have convincel me that the persons charged with the management of Schools cannot fulfil, honorably for themselves and usefully for others, the important duties of their charge, without linving at least a certain Education, and 1 have, therefore, always been of opinion that the Trustees or tho School Commissioners being charged, ns they are, with the direction of the elementary Schools of their respectivo localitics, should have certain qualifications to be fixed by lav.
When, in 1836, I formed pnit of the Committee of Elacation, as Member of Parliament for the County of E'Assomption, now called Leinster, 1 recommended fhat a moral and scientific qualification should be required by the law, then in contemplation, on the part of the Trustees of Ele-
mentary Schools, as they were called at that time; and, in 1838, I recommended, in my letters on education, that for the future any Education Act, in order to afford a gurantec of useful and advantagcous management, should establish a certnin qualitication for the School Commissioners, without which we cannot reasonably reckon on the effectiveness of their administration of the law concerning Elementrry Schools. At the present lay, I am more than ever convinced that, to oblain this important object, this qualification is necessary.

The Education Act ought, then, to require in the School Conmissioners a certain scientific and moral qualification, which should consist in being able at lenst, to rend, write and cipher, and in being of an irreproachable moral character.

For, without these qualifications, so necessary to the proper carrying out of the Education Act, and without a perfect neutrality as to considerations of origin, politics, or party, they are absolntely unfit to fulfill usefully the duties attached to their office; they cannot exercise over the schools under their charge that superintendence and that influence which they should be able to exercise, in order to arquit themselves of their daily duties with honor to themselves and advantage to the progress of Education.

I venture, then, to flatter myself that, for the advancement of education, Your Excellency will be pleased to recommend to Parliament a change in the law, hy which a certain qualification shall be required in the School Commissionners.
It may also be observed, that the want of these qualifications, evidently necessary to the progress of education in the country, is equally discouraging like another, and is a virtual depreciation of the profession of aTearther which contributes greatly to disgust with this art, as honorable as it is useful, moral and educated men who, for this reason, as also from the meliocrity and paucity of the emoluments, withold their talents and ncquirements from the art of teaching, which, by this deplorable circumstance, instead of being honored among us, is unfortunately degraded.

In effect, it requires a very great self-denial and moral courage to enable a man, possessing the requisite moral and educational qualifications, thus to surrender himself, when he can do anything else, to the blind and absolute power of men who, deprived of the light of science, and often even of that of sound reason, are morally incapable of appreciating in others these fine qualities; and if the force of circumstances olliges them to submit to this state of things, it will will be merely while waiting for someching better, lonking always for the means of emancipating themselves from it as soon as possible.

From which it follows in the first place that it is extromely difficult to procure men properly qualified as Teachers, both as to acquirements and morals; and in the second the same difficulty exists to procure for this calling, men of experience, because, not finding in it any appreciation of their qualitics, nor the consideration due to their respectability, nor the means necessary to sustain the respectable rank which they are entitled to hold in good society; they are constantly occupied with the means of providing for themselves in some other way, and willingly give up teaching as soon as they can do so with pecuniary advantage. Such are the grent evils which most injuriously affect the progress of instruction, constantly produced by the want of proper gualifications in the School Commissioners, and the mediocrity of the emoluments of the Teachers.

Again, when our farmers and artizans see that popular oflices, of honor or profit, that charges both of trust and of the greatest responsibility, and oven the direction of the public instruction, are thus confided indifferently to men without education and devoid of the first principles of the necessary qualifications, are they not thereby discouraged from making the sacrifices and eiforts necessary to procure to their children the blessings of education? Is there not a positive inversion of the order of nature, tending to distort the ideas of the people and to keep them in a state of deplorable indifference ns to duties which nature, society and religion, all imperiously impose upon them towards their children?

This want of proper qualifications in the School Commissioners is, then, a great and evident evil, for which as respects the interest of Education, it is extremely important venture to flater myself that Your Excellency being well convinced of this, will be pleased to recommend the adoption of such a remedy to the Provincial Parliament.

The School Commissimenss should moreover he reguired to discourage every kind of distinction of origin, of poltites, or of party, in the lucalities where the sehools under their direction are situate.

On the nther hand, the munber of indisponsable visit which hy the terms of the present law, they are required w make, might he reduced to one searle visit, hesides their presence, or at least that of the majority of them, at the public examination of the pupils in carh sehool under ther control, at the close of each year, as hereinatier mentioned.

To lighten the task of the School Commissioners, and to give to the working of the Aet an importance and an athltional guarantee of success and satisfaction, local visitors acrodding to the mode practised under the Eduration Act which expired in 1836, might be appointed by the law itself, by designating, for this purpose, all the members of the Clergy, all the members of Parliament, the senior Magistrate, and the officer in Militia, highest in rank, residents, and the senior acting Church-wardens, ipso facto. These visitors should have no other privilege than that of visiting the schools of each Parish or Tuwnship in the County, at all times when they might thimk fit to do so, either individually or collectively, and of making annually, to the Superintendent of Edacatoon, a report of the state of the sehools under their jurisdiction, accompanied by such remarks and suggestions as they might think fit to make, without exercising any other poweis.

To diminish the labour of the Commissioners, and to facilitate the registry of their proceedings, they should have the right of naming for this end a Clerk, ad hoc, to whom there shoud be paid, out of the funds raised in cach Parish or Townshif, for the support of schools, a small sum not excecding $£ 15$ a year, which the Commissioners should have the power of reducing still farther.

2ndly. But, if it be necessary to require, in the Elective School Commissioners, certain qualifications indispensable to the right execution of their daties, it is not less necessary to qualify their electors also. Now it would he casy to ess tablish the qualification of these last, by deciding that those only who are entitled to vote at the election of a Nember of Parliament for the County, should be for the future, the electors of School Commissioners of Elucation; this will be the means of giving to this election a fitting importance, and of thereby ensuring a better choice of Commusioners.

If it be important to establish a qualification for the clectors of the Members of Parliament, because they are called to take part in the making of laws, it is not less umportant to establish a qualification for the electors of the School Commissioners, since they are called upon to form for society men who not only, in their turn, will take part in making the laws of the country, but who will also have daily to carry into effect both the publicand private laws. It is therefore very important to provide also lor the qualification of the electors of the School Commissioners, and I venture to flatter myself that Your Excellency will be pleased to recommend the easy method of effecting this, which I have now the honour of suggesting.

It would he doubtless better that the Commissioners of Education, like Members of Parliament, should only be elected every fourth year. Because being electel yoarly, the changes which necesssarily takes place at times, in this body, occasion inconveniences which retard the progress of education, even were it only from want of experience in the newly elected, experience, everywhere so important, being in scholastic affiers as in all others, only acquired by time, practice and obscrvation.

Brully. But there is still a body of men who, if judiciously selected from the friends of science, and virtuous and enlightened men, would render the greatest services to the
canse of elucation ; a boily of men whose co-operation in arring out the Education Act would powerfully contribute to the spreading of aselul information in the Province. I allude to a Board of Fxaminers, whose func- Th November. tions, as in France and elsewhere, would protect the art of tcaching, and woutd ensure the requisite qualifications in the Teachers, carh of whom should be required to undergo, before one of them, an examination suited to those branches of education which he is destined to teach.

These Boarls of Examiners might be named by Your Excellency, or by the Governor for the time being, in the same manner, and in prorsuance of the same principles, according to which the sixteenth chouse of the present Act provides for the nomination of Commissioners for the Incorporated Gilies.

Some experienced Teachers might be admitted into these Boards, whose gondeducation and experience would be not only a recommendation for their admission, but would also offer a much more certain guarantee that the examination would be comblucted in a prattical manner, and in accordance with the requisite qualifications for teaching. These experienced Teachers, forming part of the body of Instructors, would be considered to be versed in their profession, and to have at hear, more than any one else, the protection of its honour and integrity. They would be, therefore, for these reasons, in addition to those before stated, more likely to perform, with usefulness, the duties of Examiners.

Similar Boards exist in New Brunswick. There is ono in each County, named by the (rovernor, who takes the members from among the Magistrates of the County. In France, there exist also similar Boards which are under the control of the Minister of Public Instruction; and it is everywhere allowed that these boards are of an infinite utility in preventinq abuses and ensuring the due performance of the duties of teaching, and thas promoting the public good.

Having heen for a lo eg time persuaded of the great utility of these Boards, I recommended in 1836, when I was a Member of the Howse, and in 1838 in my letters on Education, their establishment in the judicial Districts of this part of the Province, to give to the propored Education Act a primary co-operation which should be at the same titne its point of departure and its support, and at the present day my conviction is unchanged.

The practicability and utility of the Boards of Examiners of those who are candidates for becoming Teachers, and the great advantages which would result from their operation, are easily perceived, when we bear in mind the regularity and uniformity which they consure in the admission of Teachers, and the guarantee they afford of their morality, capacity and respectability ; of the general respect, confidence and consideration by which they will he surrounded, and of greater uniformity and of a better success in their teaching. The regular operation of the Boards of Examiners would be, in fact, better adapted than any thing else to prevent partiality and favoritism in the admission of Teachers; and to guard against their incapacity in the art of traching-an art at present little respected, and even degradod, because too little importance is generally attached to theadmission of Teachers, whose profession is consequently, from the beginning, without basis or protection. In a word, we may sum up the vast advantages which would resul from the well regulaled nperation of the Boarda of Examiners, by simply observing that it would be the movingpower and soul of the well-working of any Education Act.

I think it iny duty, therefore, to pray Your Fxcellency to be pleased to recommend the establishment of thes Boards of Examiners, one of which might be placed at the chief place ill each Judicial District, for the admission of Teachers alter examination

Under a law thus arranged, Your Excellency, or Your Succesisor, using the power which would be given by it to What effect, might establish one of these Boards in each of the following places, viz: one at Quchec, one at New Carlisle, (District of Gaspe), one at Sherbrooke, one at Three Rivers, one at Montreal, and one at $A$ ylmer ; and the law might

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fix the quorum at five members na being sufficient to proceed with the examination, the chairman having a casting vute.
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These Boards would examine Candidates for becoming Teachers, and would give certificates of admission and of ability for the practice of the profession.

Each Candidate would be required to produce to the Board before whom he should choose to appear, a certificate of morality and of gooll conduct, signed by the Curé, or by the Minister of his Faith, and by three influential men of the place where he may have resided for the six proceeding months, as also to give proof that he was born a British subject or that he had been maturalized accorling to law, without which he would not be either admitted, or recommended to the School Commissioners as qualified according to the requirement of the law.

To favor the operation of the system of education, these Boards would be required to meet at least once in three months, on notice being given by one or more Candidatus, at least eight days beforchand.

The acquirements required of the Candidates for teaching would be, for a Teacher in an Academy, an acquaintance with all the branches of it classical education, becauso these Institutions are designed to prepare the pupils for those studies; for the teachers of Model Schools, those required to render their pupils capable of afterwards teaching with success, reading, the Grammar of their language, or of that of the majority of the children attending the school, the analysis of the parts of speech, writing and arithmetic in all its divisions, book-keeping, lineal drawing, the elements of mensuration, the use of the globes and geography, begiuning by that of North America; and the Teachers of Elementary Schools should be skilful in teaching with success reading, writing, the elements of grammar, and arilhmetic as far as the rule of three inclusively.

Such are the essential qualifications which should bo scrupuluusly required by the Boards of Examiners from the Teachers respectively, otherwise there can be no certainty of success nor any safeguard against the partiality, or, at least, the too great facility with which the School Commissioners of Education might possibly admit Teachers, if this power were left to them exclusively, because they might be influenced by considerations either personal or dependity on the intercst of friends, neighbours or often of relatives.

Besides, by the ministry of the Boards of Examiners, the School Commissioners would be relieved from a duty extremely difficult to fulfil, and also from a great responsibility, without the least interference, without the slightest linitation, in the easy path which it would remain for them to follow, or in the general working of the Act, since the Board of Commissioners and that of Examiners, far from being jointly responsible and dependent the one on the other, would be, on the conirary, as perfectly distinct and independent in their respective operations and in their peculiar proceedings, as they would be in their organization and in their constitution.

The Teachers, once admitted in the above manner, being each, furnished with a certificate of ability, would possess a claim to the confidence of the School Commissioners, who world have no power to employ as a Teacher any person, not so gualified as aforesaid in all respects, or unprovided with a diploma or certificate of admission to the profession of a 'leacher.

Not to take those interested by surprise, but, on the contrary, to give time to all parties to prepare themselves to meet the requirements of the law in this respect, it would only be after the end of two years from the present time that the School Conmissioners would be required to employ no Teachers but those furnished with cemificates of ability, and even then this obligation would have no retroautise effect.

Thie Boards of Examination, however, would be open to all candidates whom they would examine, and admit, as Trachers, as fast as they should present themselves.

Fernale Teachers, would be exempted from this other wise indispensable rule, and would be sulject to the sole jurisdiction of the School Commissioners for their examination and admission, as well as in every other respect.

All persons of cither sex belonging to any religious order whatsoever receiving pupils, or forming part of the Clergy taken collectively, would be in like manner subject to the sole jurisuliction of the local Commissioners, without previous examination, either before the School Commissioners or before the Boards of Examiners.

The Boards of Examiners would be required to furnish the Superintendent a copy of the certificate of admission of each Teacher, within fifteen days from its date, and to preserve a list or register of the Jeachers admitted, which should contain the name, age, piace of birth, place of latest residence, date and tenor of the certificate of moral qualification, the names of the persons by whom it may have been signed, their professions and their respective residences. A copy of the certificate of moral qualification of each Teacher admitted would, in like manner, be furnished by each Board of Examiners, to the Superintendent with that of his certificate of admission as a Teacher, and which he should be equally required to enregister at the Education Office.

To prevent abuses, and to keep the School Commissioners and the Superintendent better informed as to all matters relative to the carrying out of that part of the Act, concerning Teachers, the Superintendant should be required to cause to be published, in one or more of the Official Gazettes of the Province, the certificate of each and every Teacher transmitted to him from the President or Secretary of the Board by whom he may have been admitted as a Teacher, and also the School Commissioners would, in tike manner, be required to give to the Superintendent information of the engagement, discontinuation, or dismissal of any Teacher, equally within the term of fifteen days.

In the case where a Teacher from Lower Canada, should be engaged by School Commissioners residing in Upper Canada, the Superintendent of that part of the United Province, being informed of the fact by the School Commissioners would be required to give information thereof to the Superintendent of the other division of the Province, and vice versá.

To place the Boards of Examiners in a condition to fulfil more exactly the duties which would devolve upon them, they should have the rights of naming, by a majority of votes, a Clerk to enregister their proceedings and to sign, conjointly with the President, all the official documents and certificates of ability and admission to teach, for each of which he would be entitled to demand from each Candidate admitted, the sum of five shillings as casual fees, and nothing more.

Now, if, to the precaution and care with which the Boards of Examiners will admit Teachers to practise the art of instruction, are added emoluments becoming the respectable standing which they should have in good society, we shall soon see in our own Country, as in so many others, young people of good education and family show as much traste, and even ambition for this honorable employment, as for any of the liberal professions now for a long time over crowded with members, many of whom, distinguished for their talents, vegetate obscurely in inactivity and discouragement.

Through the instruntentality of literary institutions which keek up an honorable rivalry of zeal and success among themselves, Classical instruction is sufficiently disstminated throughout the Country, even more so than in other Countries, in proportion to their respective population.

These flourishing institutions not only emulate each other, but might even rival those of Old Europe, and Your Excellency has borne witness to the convincing evidence of these facts when, while visiting the College of Quebec, last summer, you were pleased in the most obliging manner to make the same remark.

Nendy twelve humitred scholars receive anmully, in these institutions, the lest elassical, moral and religions education, and the McCtill College, for the operation of which a grent part of the population of the Country has long been anxious, is equally destineal to contribute largely to the diffusion of classical cducation in the Country.

So that, every year, these institutions furnish a number of students lar beyond what can bo nceled by the liberal professions, already over crowded. These young people, generally full of talents and ambition, not knowing where to turn their attention, on completing a long and expensive course of studics, (cxpenave relatively to the resources of their parents.) are painfully affected by mingled sentiments of hope and fear. And in the search of means of tateing for themselves an honorable carcer in the world, adipted to furnish them with an honest subsistence, they bindly mbrace one of the learned professions, the over crowded state of which is an obstacle, oliten invincible, to every kind of personal distinction which may do honor to the individual or to the profession to which he belonges.

There are not wanting then, in the Country, persons who would rejoice to enter upon any other course of life which would ensure them a respectable position in gool society and fitting resuurces for the rank which they might nccupy therein. It would therefore be extremely advantageous, for well educated young people, to open to thern elsewhere an honorable career, in which they might more easily and more certainly turn their talents and acyuirements to good accounts.

Now, such a carecr presonts itselfin the art of Instruction, for the operation of which we feed every where the most pressing need, to aid in procuring the benefit of education to the rising generation.

There is, therefore, a necessity for making the art of Instruction a fixed condition, a permanent profission, a necessity immediately aftecting young people who have completed their education ; a necossity affecting, somewhat more remotely, chilluren whose instruction is as yet infomplete; a necessily affecting present and future gencrations, and conseguently the general interests of the whole society.

But the need for making Instruction a permanent calling and profession, offering suflicient resources for maintaining a respectable rauk in good society, is still more elcarly perceived, when on the one hand we breome convinced that, without it, the children of the country will never have the advantage of being placed in the First place, under the tuition of moral and well informed men, and Secondly, under that of mon who, to these necessary qualifications, join experience in the practice of this important art, and when on the other hand, it is considered that, in point of fact, the youth of Camada are exeluted from the profession of arms, from entering the mavy, from engineering, both civil and military, and from manufactures, as the later, having been hut lately established, are yet in their infancy, and far from being numerous in the country.

Thus, it appenss from the preceeding observations that three things are necessary to give stability and respectability to the art of Tostruction, that is to say:-1stly. Boards of Examiners: 2ndly. The qualification of the Teachers; and Brdly. The guarantee of emoluments, which may serve as an encourarement to then. The art of Thstruction will otherwise be never either suflicienty important or sulficiently useful.

4thly. You Execllency will he pleased to remark that in the allussion of Tencliers by the Boards of Examiners, I have phaced the Teachers of the Academes on the wame footing with thrse of the Model and Elementary Schools; nuid my reasons are these :-

In the First place, lecause these Academies are hardly any thing more than Elementary Schools of a slightily superior order.

Scennille. Beenuse the Teachers of these establishments for public Instrustion receive, compratively to the others, large emoluments, nearly the whole of which is yearly granted by Governuent.

Thirlly, Because notwithstanding the precceling facts, which are pertienty weil known to every oue, the directors of these establishments are not subject to any responsibility towarls Govermment.

Fourthly, Because the Teachers of these Elucational Incitutions, haing supposed to partake of the favors and confidente of Government as much, at lenst, na the Teachers of the Elementary Schools, it is fair that, equally with these, they should invariably be British born suljects, or should be maturalised according to the intention of the law ; there would otherwise mppear, on the one side, partiality and favoritism, and on the wther a harshness and severity which seens to he a great injustice for which in the eyc of the law, not the slighest reason could be given. It would he just, atso, to fix the number of Aca demies according to the population, and the law which, at the same time, encourages their establishment, should make then accomialle to Govermment.

There is one Townstip where, by the means of the annual allowances of Government, there hos existed for some years, two Actulemies, ur two honses which hear that name, one of which, I have leen assured is carried on, almost exclusive1 y , for the private benefit of the children of one individual.

Much would require to be said to develope properly the four important considerations which have just heen stated. However, as the principles and reasons on which they are fonuded present themselves without difieulty to the minal, Your Excellency will he pleased to dispense with my enlarging farther on the three first, and to permit me to say a few words on the fourth and last only, to which, at the same time, I shall add some other cognate considerations which it is my duty to lay hefore Your Execllency.
The exclusion of persons who are not British born Subjects from the profession of Tcachers, is grounded on a principle of justice and protection. In fact, if it is agreed to base this honorable art on solid and durable foumdations, which nay offer to the well-educated Teacher the prospeet of being able to allain a permanent condition, so that he may establists himselfand take place in the most respectable ranks of good society, (as the profession would then offer allvantages to the Teacher, who would there find the means of a decent subsistence in society, by whom his important scrvices for the instruction of the children of the Country would be daily required, ) it is just that Government, in his wisdom, should adopt the most eflective means of laying open the entry to this prolession, ond of cusuring the possession of it to its own sulbjects. This protection is under a twofold obligation to afford, as regards the 'Teacher', and as regards the children of the soil, who will thus have a means of edueation more certain and more agreeable: It is an encouragement which is owes to our youth, to induce them to yrepare themselves for a profession (teaching) of which their parents have need, in order to establish those of their children who have completed their education, and to educale thave who are not so far advanced.

The principles of excluding from the Art of Instruction, all who are not horn a British Subjcet, is then a prineiple of justice and protection, the application of which has a double impertance, since its necessary result is a double advantage. It is therefore just and reasonable to preserve it in use everywhere throughout the country, and to apply it to Tctehers in Academies even more strictly than to those of other cducational Institutions.

But there are yet considerations closely allied to the preceeding, and to teol all heir force, it is sufticient to call to mind, that the Teachers in Academies are almost every one horn Repulbican Subjects, educated in, and sometimes still students of the neighbouring Siates. These Teachers, still young and imbuted with the principles of their Government and their Institutions, carefully in culcated in the very books which they and their pupils make daily use of, in the course of their familiar instrucions, are they less likely to ofichd against the spirit of the law, than the Teachers of Elementary schools? Assuredly not!

And besides that, the Teachers of Acadamies are more or less connceled with the Inhabitants of the respective localitics where they temporaxily
reside, and have, therefore, that social influence which permit them to inculcate into the minds of their acquaintances and friends, principles opposed to those of Monarchical Government, thoy have a very natural inclination to hoard up their savings, the amount of which they may expend on the other side of the lines, to the profits of our neigh. bours; so that the money of Government, and one might a'so say of the poople, since the parents too pay something, serves in part, at first, the private interest of strangers, "hirds of passage" which ono after the other are continualy taking the place of British Suljects, and then goes to nourish American industry.

Such a state of thing is cortainly a heavy offonce against public ceonomy, as also against the protecting principle of the law, which having reference to our own people," should reserve for our educated youth, a situation which the money of their Government and of their fathers served daily to remunerate. The teachers of Academies therefore should be, like those of the Elementary Schools, born British subjects, and subject in all things to all the rules, particular and general, regrlating pullic instruction. But these observations must be regarded as being without the least personal allusion; the question is throughout one of principles only, the bearing and consequences of which Your Excellency will be pleased to consider, with reference solely to the subject itself.

5thly.-From the preceeding considerations, and keeping always in mind the same principles, we naturally arrive at similar conclusions relative to the use of Americnn books in our Schools and in our Academies. Thesc books are widuly spread throughout the country, and especially in the Pastern Townships, where, I regret to say, they are almost exclusively used.

Every principle, however, which is opposed to the employment of American Teachers, is much mure opposed to the use of books coming from the United Stated, in a political sonse, and as regards the public, welfare. Because if the Teachers have sometimes the prudence to be silent on the principles of their government and of their institutions, their books, which are every where filled with them, do not always keep silence on these matters, all important in the eyes of their authors; and because they run a chance of being read by a thousand persons, while the Teacher may hardly have an opportunity of being able to speak freely to ter.

It must be also allowed that the use of American books naturnlly contributes much to discourage talent and industry in our country, and thus creates a great obstacle to the progress of the arts and sciences, and to the advancement of industry and commerce among $u s$.

Moreover, considered in relation to public economy, we cannot conceal that for the purchase of the American books, there past every day to strangers immense sums, from which in return the Province derives no benefit, because we have the advantage of possessing many excellent native works, Canadian one may call them, well adapted for the propagation of the elemeniary sciences in both languages; and because we possess talents and intellect which a certain encouragement would at any time turn to practical advantage, or we might procure from beyond sea similar works, which might easily be reprinted in this country, whereby the editors and printers would be enabled to offer them at very low prices to the parents.

There can be on this subject but one opinion, one sentiment. For it is very certain that, if the use of our own books or of those from beyond sea, which might be judged fit to be re-printed was universal among us, they might be sold at very low prices to the parents who, while they contribute to encourage the talents and the press of Canada, would farther find their advantage in purchasing the productions of their compatriots or of their fellow subjects.

We have farther the advantage of having among us typefoundries and printing and copying presses of a very fine quality, as well as lithographers, engravers, paper foctories and book-shops, which are equal to those of the United States and of Europe.

We have then only to invite men of letters and friends of education, as also printers, traders and merchants to contrihute their intellect, their information, their means and efforts to furnish the children of the country the books 7 th Noviniter. of which they have daily need, and I venture to think that, by a liberal encourugement on the part of the public, and a provision in the law favorable to this eflect, we shall le aimost able on this point, honorably to suffice to ourselves.

As to the legislative provision to which I have just alluded, I venture to flater myself that Your Excellency will be pleased to recommend to the Provincial Parliament that it should be ellected by laying a heavy duty on American books, and by expressly prohibiting the use of these books in schools established by virtue of the law on pain of forfeiting the allowance.

The country possesses intelligence and talents, whose employment might tend much to its glory, as well as to the good of its inhabitants, and the prohibition of American books would be the means of oflering to its talents and industry an encouragement and protection extremely desirable, and which in a few years would greatly accelerate the advancement of litterature and commerce in the Province.

This important measure would have the farther effect of considerably limiting the use of different books on the same subjects, and would thus be the means of preparing the way for the adoption of a system of books, cach of which, being the only one on the same subject, which would he used would be sulficient for the pupil, thereby affecting a great soving of time and trouble for the children, and of money for the parents, for the frequent changes in schools of books as well as of masters lead to great loss of time and to much uscless cxpense.

The School Commissioners being free to chose among the books which the law might leave open to them, those which might suit them best, would probalily decide on one kind alone for each subject, if they should take the advice of the Superintendent, who in all cases, should have the right of giving an opinion merely, and nothing more.
For the rest, the reports of next year would shew what would be the books most in usc, which would put it in the power of the Superintendent to recommend their universal adoption, in the Country, and for the particular subject on which il treats, and in each language.

To derive more advantage from the existence of the Academies and Model Schools, the'Teachers of these educational establishments should each be required to instruct gratuitously a young person, of the County where he teaches, for " $£ 10$ which he may receive from Government, either directly or by the intervention of the Commissioners under whose control he might be placed, by the terms of the Elementary Education Act.

Gthly,-The cstablishment of public Libraries, the examination of the pupils and the distribution of prizes to the chiddren for good conduct, diligence, and superior progress, are things which it is further considered ought to play an important part in the direction of public instruction.

The Libraries, composed of woll chosen books, would be an effective meats of casily propagating everywhere the principles of the sciences, of morality and of religion. The contents of these books would be an intellectual feast of which both Teachers and pupils would daily partake with avidity.

The establishment of these Libraties would especially bencfit the poorer chidiren, whose parents generally have not the means of purchasing the books whose perusal would so greatly contribute daily to develope their intelligence, to cultivate their mind, to entich their memory and to form their disposition. The rich, also, would find their advaritage in it, because, if they bave the means, they have not always the information and discretion which the School Commissioners will be able to exercise in the choice of books.

Popular Litraries are now estallished in almost all the civilized connaries of the inlabited word, and especially in the United States and in France, where they produce admirable effects on the manners and eharacter of the people, in an intellectual and moral point of view.

There exist already a certain number of small publis' Libraries in our Country parts, the successful establishment of which is promipally due to the zeal and sacrifies of the "Curis" of the Patishes respectively, and under their paternal direction it se cernin that they elfeet much gowl. But these librartes, besides their insulticiency from their not being yet sulheiently diftused and the much too limited number of books in them, ate abo, perhaps, too exclusively religions.

It would be, therefore, extremely advantagcous that the law shou!d contan a chase whicli would have the effeet of eneouraging the School Commissicuers to establish puhlic libraries in their respective locahties, and I venture to Hatter myself that Your Excellency will be pleased to recommend the subject to the Provincial larliament.

7thly. The School Comntissioners should be required by the law to cause a puldic examination to be made, and to preside thereat at least once a year, and to rejort the result to the Suparmendent, on pain of forfeiting the Government allowance, lecanse such examinations may efect great good, and contribute much to the progress of useful information in the country.

In effect, public examinations are a powerful source of praiseworthy cmulation and ambition among the scholars. and alford a favourable ofportunity for lecing able to judger of their progress, as also of the talents and endeaveurs of the Masters, and of their success, besides that it is a great satistaction for these latter and for the parents to be thus occular winnesses of the proofs whech the children afford of it, in presence of an attentwe and curious public ; and the reports of these examinations would be so many authentic records of this advancement, and of the diligence of the Teacher.

The distribution of prizes in hooks, or otherwise, to the most succeseful scholars, in presence of the public and of their relatives, would be also very proper to create and keep up among the children that degree of cmulation so advantageous to the progress of knowledger. This is a fact which we have already had occasion to know by experience, and I have myself been many times a witness of it during my visit to the elementary schools under the operation of the expircd Acts.

The School Commissioners should he required also to make mention in their report of the public examinations, and to state if there have heren prizes distributed to the diligeut children. They might even give the names of the successful pupils, the enregistration of whose names in the Eduration Oflice would be a second permanent and glorious reward for themselves and for their parents. This would he on additional means of creating emulation among the children, and of rapitly forming valuable members of socicly.

Moreover, if the pullicity of surecss is a apecies of reward, it would toe still greater and much more honouralle for the Teachers and for their scholars, when, fur the infurmation and sansfaction of Guvernment, the Superintendent would inelude each year in his report the hist of the suecessful pupils, who mieght have been thus rewarled at the public examimation of their respective seliools, with a satement of the name of the Parish, the name of the Twacher, and the number of his School. It te ensy to see that this method would he the means of creating much nore ambition in the Tuachers.

Sibly. To fucilitate the communication between the Schuol Commissumers and the Superintendent of Puhtic Instrurtion, the person presiding at the election of Parish or Township Officers should be required to furnish to the Superimendent a return of their olection, shewing their names and deir christian names, their protessions and residences respertively, and this withn fifteen days after the date of their election; otherwise there would inevitably he a slowness and delay in the transactions, such as I have constantly
had occasion to observe in the course of this year, which would te very pmojudicial to the proper carrying out of the Act.

9thly. As the electors qualified to eleet the Selonol Commissieners would have, at the same time, the right of electing the Assessurs, the Collectors, and the Trensurer of each Parish or 'Township respectively, the pervon presiling at the election should also be regured to furnish the Sujermtendent with a Return of their election, in the same mamer as of that of the School Commissioners, so as in keep him constantly informed of all that is pareing, and thus to put him in a coundition to acruuit himself of his responsibility to wards those interested, and towards the Government.

10thly. To concentrate the procedings, and to falicitate their registation, at the oflice of the School Commissioners, and at that of the Superintendent of public instruction, the Parish Ascresurs, Collectors and Treasurer, whould be required to furnish a eertified copy of their oflicial proceedings, respectively, to the Chaimen of the Board of SchoolCommissioners, ind a similar one to the Superintendent, ammally, otherwise there would be a hreak in the transmission of information which might render the later officer deficient in the knowledge necessary to the regularity and proper combination of the procedings required in the department of the direction of public instruction.

11 thly. For the reasons which precede, the Teachors, who by the terms of the law are already obliged to keep, 2 journal for their Schools, respectively, shoule be, likewise reguired to firnish the School Commissioners with a copy of this jourmal, ommally, also with a statement of the monies paid to then by the Commissioners, whether derived from nseessments on the people or from the allowance of Government. By this plam, the Commissioners leing already repuired to furnish the Superintendent with an annual report on the management of their Scheols, the employment of the monies, the public examination, the distribution of the prizes, the number of childen rewarded, and on all other procoedings within their juriedietion, would have the means of always cstablishing the facts ipt an authentic and irrepragable manner.

From the obligation thus imposed on all persons more or less engaged in carrying out the Education 5 ct , to furnish, separtely and conjoindy information of all their respective proceedings to the Superintendent of public instraction, there would result an assemblage of divers documents in the same office, coming sometimes from different sources, and sometimes from the same, but rolating to the same subjects, which would establish a concurrence of elear and extremely satisfactory proofs of the right administration of the law, and would be at the same time extremely useful to the cause of education.

This obligation would after all, only require from each person, a double report of his proceedings, the comparison of which, in the mode adopted in the office of the Post Master General, would render the contimed practice of abuses or errors impossilile, because the Superintendent, always informed of every thing, might thus, from his oflice, uasily rectify them.

12thly. As it is necessary to have cach year the census of the children of age to attend the schools, so as to make their number serve as a baxis for the division of the sum granted by Parlinment as an aid towards the support of Teachers, the Asmessors of each Parish or Township should be re. quired to make this census while they are going through their respective Assessments, and to furnish a copy of it to the Sedrool Commissioners and to the Superintendent on or about the twentieth of February in each year.

13thly. Seeing that it is important to oblige parents to send their children to school, and that bad weather and living fat from the schuol might often be great hindrances to some, from their being too young, and to others because being of an age to be useful, their services might be required at home or in the worksiop, it becomes necessary to establish the age of the children at from cight to fourteen years inclusively, othorwise they might be exposed, some to ftigue and the inclemencies of the wather, pernicious and sometimes

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fatal to their heallh, and others to be wanting in uscfulness to their parents, or in application to trade and to the mechanical arts.

14thly. The scholastic term of nine months of tuition being somewhat long, corsidering the need that parents in general, especially farmers, have of their children in the fime of agricultural labour, the absolute term'should be limitel to sis months only, otherwise they might suffer much dificulty and privation at certain times of the year.

15thly. As it occasionally happens that a rather dense population is cstablishod in a locality formed of parts of Parishes or Townships, and that this population could not establish a School without uniting its means, the School Commissioners of the Parish or Township which is most popalous should ho authorizal to phace a School in this part of their Parish or T'ownship. In this case, the sail School should be under their particular jurisdiction, and the Assessors, the Collectors and the Treasurer of the same Parish or Township should be, with the Commissioners of Education, the Scholastic Oficers of the entire population included in the School District in which such Schuol shall be.

16thly. Aud whereas it is extremely important that the School Commissioners and the Examiners should be perfectly acquainted with their rights and their power, with their duties and their responsibility, it should be enacted that the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be, for the future, authorized to demand frum the Governnent a copy of the Edacation Act, to be delivered cach year to the Chairnan of the Roard of Commissioners in each Paristh or Township, as also to the President of each Board of Examisers in the Province, with such forms of Returns and other forms, as the Superintendent is required by the law to furnish them with annually. This would be the means of preventing hesitation and fear, and the confusion and disorder which is necessarily occasioned by igiorance of the law, in the fulfilment of its requirentents. The evil which, in this respect, ignorance of the law has caused, this year, is incalculable.

17thly. To conclucle my observations on the means which more particularly refer to the direction of Public Instruction, it remains for me to say a few words touching the Superintendent.

It is evident, that as the situation of the Supcrintendent imposes upon him the duty of giving an impulse to the Education Acl, and the universal direction of its application, so as to altain the important end which it has in view, it throws upon him an amount of work, of which he would without assistance be incapable of acquitting himself in a useful and satisfactory manner. For being, at the same time, charged with the care of an Oltice, and with visiting the chief places in the country, he cannot be, at the same time, in the town and in the coumtry, and it is impossible to say, what degree of delay and anxicty is inevitably occassioned by his being absent, without being represented at the Office by a fitting person. Besides, the position of the Superintendent placing him in continual communication with the first among his co-subjects, and with a number of distinguished strangers, the duties attached to his charge should be performed in a manner which slould evince their importance, woull demonstrate their utility, and should everywhere command respect andi confilence. Whence it follows, that for the interests of Educatiot, the law ought to provide that the Superintendent of each soction of the United Province, should have the means and the power of procuring a respectable Assistant, as also that he should have enmoluments and contingencies, which may place him out of the reach of anxiety as to the means of a decent subsistence, nnd in a position to execute useluly the important duties which the law imposes on him, otherwise he cannot give that weight to his proceedings, nor enjoy that contidence in the public estimation, nor excrcise that degrec of private influcnce of which he is coustantly in need, in order to elfect all the good which is naturally expected from his ministry.
But to ensure to the Superintendent a more independent, easy and useful action in the operation of its two branches;' they should he separated one from the other, and each made directly accountable to the head of the Esecutive Government, otherwise a hindrance arises which greatly
increases the labour, while it only produces, in the proceedings a slowness and delay very prejudicial to success. Morcover, the people have not ihe same confidence in a man charged with any duty, when they have reason to be-7 November, lieve, him passively subject to an impulse a tergo, to which they suppore him bound to yield implicit submission and obedience. In this case, constantly fearing the insufficiency of the power, or the effect produced by the will of another, the people are constantly a prey to the influence of suspicions and of mistrust which disquiet them, make them hesitate, and often induce them even to refuse peremptorily their co-operation in the execution oflaws made to effect their prosperity and happmess.

In continuation of the preceeding observation, it is not perhaps inopportune to draw Your Excellency's attention to tho great increase of work in the correspondance of the Education Olfice of Lower Canada, from the fact of its neing generally required to be done in both languages, French and English, and almost always in duplicate, the inhobitants of the country being of heterogeneous origin and more or less scattered over its surface, a circumstance which also holds grood with respect to the keeping of the Registers containing documents relating to the general direction of the public instruction.

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Proposed Imendments, which more especinlly refer to the means of promoting a desire for Education among the People, and of providing for the payment of Teachers.
Education is a subject which, at all times, has exercised the solicitude of liberal and enlightened Governments, and many of them have given to their respective countries a system of instruction, the principles, operation and results of which constitute, at the same time, the advantage of the youth of the land, the happiness of its poople, and the admiration of the enlightened Philanthropist.

Among the Governments which have most distinguished themselves by their zeal for Education, may be instanced those of Prussin, Austria, Germany, the United States and France, which occupy the first rank. The particular interest which they feel in this fruitful source of so many blessings, has induced them to adopt different means, and often even measures of rigour which had an apparent character of arbitrariness and oppression, the use of which nothing could have justified, if they had not been the effect of that moral courage which is required, to produce a strong and unwavering determination, to make the authority and weight of a severe but wise law subservient to the benefit of youth, and to the happiness of society.

Government has a special mission to spread the principles of Morality and the light or Science ; it has the right, and it is its duty to protect social order within as well as without; and it is undeniable, that of all the means of internal order, the most powerful is that of general instruction.

Thus, when for the purposes of Education, Government cannot obtain the good will and the voluntary co-operation of the parents and fathers of familics, rigorous measures, based on reason and on principles of justice, are justifiable in the eye of philanthropy, of religion, and of a sound policy. In that caso, cuery good Government, less attentive to prejudices and preposessions than to the wants and well-understood interests of socicty, adopts, without hesitation, practical methods, and even measures of rigour, the use of which is rendered necessary by circumstances, and, in spite of the indifference or opposition of the people, thus procures, by force, the benefit of education for its subjects.

It is thus, that to procure to the children of its dominions the advantnges of education, the Government of Prussia has adopted, among other measures, that of disqualifying its subjects for public employments, for benefices, places of profit, of honour, and of confidence, as also for becoming apprentices to any art or trade, if they have not, at least, an clementary education, such as by means of the fitting system of instruction established in the country, they may procure to themselves in their youth. are attended with the grentest suceres in sprealing education amony the people, and the working elasses. There are, and the vices, schools, the masters of which are pait by Government. No master-workman can employ in his service another workman, if he cannot read, write and cipher, and no individual can be married unless he can, in like manner, read, write and eipher.

But in speak only of that which concerns us in particular, I have the honour of submiting to Your Excellency that,-

1stly. With the view of induring the perple of this Province to set a higher value on pullic employments, whether of profit, honour or confidence; to attach more importance to the great and numerous adrantages which result therefrom; and with the view of creating a greater taste for instruction, which, in a practical sense and as respects the interests of society, is, at the same time, their origin, their foundation, and their olject, I have meself, following the example of what I san so uscfully practised elsewhere, thought it my duty to recommend in my leters on Educttion written and published in 1838, the disqualification, atter a given tune, of my non-chlucated compatriots for public employments, and for appentreship to any art or trade, and I am, at the present day, more than ever persuaded hat this wom he ta measure extremely adrantageous to the spreading of education atnong us.

The disqualification for public employments would necessarily have the effect of inducing our farmers, our artimns, and sur workmen to make more steady and alfectse eflots to find means for instructing their children. It is certain that with the aid of a liberal law, casy of execution, the disqualification for public employments would tee a moastre, which would in practice have an excellent effert.

Ithink in, therefore, my duty to recommend the trial of it, persuaded as I am that great grod may reasomably be expected from it, atd that it camot produce any coil.

In the United States, this disqualification for publicemployments is practicully in operation, because it is a thing unlieard of to see a citizen raised to a post of honor, whether by the authority of the Govermment or the voice of the people, who hiss not at least an education becoming his sttuation, and it may be soid that this fact, so proper to raise and keep up a taste for the Arts and Sciences, which being there carried to enthusiasm, produces a spirit creatise of efforts, of talents and of knowledge, and gives birth to an ambition for the public service, which ends only in the tomb of the individual himself.

Our farmers and our workmen are not without a praiseworthy amhition to take part in public employments; the essential difirence between them and the people of the United States is that, nourishing too often frivolous and vain hopee, either for thenselves or their children, they generally avait events in patience and trust to the chances of succeas for obtaining public employment, without being otherwise suniciently solicitous about the qualifications necessary to be able to fill such employment, with persomal and general adrantage.

But, pullic employments cannot contribute to general or individual henefit, when they fall to the lot of men destitute of the information requisite, for exercising them with honor to themselves and advantage to the people.

It is thus that, in this country, the public intersst as well as the advancement of the common weal, are unioriunately hut too often bethind, and sometimes even paralysed in their progress, which, with the feeble and powerless aid of unenightened men, can but be wavering and unprosperous.

It is thus that, in the townslins as in the Seiguiories, my visit has given me orcasion to see men in whose hands the law has placed great powers and means, and who enjoy also the authority and confilence of the people, as well as of the Goverament, and who yet in their respective qualities of Municipal Councillors, and of School Commissioners, are absolutely unprovided with the information requisite to
cuable them to acquit themselves advantageously of the impmrtant oflicial duties which, in their hands, are incomparably more honorable than useful.

This disqualification, or rather this qualification for public' employments of confidence, of honor, or of profit, would therefure be an excellent measure, since it would have the immediate effect of giving to the different loralities School Commissioners well informed as well as noral, and anterwarus men capable of manging public affains of every kind in a manner honorable to themselves and advantageons to society. And the necessity under which young people would he placed, of having at least an clementary cducation hefore entering upon an apprenticeship to noy art or trade, would soon have the effect of giving us well informed artizans and workmen who, to better success in their business, would be able to join that influence in sociely which always accompanies cducation. Tlicir information would be also a warranty against the innumerable errors and oversights, of whit the igurante of workmen may ofien be the cause, in the execution of their plans and undertakings, to the great detriment of individuals and of Society.

I would fain Ielieve, then, that Yuur Excelleney would be pleased to recommend to Parliament the inmediate qualification of the Sehool Commissioners, and the disqualification for public employments after twenty years from this date, and for npprenticeslip to any Arls or Trade, after four sears from this date, but widhout any retroactive effect.

2ndly. But there is yet a means of coercion which supposes the use of anviher, to which I shall come immediately atter having treated of this. It is the obligation imposed hy the law on parents, to send their children to school, under pain of a fine, after two years from this date.

Desiring to bring together all practical means, for ensuring for the children a fitting education, and that in spite of their parents, if through negligence or apathy the law should not recer ive heir co-pperation, I have already, for this desiratle olject, recommended the imposition of a tine on those parunts who should obstinately refuse to grant it them. My letters of 1833 on education, contain this recombendation, which I believe it my duty again to make to Your Excellency at the present day, persuaded as I am, that the use of this means will be followed ly the happiest effects.

Besiles, this means, so easily put in practice, is employed with advaptage in many comtries, even in the United States, our neighbours. In the State of Connecticut, it has heen so since the year 1655 , subjecting the parents to three difierent degrees of fine in case of repeated trangegression, and the Colle of France exercises the same severity against the parents when, carcless of procuring for their children the blessings of education, they are wanting in this all-important duty.

The same thiny is also practised in Germany. "In the Duchy of Saxe-Weismer," says thePhilosopherCousin, "the " law of the State requires all fathers of families to send "their children to scheol, or to prove that they give them "at home a sulficient cducation. Severe punishinents are "attached to the infraction of dhis law which, in our days, " is still necessary."

Such is the language of a celebrated French philospher, and, at present, according to the text and spirit of the Articles 203 and 385 of the French Civil code, a father of a family who refuses to give education to his children, according to his means, may be compelled to it, and it is established by Ordinances, that whoever is not provided with a Certificate of ability, cannot be employed as Teacher under severc penilties, whence in ensuen, that thute who devote themselves to the Art of teaching, are everywhere capable and effect the greatest good. Thus, in comparing the state of education in France, we find that the number of the pupils has at least doubled in the interval between' 1817 and 1829, on the enlire extent of the kingdom. Forly years ago, there were reckoned in France but six millions of persons who could read and write; at present there are more than cighteen millions.

In Prussia, not only the same compulsory law exists, but the parents wait with impatience for the particular time of

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(Z.) ill Novamber each year, in which logal restraint obliges them to send to the ortabisished Schools all their children between the ages of sceen aud fourteen; and os a proof that the parents are more actunted by zeal for instruction, than by a spririt of opposition to the law, is that, in 1831, the number of children going to the public Schools was much more considerable than that of the children from seven to fourtcen years old in the whole kingdom, and this without comming the children instructed in private Schools or in families. We sec by this fact, that in Prussia, not only are the parents obedient to the haw, but that they even send to the puhlic Schools those of their childten who, from cheir age, are not subject to the law concerning public instruction.

The obligation impnsed on parents to send their children to School under pain of finc, is a compulsory measure which would oblige the parents to procure for all their children indiscriminately the benefit of education, and if they do not yel know what is the greatest blessing which can be conferred on their children, it is time to teach them to know it by the importance which should be attached to, and the severity of the provisions of the obligatory measures to be adopted in this behalf.

Thus, for the sake of promoting the education of children, I an convinced that to ensure a gencral obedience and conformity to the other requirements of the law, it is necessary to estbtablish a certain penalty which the lnw should inflict upon the negligent or the delinquent, unless they should prove to the satisfaction of the majority of the School Commissioners that they canse their children to be instructed at home.

However, to give time for the direction of the public instruction to be organised, and for the parents to prepare themselves to sulmit implicilly to it in every thing, this obligation imposed on parents, to send their children to School, should only commence at the end of two years from this date ; and, in order not to press to heavily on the farmers who are gencrally much in want of the work of their children, at the times of agriculfural labours, this obligation should only comprehend children from seven to twelve years of age, inclusively, and during only six months of the year. In the United States, the male children of farmers go regularly to School for about eight months of tho year. Above twelve years, children should be encouraged to go to School, but withont any legal obligation to do so, and without constrait on the part of their parents.

The fine might be fixed at ten shillings a month for each child, hetween the ages before mentioned, who did not attend the School of the School District in which he resided, reckoning from the day when the School was regularly opened for teaching, always excepting the children who should be proved to the SchoolCommissioners to have received instruction at home; and I ventune to believe that, here as clsewhere, this measure would not fail of having an excellent effect.

The fine might be recovered from the paronts at the suit of the Chairman of the Boarl of School Commissioners of the Parish or Township, before the ordinary Court of the locality, and the amount should be employed by the Commissioners for the purposes of education in their respective localities.
3.-To make the elementary education act work usefully, a guarantee of pecuniary means of support, proportioned to the service, is as nocessary as the means of direction.

But, the present Act not having provided for this guarantee of pecuninry means in a uniform, certain and stuflicient manner, the law should provide for augmenting a little the usual grant of government, as also for the levying of monies from the prople in a general, in a direct and coercive manner; coercive by the operation of a fixed principle which should derive its force from the law itself, and this principle being adinitted, it only remains to agree on the mode in which it shall be put in practice.

Some propose ta tax income only, others to tax landed property orwording to its superficial extent, some to tax only lancus under culture or cultivable and according to the same proporion, and others the real value of all property,
moveable and immovable. Among the friends of educa- Appendix tion, there aro some who, to find a certain means of propagating it elsewhere uniformly, propose a direct and compulsory capitation tax, either upon heads of families, or 7h Norember. upon persons arrived at the age of majority, and from that age upwards to sixty years of age, or on chitdren' of an age to attend school, such age to be determined by the law. But all agree that, for the sake of forwarding the well understood interests of general' education, it is necessary to adopt for this important end, a uniform and cocrcive principle which may necessarily have its effect by the force of the law itself.

I will not stay to develope the advantages or disadvantnges which might result from the preceding principles of taxation respectively if adopted and put into practice, more especially as to do it in a positive and mathematically exact manner, I should reguire data which I cannot procure at the present day, and the principal of which is a copy of the census of Lower Canadn for 1842.

However, by taking for a guide the Census of 1831, we shall he able to assume some ficts, make some approximate calculations, and arrive casily at general conclusions which, being neither gratuitous nor specious, may serve as a solid foundation for some gencral principle of taxation.

Thus, considering the increase of the population from the Census of 1825 to that of 1831 , and following nearly the same relative proportion, it may be supposed that from this last epoch up to this day, the increase of the present population should amount to litte more than a third. It is not difficult to admit this fact, if we consider the immense amount of British immigration into the Province, since the first period.

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Infants from 5 to 14 years of age.......
And the number of cultivated acres of land is
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each yearly, will give :.................
And at 5s. yearly, will give..............
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at 1 s . 3 d . per month, during six months only, will give

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Aecording to this calculation, a land of three acres by thirty, will cost yearly to the possessnr or occupier, the moderato sum of.
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And will give him the privilege of sending to school as many children as he has!

It is therefore very ensy to find means of making the people rentribute to the expenses of educating their children; for in any case, a tax based on any one of the precediug principles will be sufficient, and easy to be borne.

Of all these principles, that of capitation by heads of families is certainly the easiest to put in practice, but it is perhaps not the most just. In several countries, and even here, it is put in practico for divers objects. In the State of Massachusetts, it has been adopted for the purpose of raising themeans of disseminating Elementary education, from about the year 1640 . So that, considering its long duration, we may the means which, in the absence of the co-operation of the Manicipal Conneils, I have this pear recommended the Inhalintants to pactice ererywher hy voluntarily subseribing the sum of ten shallins fin cach head ofa family, wirtil the requisite anemblums are made to tho Education Act.

It was promed formerly to make the Inhabitants contribute by means ol Lam-i'axisomb, in proportion to tha supertione, hum consmed that this methon would le ruinous for the ghester part of them, became ther very firgurnty poseses much land moce uped, mentivated or harren, I opposed it in my leters on Elducatun in 1838 .

Being. however, consincel, at the same time, of the necessity of ohbigug the people to priy fine the eduration of their children, I then propused to oblige them to do so by a capitation tas nu children of the aere established lyy law, fur attending the pullice sehoots, and the compulsorly, and whether the parents should send them there or not.

But, the reath of my visits persuaded me that the greater number of the frionds of education propose to impose a general tax, for the purposes of educatim, on all property, moveable and immovedbe, in propurtion to its seal wahte, over and above all incumbrances and hypotheques, which shond he taxed aginst the person: in whese faver they have been created, providing alse, that the tax shomble he imposed on monies phaced at intercst, or employid in commerce, banking, orany oller kind of sipculative businoss.

So that, it may be said that all agree on the necessity of obligng the prople to pay (at least in part) for the education of their chuddren, first, herause it is evident thatGovermment alone cannot pay the whole expenses of th, and semully because, to tath the peophe to attach more valte to cdaration, it is necessary tomake them pay for jt, at leat in part.

I have just said that the taxation of all property, meveahe and immoneble, in propertion to the ceal value, would be tha based on the justest pronciphe, if it were carefully put in practiec in ths full extent. and I prowe it by brielly wherroing, that it is in fatt the most just.-- first, lecame the minn idual who has but hatte, pases hat hittere, and becouse it is just that he who has much shoudd pay more. It might alsu he odded, that education locing a power which offers general ant common adautages, the rich man who has a greater part in in, because of has property and of the more elevated position which he tenerally oceupies in society, has a much er ater interest that the poor man in seeiny it generaly dintised. For ehneation, which unceasingly presiles orer the making and the execution of the laws, is a means of proter ting his firtume and his existeme. and without the rifeet olits gente inthennee. he would have reason to be comtinually in dreal, cither fier his property or for himself.

In elfect, the rich man has a much ereater need of support and protection than the pror man, becallse of his property, mul he profits, in comsequence, much more than the latter from the advanates of elueation, be emelopme himself in as pracenble serenty which the eiviluation ard morality of an elncated people leate at his dipowal, as an
 the attacks of he envions mpon his hemer, his Birtume, or his liee itsolf. It would, thertion, he very unphatesphatical to consider cducation oaly in ts private $r$, fations, in ite perronal adrantegs. It mist also be looked at in its correlative and recipromal relations, in its genemal and rommen adrantuges, in its enllective and universal consequeners, ever tending towards the bedecfit of a wholu suciety.

The edneation of the people is, therefore, so much the more useful to the rich, as they have more need of it, because of the relative porition which they ocrupy in focicte, and the property which they poseess, for withsut education, there can be no wise laws, withont wise laws there can be no positive protection ; and a people without elucation is a poople williout laws, and a people withoul laws in on unbrifled populace from which there is always nure to fear than to hope.

Under the influence of the Education Act for Lower Canala, which oxpired in 1836 , here were 1530 schools in operation, at he rate of $£ 20$ a-year for each school, and the sum of e36,106 152 was paid hy Government for the last yoar. Bul a part of this sum was comployed in paying the lialt the rost of the School Mouses, at the rate of $£ 50$ a house, in paying the teaching of any older language dhan that of the majurity of the children going to selioul, at the rate of $£+$ for each master thus tencling two languayes, in payiny ten stillings our the instriction of each poor clitht, anil also in rewarling the chiiden who had made most progecss, at the rate of tenshillings a school. So that we may consider the sum of $£ 30,600$ as leing nearly that "hich way paid by Geverment towards the support of the masters at the rate of LSO for each school, for the year 1836.

Now, allhough on the one hand it must he almitted that annong the heads of framilies some would pay lese than ten shillings a year, that some others woudd pay nothing at all, and that on the other hand it would be necessery to cstablish a genter mumber of School Distries, than were in operation under the Act which expired in 1836; neverthcless, after makiny every allowame, if the School Districts were not ton multiplied, and a system of taxation were adopted, by the opervation of which there might be obtained nearly ten shillings for carh solvent hemd of a family, a sum would very casily be maised, I do not say equal to that which by virtue of the present law, Goverument now offers, but so far heyond it, so as to allow a respectable salary for each teacher.

Mr. Proulx, Curé of St. Antoine de Tilly, wishing to take means for eetablishing the number of schools which he thought necessary in his parist, adepted the plan of obliging the parents to pay hy capiation of their chiddren of an ago to goto sehool, and havens fixed it at ten pence for cach chad (whether the parens shond send litem there or not), the has hapuly sucteceded in finding, in this manner, the means of establisthing fifteen schools in his parish. This thet so homornhe to Mr. Proule, in eloquent in favor of the general contrabution ly taxation, by asessement or otherwise, and proves very clarly that however moderate the tax may be, it may sulfice, with the aid of the grants, from Govermmat, to idefray, in a fittiug manner, the expenses of carrymg out a system of elenentary elucation, productive of nuch gool. The imposition of a cocrcive and general tas, for the purposes of education, is then the easiest, the most ecomomical, and the most certain means of obtaining it crery where will certainty and unifornity.
But, the menns of support proceeding thus from two different woures, in is necessary to keep constandy in view the dis-
tinctive minciple of fheir respective origin and direction. tinctive principle of their respective origin and direction. The momes proceeding from the people should be levied in a coercive mamer, but left in the locality, at the disposal of thoso interexted, repmented by a Treasurer and the School Comminsioners of their ewn choice, while the sume granted by the Legistature, arising frem the revenue of the Crown Lands or from any other source, should be distributed according to the number of the population of the chitdren, in cording to the number of the population of the children, in
the manier arcady provided, in the prescnt law. This is, in fict, the principle most just and must applicable to the wants of the localities, and without the observance of which there might revilt ablewes and inconveniences, surh as may haw been ohserved under the operation of the law of Lower Canada whech expired in 1S36

In New Brunswick, the government grant the sum of sio, athially for each selaod, provided the inhabtanta of the School Distriet furnish as much, and that the tutal sum paid be the government be not more than £1s0 for carh Parish or Township; but in the state of New York, the govermment grants allowances in pteporion to the population of the localities, provided the inhatitants furnish as much, and this principle, which is that already adopted in our Act, operates infinitely bettor.
It is aseertained that there are about 180,000 Elementary Schonls in the United States, and the State of New York has about 10,000 for its share, which under the influence of a law similar to what ours would be, if it were modified in the manner proposed above, the government and the people support in the most praisoworthy manner.
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In the Stute of New York, the School Trustecs are the assessors authorized to levy on the people the sum which is equal to the allowance grantal by government, in proportion to the population of each locality rospectively, and availing themsolves of their power to taise a larger sum, and of the wish of the peopla to increase the emoluments, so as to have hetter masters, it appears by dhe report of the Superintement that, in 1837, they levied for this twofold end, a sum almost double the government allowance.

This is a fact, proving zeal and dosire for ellucation very praiseworthy and exemplary, and which will be without doubt more eloquent than worls with the Canalian people, to induce them to submit willingly to the operation of the principle of a general tax for the purposes of education, and I venture to fittler myself that, yielding to the peculiar inpression which this signal tuct cannot fail of making upon them, they will hasten to profit by the advantages offered by the Act as amended.

Under the influence of the expired Elucation Act, which the Provincial Partiament had passed for the dillusion of education in Lower Canada, it appears that the following sums were ammally paid by government for this object, viz:-


Such are the sums granted by the Provincial Legislature of Lower Canada, and if in each year they had only been doubled by virtue of a general tax, how light nad casy to pay, would have been the contribution for each, and what benefit would have been effected, of which we have not secn even the shadow.

Let there be no tax, assuredly not, when the greater evil is thus avoilded; but when we may rasily convince ourselves that it is the most expelitious, the most prompt, tho easiest, and the most ceonomical incans for cnch of us, by which the children of the people can be provided with the greatest of all bessings after religion, we should he neither consistent nor wise to put it from us, and with it the blessing of education.

In effect, without the operation of a general and coercive tax, instruction will be comparatively given only to a small number of children, and will still be imperiect and insufficient for our wants. And to attempt ngain to pat into operation a system of elementary ceducation, without the inposition of a general tax, is to render ourselves guilty of leaving the present generation also destitute, as so many others have alrealy unhappily been, of the benefit of education.

The time for experiments ought to have passed, and experience ought to havo taught us, that to the wishes and favorable dispositions of the people, must be joined the effectiveness, the absolute action of a principle which produces the good of their children, so to say, in eppite of their parents.
It is clear that, for this object, of such important, vital and common interest to all, it is necessary that to facility of action, and ceonomy of procedure, severity, oven absolutism should auspiciously unite, so as to render the results of the general carrying out of the law inevitably good. In a word, for lhis desirnble end, all possible means which appear necessary, should be adopted and put immediately into practice.
Besides, what can be feared from the mild, light and easy operation of a general tax, solely for the object of education, above all when, to obtain the good eflect, all the management of it will be entrusted, by the people themselves, into the hands of rospoctable and enlightened men, who are their friends, and whose common interests are merged in and identified with those of the people in the midst of whom they reside? Not the least evil!

Your Excollency may have remarked that, in speaking of

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(Z.) measures which I hold to be indispensable, I have several times alluded to my letters on edueation, published in 1838, and which Mr. A. Buller did me the honor to take into con- 7h Noveatior. sideration, in his quality of Commissioner of Education under Lord Durham. I have conceived it necessary to mako this allusion, because my letters contain these indispensable propositions, even that of peremptorily obliging the parents to pay for the education of their children, but by a capitation tax; and these same letters have been published several times since, in the whole or in part, and with comments. So that, I have already for a number of years been addressing the people on the moral obligation which is imposed on thein to cause their children to be instructed, threatening cocrcion, penalties and exclusion from public employments, and from charges of honor or profit ; and, apparently, I have not heen less fiverably regarded for so doing. I venture to interpret this circumstance as an unequivocal proof of the grod disposition of the people towards the strict measures which, for their own sake, I think it my duty to recommend to Your Excellency. In effect their aloption would be a bencit, as much as an act of courage. I venture, then, to flatter myself that Your Excellency will be pleased to recommend to the Provincial Parliament the adoption of a general and cocrcive tas, for the purposes of cducation, persuaded as I am that, when the power of imposing it shall be specially confided to persons chosen for this end, by the people, our country people will submit themselves to it very willingly.

But, wo must guard carefully against exacting too much or too little from the people. To exact too much, would be to harass the people and to disgust them with education; and to require too little, would bo to limit too much the means of supply and ofsuccess, and to accustom the people to undervaluc education, because they incline to regard as of little value, that which cost little.

From the adoption of the principle of a general and coercive tax, there would result other advantages still, which are not altogether of minor importance.

It would bo the means of striking out of the law, the ohilgation which those parents who have the means are under: to pay the sum of fifteen pence a month for cach child going to school, over and above their annual contribution. Tho requirement of this small sum is more than hurtful to the carrying out of the Act, one may say that it has been for Lower Canade an absolute hindrance, which every art has been able but slightly to mitigate.

In any case, I think it my duty humbly to pray Your Excellency to be plensed to recommend the striking out of the present Act, tho obligation imposed on solvent parents to pay the sum of fifteen pence a month, and to cause the requirenents of the law, in a pecuniary respect, to be limited to a simple annutal coutribution, in one slate or other, for all purposes relating to Elementary Education, for the peoplo will never be satisfied, while they have to encounter obstacles such as they must surmount under the present Law.

The adoption of a general tax, to procure to children the bencfit of Education, by putting an end to the obligation of the parents to pay the sum of fileen pence a month, would also do away with the distinction which it establishes among them, of rich children and poor children. This distinction, in place of serving to attain the object of the law, has rather the effect of ensuring its failure, because it is injurious to the poor children, discourages them, and blunts their feelings, destroys their ambition, paralyses their talents, nullifies all efforts to instruct them, by exposing them to the contempt nul insults of the others, and thus stigmatizes a great number of clever and amiable children, whose excelient disposition and good qualities cause the greatest hopes to be justly entertained for the future. The children attending the schools would then be on an equal footing in the eyes of the law and of tho Masters, as is the cnse in the United States, and at the sehool of "la Doctrine Chretionne" where they are constantly treated as equals and brothers!

To prevent suspicion and to dissipate fear; to destroy mistrust and banish the prejudices and prepossessionse of tho people relative to the imposition of a general tax, and

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to nid more casily the operation of the Education Act, it is important to grant to them by law the power of fredy ennfidines the execution of it to men of har own chaied, whom the may thas sperially charge with the fise al alitions and the maters of supply, so that the direction of publie instrution may sullier in hothag, and may be in movise fettered or constrained in its progrese; for want of means.

Acrordme to the systematic, but very simple phan which I have the honor of submitting to the ronsuderation of Your Exachener, there will be perverived, at first sught, in the operation of the Edacation Act, wo distinct parts which, tomding without cessation towads one sole ent, at length so mite and are merged in cach other, so as to have but one acton, the neecsary elfect of wheh will be general instruction.

Thus then, to attain the greatest facility of procedure and an itssumnce of sucecos, in carying out the Education Act, it is extromely important that certain persons, besides the School Commissioners, should be specially entrusted with the workne of that part of the Act which relates in money maters, and woth the means of defraying his expenses of its genemal operation.

It would be necessary, therefore that Assessors, Collectors and a Treasurer should be clected in cam Parinh or Township, and should be muthorised to proceed in the way alrealy marked out in the first part of this Report.

In the case hereinbefore supposed, the Assessors and Collectors would have the same right and power to exereise, and the same duties and formaluters to go through, as those alrealy mentioned in the Education Act for the same purposes.

The desesors should be moreover required to take the census of chaldren from seven to finmern yeare ohl, and they shouh besides, as well as the Parish or 'Townshif Treasurer, be required to make an amnual report of their prorectiners soparately to the School Commissioners athe the Surematmbent of Pablic fastuetion, the whole wath the couree of February in each yoar. And in case of neghenece or refuat to contorm to the reguirements of the law with reference to this matter. They should be cach and all liable to a fine of ela5, smmatily recoverable at the suit of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners before the District ('ontrt or the County Magiscrates, and the amount should be cimployed, by the Comnissioners, for the purposes of educatime in their respedive localities.

To conomise farther, and to induce the people to treat with more confidence those whom they thmoses shall be called upon to choose, to levy cach year the monies required hy the law, (to serve as an aid towards the support of the Schools) it is extromely important that the Assessors, the Collectors, and the Treasurers should in each locality perform this small servies, without cxacting remuneration. This would be the means of diminishing consulerally, not only the expenses, hut also the objections which otherwise our country-people might pertaps have to the leving of the tax, even for the sole object of education.

I can asame Your Excellency that there will cvery where he easily found inen sufficiently intelligent, disinterested, and Imandy to education, to give their serviees most willingly to mary out this particular enactuent of the law.

And this, while it elevates them, more in the estecm of their fellow-citizens, would place them on a looting of equality with many ollier public oflicers, and ospecially with the School Commissionera, who are charend with duties much more complicated, and with a much henvier responsability, and that during the whole course of the year, without receiving the least remuncmation for the important services which, as good citizens, they daily render to society.

But, in the possible case that, for some reason or other, the election of the Parish or Township Commismoners, Assessons, Collectory, and Treasurer, should not take place, conformably to the Education Act, it would be casy to cnact that, on a requisition signed by at least ton heads of
fanilies, heing land-holders, addressed to the Senior Magistate of the comnty, the latter shoull be required to hold, within fitten days alter the date of the said requisition, a meeting of five magstrates at least, who should thus be 7h November. anthorized to appoint the several publice oflicers betore mentioned, to carry out the provisions of the Edlueation Act in the Parish or 'Jownship where none would otherwise have heen elceted. The School Olficers so appointed, would have, separately and collectively, the same riphts nod powers to exereise, an those which they woukd have had, if they had lieen elected by the people, under the preadeney of the person acting as Chairman at the dection of the parish odicers, and would be liable to the same penalties. The Chaiman of the mecting of the Magistrates should be required to durnish dir Superintendent, within fitteen days, with a list of the Ondicers thus appointed, shewing their manes, adations, and residences, respectively.

In this manner, the useful operation of the law may be reckoned upon with ecrainty, even it though these officers should not have been elected at the election of Parish OFficers. or that having been so, at that time or subsequently, they should refuse or neglect to act conformably to the lav. This would he, in fact, the best means of memelying in a legal manner the esil, otherwise ireparable, resulting from the want of that election, which, this year, has occurred in many parts without its being possible to apply a remedy.

4thly. T'o leave something to the goorl will and zeal of the inliabitants, the law shouid authorite the persons of their choice, who shatl be charged with the execution of the Education Act, to levy on them over and above the sum destined to equal the ordinary allowance of Govermment, certain small additionnl sums, to defray the expense of catablishing Academies, Model Schools, (iirls' Schools, and Publice Libravies; for the purchase of hoooks to be given to the chideren in the shape of rewards, at the yearly public rexamination, to encournge teachers of Academies and of Model Schools to tit some of their scholars for the profession of teaching, as also to encourage the simultaneous teaching of the English and French languages, oljeets somuch the more desmable, as they would contribute most powerfilly to the propagation of practical education among us.

Government, on its side, might engnge itself by law, to give each year, a sum equal to those which the inhobitants of cach locality should furnish for cach of these several purposes, as hereinafter specified.

The simple mention of these different objects sufficiently indicates their respective importance, of which it would be useless to assign the reasons of at length. I shall content myself, therefore, with indieating them separately, with the prirticular sum which, on cither side, the peopleand the Govermment ought to furnish, to attain them with certainty in each locality.

Thus, in the first place, the Teachers of Academies being more specially devoted to giving a sccondary,and sometimes classical clucation, and being able, better than the others, to form scholars who may thereafter becomo masters, it is highly useful to encourage, throughout the Province, the establishment of these educational Institutions, by enacting, after the exanple of what is done for this same object in New Brunswick, that an annual sum of $£ 50$, currency, shall he allowod to the inhabitants who having built, at their own expense, an Academy in a central place, relatively to the population of each County or 'lownship, shall voluntarily furnish over and above, a like sum at least, to aid in making up the Salary of the 'fencher, provided that there be not more than one Academy in each County, and that this one shall he, hesides, subject in every thing to the particular and general direction of the School Commissioners of the locality, and of the Superivitendent of Public Instruction.

In the second place, the want of a Superior Schnol to be placed, by the School Commissioners in the most central plare of cach Parisio or Township, being every where much felt, the law should provide means of encouraging the establishment of such schools, under the significant name of Model Schools, the pupils in which might consist of the most advanced and best disposed children of other Schools, whose parents should have the means of continuing their education in a more complete and useful manner. These

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Schools would however, each take the place of the purely elementary school in the school districts in which they might be respectively situate, and would be subject in every thing to the particular and general direction of elementary Education, and its Teacher, possessing superior qualifications to those of other Teachers, the government might allow the special sum of $£ 10$ currency, annually, above the ordinary allowance, in proportion to the population of chisdren, if,on their side, the inhabitants of the Parish or Township should voluntarily furnish as much over and above their annual contribution, in terms of the law.

There exist already many superior Schools or Academies in Lower Canada; but as they are established almost exclusively in the Townships, it is extremely desirable to adopt means for encouraging their establishment in the Seigniories, because they would there eflect the same good. However, two of these Institutions have been built in the course of the year, and two more are now building. So that, there is already a taste for these Institutions, and there is cvery reason to believe that if the law offered the means of encouragement, which are recommended above, they would encrease in number daily.

In the third place, the want of Teachers of Elementary Schools being everywhere great, and the Teachers of Academies and Model Schools being considered to be capable of forming them, to enconrage them to do so, the law should enact that a sum of $£ 5$, Currency, shall be granted by Goverriment to each and every Teacher of an Academy or Model School, who shall have formed a scholar capable of becoming a Master, so that he may be able properly to qualify himself before one of the Boards of Examiners of the Province.

By thus interesting the self-love and connecting the reputation of the Instructors of superior Schools with Normal instruction; and by offering to them, at the same time, certain pecuniary advantnges, which should serve as an allurement to them, they would be daily induced to make efforts, which they would otherwise believe themselves incapable of making, to prepare their scholars for elementary teaching; this would be, in effect, the easiest means of converting theSuperior Schools into somanyNormalS:hools, out any grcat expense filling on the Government for this important object.

In the fourth place, seeing that it is necessary to provide, in a special manner, for the education of the female sex, to encourage our country people to estabisish in cach Parish or Township at least one school exclusively for Girls, the law should enact that it should be lawfil for the School Cominissioners to establish one in the place which should appear to them the fittest, and the teaching of it should be by them confilded to a Fenale Teacher of their choice, subject, in everything, to the rules of the particular and general direction of public instruction.

This school would be supernumerary, and would not occupy the place of the school of the School District in which it might be establishled, and a stm of $£ 15$, Currency, should be allowed for it by Government, whenever the inhabitants of the Parish or 'Township should firnish as nuch for this special object.

In the fifth place, as the reading of fitting books is an object essential to the progress of education, it would be very important to enact that the Government should allow an annual sum of $£ 5$, to each Purish or Township, whenever the Inhabitants should furnish as much, to establish a Public Library under the direction of the Commissioners of Education, as well as to make a place of deposit for School Books for the use of poor children, to whom they should be merely lent for the time during which they should want them in school, so as to put them in a state to follow, with advantage, the instruction given in Elementary Schools.

In the sixth place, to encourage the teaching of the two languages, French and English, a conjoint knowledge of which is become necessary, it would be very useful to ennct that Government should allow an annual sum of $£ 5$, whenever the Inhabitonts should furnish as much for
teaching one of these languages, in addition to that of the majority of the children frequenting the Model School or Academy of the locality.

Thus, after the example of what is done in the State of New York, it should be enacted, that at the requisition of the majority of the School Commissioners for each Parish or Township, the Assessors and Collectors should be required to raise, over and above the sum destined to equal the ordinary government allowance, certain additional sums for one or each of these six objects, according to the order of the School Commissioners. The latter should be authorised to certify the amount and particular application of such additional sum to the Superintendent, who being satisfied of the fulfilment of the law in this respect, should give an order on the Receiver General to pay a similar sum into the hands of the Commissioners of the localities whose inhabitants shall have been thus Assessed for these particular objects.
5thly. To induce persons of property who are friendly to cducation to make donations, either of moveable or immoveable property, for propagating more usefully the benefits of education, after the example of the Literary Colleges of the Province, the School Commissioners of each locality should be authorised to receive donations for this desirable end.

There is no doubt that a provision of this kind, in the law, would be the means of procuring many resources and of very casily emulating revenues which would otherwise never have been obtained for the purposes of education. Books, Lots of Land, Moveable Preperty, Rents, Hypothèques, Money, all might be, at pleasure, daily contributed by the zealous friends of education, to propagate the benefits resulting therefrom with greater certainty.

## Onservations.

The preceding plan of organization, composed of what is best in the prosent Education Act, and of the amendments which I have the honor to submit to the consideration of Your Excellency, has nothing speculative in it, and would not only infallibly have the effect of ensuring an action more regular, more direct, more certain, and generally more useful to the cause of Elemeatary Education, as also more agreeable and more conformable to the sentiments of the people, but has also appeared to me of an obsolute urgency and necessity, because on the one hand, I know the invincible repugnance of the people to see the power of taxing them, confided to persons who might make use of it for other purposes than those of Education, as also their great dislike to allow their money to be taken out of the locality in which they are resident, while on the other hand it is evident that the working of the law would be thus more expeditious and more cconomical, and would give to the direction of public instruction a character of fixity and of independence,giving a guarantee of success which it would be otherwise impossible to obtain, to the same degree of perfection, and of general satisfaction in the School System.

I am in fact so entirely convinced of the success, the sntisfaction, and even the ultimate gratitude, which the working of a similar law will produce, that I am ready forthwith to assume all the responsibility. While it would be seen to contain provisions of ensuring the necessary pecuniary means and for enforcing the enactments of theLaw, the advanthges of which, not to say the necessity, are easily conceived, it would be fittingly seasoned with principles ofeconony, of facility of action, and of severity, which would give it, in common with all laws made for the happiness of society, a positive character,-a character so efficacious that it would be soon universally appreciated. The operation of these principlos could not take the people by surprise, since they would always give to those interested a latitude which, serving as a notice, aud a gurantee which', serving as a
solid basis for proceedings of the most simple ature, would leave them every thing to hope and nothing to fear. It remains then only to take the first step which, withont stopping to enter upon the consideration of prejudices or of a false interest, cught to be direced directly towards the object of Ellucation, as being that which it is of most consequence to attain widh certainty.

It ouly remains for me to observe that if, Your Excelleney should pereeve some difference in the opinions and recommendations expressed and made in my report and those contained in that of the Rev. Mr. Murray, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Upper Canada, the chief ause of it should be attributed to the very diflerent impressim necessarily made on me by a consideration of the habits and wants of the people of Lower Canala, compared with the habits and wants of the people of Upper Canada, and I much doabt whether a general haw can be framed equally sutable to both Sections of the Province.

The whole is, nevertheless, most humbly submitted to tho most serious consideration of Your Excellency.

Thave the honor to be,

Your Excellency's
Most devoted Scrvant,
(Signed, ) J. B. MEILLEUR.

Education Office,
Montrial, 31st December, 1842.

S'TATISTICAL REPOR'T on Education compiled from the contents of Letters on the subject, from the Wardens and Members of Parlianent in Canada East, for 1842 ; followed by-

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS on the subject of Education from the Schoot Commissioners and others, especially Members of the Clergy of each Parish or Township, for the year 18.12.

Whese Hiturats may be considercel to serve as an Appemalix to the proceding Report.

## MENICIPAL DISTRICTS.

## 1st.-District of Bcauharnois.

In a leter dated Deerham, April, 1843, M. W. Harrisom, Fisqu., Warden, states that the Municjaal Council of his District has virtually taken no steps towads complying woll the requirements of the School Act for 1842 ; and that altuo' the School Commissioners are wenerally elected, yet there an no Scheol under their control, and hat here was no Report made of their operation. Mr. Harrison further oinerves, that the requirement of 1 s 3 d per month, for ench child going to School, has created a great ohjection to the Act.

## 2nd.-District of Chaudhere.

In a letter dated 1st May 1843, J. R. Lambly, Esq,Wardinn, states that the Municipal District was not divided into Sehool Districts ; that the School Conmissioners were electid in 1842 and 18.43 in all Parishoa and Townships, except that of Halifax for 1843 ; that he does not know any thing dse eonserning education in his District, for want of an actual visit, which he coutl not make for want of means; that Halitix recknos three or four indepondent Schools supported by the Newfoundland Society, that there wns no tas nor voluntary contributions raised for the support of Schools in Halifax, and that in view of the scrious eonsequences resulting from the District Councils not operating lie would angest that some alterations in the Municipal Ordinance le propused to the Legislature, so as to meet with the wisters of the inhabitants.

## 3rd.-District of Berthier.

In a leticr lated 22 d May, 1843 , the Hon. B. Jofiette, Warden, states that the Council of his District has done nothing in compliance with the School Act, notwithstanding they were several times requested to act accordingly; and that although the School Commissioners have leen elected for all the Pirishes and Townships in 1842, yet they have done nothinge for colucation, for want of co-operation on the part of the Council.

In a letter from D. M. Armstrong, Esq., M.P.P., dated 22 nd May, 1843, he states that the Council have taken no action for education, in complianre with the Schonl Act, and that although the School Commisioners have been clected, yet ho knows of no School in operation under their control. Schools have been kept by voluntary contributions without hoping for the Government grant, because the requirements of the law could not be complied with, and sill he thanks they are entitied to some remuncration.

Mr.Armstrong further observes, "that without a law from " the Legislature, which will impose an equal taxation on "all classer, education cannot prosper in Canada East, " and allhough people are repugnant to taxation, he knows " that a tax for the object of education would in a short " time afford general satisfaction."

## 4.th.-District of Bonaventure.

In a letter dated New Carlisle, 20山 May, 1843, J. R. Hanilton, Estu, Warden, and M.P.P., states, that theMunicipal Council of hisDistrict has taken no steps towards com-
plying with the requirencuts of the School Act for the year 1542 ; that his District has not been divided into School Distriels, but that the Townships of Port Daniel, Hope, ith Nuvanhar Cox, Hamilton, Maria, Ristigourhe nad Métapédiac, have elected School Commissioners for the year 1842, but none were olected in any of the Townships for the prosent your ; that no Schools were under the control of School Commissioners regularly elected in 1842; that two Schools have been kept independent, one in Port Daniel and the other in Carleton; that no sums have been mised by tax or otherwise for the support of Elementary Schools, with a view of obtaining a share in the School grant for the year 1842. Mr. LTaniliton further observes that there is no part in the Province (except Gaspe) whero education is as littio attended to as in the District of Bonaventure, and he really believes that the most effectual means of renedying such a state of things would be by granting a certain sum of money to cach Township for the support of Elcmentary Schools theroin, rendering it compulsory on parents to send their children of a certain ago regularly to School.

5th.-District of Dorchestcr.

## 6th.-District of Gaspue.

In a letter datel Quebec, 19th April, 1843, Robert Christie, Esq. M.P.P. states that there was no division made of theMunicipalDistrict into School Districts, that is, he is not aware of any such division, noe does he think any thing of the kind has taken place, unless pro forma; and although ho knows of several Schools in oporation, he is not atvare of their being under the control of the School Commissioners. The people considering the School Act as a dead letter, unless the Municipal Council work, voluntarily contribute according to their moans towards the maintenance of their Schools, particularly during the winter time. The better way to ascertain the present state of education in the Distriut of Gaspé, Mr. Clristie recommends to have recourse to the nearest Priest or Minister, and Justice of hic Pence: ho furder observes that, for the future, ho has in view a plan of education, by the operation of which the Schools would be supported by local assessument in rural Parishes of Lower Canada.

## 7th.-District of Kamouraska.

In a letter dated 6 th May, 1843 , the Hon. J. B. Tnche, Warden, states that the Municipal District was not divided into School Districts, the Council having been of opinion that they could not make it without the consus, and that no other measure was taken in his District in compliance with the requirements of the School Act, except that the School Commissioners were elected for the years 1842 and 1843, the Parish of Rivierre Ouelle excepted. No School has properly been under the control of the School Commissioners; they were independent of their control, being generally uniter that of the Curates ned other respectable citizens-sumetimes conjointly with the School Commissioners. No report was nade of their existence according to las, but after the facts which he could obtain from the Curates, he can sny that thirty-four Schools are in operation in his District supported by voluntary subscrijtioms and part of the church funds, some with a view of oltaining the allocation; and such is the nmount known of the sums subscribed for the number of Schools in operation in the following Parishes respectively, vi\%:-

| Kamouraska, <br> St. Andre. <br> St. Paschad, <br> Rivière Ouelle, | 4 Schouls, | Subscription | ¢86 | 10s. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 4 do. | do. | 132 | 0 |
|  | 7 do. | do. | 136 | 0 |
|  | 1 do. | do. | 26 | 0 |
| Total. |  |  | £380 | 10 |

Kakounn, 4 Schools.
Hivière du Ioup, 4 do.

| St. Denis, | 3 Schools. | Appendix |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ste. Anne, | 4 do. | $(Z)$. |

The Honorable Warden further states, as his opinion, 7h November. that in indirect tax would be preferable to a Territorial tax for the support of Elementary Schools, as it would be less oljectionable on the part of the people.

## 8th.-District of Missisquon.

In a letter dated Dunham 29th April, 1843, W. Baker, Esc. Warden, states that the Council divided the District inte 140 School Districts; that on the 11th day of December, 1841, the Council passed a by-law authorising onch School District to raise by assessment, or otherwise, such sums as shall be sufficient, with the Government allowance, to maintain the District Schools according to law, and that all the Parishes and Townships elected School Commissioners for the years 1842 and 1843; however, that strictly speaking, the Schools were not under the control of the School Commissioners in 1842, and probably one hall were kept up by voluntary subscriptions for the year 1842, but not with a view of obtaining a share of the School grant, -the School Commissioners were waiting for the apportionment.

Mr. Baker further states that the apportionment of the School Fund not being made, ho advised the Chairman of the School Commissioners of each Parish or Township to do every thing in their power, notwithstanding, to comply with the requirements of the Law, and raise, by voluntary subscriptions, sums sufficient for the purpose of meating the apportionment whenever it is made; and that he believes that between 35 and 40 Schools are now in operation under the control of the School Commissioners after that manner.

## 9th.-District of Leinster.

In a letter dated L'Assomption, 29th April, 1843, J. E. Faribault, Esc. Warden, states that the Council of his District has done nothing for education in compliance with the School Act ; that, to his knowledge, no school operates under the control of the School Commissioners altho' they were elected in ench Parish and Township in 1842 and 1843, but cannot state how many schools there are in operation, independent of the control of tho School Commissioners.

Mr. Faribault further states, as his opinion, thiat the Municipal Councils should be invested, by the Law, with the necessary power for the establishment of elementary schools in their Districts respectively, under the control of the LegisInture.

## 10th.-District of Montreal.

In a letter dated 20th April, 1843, J. Molson, Esq. Warden, stntes that the Municipal Council not willing to act upon the present Ordinance, he cannot give any satisfactory information with regard to schools; that the ouly steps taken by him has been to transmit, by privale conveyance, to the School Commissioners, some printed forms of reports sent to him for their uss by the Superintendent of Edacation. Mr.Molson has no information to give upon any other poimt.

In a letter dated, Montreal, 24th $\Lambda$ pril, 1843, A. M. Delisle, Esq. M.P.P., states that the Municipal Council of the District has done nothing for the otject of elementary education; that there are, however, in almost every Parish; Schools hetd, most generally by incompetent Teachers, for their own advantage, very scantily attended; that apart from the City of Montreal, nine-tenths of the rising goneration in this District are deprived of the advantage of educa. tion under the present system, and thal experience on the past hats led hinn to the conclusion that any system of education which may bo adopted, free from compulsion, will prove equally fruitless.

11th.-District of Nicolet.

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n a letter dated, Portneuf, 12th June, 18.33, E. Hale Esy. Warden, states that his Municipal District was divided into forty School Districts; that in compliance with the School Act, every Parish elected School Commissioners, in 1842 and 43 , and has reason to believe that the same formalities were ndhered to throughout the District, but has received no returns from three Parishes; that altho' the School Commissioners were regularly elected, none of the elementary schools were considered as leing under their entire control in 1842, and that the only returns of schools made to theCouncil, were, in Grondines, one, Ste.Anne, one, Cap Sante, one; that from the best information he can obtain the following is the number of elementary schools maintained this year (1843) throughout the District by volumtary contributions from the lieads of families, and under private engagements between them and the Teachers, that is ;


That no sums were raised by the way of Thax within his District for the support of elementary schools in the year 1842, or sulsequently, the whole beng maintained by private contributions alone, under the expectation of a favoraHe interpretation of the 12th section of the Act for the year 1842; and that he has only further to add, that he observes an increasing desire, on the part of the inthabitants, to obtain for their children the blessings of education, but that there appears no disposition on the part of the District Council to make this great object compulsory by taxing the people for the support of schools.

## 13th.—District of Quclec.

In n letter dated 16th May, 18+3, H. Gowen, Esq., Warden, states that no division has been as yet made of the Municipal District into School Districts, by the District Council ; that in obedence to the law, School Commissioners were elected in Jamary. 1842, for cach of the twentyone local divisions now composing the Municipal District of Quebec, except the Parish of Beauport, the union of the Parish of Valcartier with the Townships of Stoneham and Tewkesbury, the union of the Parisis of Fossambault with the Township of Salford, and the Parish of Ste. Famille; that no Elementary schools have lwen in operation under the control of the School Commssimers, and that no report has been received by him of the sane, according to latw, although there are a number of Elementary Schuok, forty or mone, in operation within the various parts of the District, independeut of the control of the School Commissioners, but no report has been receivel, no tax has been raised in any part of the Distrect for the support of elementary education, and the amount of any other contribution is unknown.

Mr. Gowen further states that, to obtain more information on the sulbject of Eiducation, a circular should he whained from the Bishop of the Diocese, and sent by him to the Curates of the Parislies within the District.

## 14th.-District of Rimoushi.

In a letter dated 1st May, 1843, Alexis Rivarl, Esq. Warden, states that the Counci! had dividel the Municipal District into twenty-five School Districts, in the inonth of September, 1842 ; that School Commissioners wore dected in all the Parishes for 1842 and 43 , and that although the Schools were not mider their enntrol, still there are nine in oparation. six of which are well kept, that is, three in the Parish of Rinouski, and the others in Isle Verte and St. Simon. No sum was raised by Tax, but some were raised for the support of those schools by voluntary subscriptions, in view of obtaining the allocation, that is, -

| L'isle Verte | 160 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| St. Simon, (nlout) | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Rimouski, (alout) |  | 0 |  |

Mr. Rivari further states, as his opinion, that the Inhabio tants of the preceding Parishes well deserve the allocation for the year 1842, and prays for an mmendment in the School Act. by whicha qeneral Tax shall be imposed upon the Inlabitants for the support of Education.

## 15th.-District of Richelieu.

In a letter, duted Varennes, 13ih May, 1843, A. Pinet, Est., Warden, Mates that the Council of his District has taken no steps towards complying with the requirements of the School Act; that the Municijal District was not divided into Distriets, nor any Tha raisell for the support of Elementary Schools ; School Commisinners were however clensed in all the Parishics for 1842 and $4: 3$ and the few Schools in operation are supported parly by Church funds, and partly by what is paid monthly by the Parents; but having reccivel no report of these schools, except from the Parish of Sorel. Mr. Pinet cannot tell how many were under the control of the School Commissioners, and how many were not.

## 16th.-District of St. Hyacinthe.

In a letter dated St. Cesaire, 19th April, 1843, W. U. Chatiers, Esq., Warlen, states that the Council of his District has taken no steps towaris complying with the requirements of the Law ; that the Municipal District has not been divided into School Districts: no Tax has been levied in his District for Elucational purposes, although the School Comunissioners were elected by each Parish for 1842 and 43, but knows of no school in operation under their control; and that where there have been schools, the parente have paid small sums to the Teachers monthly, as before prassing the Act in question.

Mr. Chaffers further observes, that the best way to ascertain what schocls have been kept in grod faith in the diflerent Parisles, would he by a personal visit made by some person duly authorized thereto, calling to assistance the Clergy and Cuuncillors of the respective loralities.

## 17th.-District of St. Johns.

In a letter dated 24 th April, 1843, W. MeGinnis, Escy., Warden, states that no steps have heen taken in his Distriet for the oljece of Education; no division was made of the Municipal Distriet into School Districls; that in 1842, all the Parishes except Caughanwagn, and in 1843, all the Parishes of Canghanaga, St. Mhilip, St. John and St. Edouard, elected School Conmissioners, hut kuows of no school under their control ; some sehools are supported by voluntary comtributions, others by private individuals, but knows not their nunber, they are few.

Mr. Mc Ginnis further states, that from what he has seen of the operation of the Sclool Aes, it will not answer the purposes for which it was intended; the principle of election will not do when the population is illiterate, which is the case for the most phert in his Distrist; the School Commissiuners are generally men of no edturation whatever, consequently incompeient to judge of the capacity of the Teachers, how Schools should be conducted, \&e.

## 18th-District of Saguenay.

## 19th.-Disirict of Sherbrooke.

In a letter dated Stanstead 4th May, 1843, M. Child, Esqा., M.P.P., states that the Township of Stanstead has been divided into 29 School Districts, or rather that the former division was recorded as the new; that 29 sehools were in operation in 1842, under the control of School Commissioners, and that a sum of 541316 has been raised by apportionment among the wealthier families, as their moiety
for the support of sclinols, with the expectation to a share of the Schaol grant for the year 1342. Mr. Child recommends to provide for the election of a Troasurer of © County zh Novernher. Board of Education, and also of an Auditor of the Accounts of the Cominon School Commissioners.
A letter dated 27th May, 1843, from the Honble. E. Hale, M.P.P., states thant the population of the Township of Orford, in which he resides, teing concentrated in one angle, forming about half of the Town of Sherbrooke, where an Acadeny partly supported by the Governnient, and conducted upon a goont footing, exists, the demand for schools has not been urgent, therefore the said Township has not heen tivided, altiu') School Commissioners were olected; there was no scltwol in operation under their control in 1842, but there was a small school independent.
As to the Municipal District of Sherlrooke, the Gentleman says lhat its inhlabitants will always maintain schools with or without the aid of the Government, and that, at his period, numerous schools exist under the control of School Comnissioners in which the provisions of the law have buen more or less fulfilited, perlaps in none lias it been found practicable to fulfil all.

## 20th.—District of Sydenham.

In a letter datell Aylmer, 26ih May 1343. Joln Engan, Esq., Warden, states that by a Resolution of the Council, passed 9th Decr. 1841, the School Comunissioners were authorized to make the necessary divisions of the 'Townsthips and Paristes into School Districts, also to take the Censtus of Children, and that, having acted in conformity, a copy of their statement was forwarded to the Superintendent of Education on the 30th July, 1842, by which it appears that, with the exception of the Scigniory of Petite Nation, all other Townslins and Unions have elected School Commissioners in 1842, and there was no exception in 1843 ; that the Townstips of Hull, Templeton, Earilley, Buckingham, Lochaber, Clarendon, Bristol and Onslow, had schools in operation in 1842 under the control of the School Comnisssioners, of which a Report was by them made to the Council ; but that there has been no money raised by way of tax in his distrift up to the present day, it being considered necessary to ascertain the amount of the Government allowance for each school before the people should be taxed for a similar amount, and that the School Tenchers in the mean time are supported by voluntary contributions.
Mr. Eagan further observes, that aid should be extended from the Public Revenue to all Schools that were in operation in 1842, and vouched for under the hands of the visiting School Commissioners.

The above letter is accompanied by an extract of the Report of the School Commissioners for the schools which were in operation in 1842, a copy of which may be seen in my report, No. 5.
D. B. Papineau, Esqr, M.P.P., and Messrs. Sterckendrics and A. Cook of Petite Nation, make the following obser-vations:-Experience hns proved that we can but little depend upon the action of the Municipal Councils for education; the money tax imposed upon the people for the support of education should be levied by the Legislature, and that after due report made to the Superintendent of Education, this one should recoive from the public chest, without any expense or deduction, such proportions of the public funds as would be destined to different localities respectively.-The same genilemen make many other very valuable observations, which it would be too long to quote here, on the subject of education.

## 21st.-District of St. Thomas.

In a letter dated 244h April, 1843, Etienne Taché, Esigr: Warden, and M. P. P., states that the Council has divided the Municipal District into 99 School Districts; that the School Commissioners were generally elected in the Parishes, five of which have made reports of the Schools in operation therein, shewing 31 to be under the control of School Commissioners, and that there may be from 20 to $30^{\prime}$ others independent of their control, of which he has no report. The Parishes whose School Commissioners have made report are the following, viz:

St. Thomas, St. Gervais, St. Jean Port-Joli and St. Roch.
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(Z.) There has been no money raised by way of Tax, but merely by voluntary contributions to the amount of between $£ 20$ and $£ 50$ for cach School, which sum passed through $7 \mathrm{7t}$ November. the hands of the Teachers; but that the best means to ascertain how the Schools have been kept during the year 1842, would he through the medium of the Curate or Minister, Senior Magistrate, the senior Officer of Militia and the Church Wardens, by a certificate to that effect.

Mr. E. Tache further states, that the School Act has done but little good ns yet, and that it is likely to continue thus in retarding progress as long as the power of taxing themselves for the object of education is left to the Inhabitants ; that the Provincial Legislature should impose upon them the tax necessary "to oltain it, otherwise we shall have but an incomplete system of education,-a charge on a few individuals only, in each locality, who have education at heart.

## 22nd.-District of Terrebonne.

In a letter lated Montreal, 24h May, 1843, J. D. Lacroix, Esqr. Warden, states that the Members of the Council have divided the Municipal District into School Districts; that the School Commissioners have been regularly elected for 1842 and 1843, but have not operated nor made any report to him; that there are no Schools under their control, and no money was raised by way of. Tax for the object of Education ; that there are, however, a few Schools in operation, especially at St. Thercse and St. Martin, under the control of the Curates and other individuals.

Mr. Lacroix further states, hat a compulsory Tax upon real properties is the only certain means of maintaining a School law in useful operation.

## 23rd - District of Three Rivers.

## 24th.-District of Two Mountuins.

In a letter dated 24th April, 1843, D. De Hertel, Esqr. Warden, states that his District was divided into eleven School Districts, and that steps were taken by his Council towards complying with the School Act in 1842, until the dislike evinced by the people to some of its clauses, especially that requiring fifteen pence per month, for each child going to school, besides other contributions, induced the Council to pray for amendments. Mr. Hericl states further that the School Commissioners have been elected for all the Parishes and Townships in the years 1842 and 1543, except in St. Colomban ; that nothing was raised by way of Tax for the support of Scliools in the District, but that the following sums were raised and applied for the support of elementary schools in the following localities respectively, undoubtedly with a view of obtaining a share of the School grant for 1842, viz;

| St. Andrews. | £38 5 31 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Ste. Scholastique.. | $70 \quad 50$ |
| Upper La Chate.- | $181310 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Lower La Chinte. | 4410 |
| Gore of Chatham. | 25 |
| Belle Rividre | 43 |
| Jerusalem | 910 |
| Four Corners | 41 |
| Bethany | 1810 |
| East Setllement | 4010 |
| Beechridge | 36 |
| North Setlement | 2210 |
| Rivière Rouge | 176 |
| Grenville.... | 131 |
| Hill Settement. | 22 |
| La Chute Road. | 21 |
|  | $\pm 5991610$ |

A lotter recaived subsequently from Mr. De Hertel, $\overbrace{-11}$ TIL N゙uymber.

Grenville 4 Schools, sum subscribed $£ 131$ Scholars, 85 St. Eustache 1 do..............do..... 26...do..... 17
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The letter quoted above is accompanied with a statistical report of all the Schools in operation in the District, the amount of which will be found in my Report, No. 5.

In a letter dated Carillon, 205th April, 1843, C. J. Forbes, Esp., M. P. P., states that the District of Two Momntains has been divided into Sehool Districts, according to its number of Parishes, and School Commissioners named, but in no other respect have the requirements of the School Act been complied with for the years 1842 and 43 , owing to the inperfect working of the Municipal Ordinance. No addition was made to the number ol Elementary Schools in 1842, nor since; none of those in existence are under the rontrol of the Sehool Commissioners. Most of the Parishes or reputed Parishes in the Townships, and in tho Seigniory of Argenteuil, havo elementary schools estahlished after the old swstem, that is, the expenses therenf defrayed by the Parents of the Children; no funds have lieon raised fur the support of elementary schools during the year 1842, and none with a view of oblaining portions of the Government grant. - Should it be possible to grant relicf from the Public Revenue for educational purposes, notwithstanding the Law has not been complied with, it is to be hoped the indulgence may be extended to the French portions of the District where schools are still more requisite. It is in vain, howaver, to expect that any thing may he done through the Municipal Council, and still Canada East should be equally benefitted by the School Act, as was fully intended.

Mr. Forbes suggests the appointment of Special Commissioners in every District, to draw up a minute Report of the wants of the People, with regard to Elementary Education, for the iatormation of the Executive.

Extracts from Letters on the subject of Education, from the School Commissioners and others, especially Members of the Clergy of each Parish or Township, for the year 1842:-

1st.-Revd. Mr. L. A. Botret, Curate of La Malbaie, vel Murray Bay, observes that, if the organization of the Common School Act had consisted of the Superintendent of Education, and of the Schiool Commissioners exclusively he is convinced that it would have satisfactorily operated.

2nd.—Revd. Mr. G. H. Besserer, Curate of St. Joachim, observes that, notwithstanding the extreme poverty of its inhabitants, they will readily submit to any School Law, for the sake of education.

3nd.-Mr. L. C. Lefrançois, N. P. of Chatean Richer, obscrves that, considering the indiflerence which seems to prewail olsewhere for education, the Government shall have to adopt, finally, some compulsory measure for its object. Mr. Lafrançois further observes that, in the meantime, the people of his Parish have endeavoured to follow the advice given by the Superintendent of Education.

4th.-Revd. Mr. Fras. Boucher, Curate of L'Ange Gardien, observes that, in compliance with the instructions of the Superintendant of Education, they have established a Superior School upon an excellent footing, wherein the French and English are taught successfully, as well as the other branches of cominercial and practical cducation.

5th.-Revd. Mr. Asselin, Curate of Ste.Famille de l'Isle d'Orleans, observes that the present School Act is impracticable on account of its complications, and that the loss Employes there are in the execution of a Common School 7 th Novembor. Act, the more honestly and the more easily it will be complied with.

6th.-Revd. Mr. Lemoine, Curate of Beauport, observes that education never will take, in the country, an advantageous and durable form without compulsory means to impose a legal obligation on the inhabitants to contribute towards that most important object. Mr. Lemoine further observes that, although the people are repugnant to forcible taxation, still, if it was levied by the medium of the School Commissioners, wilhout their being paid, but authorized to employ its amount towards the establishment and mantenance of Elementary Schools without the intervention of the Municipal Councils, it would meet the approbation of the inhabitants.

7th.-Revd. Mr. Huot, Curnte of Ste. Foi, observes that n his Parish, as well as throughout the country, the Education Act did not operate on account of the repugnance of the inhabitants to the Municipal Institution, and still that the schools of his parish have been kept regularly with the hope of obtaining the Government allocation.

8th.-Revd. Mr. Roy, Curnte of Charleshourg, observes that it is necessary to provide for the establishment of a Fe male School in cach Parish or Townahip, and thatsuch an object cannot be attained without the Government aid.

9th.-Revi. Mr. Lefrangois, Curate of St. Augustin, observes that the schools are kept by the contributions of the parents and a part of the Church Revenues, and that nothing else will ever be done for the object of education without education.

10th.-Revd. Mr. Gatien, Curate of Can Sante, obscrves that his Parishioners are well disposed to comply with the requirements of the Common School Act as nuch as yossible, 80 as to obtain the Government allocation.

11th.-Revd. Mr. Desilets, Curate of St. Barnabe de Gatinenu, observes as his conviction, that education will not be properly propagated not only in his Parish, but even everywhere else in the country, unless the Law is made compulsory, so as to force the parents to pay for the educaion of their children, according to their means respectively.

12th.-Revd. Mr. Chabot, Curate of St. Lin, observes that if the Municipal Council had been willing to act for the sake of education, the inhabitants would have been willing enough to give a generous and satisfactory encouragement; but he thinks it would be better to emancipate the School Aet from the Municipal Councils, and set the School Commissioners in immediate relation with the Superintendent of Educution.

13th. - Revd. Mr. Caron, Curate of St. Martin, observes that the Senool Law should force the inhabitants to pay something for the object of education, and that the School Commissioners should be authorised to levy the sum of five shillings upon each family, which should be collected under a certain penalty.

14th.-Revd. Mr. Ducharme, Curate of Ste. Thérese, obscrves that the persuasion in which the Inhabitants are that the greatest share of the money intended to be levied for the support of Common Schools would be absorbed by the greater number of Employés, has hindered the Common School Act from operating.

15th.—Revd. Mr. Lagorce, Curate of Ste. Anne des Plaines, observes that, notwithstanding the extreme poverty of his Parishioners they always have made sacrifices fof cducation, and are well disposed to second the views of the Government for that object.

16th.-Revd. Mr. Paquin, Curate of St. Eustache, obscrves, as his opinion, that nothing better can be done to facilitate the operation of the School Act, than to disentangle it from the Municifial Councila.

17th.-Revd. Mr. Desivé, Curate of St. Augustin, observes that it would be better to provide for the establishment of a good School in a central place in each parish, than to have so many inferior Schools which the inhabitants cannot support.

1Sth.—Revd. Mr. L'Abé De Lamotte, Curate of St Colomban, observes that the inhabitants of his parish cannot he made to contribute voluntarily for the maintenance of Common Schools according to the views of the Legislature.

19th.-Revd. Mr. Dufresne, of Lake of Two Mountains, observes that the general opinion of the neighbouring Population is that the present Scliool Act will never work well, unless it is modified in several of its clauses.

20th.-Mensrs. D. B. Papineau, Sterckendries, and Cook, of Petite Nation, observe that the experience of the past has proved that we cannot trust to the action of the Municipal Councils for the object of education ; that the money necessary for the maintenance of Elementary Schools ahould bo levied by the Legisinture, and that after the report of the Superintendent of Education is made to the Government, he should receive, without any expense, the portion of the Common School fund which is destined to each locality respectively.
$21 \mathrm{st} .-\mathrm{Mr}$. Wm. King, of Bristol, observes, that the present School. Act was hailed as the greatest boon the Government could bestow, but that the machinery appears so complicated that they must despair of receiving any bencitit from it under the present form.
22nd.-Mr. John Mailland, of Clarendon, observes, that there has ever been, in his Township, a want of competent Teachers, owing to the ignorance of the School Commissionors, and their inability to judge of the qualifications required; that there are many other Townships so situated in the Province, and that he despairs of obtaining competent 'leachers, as long as those who know not the Dlessings of education are set up by the people to nominate them. Mr. Maitland suggests the propricty of providing by law for the qualifications of Trachers, who, on heing made known to the Superintendent of Education, would recommend them to the confidence of the inhabitants of the localities where they are wanting.

23 rd -Revd. M. J. J. Vinet, Curate of Sault-au-Recollet, observes, that the best wny to secure the advantages of Education in the Province, would be, to force the inhabitants of each Parish or Township to elect Trustees to form a bolly corporate under the supervision of the Superintendent of Education, and whose duty should be made imperative to tax all property to the amount necossary for the maintenance of Elementary Schools. These Trustees, continues the Rev. Mr. Vinet, should act gratuitonsly, and the moncy thus levied simuld remain in their posscssion until wanted for the payment of Teachers, \&cc., it being understood that education will not be any more under the control of the Municipal Councils.

24th.-Revd. Mr. Brassard, Curate of Coteau du Lac, observes, that Municipal Councils having refused to act, the Common School Act has not, as yet, operated in his parish, und that it will be so as long as it is connetted with the Municipal Council. He would, therefore, suggest, as the best mode' to be adopted, in his opinion, that proper persons should be appointed to carry out the intentions of the Legislature independent of the Municipal Councils.

25th.-Revd. Mr. Lavoie, Curate of St. Joseph de Soulanges,'(Cedars,) says, as his opinion, that the present School Act is generally approved of, and if it is not in full operation, it is because the people do not like to see their money carried out of their respective localities; and that, as to taxation, it would be better that it should be imposed by the Legislature, provided it is made moderate.

26ih.-Mr. D. H. Geoffries, of Goadmanchester; observes, that the School Books in use in Schools along the frontiers are chiefly American publications, the schools being generally kept by Females of American extraction.' Mr . Geoffries very properly disapproves of those books; 1 the. On account' of their political bias; 2nd. Because we have

School Books, on every subject, superior to any thing produced by the Americans. Mr. Geoffies further observes; that he is not aware of any Clause in the School Act, to prohibit the use of A merican Books, but that he supposes 7 th Novemibet the Superintendent of Education will use discretionary power in this case.
$27 \mathrm{th},-\mathrm{Mr}$. W. Barrett, of Godmanchester, observes, that the most obvious cause of the want of proper success, in the operation of the School Act, is the want of qualification of the Teachers and School Commissioners ; that we cannot lie surprised at the want of due qualification of the School Teachers, when we consider the very trifing and very in-


Mr. Barrett further observes, that there is no hope that the Municipal Councils will generally adopt the provisions of the present or of any other School Act, so as to raise the requisite amount by regular assessment ; and he would consider it an improvement, if the Board of Education was established in every Parish or Township, to which might be transferred the powers and the duties of the Municipal Council, and the assessment should be levied in a compulsory manner upon all real property for the maintenance of Common Schools.
28th.-Revd. Mr. Laroque, Curate of Lacadie, observes, as his conviction, that it will be impossible to set the School Act in due operation as long as it remains connected with the Municipal Councils.

29th.-Revd. Mr. T. Papineau, Curate of St. Luc, observes, as his humble opinion, that the most efficient means to induce the parents to send their children to school, would be to impose a certain Tax upon each child of both sexes, from 5 to 16 years of age.

30th. - Revd. Mr. Townsend, Rector of St. George, and several other Gentlemen, observe, that any system of education, to be beneficial in rural communities, should, in no case, have an irresponsible body or agent to intervene between the Head of the Department and the School Commissioners of each locality, and therefore, to simplify the School Act, and render it practicable in all parts of the Province, in Board of School Commissioners in cach Parish or Township, should be the only channel of communication between the Superintendent of Education and the Schools, in their respective localities.

31st.-Revd. Mr. Girouarl, Curate of Ste. Marie de Monnoir, observes, that, according to his opinion, the present School Act would operate very satisfactorily, if it was disentangled from the Municipal Councils.

32nd.-Revd. Mr. L'Heureux, Curate of Contreceur, assures that the inhabitants of his parish are well satisfied with the principles of the present School Act, and are very anxious to be able to reap a better advantage from itts operation.

33rd,-Reved. Mr. Moll, Curate of St. Charles, River Chambly, says, to give my opinion, which I know to be that of persons of the most influence in my parish, 1 would suggest the propriety of an Act to oblige every individual to pay his share, and partake the necessary charges,' for the maintenance of Common Schools, according to his means and situation in sociely.
34th.-Revi. Mr. Archambrult, Ourate of St. Hugdees, obserses, that the connection of the Common School Act with the Municipal Councils has deprived 500 childrent, of his parish, of the blessing of Education, and expresses hit wish that, at the next Session of Parliament, the Common School Act would be disentangled from the Municipal Institution.

35th. - Revd. Mr. Crevier, Curate of St. Hyacinthe, expretses his wish to see the School Cormissioners made independent of the Municipal Councils, which hinder the performance of their duties as such; that they should be vested with more ample powers, and that a fiked suth should be appropriated for cach School, and the emolumentite of Teachers should vary atcording to the capacity of eteh one, arid the kind of school which he teaches, respectively.
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36th.-Revd. Mr. Lamarre, Curate of St. Cesaire, thinks that the whole direction of Cnimmon Schools should be trusted in the hands of the Superintendent of Education, and those of the Kishop of the Diocese, through the medium of his clergy, and in those of the School Commissioners, electal by the people in each Parish respectively.

37th.-Messrs. Parker, Willard, and others, of the Township of Stukely, ohserve that the constant attendance of 15 children during mae months in the year is impossible, and suggests the period of six in the gear only.

38th.-Mr. G. Freligh, of Bedford, snys that the inhahitants of Chmada East, with a few exceptions, are opposed to the Mumicipal Institutions, and intimate that the Schecl Act should be independent of it.

391h.-The Hon. P. M. Moore, of St. Armand West, speaking of the visitation of the District, observes, that the Superintendent of Education having the whote of Canada Last to attend, it renders it morally impossible to give that attention and effect to the School Act that is required, and suggests the propriety of appointing a fit persem, of English origin, residing in the Townships, to take the supervision of the Schools in them.

40th.-Messrs. Blancharla and IFoit, of South Potton, suggest the propriety of granting a stipulated sum to cach School placed under the control of School Commissioners, and of reduring the number of 15 children to a lesser number attending School in the Townslips, on account of the popalation being scattered over a larger surface.

4ist.-Mr. Cutting, of Barnstown, sugests the propriety of reducing the number of visits on the part of the School Commissioners,and also the numberof 1 s children to a lesser number atending School in the Townships.

42d.-Revi. Mr. Alexander, of Clifton, ohserves that an Inspector of Sehools shnuld be appointed in each Municipal District; that the number of nine monihs attomantie should be reduced to six only in the year, and the propricty that the tencher of each Superior School or Academy whould teath one poor child, yearly, for every ten pounds the receives from the Government annually.

43rd.-The School Commissinners of Eaton and Newport make the following remarks: the present School Act is not exaely fitted to Eastern Townships; that part of the Act which requires monies to be raised and deposited in the hands of the District Treasurer, before obtaming the Government allowance, is particularly obmoxious to this section of the Province. They further observe, that it might have a tendency to promote the cause of Eduention, if a School Agent should tue appointed by the Superintendent of Elucation in each Municipal District, whose duties should be to visit each school in the District, once at least in each year, and to make a report of the same to the Superime mident of Education annually.

They further observe, that it secme also very desirable that a small grant of moncy from the Common Suhool Fund shouth be made annually to cach Township, of certain conditions, to aid in sustaining a lligh School for the qualification of "Teachers.

4,hh.-Mr. Thomas Datris, of Dudswell, suggests to reduce the number of fifteen children to a lesser number atteding school reguariy in the 'Jownships, and also the gumber of nine monthis to a leser number in the year. on account of the population being seatered over a large surface.

45th.-Mr. Thomas Tait, of Melhourne, observes that it is thought by some, that it would be advisabie that a mmall grant showlat be made out of the School Fund to those School Districts that require new school housen, where the inhabitants are too poor to build themselves.

46th.-Revd. Mr. Fleming, and others, of Melbourne, oherve, that the present School Aet is not adapted to the Eastern Townships, where the settlements are in most cases new, and the settlers for the most part poor.

47th.-Rev. Mr. Carrière, Curato of Baie St. Antoine, olverves, that it is impossible to set the present School Act in due operation accorting to its forms and requirements, on aceount of its being connected with the Municipal 7th Novanber. Councils, who are determined not to impose any tax for the object of Education.

4Sth.-Revil. Mr. Charles Dion, Curate of Becancour, observes that all true friends of education readily admit the principle of taxation for the certain ntainment of its object; that they are all of opinion that there is no more efficiens means of propagating the blessing of eduration, than to interest the inhalitints in the matter, by the action of a compulsory law from the Legislature, ordering the raising of a certain Tax upon all the real property of the Province.

49th.-Revd. Mr. Faucher, Curate of Lotbiniere, ob-serves-lst, That a sum of money, sufficient to pay for the maper, looks, \&e. \&e., waming in ench sehool, should be raised upon the intabitants of each School District in common ;-ㄴnㅇ, That the parents should not be obliged to pay a single sous more than those who have no children, in proportion to their property respectively ; that the solvable parents should be fined 5 s. per month, for each child whom they reluse or neglect to send to Sithool, aecording to lis age as determinad by law;-3rd, That there should be examiners appointed, not belonging to the Parish or Township, to examine the School Teachers, whose duty should be to produce to the Examiners a certificate of morality, cach one from the Curate or Minister of his persuasion.

50th.-Revd. Mr. Baillargeon, Curate of St. Nicholas, ohserves, that the powers and duties of the Municipal Councils, with regaril to Common Schools, should be given to the School Commissioners of each Parish or Township, respectively, but that these should the exonerated from visiting the schouls nas often as it is now required by the Common School Act, as, in his opition, it is not enly useless but impracticable.
 that to comply with the instructions of the Superintendent of Education, they have (the School Commissioners) established three sthools in their parish, upon an excellent footing, wherein both the French andEnglish are taught, together with all the other branches of learning which constitute a yood practical education, and that the inhabitants voluntarily subseribed the sum of $£ 103$ for the support of the said schools.

52 nd .-Revd. Mr. Lacasse, Curate of St. Henry de Lauzon, ofserves, that owing to the want of education among the inhabitants, the election of the School Commissioners is so inadeguate to their dutien, that he thinks it would be neressary that four School Comnissioners should be named ad hor, in each Parish or Townstip, by the Superintendent of Education.

53 rd --Revd. Mr. Derome, Curate of Ste. Marie de la Benure, observes, that if the Common School Act had been independent of the Municipal Councils, it would have been put in immediate operation by the inhahitants and School Commissioners in each Parish or Townslip.

54th.-Revd. Mr. Alexander, of Leeds, suggests the propricty of having : Board of Examiners in each County, which sloould consist of as large a number of Members, duly qualfied, as possible, and whose duty would be to examine the Teathers and the Schools: the School Commissioners, as clected by the people, being generally incompetent to the task.
$55 \mathrm{th} .-\mathrm{Mr}$.W. IIall, of Broughton, says, there is no certain way of raising money from the people for the support of Common Schools, except by Tax, and suggesty tho adoption of this mode.

56 th.-Revd. Mr. Delage, Curate of L'Islet, observes that thr S:hool Commissioners are liable to be changed too often by their election, and that the number of their visits is too multiplied.

Mr. Delage further observes, as his opinion, that the allocation granted by the Government should be equal to trict, provided it would not oxceed a cortain amount as might be fixed by law, and that the Teacher of the Chief


Na Novomber: School District should be better qualified and better paid for his services than the others, and that it is necessary to provide for the establishment and mantenance of a Female School in each Parish or T'ownship, separate from the Male Schools therein.

57th.—Revi. Mr. Tidu, Curnte of St. Roch des Auinets, observes that life Common Schoon Act should undergo several modifications, and he recommends the aloption of those wish may be proposed by the Superintendent of Education.

5Sth.-Revd. Mr. Pouliot, Curate of Trois Pistoles, is of opinion that the powers given to the Mumicipal Councils should be imposed upon proper and adequate persons independent of the vote of the people, and that literary qualifications should be required from the School Commissioners, otherwise they are seldom elected so as to be comperent for the task.

59th.-Revd. Mr. Destroismaisons, Curate of St. Germain de Rimonski, states, as his opinion, that it is necessary to provide for the establishment in each Parish and Township, of a Superior Aate Schou, whose Teacher should be better (ualitiod and hetter paid than those of other Distriets. Mr. Destroismaisons further observes, that there should be provision made for a Fenale School on the same footing.

G0th.-Revd.Mr.Bonenfant,Curate or'Ste.Anne du Norl, deploring the want of schools in two Parishes under his care, says that he is convinced that, if the Government would appoint or cnuse to be appointed, in each Parish or Townstijp, proper Sehool Cummissioners invested with tho power and duty of raising by compulsory tax upon tho real property of the inhabitante, and under penalty, a sum equal to the allocation of the Government, we should soon see every where the establishumentand the operation of good schools, without any inconvenience.

61st.—Thos. Catrns, Esq. J. P. of Grenville, observes that the presont School Act, by being properly modified, might be mnde answeralide for useful purposes ; and says that he need not spenk of the imposition of timely check on the incapacity of illiterate Employes.
$62 \mathrm{nd} .-\mathrm{Revd}$ Mr. T. O. Archambrult, Curate of St. Timothée, observes that the Parish Corporation, the School Commissioners, \&e. should by Law, be obliged to act gratis, and that, by granting to each fabrigue a certain sum of money for tho support of Common Schools in each Parish, it should authorize to ruisoa similar sum upon the inhabittonts; liable, in the menn time, to render an accuunt of the employment of the said money to tho Government, annually.

63rd,-In a letter dated 7 1 , Nov. 1842, the School Commissioners of St. Armand East, District of Missisquoi, state, as their opinion, that no system of Education can operate wilh advantage under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Council, and that the School Commissioners, should be bound to send the reports of ther proceedings, examinations und proficiency to the Superintendent of Education, who, in the course of a year or two, will be able to infuse into the Schools of the Province as much uniformity in the mode of teaching as they will be capable of.

## REMARKS.

There are features eminently conspicuous among the precoding valuable observations of leading men in their respective localities, from which we can easily draw very strong corollaries in support of the contents of my first Report (marked A) on the subject of Education.

It is evident that if the Common School Act did not operate in a more proper and satisfactory manner, it is owing to its being connected with the Municipal Council in each District, a body politic over the action of which neither the School Commissioners nor any other nuthority had any salutary control, still, the co-operation of the Municipal Council was necessary for the regularity and for the legality of the procecilings of the School Commissioners, in the execution of their important duties for the due administration of the School Act, and this co-operation on the part of the Councile, was by them generally refused to the School Commissioners ; lience the great discouragement which prevailed throughout the Country, and the twant of observance of forms and requirements in their proceedings, on the part of the School Commissionerg ; and we have abundant reasons to believe that the future result will be more or less necessarily the same, as long as the Common School Act is suffered to remain thus, very unnaturally, connectel with a political Institution free from compulsion. The infancy of the Country, the too limited education of the generality of the inhabitants, their great indifference for uscful instruction, their want of experience in legislation and public business, and the spirit of dissention and opposition which is unhappily still prevailing in some part of the Province, and many other incidental facts, evidently render the connection of the Common School Act with the Municipal Institution morally impracticable, except the duties of the Municipal Councils are made compulsory with regart to the establishment and maintenance of elementary schools (only) dhroughout the Province. Inded the Cemmon School Act has too important an object in viow to make it thus any longer forcibly depend, for its desirable attainment, upon the precarious co-operation of a body politic, without compulsion.

All of which is, however, respectfully submitted.
(Signed,)
J. B. MEILLEUR.

Education Ourice, (East.)
Kingston, 4th July, 1843.

# ANNUAL REP0RT 

# Of the Deputy Superintendent of Cducation on Common Schools throughout Canada West, laid before the Legislative Assembly, by command of llis Excellency the Governor General, on the 14th November, 1843. 

To His Evecleney Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, " Baronct, \&c. \&ce. \&c.

## May it please Your Excerlency.

I have the honor to submit to Your Exacllency the annual Repore on the netual state and condition of the Common Schools throughout Canada West, as required by the fith: division of the fourth Section of the Aet as $\dot{E}$, Vict. Caj. 18.

Immediately upon issuing the Commission appointing a Suporintemdent of Education, and two A-xisatats, the apportionment of the Common School Fund was attended to. But as this apportionment required to be mate according to the then last Censuss of the Provinee, and finding that the last Census of Canada Werst was taken in 1841, and the then last Census of Canada Bast in 18:3 , and finding also that the apportionment in the ratio of thene difierent returns of the Census wouk have done a manifest injustice to Canada East, it was proposed to divide the $£ 50,000$ graned by the Legisature for the year 1 lita, hencen the two Sections of the Province, in the propertion of tiree to two. This proposal having been aceeded to by the Executive Govermment, $5: 30,000$ was set off for Canada East, and the remaning 60,000 for Canada West.

This preliminary arrangement being rompleted, the £20,000 lor Camada West, was apportiomed amongst the several Wunicipal Distriets therein, and the City of'Toronto, in proportion to the inhabitants in each, under sixteen years of ay:- This rule was adopted hecatse the Census for $18+1$ did not give the population between five and sixteen as re. quired in the Sthoul Bill.

The calculations for the apportionment of the Common School find anongst the sereral Municipal Districts, and the City of Tormon, were furnished, and the result intimatted to their respertive Treasurers, on the 23rd. day of May, 184:2, and at the same time a certifed coly of the apportionment was lodged with the Receiver General.

The nest business immeliately required of the Superintentent after making this intimation, was the preparation of suitable forms of the several reports as required by the Statute. Ist. For the Quarterly Reports by the Visibine Commissioners to the Township Commessioners. 2mu. By the Township Commissioners to the District Council. By the District Councils to the Superimendent. These several forms were completed and sent to the District Clerks for distribution on the 29th June 1842.

When engrged in the preparation of these forme, it was observed that the time nppointed by the law for giving in the Annual Reports of the Townsthip Commissioners to the Muncipal Conneils, was after the several Councils, in November. 1 Kks, would have finished theirsillinge nod therefore wifhout d parting from the time mentioned in the Act for thens reports, there could not havo heen a report from any Distict in Canala West for 1812, unless a sperial meeting of the Councils had heen called for that particular purjose.

For these reaoons, and with the view of scrubing full repmerta for the whole of the firte your under the new Sthool Bill, the several periods for giving in the roports wern chang ch, so that the whole nnerations in 1812, might be repored liy the Councils in Februry 184:3, to the Superintombent. For lhis reaton the forms for (Ruarterly Reports by the Viating Commisaimers to the Township Comminsioners, wote arilered to be given in on the seroml Tues day in Aprol, July, October and Jammery, The forme for the annual reports of the Township Commissioners to the

Histriet Council, to begaven in on or lefore the fourth Tuesday in January, and the anmal report by the Mumiripal Conncils to the Superintendent, on or betore the third luexday in February 1843.

ITaving notified the rpportimment of the Common Sehonl find to Tho several Treasurers, and having forwaded tho forms of reports to the Distriet Clerks for distribution among the Comminsioners in their respective Townships, the next duty required by the Superintembent by the Slatute, was tho ammal visitation of the several Mmicipal Districts. This duty becane the mone necessary to receive carly nttention, as it appeared from the correspondence with the Education Ollice, that there was in general, great ignorance among Cemmon School Commissioners and Tcachers regarding the provisions ofthe School Bill.

In contemplating this duty it was found impossible to visit every School District, ns this would have required the whole year visiting more than five sehoolsevery two hours during ilhe usual time of teaching, which was gute impracticable. Neither was it practicable to visit every Township, for this would have reguired the whole year visiting une Township e.ery lawful day.

From this convideration, it was resolved to intimate to the several District Clerks the time when their District would he visited, and reguest them to inform the Teachers of the imtond d visit, and to urge their attendance in the District Town, at the appointed time, and with them at least ono Commissioner from each Township.

This method of visiting the Municipal Districts was considered to be the only prat ticable way by which there vivita coubd be made serviceable to ath parties interested therein. The most prominent points which presented themelves, as deserving special attention at these meetings, were:-

1st.-To explain to Teachers and Common School Commissioners whatever difficulties they might have met with in the School Bill, ciller os interesting themelves personally, or that might tend to encourage them to carry the Bill, so fir as practicable, into full and efficient operation. With this view, tho Commissioners and Teachers, and all present at hese meetings, were invited to put such questions as they thought proper, in order to elicit the information they reguired. This exurcise was continned no long as any individual present had any further question to propose, and tho meetings we:e, in this manner, frequently occupied for several hou's. These explanations appenred, in general, to be pleasing to the District Meetings, and their approbation was frequently shown in the most unequivocal and qualifying manner. Many of the District Meetinge were allended by the Warden and some of the Councillors, who kindly assisted in eliciting information, and in explaining the provisions of the Bill, and shewed that they had the subject deoply at heart.
and.-To asecrlain the Books which were recommenied by the commiswioners in cach Township to le ured in the Schools under their charge, os direeted in the fourth division of the seventhection of the School Bill. It was found that in many Pownships the Commissionershad not nttended to this important part of their duly. The Teachers, under such citrumstances, having been lefi to name their own or rather to teach such books as the Parents chose tusend. In soveral instane s it has been stated ly Teachers in the Public Distret Mectings, that there were only two or three old tatered fragments of hooks in their sechools, considered as common property, and used by all in attendance, the Parents relusing to purchase barks, fre m the convirlion that the fourth division of the fifth ecection of the Schood

Bill provided for the supply of sehool books by assessment on the Townships. Where the Conmmissioners have nominated the books, it is generally found that the Teachers are not obligad to use no other hooks, these being recommended only in so bar as practicable, whid is genemilly interpreted by the people to mean, so far as they are obliged to purchase new books, which is sarely the ease, white they have any old hooks on hand. From these circumstances, Teachers seldom liave the power of forming their pupils into elassen in any part of their stulies, and therefore caunot excite that emulation which is so necessary in enrrying forward the eduration of youth. Besilles, many of tho books in use are hoth old and antiquated, and ill comport with the improvements of the nineteenth century. In a ferv instances, the Commissioners have employed the Tachers in the Townships, as a body, to submit to them a list of the books which they would recommend in the several departments of an Haglish education. These lists have, in genern, heen as juticious as the present means of supply in the Province would admit of.

3rd.-To ascertain the rourse of stude, and the general rules for the conduct of the Common Schnols, as preseribed by the Commissioners. The course of study not having been pointed out in any written instructions given to the Teachers, only a very confused iden las been formed on the subjert. The ouly data upon which to proceed being the boolks preseritsed to be used in the selools. But, even herg there is no order peinted out. The pupil may, for any thing to the contrary comtained in the instructions, conimeine his studies wherever he has a mind, and provecute them in whatever order pleases himself. The general rules for the conduct of Srhools have, in most instances, been better than those for the course of study. Yet, even here, there is often such vagueness in one instance, and such minuteness and unnecessary particularity in another, that the whole may be considered as a perfiect anomaly in a general system of education. It has very frepuently been urgad, buth by Common School Commissioners and Teachers, that the appointuent of the books, preseribing the course of study, and the general rules for the regulation of Cummon Sehools should emanate from the Superintendent. But all direst interference in these matters has been declined on the gromnd that the duties which they thus wished to devolve upon him were legally vested in the Conmon Schooi Commissioners. This circunstance is mentioned, not with anty view to disparage either the zeal or devoledness of the Commissioners to disitharge their duty, hut simply to shew the feoling regarding these impertant regulations, and to free Commiseioners from one part of their arduous duty, which, in the mnjority of cases, hey have neither time nor experience to discharge to their own satisfaction.

4th.-To impress upon Teachers the great responsibility of their siation in society, and the neccessity for the strictest propriety in their walk and conversation both in nod out of school. This resolution was adopted, hecause the impression on the public mind for many years past respecting Common School 'leachers appears to have heen, that these men are in general as low in their prudence and morality as they are in their pecuniary resouress. It was certainly expected from the rumours which had gone into circulation, that many melancholy prools of the truth of these impressions would have shewn themselves openly during the attnual visitation of the several Municipal Districts, Dut it is due to the Tenchers who attended these meetings, thus publirly an 'officially to state that, with three individual exceptions, they comdirted themselves with great propriely, and left a most refreshing impression that in there respects they were far superior to what report had waid regarding theni. The duries of Teachers, and the responvibility of their stations in sociely were set before them, as briefly and forcibly as possible, at the publice meetings, and their feolings on thess oncadinns were, without any publis exception, those of estrem and gratitude. The fact cannot be dented, that the position werupiol by Tea hers has, in the great majority of cases, been the most unpropitions. Boarding for a few days at a time with the several families by whom they are employed. and thus changing from houso to house, their minds have beenme dissipated, and private stady has generally been attogather neglected. But even where this has not boen the syderm, anil where the Teachers have boarded themselves, thoir income generally has hoon such as to olilige them to live in the lowest taverns, and consequently
to associate with the lowest and most dissipnted characters in the neighbourhood. By this daily intercourse with barroom politicians, and har-room divines, they insensibly beerme assimilated to thom in their manners, views and habits, and are thus rendered utterly disqualified for conducting the cducation of youth. But J'achers had no alternative. They hat not the means to enablo wem to choose either their place or their company. Their income neither onabled them lolive in respectable Indgings, nor to associate with respectable society. Neilher the Government nor the People have yet provided for Teachers the comfort of a dwelling howse, where they might be at home, and enabled to devote their leisure hours to the advancement of education by the improvement of their own minds. These things are therefi re evidently not what they ought to be in any Province of the British Einpirc. Because whatever is adverse to the comfort, respectahility and efficiency of Teachers, stands directly opposed to the colucation of youth, and consequently to the power of the Civil Govermment, and tho moral respectability of the people.

5th.-It was intended to have spent one day with the Teachers at cevery District meding in the exercise of the Normal School, with the view of leading them to adopt the best methods of communirating instruction to their pupils, and of exercising diseiptine in their Schools. But during the lirst part of ihe anmul visitations, it was found to be impracticnlle to engage with alvantage in these oxercises, as many of the Teachers urged the necessity of being permitted to return home on the evening of the first day of the mecting from the want of fundes to pry their expenses if they were detained another day. Under these rensiderations it was found nedessary to abandon for a scason what appeared so desirable a part of the annual visitations. The impormance of this duty was however generally alluded to, and a hope held out that it might bo undertaken at sone future period. Another alvantage anticipated from these exercises was that they would alford to the Superimendent an opportunity of nscertaining generally the qualifications of Teachers. Many of the Teachers, perhapss even a majoriIy of the whole in Canada West, have received only a very limited ellucation, and even that not unfrequently ohtained in Sehools where none of the modern inprovements in education had heen introduced, thus lenving them in a great mensure without sullicient knowlelge cither to communicate instruction or to exercise discipline to the beet advantage. It is generally admitted that the art of teaching is so different from acquirements in literature, that a man may in knowledge be a philosopher, and yet in the art of communicating instruction to others he may still bo a child. For this reason Normal Schools are eager'y sought after in eeveral of the Municipal Districts in the Province, to qualify Teachers for the discharge of their arduous and important duties. These and similar considerations led to the ronviction that some effort should be made by the Superintendent during the District visitations to introdure the Normal training, without which the present generation of Teachers must pass awny, and perhaps their successors in office, hefire tha modern system of education finds its way into more than th very lew of our Common Schools. But by introducing the system of annual lessons to Teachers on the best methods of communirating instruction, and exercising discipline, it was hoped that an excitement would have been given to personal exertion and privato study, which might have told almost immediately on the education of the rising generation.

By the fifth division of the fourth section of the School Bill, the Superintendent is required to address to such persons as shall be employed in carrying the provisions of the Act into effert,such suggestions as may tend to the establishment of uniformity in the conduct of Corrmon Schools throughout the Province.

But while every Township has its own Commissioners vested with fill power to determine the qualifirations of Toachers, the courge of study, the books to be used in their respective Tounships, and the genernl rules for the management of schools, all hope of exiablishing any uniform erstem of eduration is utterly vain. By the present method, more than three hunded different eystems of education might he in operation in Conada West, clianging every year, and how these con be harmonized, and reduced into one uniform systen by the suggertions of an individual who has no pow-

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er to infores any improvenent however valuable, or to correct a singlo absurdity however glating, is altogether unintelligible. To bring about a result so desimble, would not only require a preson of judgment amd diseretion, bat also that his hands should le strengethened by the strong arm of the latio.

Another important daty required of the Superimendent, is to show the athat state and condition of Common Schools, wath the money expended on them, and from what soutces derised.

Much eare has heen hestowed to collent information to cluchinte this very mportant point, but from the wamt of the ammal Reports trom dhe Municupal Councils it must necessarily prove very unsatisfactory.

From tho twenty Municipal Distriets in Camada West, ouly six innmal Reports have been received at the Educafoni Ohier, and even these have not been tilled up in such a manner as to athorl the statisthal information requisite to make up a satistactory Report.

The most important information wheh has been received under this hemb, is connected with the dnvision of the Municipal Districts into School Distrets, and their occupation by Teachers, from which a fow calculations are subjoined.

All the Mumicipal Districts, with the exception of the Johnstown, have been disided either on whole or in part, into School Distracts. The whole number of School Districts reported for 1542 , is 2.55 , of which 1169 have heen returned as having had sehools in operation. and leavigg 1076 School Districts without Teachers altogether.

There are 315 Townships in the western section of the Province, of which 245 have been divided into 2945 sichool Districts, which gives anaverage of 9 - Seland Districts in each Township. But this average multiphed by 70 , the number of undivided Townships, gives 641, whelh, added to 924.5 gives 9656 , which may he considered as the number of Sclono Districio in Canand What, caclusive of the Corporate Towns.

The money to the Corporate Towns from the School Fund for 1842 , was $f .1,289$ is. 6 24. which beingtaken from $£ 20,000$, haves $\mathcal{L} 18,710$ 17s 5ad. But $\mathbf{x} 18,710$ 17s. 5 hd. divided by the mumber of School Districts, gives fic 9s. 8it. ar the average to cach School District, from the School Fumb, over the Westera Section of the Provinee.

Again, the population between five and sixteen years of nge, of all the Corporate 'Towns in Camada West, by the Census of 1862 , is 8841 , which being taken from 141143 , the whole population between the same ages, leaves 132302, and this popalation divided by 2886, the number of Schoul Districts gives very nearly 46 , the children in cach School District on an average of the whole.

It appars by the munal Reports for 18.42 , from the Municipal Councto, that there are 278 School Districts, in which the time the Schools have been kept open, the average attendance, and the number of chaldren therein hetween five and sivieen yoars of age have been given. In these 978 Schooks, there has been an avorage ambal attendanio of 4617 dhidren, between five and sixteen years of age, or 16.008 in rach Schonh. It alwo appears that thuse 278 Schoot Dintricts contain a population of 17829 letween the ages of five and sixteen. Therefore only one child out of every 3.5399 , on vory litue more than one in four, has attonded regularly during the year.

If has already been shown that the average number of chibdren from five to sixtern yenrs of ane in ench School District is 46 , which divided by 3.8399 gives 11.979 , or very nearly 12 seholars in regular attendance in each School Districh. But 12 scholars attending regularly at 1 s . 3d. per month, amounts to 8,9 , per annum.

From these calculntions, the following appear to bo sone of the nore olvious conclusions:-

Int.-That the School Districta have in many instances been mado so smull, that the people finding that they
could not support a Teacher without incurring an expense which they were not prepared to bear, opposed the operation of the School Bill, and loft their children altogether without the means of education in nearly one 14 thNovember half ot tho Sehool Districts whith have been formed by tho Municipal Councils in Cannda Wost. In other cases the emoluments otiered to 'leachers were bothso inadequate and so precarious, that many of the hest yunlified Tonehers have nesgned their Sehools and beaken themselves to oher pursuita to carn a livelihood for themselves nud frmilies. The mubber of efficient Tenchers has thes been diminished, while the number of School Distriets wat grently increased. In short, contrary to every rule laid down by the Merchant and political ceonomist, the price has fullen as the demand increased. There can be no strunger evidence than this, that there is something radically wrong in tho present system.

2nd.-That the average income of Teachers, per annum, arising from the liree soureex provided in tha present Bill, so far as the statistieal informatom extends, would be ouly L:2 ?s. tht. viz, E6 9s. Sd. From tho Common School Fund, $£ 6$ 9s. 8d. from the District Assessment, and $£ 9$ From tuition fees. But under the former School Laws, tho Teachers in most of the Distriets' received 10s. per quatter, For each child in attendance, which would give EDS $^{6}$ per annum, in placo of $£ 2119 \mathrm{~s} .4 \mathrm{~d}$. under the present system. But suppose there was a regular attendance of twonty four schohars on an average in each School Distriet, which is not too high an estimate, then, under the present Act, the Tenchers income would be f30 19s. 4d., whereas under the former Acts it would have been $\mathcal{E} 48$, intependent of the (rovernment grant. The Teacher, therefore, through the multiptication $f$ School Districts, does not find that the School Fund and Distriet Assessment are an alequate comfeinsation for the reduction made in the tuition fees.
$3 \mathrm{~d} .-\mathrm{If}$ £60 should be considered an average income for the Teachers of Common Schools, which is evidently too low an estimate, ronsidering the rate of wages given to other classes of the commmnity, there would remairs S38 0s. 8 d. on nn average, to be made up for the Teachers support in Selow District. But $\mathbf{E} 38$ 0. Sel. muliphied by 2886 the number of School Districte, gives $5109,46048.0 \mathrm{~d}$. to le supplied annually in Canada Wiest, for which no provision is made in tho present Statute. But the defects in the presemt School Bill have operated powerfilly to diminish the average aftendance of chiflren, and consedpuently to increase the deficiency in the Salary of Teachers.

The subjoined Statislical Sohedule will shew the state of the Schools, in so far as information has been recoived, in a murh more comprehensive manaur than can be done in words.

The next duty required of the Superintement in his annual report, was to give plans for the improvencent of Schools.

From the time the School Bill of 1841 came into force, it was found utterly impracticable to carry out its provisions, and therelore the attention of the Execative Government was early directed to the hest methol of remedying the defects of that Statute, so as to advance the cause of Education. The Executive having now matured their views on the subject, and beine prepared to subanit to the Legistature a now Education Bill, it is considered under these circumstances to he unnecessary to enter upon this part of the Roport at present.

It is, however, mont respectfully suggested that no legistive enactment on this subject, which does not provide for the better ascertaining the qualifications of Teachers, for securing them in a reacomble maintenance, nod for prowoting them agninst injustice, can ever materially advance the cause of Education in the Province.

I have tho honor to be, Your Excellency's
Most obedient bumble Servant,
ROBERT MURRAY.
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To an Andress of the Legislative Assembly of the 27th September, 1842, laid before the House, by Message from His Excellency the Governor General, on the 27th Octaber, 1843.

No. 1. Letter from the Provincial Registrar to the Secretary of the Province (East,) dated 10th Septem ber, 1843.
No. 2. Ietter from the same to the same, dated 19th September, 1843.
No. 3. Return of Appointments in Iower Canada from the division of the Province of Quebec, in 1791, into the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, to the Union of those Provinces in 1841—with Remarks of the Deputy Inspector General appended thereto.
No. 4. Supplemental Return of ditto ditto.

No. 1.
Letter from the Provincinl Registrar to the Secretary of the Province (East.)
(Copy.)
Provincial Registrar's Office, Kingston, 16th Sep. 1843 Sin,
The method pursued by me in constructing this Return was, first, to prepare, from the Records, a general List of all the Appointments that took place in Lower Canada during the period of its separation from the Upper Province; and afterwards to expunge from that list such of those appointments as 1 was induced, both from your written communication of the 10th ultimn, and alsn from Mr. Dunkin's verbal explanation, to believe, did not fall within the scope of the object for which that Return was wanted.
In the exercise, however, of this power of rejection, it is very possible that I may have committed some crror; and therefore I shall, with the view of enabling you to determine whether I have done so or not, subjoin the heads of the several classes of appointments which have been excluded from the accompanying Return, with a succinct exposition of the motive for their cxclusion:
Commissioners ; to administer Oaths ; for Public Buildings; of Courts of Request ; for improvement of Ilighways; for improvement of Inland Navigation; for establishment of Markets; under various Statutes.-Most of these appointments seem to be merely honorary; some of them are only temporary, and the emoluments of those to which any pecuniary advantage is annexed, must, I apprehend, be very much under $£ 300$ a year.
Commissioners of the Jesuits Estates. Tho emoluments, if any, must be drawn from the Estates, and not from the Public funds.

Justices of the Pence; Justices of Assize and Oyer and Terminer. No salary is attached to these offices; and the amount of fees is small.
Boards of Health; do. do. do.
President and Trustees of School Corporations. 1 conceive them to be entirely without pecuniary compensation.
Masters of Free Schools. The salary and omoluments always below $\$ 300$ currency.

Returning Officers: Temporary appointments, with small emoluments.
Surveyors of Land; Notaries Public ; Medical Licenses; Licenses to keep Registers of Baptisms.These are all without salaries; and whatever advantage results from them is strictly a remuneration for work and labor.

Examiners of applicants for the situation of Inspectors of Thour, Ashes, \&c. ; Inspectors of Flour, Beef and Pork, Fish and Oil, Chimnies, \&cc. ; Cutters of Timber, \&c. \&c. \&c.; Guagers; Water Bailiffs ; 'Tidesmon; Erperts.-Without stating other grounds of exclusion applicable to some of those, it may be sufficient to say of them all, that they are too unimportant in their character, and too small in the amount of their remuneration, to hold a place in the Return.

Having thus pointed out a number of appointments which I have not deemed it proper to include in the Return, it can scarcely be necessary for me to profess my readiness to furnish whatever information may be desired in respect to any of them.

On the other hand, I am fully aware that the Return is, in many parts, much more copious than the occasion required, and will accordingly have to undergo considerable pruning by you. 'Of the two extremes, however, it is evidently better that it should contain more, rather than less, than what is wanted.

In very few instanoes indeed; have I been able to ascertain the amount of salary ; and I have, consequently, been prevented from making that the basis upon which the Return was founded. I have even included in it some appointments, such as Special Councillors, Queen's Counsel, \&c., to which no salarics are attached : and this I have done partly "propter honoris respectum," partly because I thought they might fall within the spirit, if not the letter, of the principle upon which the Return is predicated.

I have, \&c.,
(Signed,)

## R. A. TUCKER.

The Hon'ble D. Daly,
Secretary of the Province (East.)

## No. 2.

Letter from the Prouincial Registrar to the Secretary of the Province (East?)
(Copy.)
Provincial Règistrar's Office, Kingston, 10 th September, 1843.
Sir,
In conformity to your suggestion, I have prepared, and now hasten to enclose you, a Supplemental Return, embracing all the Appointments relative to the Jesuits' Estates, and to the various descriptions of Inspectors, for the whole period of existence of Lower Canada as a separate and distinct Province. 1 have, \&cc.,

## (Signed,

R. A. TUCKER.

The Hon'ble B. Daly,
Secretary of the Province (East.)




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Kingston，September 26Ti， 1843.

## Sir，

The undersigned the Commissioner appointed to examine into the Collection of the Revenue by His Excellency the late lamented Sir Charles Bagot， under a Resolution of the Legis！ative Assembly， passed on the fourteenth day of September，1841， having performed the duties required of him，in so far as relates to a full examination of the mode of collecting the Revenue，and the conduct of every officer，whether Collector of Customs，Inspector of Liconses，of Sheriff employed in collecting it in that part of the Province known as Western Cana． da，to which his labors were restricted by his com－ mission，has the honor to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor General the following Report ：－

The undersigned immediately on the receipt of his Commission，which bears date the 28th day of March，1842，commenced his labors in accordance with the letter of instructions from the Secretary West，dated 30th March， 1842 ，by visiting in suc－ cession，all the Ports of Entry，commencing at Goderich，in the IIuron District，the extreme North West point at which a public officer had been ap－ pointed，and thence proceeded Eastward，examining carefully at each Port．into the manner of keeping ac－ counts，the mode of transacting business with indivi－ duals，the means adopted for the prevention of smug． gling，and the state of the balances in the hands of the Collectors，and reporting to the Secretary West，as directed in his letter of instruction，allisuch matters as he deemed of sufficient importance to demand the immediate attention of the Government：copies of these Reports，and of all others connected with his several tours of inspection；both general and special， are placed in the Appendix，and，with the extracts from his Journal，which are also added，will，he conceives，alford more full and satisfactory informa－ tion，with regard to the services in which he has been employed，and the occupation of his time than any narrative he could give in this Report；＇and he would，therefore，confine his remarks and stato－ ments to gencral subjects，referring to the Appen－ dix for those details which may be necessary to establish his assertions or confirm his opinions．

From the experience the undersignod had long had in commercial business in this Province，he was aware that the collection of the Revenue derived from Customs had been carelessly managed easily evaded，and subject to many frauds；that the system pursued was loose and corrupt；that the tariff was unequal and unjust，that the appointments to office liad been gencrally made without the least regard to the qualifictions of the parties pand that there was very litte，if any，supervision exercised over them ；but he must confess thithe was wholly un－ prepared to believe the extent of thenegligence． fraud and peculations which he found had been practiced．

One of the first subjectst to which his attention wasdirected by thegeneralcomblinto fthe Cot Tectots hion he witte wathe wagresion of neighburing Coblector upon what wassupposedto
be beyond the limits of their respective Ports，and which proceeded from a vicious method adopted；by the Legislature to provide for the payment of these officers，which is by a per centage on the amount collected＇on the following scale；Collectors to retain 50 per cent of the duties received till they amount to a sum over $£ 200,-12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent：on all sums over $£ 200$ till he collects $£ 1000$ ，－and 5 per cent．on all sums over that till he collects $£ 4,500$ ； which gives him $£ 300$ ，the greatest amount allowed； thus，all the Ports which collect less than $£ 4,500$ are put in a position in which the officers are rivals in a business in which their，most important duty is felt to be the bringing up of their salaries to the maximum allowed by law，and this has been done by inducements being held out to Importers to make their entries at Ports distant from their regular pla－ ces of trade，under arrangements，by which the goods were to be admitted at lower rates of duty than what was required at other Ports，or，were yalued at the option of Importers under a previous pledge that the terms should bo easier than those of any other Collector 1 and sometimes with an agree－ ment to pay the additional expense incurred by the patronage thus afforded them．

This inducement to fraud and dishonesty would have worked ill；had led to evils and trauds of the kind alluded to，even under the most careful and vigilant supervision，and with the most clearly de－ fincd limits；but when it is considered that no supervision or check of any kind has cver existed， and that the limits of the several Ports have never been defined it may readily be conceived that the grussest confusion has ehsued with regard to the powers and duties of Collectors，and the rights of the public，in discharging vessels．

The undersigned having，on his tour of inspec－ tion，had an opportunity of making persmal exami－ nations of the coast，has written a brief clescription of the sc⿱亠乂⿰丿丿⿱日十 of the circumstances on which they depend for tiade， the amount of reccipts for the last three years，and the prospect of increase of each，also suggesting the limits which he deemed it proper and advisable to establish ：this document for the sake of order，he has put in the Appendix to this Report，not wishing to extend it to an inconvenient length，which would be，unavoidable were he to insert the details neces－ sary to the support of his yiews and opinions．

The nex $t$ subject which engaged the attention of the undersigned，was the manner of keeping the books，which he found as various as the characters and education of the Collectors－no forms of ac－ couns nor books of any kind nor instructions on the subject，having ever been fut ished them，and many of them never having received any directions by which to be guided but a fetr remnants of torn Statutes，handed to them by their predecessors when they took office．
In the Butigh Custom House there have been Conptroller far oin he Ancican Naval Officers， whateresct bedifomof books，whichare dasigned， by awthe bequectaedsonthe Collectors for Whonespectudy but wneithemedury have they Leen found sufficient to protect the Revenue
from the frauds and collusion of designing men, and the only real check, after all, that will prove effectual, will be found to be in the integrity and ability of the persons appointed by the Government, and tha vigilance and constant watehfulness of their supervisors. Tho undersigned would here remark, that if, whe the checks above alluded to exist, such evils apper mavoidable, it camnot be a matter of surprise that they should prevall to a greater extent where the Colbetors are entirely free from all chechs or chance of exposure, except from their own folly or insatiable avarice: he would also urge the importance of rendering this department free from all political influence, and of selecting for its officers those persons only who were peculiarly qualified for the duties, and making such departmental arrangements as would create an 'esprit de corps' which would be kept alive by a regular and constant promution, based upon peculiar abilitics and diligense in the discharge of their duties, and not solely upon seniority or length of service, to which system there are in this cass many great and evident objections. The principal offices in the collection of the Revenue cronot be filled without considerable falent for l, usiness, so that 10 give encumagement to laudab'e cuertions, regularity and diligence, it may be urged that not long service alone, but the combined considerations of ability and length of serviec, should be the recommendation.

In examining into the calculations, and couparing the rates of duty charged at the various Ports, with the existing Tariff, the undersigned soon became convinced of a fact of which he has since had the most ample pronf, that the accounts of the Colleetors of Chstoms. houqh filed and marked 'examinod' in the office of the Inspector General, never had undergone any such process, nor had evor been checked at any time, as he fuund in all of them the gronsest clerical errors, and the most extraurdinary difference in the rate of duties carricd on at the same Port for ycars; and so well known was this fact. that Merclants at London, and other places westwart, when ordering grods from New York, would direet cersain articles to bo sent to Chippawa, others to Hamiton, and others to Pert Stanley, because the difirence of duty was sufficiont to cover the expense of. in stme instances, sixty miles addipmal land carriage. The state of the accounts will best appear by a reference to a menorandum of crrors pointed out to the Collectors as occurring in their accounts, prepared in the Inspector Gcioral's Office, a copy of which is inserted in the $A_{\mathrm{P}}$. pendix-see Appendix No. 8.

The undersigned may briefly dispose of all further remarks on the subject of the mode of keeping accounts, by a general statement, that there was no form or sy, tem of accomats in existence, there were no clearor explicit instructions from the Department to guite or direct the Collectors. but each was left to put his own constriction on several Acts of Parliam nt, both Imperial and Colonial, many of which he hat never seen,-and he was only controlled in one point. which was the obligation to transmit withon 20 days after the 5th of Jamary, the 5th April, the 5th July und tho 5th October, respective1y; th the Inspector Gieneral, a statement of so many of the goods entered at his Port, as he finds it conveniont shortly aftorwards to remit the anount that has been collected on them, the law not requiring auy pryments to be made by them till after the quartor expires; for the fulfilment of this duty they are required to give securily to the amount of £1000; the absurdity of this regulation will appear when it is obsorved that the Collectors at Toronto, Hamilton and Kingston, will generally have on the 5 th of July, and on the 5th of October, a sum of over $£ 3000$ each in their hands. As soon as the un-
dersigned was made aware of this fact, he immediately called the att?ntion of the Government to Appendit: it, and since the appointment of the present Inspector Gencral, an order has issued, requiting the Cult lecturs at those Purts to pay into the Bank, wsekly, ${ }^{27 \mathrm{~h}}$ October: and at all other Ports, monthly, the amount of their collections, to the cre-fit of the Receiver General; and a persom has been emplored to clack the accounts and compare the rate of duties, -and in addition to this. as the best means the unitersigned con'd suggest t, guard againt improper valuations, a copy of the Naw York Weokly Prices Current has been ordered to bo seat $t$, ea h Colector; this, wilh the clear instructions and printed forms sent by the Inspector General to each of them. will put thom in as grod a state as the existing system will admit of. On the subject of al valorem duties, however, it may be remarked, that great irregularities in valiations must ever exist. while the duty is based upon the cost at the place of either import or export, as this is ovidently liable to constant flactuations according to the demand and state of the market, and thus leaves the Collector alnost entirely dependent on the integrity of the Importer.

In order in some degree to prevent such irregularities in valuation, the cstablishment of a Provincial Board of Appraisers, such as was rocommended in the Report of the Commissioners appointed by the United States Government to investigate the affairs of the Now York Custon House, has been suggosted, whose duty it slauld be to fix a certain value on specimens of each leading article of importation ; send these specimens, with the value affixed, to each Port in the Proviace, and then by frequent porsonal inspections at the several Ports, see that the actual valuation conforms to these standards, and this scems to be the only mode by which even an approximation to equality, on a system of home valuation, can be arrived at; but even to this, there are many objections, and tho only system that can bs atopted which will nbviate these, and better aceomplish the great objects of establishing uniformity an 1 preventing fraud in the collection of import duties, is a system of specific dutics on all articles suscoptible of being so described and classified as to renter the daty certain, and the rate of duty approaching to uniformity, in reference to the value of different articles, so far as such uniformity may be considered important.

As the undersigned herewith submits enpious extracts from his Journals, in which the paculiar errors, andstate of each Port are set forth as he found them, - with examples of the valuations of goods, he deems it unnecossary to dwell longer on this subject; but requests that particular attention may be bestowed on it, in reading the Appendix to the lleport, as he is convinced that the Revenue has suffored more from the under-valuations of imports than even from the gross peculations and dishonesty of some of the Collectors.

Another subject which from, previous knowledge and constart information received from various sources, the undersigned was led to inquire into, was the extent of smuggling, with a view to suggest the best means of preventing it:-after making his tour of inspection and receiving answers from Collectors and others to a sories of queries which he submitted to them, and which, wih the most valuable answers, he also subjoins, the undersigned became convinced that a much greater amount of goods was smuggled into the Province than that upon which duty was paid; he computed, with the assistance of inteligent Grocers, that the amount of Tea consumined in Canada, could not be less than Fify thousand chests, whifle the quantity that paid duty was not over Eighteen thousand leay.
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ing Thirty-two thousand chests, which were annually smuggled. -Tea, Tobacco; Leather, Boots and Shoes, and Whisky, are the principal articles which are imported without paying duty and on the River St. Lawrence, firon Côtoau du Lac to Kingston,-on the Niagara River from Niagara to Fori Erie, ant on the Letroit and St. Clair Rivers, from Amherstburgh to Port Sarnia, except it may be a moiety of what is landed at the Custom House Wharves, the whole quantity of these articles, which is required, is smugg:ed.

The undersigned has proved the truth of his estimate of the quantity of Tea consumed, from facts connectod with neighbourhoods where he had exact means of ascertaining the quantity consumed from statistical calculations; and from his knowledge of the extent of the contraband trade, he could name one individual who, in the year 1841 , sold 600 chests of smurgled Tea in one place.-The greater part of this injurious trude is carried on upon the Niagara frontier, and between Long Point and Buffalo; several individuals have from 4 to 6 teams constantly emplayod in it, protected by 2 or 3 armed men, the business is gencrally done by contract, the purchaser furnishing funds or good security, and paying the Smuggler on delivery, for transpirt and guarantec.* The manner in which the importation is, effectid, is as follows,-boats are sent to Buffalo and other places on the American shore, and parties on this side are on the watch awaiting their return, who mako signals to their accomplices by fires, flays, \&c. to indicate safety or danger. as the case may be, and generally without fear of detection, as the whole agricultural population is in favor of the smuggler ; if all is safe, the boats come in, land their cargoes, and teams are in readiness to convey it immediately to some ban or other safe place of deposit in "the neighbourhond, where it remains till the next evening, when it is agrain put in a waggon and carried off to some well known friend 20 nr 30 miles in the interior ; here it is again concealed till night shields it from the cye of travelers, when it is again moved, -thus, at a given time, it reaches its destination in Simene, St. Catharines, Mamilton, Brantford, Woodstock, London, \&ce. The contractor having proceded his tcams and made his sales or other arrangements, the Tea or 'Tobaceo is then thrown over a fence, or rolled' into a warehouse,' and the 'work being done, the waggons drive up to an Inn, and all is quiet.

This is the manner in which the wholesalo smig. gling is eftected; the smallor, frauds are committed by making false entries at the Custom House, such as- 50 Buxes German 'Joys,-20 Casks Legwood,10 Barrels Alınonds,- Seeds,-Grain,-Nuts,ILams, \&c, and as no packages have ever been opened or examined, this smagging through the Custom House would appear to bo the safest of all modes.

It may appear strange that the undersigned should charge tho whole agricultural population with being biassed in favor" of the smuggler, but it is a fact that a strong prejudice exists very generally in the country against, any Law, malking articles of food or Juxury, contraband, and with this ided, they have lost sight of the evils and sinfulness of smuggling - forgetting that it leads to falsehood, perjury, and sometimes to assaults and even inurder, for he that has embarked his all in an unlawful enterprize will defend it with his lifes) and wholly losing sight of the fact that they are really robbitg themselves ; as should the Revenue fail from this source direct taxation must be resorted to Had a moderate doty been collected on Tea during the lastyeardand had

[^16]the goods entered during the same period been en tered at a fair valuation, there would thave been no need of the School on Lunatic Asylum Tax.
But the undersigned feels assured that the people 274 October.
? are not wholly blind to the importance of protecting their own revenue; and if the Government imposes but a moderate duty, instead of aiding and countenancing the illicit trader, they will unite in discouraging and suppressing such dishonest practices.

The question therefore which naturally suggests itself to every one interested in the manufactures of the country, or the increase of its re vonue, is, what can be done to prevent this illicit trade l-Some are of opinion that a Steam Revenue Cruiser on each Lake, well armed, would be sufficient, -others, that a Coast Guard with a sufficient number of row-boats, would be still more efficent,-others again, that holding out greater inducements to informers," and giving a larger share of the seizures to the seizing ufficer, instead of to the principal officer at the Port, would be the most effectual ; but all these opinions are based on ignorance of the vast expensc which would thereby be incurred, and without due consideration of the differcace of oun position from that of England or other countries surrounded by seas. Having an imaginary boundary line from the Bay of Fundy to where the line of 45 degrees Latitude strikes the St. Lawrence, and a narrow river or lake thence to Lake Superior, no Coast Guard, however numerous, could ever be sufficient to protect our Fronticir; nor could this object be effected by any armed revenue force on the Lakes, as the United States and other countrics hayo experienced, who have increased their establishment until the cost of collection has risen to four times' the amount collected, as may be seen by reference to the Sixth Report of the Commissioners of Inquiry in Great Britain.

The other method suggested, of rewarding informers and securing a larger share than at present tr the seizing Officer, would doubiless have a goor effect, and by rendering the officers more vigilant, tend to diminish the extent of struggling, but would never be found sufficient to prevent it," while such great facilitics for carrying it on exist. The only romedy that has ever been found effectual, is the hxing of such a low rate of duty on all valuable articles of casy import, as will make it the interost of importers to enter them fairly, rather than encounter the risk or trouble of smuggling, and a rate of daty based upon this principle will not only produce a greater revenue to the Government, but will better protect domestic manufactures, for while high duties, as 30 per cent on Books, Leather, Manufactures, \&c: yielding little or nothing, affect the revenue injuriously they nlso afford no protection to Irome manufactures, for the country is filled; as it ever has been, with Books,' Boots, Shoes, Gloves, Clocks and Machinery manufactured abroad, and introduced without paying duty at all.

The undersigned would hore rematc in explanation of an apparent inconsistency between, his assertions, that high duties yield little ir no revenue, and a certainnountreceived from Bools which ap. pears to contradiet them, that it will be found to ariso from Bools on Theology and Law mported bythe Clergy and Law yers themselyesthe former pay daty from conscientious motive the later because they canmak more $n$ the time out of the people, than by evating the revenue law

Tho udersignedfed trecessary male afow generatrentan onthe subject of the Tarifi, which;
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out reference to any particular object, or to the carrying out of any principle; the duties are in consequence very disproportionate to the relative value or importance of the articles on which they are levied, and this inequality has, of course, been greatly increased since Mr. Gladstone's bill came in force.

On this subject the undersigned has had the honor to submit his views, at some length, to the Government, and has had the satisfaction to find that they generaily have been such as have met the concurrence of those immediately in charge of the measures connected therewith : these views are founded on the principle that the true policy of every country is to protect its own domestic manufactures, not by high restrictive duties, but by fostering and encouraging them by the introduction of raw materials free, and so regulating that amount of duty which must be raise. for revenue. that it shall fall mostly on luxuries imported by the wealthy, such as Silks, Tobarco, fine manufactures of Leather, Glass, \&c., or upon articles which we cannot munufacture.

This principle, the undersigned trusts, has been so carefully examined and maintained, that the forthcoming Tariff wil be found to give an immediate impulse to the manufacturers, mechanics and artizans throughout the Province, at least, in such proportion as will leave them no room to complain of the measure of the protection it will afford to the more numerous and influential body of Agriculturists, who have heretofore suffered from an unequal and mistaken system of free trade with the neighbouring Republic, which was in no way reciprocated or acknowledged.

The Tariff alluded to will impose a duty on all grain, vegetables and live stock. imported from the United States, and throgh not in amount so great as that imposed by them on our products, yet such as will afford, on a principle already explained, a better protection than it would if based upon what is termed exart resiprocity; a loose and absurd idea which many men of mueli reputerl wistom entertain and urge, with great plausibility to the people, athough it would manifestly be the most injurious blow that cruld be struck to our trade and commerce. and in many cases to our manufacturing and agricultural interests. It is evidently the interest of both the latter clases to have raw material for manufactures admitied free, but a strictly reciprocal Tariff would put a duty of nearly two pance per pouml, on Raw Cotton, twenty per cent on Ore, and three pence half-penny per bishel on Coal ; and would subject Wheat to a duty of one shilling and three pence per bushel, which would entirely cut us off from the carrying trade of the Western States, and in tme of scarcity impose an unreasonable tax on ours?lves, and mither henefit our revenues nor increas the prices of our produce. as we cannot prevent Ancerican grain from finding its way to our ultimate market. It is besides, as has been already shown in this repart. a well established principle, that import cutios on any articles above a certain per contage on their value, lead to smugr'ing, and thus entirily defeat the object in view in imposing them; this opinion, the undersigned would further sustain by two short extracts, one from the evidence of John MisGregor. Espuire, taken before a seleot Committe of the British House of Commons, with whom his opinions had great weight ; the other from th": Reprort of that Committee to the House. "Questi" by the Chairnan: Then is it your opin"inn that this high duty promotes and encourages "smngeling, ant consequently interferes with the "Revenue, without saving at all the labour of the "Country?-Certainly; it is a traism which experi-
" ence has proved in every country in Europe, that "the moment the duty is higher than the premium "for smuggling, it ceases to be protective."

The Committee, after having examined several witnesses, who strnngly urged upon them the evil tendency of high duties, stated in their Report, that they could not "refrain from impressing strongly on the attention of the House that the effect of prohibitory duties, while they are of course wholly unprotuctive to the Revenuc, is to impose ain indirect tax on the consumer, often equal to the whole difference of price between the British article and the Foreign article which the prohibition cxcludes."

The next source of Revonue paid through the Custom House, intu which the undersigned examined, way that arising from Harbeur ducs, which he found had, up to the year 1812, been as much neglected as any other, though under the immediate charge of the Collectors of Customs at the Port where such duties are levied; there are at present only three such Porta, viz: Port Stanley. Burlington Bay, and Toronto. At Port Stanley there never had been a book for Harbour Tolls,-at Burlington Bay, the Collector depended entircly on the wharfingers for such accounts as thry chose to renrer, and the correctness of which he had no means of ascertaining,-and at Toronto it wns impossiblo for the Collectror, with the limited assistance afforded him, to prevent the evasion of thase dues. The Tariff requires revision; and the other regulations necessary to ensure their proper collection may be providerl for in the Bill for the general management of the Revenuc.

The roilection of the Tonnarye dues also engaged the attention of the undersigned; these are levied under the authority of the Act which imposes one shilling, per Ton, on all Versels navigating the Lakes, and directs the proceerls to ba applied to the erection and maintenance of Light Houses, and have suffered equal neglect with other dies:there is no stated tinte at which Vessels are required to pay these ducs, and as the Collect res are anthorized to demand them from all Vessels entoring their respective Ports during the season, which have not already paid them, and can prodnce a Collector's receipt,- it might be reasonably supposed, that during the winter months, when they have little or nothing to occupy their time, they would take care to collect hem, at hast from all vessels wintering in their dis-tricts-and so probably they would, but that, though all other dutius are paid for by a per centage on the amount collected, no allowance is made for this:this circumstance may aceount for the fact of its having been so grossly noglected.

The undersigned called the attention of the In. spertor General's Department to the remissness of the Collectors in this matter, in March last, and suggested a chack on them by which these dues might be made available,-as will appoar by reference to a special report of that date in the Appendix.

The undersigned, before closing this part of his Report, relating more particularly to the Revenue derived from the Customs,' would point out the neressity of an entire change in the system and management of this department, to the defects in which, rather than to the want of fidelity in the Collectors, the greater part of existing evils may be justly attributed; and as it is impossible to establish by Law the number of, and manner of kecping, the books and accounts that might be needed, or to set forth the various forms that would be required, to define exactly the assistance necessary at the different Ports; or the yowers that should be vest-

ed in the officers,-or to regulate the hours of attendance and mode of transacting business, so as to meet the peculiar circumstances of every case, would suggest, as the only mode by which he conceives the collection of this part of the Revenue could be efficiently managed, - the faithful transmission of all monies to the lublic Chest ensured, and at the same time the rights of individuals defended from oppression and hardship arising out of points of Law which cannot be foreseen, -the adoption of the principle acted upon in England, by establishing a Board of Revenue, with powers analogrous to those vested in the Commissioners of the Customs in that Country,-authorizing them to determine the limits of Ports.- the number of officers required at each, - the number of and manner of keeping the ac-counts.-and all other matiers connected with the sscuring the collection of the Revenue; also, giving them power to remit duties in certain cases where surh relicf is in equity required.

One member of this Board should be required to devote his whole time to visiting the several Ports. inspecting the accounts, and exercising a general supervision over the Collectors and other officers connected with the Customs; the necessity of this visitation bas been strongly impressed upon the undersigned, and his opinion on the subject is well sustained by that of the Commissioners of Inquiry into the Customs and Excise in Great Britain, whose views on the subject he would introduce by inserting a fow short extracts from thoir Tenth and Thirteenth Reports, as follows:-" We have n" doubt that a diligent inspection and survey, such as we carnestly recommend, on the part of one of the Commissiniers, would have the effect in many cases of reducing materially both the expense of the establishment itself, and the incidental charges connected with it."
"We are fully aware that the outports are occasionally visited by the Surveyors General, but we think the inspection of a Commissioner would be much more beneticial; and the only reason we do not recommend the reduction of the present number of Commissioners, is, that one of them may be very usefully employed in the manner we recommend. In this suggestion, wo have had in view the principle we strongly inculcated in our Report upon the Board of Customs in England, viz., that the important duties of a department which a superior officer can propery undertake. and which would be best and most efficiently performed by him, should in no instance be delegated to an inferior onc."
"We cannot refrain from drawing Your Lordships attention forcibly to the result of this survey, which (as well as that of the port of Liverpool, by the Commissioners) affords strong evidence of the utility, or tather the neecssity, of occasional inspections and personal supervisions of every out-port by the highest authorities in the department."

The next source of Rovenue to the investigation of which the attention of the undersigned was directed, was that coming through the hands of the Inspectors of Licenses, who arc in fact Excise Of-ficers;-their dutics are, to issue Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, Beer, Ale and Winn, for Distiling, Hawking, Peddling, Shop-kecping and Billiard Tables,* and, to visit personally, or by deputy. twice in the year, all the Distilleries, Inns and Becrhouses, in thcir Districts; using every means to ascertain it there are any evasions of duty practised

[^17]by these parties, and seeing that they have the accommodation for travellers which the law requires.

This system of personal visitation and inspection was adopted when the License laws were amended in 1840, as a check on the evils and evasions of law that then existed, and is indeed the only one that will ever be found really efficient in this department; hut the same vicious system of payment of the officer by a per centage on his collection, which lay at the foundation of many of the evils in the Customs, and which had a far worse tendency in this department, was left to counteract all the amendments that had been introduced, and to offer inducements to mal-practices to the officers, for while the duty required of them in thus visiting all the Inns and Ale and Beer shops in their District, was to see that none of them were deficient in the accommodation which the law required, as a qualification to their obtaining a License, and was intended in this way to reduce their number, it was at the same time his interest to issue Licenses to as many of them as possible, that his per centage might be increased; and the result of this system has been, in many Districts, such as might easily have been forescen ; for it is notorious that, although to obtain a License it was necessary to show to the Court that the applicant had the accommodation required by law, by producing a certificate under the hands of two Magistrates, still not more than one in five of those who obtained Licenses really had that accommodation, and of this the undersigned had abundant proof during his tour of inspection over the whole of Western Canada. In no Districts have the Inspectors ever performed this duty strictly in the manner prescribed by law, and by many of these officers, the allowance of fifteen shillings, per day, for travelling during the whole poriod they are actually engaged in it, has been greatly abused; by some, the rule established by the Court of Queen's Bench in paying witnesses, and by the House of Assembly in allowance to Members for travelling, which is at the rate of twenty miles a day, has been adopted as their rule for regulating their charges, and they have thus, by travelling sixty miles in a day, considered they had a right to charge the Government with three times the amount they were actually entitled to; by others, more days have been charged than would be sufficient to asscss the District.

The undersigned may here remark, that the Inspectors of Licenses generally perform the duty of collecting the Revenue, and paying it over much more regulity than the Collectors of Customs ; this may be partly accounted for by a check instituted over them which was supposed to be perfect, this was by the Inspector General issuing Licenses to Innkeepers, Merchants, Distillers, \&c. and charging to the account of each Inspector the price and number of those sent to him, who was then obliged either to remit the moncy or return the Licenses ; but the undersigned soon became convinced of the inefficacy of this check, as in one case the Inspector received the money from applicants for Licenses, gave his own receipt for the amount, kept the moncy, and returned the Licenses to the Inspectur General's office; by this the Revenue was defrauded in one District to the amount of several hundred pounds, as will appear by a special report in the Appendix.

The only check which the undersigned conceives would be found effectual in preventing such frauds, would be by allowing the Officer an adequate salary, and requiring his personal attention to his duty, to which his whole time should be devoted; and instead of permitting him to employ a hired deputy to do the duty of visiting Inspector, the undersigned would recommend that one efficient person be appointed by the Government, and cmployed in visiting all the Districts in the Province, to be a check on the fide-

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lity of the Inspector, as well as on the conduct of InnKeepers and Distillers.

The Bill to be submitted to the Legislature for the regulation of Inne, Distulleries, Hawkers, $\mathcal{E}$. and other matters conne ted with this source of Revenue, will no dnubt have the effect of increasing it, and amending tho system; and should such a B,ard of Revenue, as previously alluded to, be established, it will have the power of making such an arrangement as is suggested above.

Thn undersigned alsodirected his attention to the revenne from the Tol Bridecs.viz: those at the Trent, Bramfird, Pars and Chathan; he found they were all under the superintendence and mangement of Commissioners appointed $b_{y}$ Act of Parbament, who framed throm out annaally, but took no regulas or sufficient securaty for the payment of the rent and generally lost part of it through this naglect ; the balance has been usually appled in keeping in repair and improving the Bridges or Ronds in the neighbourhood. 'The amount now due on account of the Bridges, is $£ 10,800$, of which $£ 4,800$ is on the Trent, and $£ 2000$ on each of the others.

The undersigned had the satisfaction to see in the hands of the Commiss oners of the Paris and Chatham Bridgs, a full and satisfactory statement of all matters connected with their res;ective trusts; of the others he has only seen the returns, for copies of which, together with a comparative statement of the amounts received by the Commissioners, and the sums remitted by them to the Receiver General, reference may be made to the Appendix.

In order to secure the proper management of these works, and a judicious appropriation of the money expended in repairs, the undersigned would recommend that all Bridges of this description be imme liately placed und $r$ the direction and management of the Board of Works, as it is evident that under existing arrangements they will never make good the interest of the moncy expended on then, though all of them are really valuable and profitable investments.

The accounts of the Sheriff, who are made Public Accountants by their being the reccivers of all fines, forfeitures and amercements ordered by the Courts of Queen's Bench and Quarter Sessions. were also brou!ht under the investigation of the undersigned; he found them all in a very unsatisfactory state, and that the Government had suffiered very serious loss by the carelessness of these officers in this respect; but as he has already made a full and particular report on this subject, a copy of which is placed in the Appendis, he will not dwell any longer on it here.

The undersigned also endeavored to trace the monies paid to the Magistrates and their Clerks, as fines, but this he found almost impossible. Every Magistrate in the Country is authorized to impose fines, and there is no mode pointed out by which they are to be transmitted to the Public Chesttrue, each person reoeiving them is, by the Act, 3 rd Victoria, Chap. 21, required to remit them to the Receiver General for the public uses of the Pra-
vince, but singularly enough the Act, 3ril Victoria, Chap. 20, (passed the same day) directs that one moiely be laid out on the highways, and the other

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(B. B.) given to the informer; and some of them in their ${ }_{2}$ inth Ocober. anxicty to avoid villating either of these provisions kecp it all themselves, as will better appear by reference to report made by the undersigned in August, 184, on the case of the fines wecovered in the Home District, a copy of which is placed in the Appendix.

The mode which the undersigned would sug. gest in order to reme ty this d ficalty, would bo to nact a now law requiring all monies arining from fincs of any kind within the District, to be paid to the Inspector of Licenses, and empowering him to recover the sameas soon as they are ord red by any Court or public officer.

This regu'ation the undersigned is respectfully of opinion, should extend to the fines l-vied in th. Courts of Queen's Bench and Quarter Seswions, now paid to the sheriffs, who should not be rereivers of the public money at all.-The adnption of this sys. tem, guarded by regular returns from the Clerks of the respective Courts, would have the effect of increasing the Revenue more than £ 1000 a year.

Having thus made a general statement of the several matters which required his attention in making those investigations which his Commission directedand referring for further and more particulir information to the several lieports and other Documents in the Appendix, the undersigned would subnit his Report, and resign his Commission into the hands of His Excellency the Governir General, regreting, that, from the extent and varicty of the duties imposod upon him, the irregular and confused state of the Books and $\dot{A}$ ccounts he had to inspert, -the want of system in every Department of the Revenuc,-and his own in xperience. it has been impossible for him to accomplish all he could have wished: he trusts however to the conside ration of the Government, who are well aware of the diff. culties in his way, and of the painful, unpleasant and embarrassing duties which devolved upon him, and hopes they may at least be able to say, that, so far as his abilitics have cnabled him, he has not shrunk from either labour or responsibility.

The undersigned cannot close his labours with. out taking the opportunity of gratefully acknowledging the uniform courtesy and altention with which he has been treated by every Member of the Government :-to the Secretary West, (with whom he had immediately to correspond) for his confidence and consideration ; and to the Inspector General, for his able and effirient assistance nnd advice, and his unremitting assiduity in supplying, without delay, from his Office, every information required by the undersigned in carrying on his investigations, his thanks are espocially due.

## All of which is respectfully submitted,

## MALCOLM CAMERON, Commissioner of Inquiry,

## To tha Honotable S. B. Harrison, Secretary West.

## APPENDIX.

List of the Appendix to the Report of the Commissioner appointed to inquire into the State and Management of Customs, in Upper Canada.

No. 1-Letter from tho II norab'e S. B. IIarrison to Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, dated Kingston, 10th February, 1842.
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No. 6—Commission appointing Malcolm Cameron. Esquire, Commissioner for investigating the mode now adopted in the Collection of the Revenue in Upper Canada.
No. 7-Iet'r frim the Commiss:oner to the IIonorable S. B. Harrison, containing his observations on the different Ports of Entry, dated Kingston, 121h September, 1843.
No. \&-Remarks of the Deputy Inspector General on the Accounts of the Collectors of Customs, at the folowing Ports;-Maria Town, Prescott, Ganannque, Bath, Newcastle and Trent, Hallowell, Cobourg, Port IIope, Toronto, Port Dalhousie, Niagara, Queenston, Chippawa, Fort Erie, Colborne and Dunnville, Port Dover, Port Burwell, Port Stanley, Amherstburg, and Chatham, -with their Replies thereto.
No. 9-Note by the Cornmissioner, accompanied with Extracts from his Journal.
No. 10-Qurries submitted to Collectors o' Customs by the Commissioner, with the replies of those for the Ports of Goderich, Prescott, Sandwich, Port Sarnia, Port Dover, and Kingston.
No. 11-L.etter from J. T. Brondgeest, Esquire, to the Commissioner, dated Montreal, 30 th May, 1843.
No. 1:- Letter from the same to the same, dated Montreal, 1st June, 1843.
No. 13-Leiter from Mr. John F. Elliott to the Commissioner, dated 10th June, 1843.
No. 14-Lotter from Mr. T. Macklom to the Commissioner, dated Chippawa, Ist September, 1842.
No. 15 -Letter from Mr. W. D. Miller to the Commissioner, enclosing Remarks relative to the duties of Inspectors of Licenses, dated Niagara, 3d September, 1842.
No. 16-Remarks of the Deputy Inspector of Licenses at Toronto.
No. 17-Note by the Commissioner, accompanied by two Letters from the Montreal District Inspector of Licenses to the Inonorable D. Daly, dated, respectively, Montroal, 12th Maroh, and 21st Septenber, 1842.
No. 18—Statements relative to the following Toll Bridges, viz: Brantford Bridge, Chatham Bridge, Paris Bridge, and 'Trent Bridge.
No. 19-Letter from the Commissioner to the Ilonorable S. B. Harrison, dated Port Sarnia, 3rd May, 1842.

No. 20-Letter from the same th the Collector of Customs, Toronto, dated Toronts, 19th May, 1842.
No. 21-Letter from the same to the Honorable S. B. Harrison, dated Hamilton, 20th July, 1842.
No. 22-Report from the same to the same, dated 7th August. 1842.
No. 23-Report from the same to the same, dated 10th August, 1842.
No. 24-Report from the same to the same, on Insolvent or Absent Securities, dated 10th August. 1842.
No. 25-Letter from the same to the Cullector of Customs, Port Duver, dated Kingston, 10th August, 1842.
No. 26-Letter from the same to Daniel McNabb, Esquire, dated Kingston, 10 th August, 1842.
No. 27-Letter from the same to Messrs. Buchanan, Harris \& Co., dated Kingston, 10th August, 1842.
No. 28-Report from the same to the Honorable S. B. Harrison, upon the complaint of the Clerk of the l'e ice of the Newcastle District, against Henzy Jones, Esquire, dated Kingston, 11 th August, 1842.

No. 29-Letter from the same to the Merchants of Brockville, dated Kingston, 14th September, 1842.
No. 30-Letter from the same to the Receiver General, dated Kingston, 14th September, 1842.
No. 81-Letter from the same to the Inspector General, dated Kingston, 14th September, 1842.
No. 32-Letter from the same to the Clerk of the Crown, Toronto, dated Scpternber, 1842.
No. 33-Letter from Mr. James Watt to the Commissioner, dated Kingston, 8th August, 1842.
No. 34-Letter from the Commissioner to the Honurable S. B. Harrison, dated Kingston, 4th October, 1842.

No. 35-Letter from the same to the same, dated Toronto, 29th July, 1842.
No. 36-Letter from the same to the same, on the subject of the conduct of the Sheriff of the Gore District, dated 26th December, 1842.
No. 37-Report from the same to the same, on the case of Mr. Ryerse, dated 26th December, 1842.
No. 38-Report from the same to the same, on the accounts of Mr. Sheriff Powell, dated Kingston, 4th February, 1843.
No. 39-Letter from the same to the same, dated Kingston, 7th February, 1843.
No. 40-Letter from the samo to the Clerk of the Peace, Niagara, dated Kingston, 6th February, 1843.
No. 41-Letter from the same to the Honorable W. H. Draper, dated Kingston, 7th February, 1843.
No. 42-Report from the same to the Honorable S. B. Harrison, relating to the 'Sheriffs, dated.Kingaton, 11th February, 1843.
No. 43-Letter from the same to the same, dated Kingston, 10th February, 1843.
No. 44-Letter from the same to the same, dated Kingsten, 14th March, 1843:
No. 45-Report from the same to the Honorable H. H. Killaly, dated Kingston 15th March, 1843,
No. 46-I.etter from the same to the Inspector General, dated Kingston, 81st March, 1843.
No. 47-Report from the same to the Honorable S. B. Harrison, on the cese of Mr. Walton, of Torento, dated 22d April, 1843.
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No. 48-Report from the Commissioner to the Ilonorable S. B. Harrison, on the Petition of McPherson,No. 49-Letter from the sume to the Collector of Customs, Montreal, dated Kingston, 20th April, 1842 .
No. 4-Letter from the same to the Collector of Customs, Montreal, dated Kingston, 20 th A pril, 1842.
No. 50-Letter from the same to J. T. Brondgeest, Esquire, and other Merchants of Montreal. 'Ioronto, and Dundas, dated Kingston, 20th April, 1813.
No. 51-Letter from the same to J. T'. Brondgeest. Esquire, on the subject of the weight of the limperial bushel of Wheat, dated Kingston, 5th May, 1843.
No. 52-Letter from J. T. Brondgeest, Esquire, to the Commissioner, dated 13 h May, 1843.
No. 53-Letter from the same to the Honorable S. B. Harrisom. on the sulject of declaring a Port of Entry at Sault Ste. Maric, datod Kingston, 5th May, 18.13.
No. 5-L-Letter from the same to the same, dated Kingston, 1 ihh May, 1813.
No. 55-Letter from the same to the IIonorable Robert Baldwin, on the subject of the British Registration Laws. dated Kingston, 15th May, 1 N 43.
No. 56-Letter from the Monorable Robert Baldwin to the Commissioncr, dated 20 th July, 1843.
No. 57-Report from the Commissioner to the IIonorable S. B. Harrison, relating to Mr. Kelly, Collector at Toronto, dated Toronto. 17th July 1843.
No. 58-Report from the same to the same, dated 'Toronto, 19th July. 1843.
No. 59-Report from the same to the same, relative to Mr. Kelly, Collector at Toronto, dated Toronto, 28th July, 1843.
No. 60-Report from the same to the same, on the subject of a charge against Mr. Jones, Inspector of Licenses for the Neweastle District, dated Kingston, 5th August, 18.43.

No. 1.-Letter from the Honorable S. B. Harrison to Malcolm Cameron, Esquire.
(Cops.)

> Secretany's Office, (West,)
> Kingston, loth Fobruary, 1842.

## Sir,

The Governor General being called upon to carry out the intentions of the Jegislature, hy making the appointment of Commissioner of Inquiry into the Public Revenuc of the Province, in terms of the Address of the House of Assembly, passed during the last Session, is anxious to make such a selection of an individual to perform the important duties contemplated, as will afford the bost guarantee for their efficient performance.

His Excellency has therefore commanded me to express his conviction that in making an offer of the appointment to yourself, he will be selecting a gentleman in every way well qualified to do justice by his talents and encrgy to the performance of the particular duties required of him.

If, thercfore, it will suit your views to enter the Public Service in such a way, I am directed to say that it will afford much pleasure to His Excellency to confer the appointment upon you. In order to prevent unnecessary delay in completing the ulterior arrangements, it will be desirable that I should be furnished with your sentiments on this subject, at as early a period as you can make it convenient.

## I have, \&c.,

(Signed,) S. B. HARRISON.
Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, Port Sarnia.

No. 2.-Letter from Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, to the Honorable S. B. Harrison.
(Cops.)
Port Sarnia, February 20th, 1842.
Sin,
I have the honor to be in reccipt of your letter of the 10 th instant, and gratefully to acknowledge the
honor conferred upnn mo by Ilis Excellency the Governor General, in sulecting me as a person qualified for so inportant a public trust, as "Cornmissioner of lnquiry" into the Public Revenue.

From a most anxious desire to promote the peace and prosperity of the Country, and the feelings of hope and confidence so happily aud opportundy excited and encouraged by the late lamented Lord Sydenham, I would waive all considerations of a private nature or of personal feeling, and come to the conclusion that duty prompts, and by the acceptance of the proposed office, endeavour to advance the interests of the Country, and aid the Government in its present most acceptable furtherance of the great public improvements and blessings now so confidently expected by the people; but having been suddenly drawn into public life by Lord Sydenham, having hastily closed my business, and lost and expended over $£ 1.000$ in a few months absence from home, I could not in justice to my creditors, my family, and myself, move so suddenly in this matter, as from your letter I infer you wish me to do ; but "in order to prevent any unnecessary delay in car"rying out the ulterior arrangements of this office," I require information on one or two points.

What probability is there of the permanency of the oflice? Will it have necessary and immediate connexion with the Executive? Will its tenure depend on a Scat in Parliament? What will be the probable emoluments of the office?*

Having a large Capital afloat, and many engagements pending, I should require a few wecks to prepare for leaving ; but if satisfactory information can be afforded me on the points alluded to, (whether in connexion with the Executive or dependent on. a scat in Parliament is of no consequence, but the office permanent and the salary at all remuncrative, : I should feel bound to accept.

I have the honor to be,
\&c. \&c. \&c.,
(Signed,) MALCOLM CAMERON.
To the Honorable S. B. Harmison, Secretary West.
*Notz.--This Letter wan marked privato and confidential, and of course is notinmerted.

No. 3.-Lefler of Instructions from the Honorable (B. B.)
$\overbrace{2 \text { ith October. }}$ (Corr.)
S. B. Harrison to Malcoln Cameron, Es $\mu$.

Secremary's Office, Kingston, 30th March, 1842.

## Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19 hl instant, which I have laid before the Governor Grorrai, and am now directed to enclose you a Copy uf a Minute in Council segulating the Office of Commissioner of lnquiry into the State of the Revenoe, and to acquaint you that instructions have been given to prepare a Commissiun appointing you to that whice. which will be transmitted to you as soon as completed.

As yru are fully aware of the objects which the Heuse of Assembly harl in view in recommending the appenintment of a Commissioner of Inquiry. Mis Excelaney dons not convider it neecesary to give you any mimite or spectial instructious as to your duties, in the performance of which, you will, of course, keep in view the objeets of the House of Assembiy.

The Governor General, however, considers it may not be improper to notice, that your att ention ought grenerally to be directed to lnguiry into the present state of the Public Revenue throughont the Upper part of the Province, the manner in which it is collected, the elliciency of the Collectors, and their regularity and ernecturs: both in the performance of the dinies entrusted to them, and in their payment nver of the amount collicted into the Public Chest. In the course of such impuiry, you will, of course, also keep in view such improvements as, in your opinim, may he calculated to promote the more efficient collectinn and punctual payment into the hands of the Recciver General, of the Revenue of the Province.

I am further to add, that on all these points, and generally on all other matters which. in the course of your inquiries, you may drem of importance, you will be pleased to report. from time to time, for the information of Lis Excellency.

His Excellency is also desirous that you should enter uppon the dutios of your office as soon after the receipt of your Commission as possible, with the view of acquiring the nercssary information to enable you to prepare a Report fur the Legislature at its next meeting.

I am only in conclusion to state, that His Excellency does not consi ler it eseential that you should come to Kingston at first, but that you may proceed with your investigations on your journey towards it; you will, however, he pleased to report to me, for IHis Excellency's information, the date when you commence your official duties.

I have the honor to be,

> Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed,
S. B. HARRISON.

## Mazcolm Cameron, Esquire, <br> Port Sarnia.

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No. 4-Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Ex- Appendix ecutive Council, dated 2ith March, 1842, (B. B.)
and approved by His Excellency the Governor Gencrul on the 28th same month, 27th October. oll an Address from the IIouse of Assembly for the appoin'ment of a Cummissioner of Iuquiry into the Public Revenue of the Province.

The Committee respectfully recommend the appointinent of a Cominissioner of Inquiry, pursuant to the Address of the Assembly, with a salary of $£(100$ Sterling, per annum, and 20s. per diem, for travelling expenses. during necessary absence from home on publiu business.

> Certified, (Signed,) Wm. H. LEE.

To Mr. Secretary IIarrison.

No. 5-Letler from Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, to the Monorable S. B. Harrison.
(COPY.)

- Port Sannia, April 9th, 1842.

Sin,
I have the honor to acknowledge the reccipt of your letter of the 30th wht., and a Cory of a Minute in Conncil regulating the Office of Comnissioner of Inquiry into the Public Revenue, which is entirely satisfactory.

I was not a member of the Committee to which your letter alludes, neither have I received the Journals, nor copies of this or any other paper usually put in the Appendix, and am therofore somewhat in the dark; but I presume that my dutios in visiting the different Ports will be, in the first instance, to asecrtain the character of the Collectors, -the manner in which their books are kept,--the facilitios which they afford the public, and the responsibility of their surcties ; alof, to obtain as correct an idea as possible of the Imports and Exports, and the amount of smuggling carried on.

With this viow I shall enter upon the duties of my office on Monday, the 11 th instant, visit Amberstburg, Sandwich, Windsor, and Goderich befire leaving Port Sarnia for Kingston.-I shall take Port Stanley, and all the Ports on Lake Erie, the Ningara River, and Lake Ontario. on my way, and report for the information of His Excellency, from time to time, after visiting two or three of them.
I have taken means to obtain information generally on the laws relative to both Customs and Excise, in England, and Customs in America, and presume that the great end of my labors will be an improvement in the system,-a Bill to simplify and consolidate the Law, and a separate Bill to regulate the Inland trade of our own waters, enregister vessels, \&c.

I have the honor to bo,

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(Signed,) MALCOLM CAMERON.

## To the Honorable S. B. Harrison,

\&c. \&c. \&c.

No. G-Comnission ampinting Malcoln Cameron, Esquirc, Commissioner for inuestignting, thir mode now adopted in the Collection of the Kevpmue in that part of the Province of Canada heretofore Upper Canada.

No. 7.-Leller from the Commiswioner to the Hunovable N. B. Harrison, containing his Observations on the d!fferent Ports of Eutry.

Kingston, September 12th, 1843.

## Sir,

I hed leave $t$ sulmit, for the information of II Exenlency the Gwern (ron ral, the following oh-
 culiaritios of setuation the preper limits I c nee've it wou'd be a luisable to 'stablith. and other maturs ernneted with them, which may be g neral'y useful $t$, the Government whon making those alt rations in the managment of the Cu-toms which are on much need ed. in order to remese the difientlies ; which at present exist, and to establish a unifirm system in the department.

The m st distant Port, west ward, is Go leri h on Goderich. Lake lluron, sifuated at the mouth of the Rever Mailand ; this is a small but thriving Town. bung the capital of the Iluron District and the depot of the primipal imports and exports of that large and valuable traet of comitry; at present there are but fiw f sols sut red there. hut the combry aromen it, incluling thenew'Townthips of As'find and Wawnnosh, is rapidly improving. and I have mo do ibt that in two or three yoas thes will be a very improtant Port. The Canada Company, wh are the peoprietire of narly the who of the Uhron Distriet. an | whose lamblab: spirt of enterprize has done much to increase the prisperity and ensure tha sembement of the tact, are bew laying ont a large man in improving the natural harbour ot Gonterich; they have built two piers, and are contructing a dain inside 10 enntion the waters of the Maithand (whech now flow through seweral cham is into the (Lake) into one streath, which will have the effect of greaty improving the entrance and preventing injury fiomice. If they secure thes wonk betine the cond of the present seasen. and I hase no doubt they will, the Reveme wid double there nist yrar. Mr. Gralt, the Chinct $r$, is a vary elever and intelligent offieer. ant woud be valuabie at any of the promipal prets, but his own will, I trust. sion increase to he better wo th his attention. 'Ihe amounts cullreted at this Port during the last threc years, are as follows:-

The limits of the Port of Goderich shonld extend from the River Sauguen at the north, to the Rivieve aux Sables at the south, embracing ninety mil's of coast, being sixty miles swinh of Sangueen, and thirty miles north of the Nahles. Frum Goilerich there is a quod turnpike road to London, a distance of sixty miles, on which a stage runs twice a week; hy this I came to London, and thence proceeded to Port Sarnia by the now road which is being made under the direction of the Buard of Works; it is in a slate of rapid improvement, and, on the rompletion of the grading and levelling it as a trunk or preparatury ruad, will present the finest sixty miles of turnpik in Canada; but, from the nature of the soil, it is evident that the American travel between the Eastern and Western States will not be secured to this, though the most direct road, unless what is so well begun be completed, by continuing the planking from Brantford all the way through to the foot of Lake Huron.

Port Sarnia is sixty miles south-west of Gode. Port Sanian rich, and the same distance west of London, lying under Point Edward, at the entrance of the River

St. Clair, and is an excellent harbour, requiring no piers or other expense to make it available ; and if the Great Western Road from Hamilton be only completed, I have no doubt that in two years it will yidd $m$ ne than quadruple its pressat revenue, and it should therefore be on a par with Port luarwell, Port Stanley and Amhersthurg. Captain Vidal, the Collector is a Naval officer of the old sethonl, active, industrius, and of unbending integrity, but not of course the man for a scizing officer; and until a more liberal system is previled, the Governiment cannot expret the business of Collector respectably done, and at the same time the water-side practice carried vigilantly into effect, as these duties require personsif diametrically opposite characters to perform them satisfactorify: this remark applies with equal furce to severat other Purts.

From Port Sarnia to Lake St. Clair the facilitics for smugrying are vary great, being only scparamed from the neighbouting State of Michigan by tho River Ss. Clair, which, fir a distanee of thirty miles, is no on an average more than half a mile in width; on this ronte are five stores, all importing goods, which is also done by most of the Inhabitants for their own use. As there is no Custom Ifouse Ollieer employed to watch this frontier, smuggling is carried on notoriously to a great extent, and the Revenue defrauded, whil: at the sane time the fair dealer and he who is kept fair by the vigilance at Port Sarnia, is injured, and cannot compete with the smugrler; a paid deputy must be stationed on this frontis, and beep up an active surveillance.

The limits of the Port of Sarnia should be from Riviere aux Sables on Lake Iluron, from which it is distant about thirly miles, to where the Chenail Eearte is interserted by the Town line between the Townslups of lhaver and Chatham, about thirty miles lecow Port Sarnia, thus embracing about sixtymiles of the Cuast. The amomens collected at this Port during the lait threc years were:-

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Chatham.
The next Port is Chatham, situated on the River Thanes, alout 16 miles fir m where it emptics itself into lake St. Clair, boing about fifty miles from Sandwich, and an equal distanco from Port Sarnia ; the failure of the crops last year, and the general depression of trnde, has affected it much, and but little busincss has been done here. The amounts collected during the last three ycars were:-


The Collector, Mr. Cosgrave, is rather easy in his disposition, though an intelligent person, and requires a tight rein and precise instructions.

The limits of this Port should be, the intersection of the Chenail Ecarté by the Town line of Dover and Chatham on the north, and the River Ruscom on the south; this river flows into the Lake St. Clair on its southern shore, and is about twentyfive miles from Chatham; a deputy for this port should be stationed at Bear Creek, where it joins the Chenail Ecarte near the limit, which, though only sixteen miles from Chatham across the land, is about forty round by water.

Sandwich, the chief Town of the Western District, is the next Port ; it is situated on the Detroit River, nearly opposite the city of that name in the State of Michigan, and is distant from Port Sarnia
about 70 miles by water, in nearly a direct line, while, owing to the position and size of Lake St. Appendix (B. B.) Clair, it is considerably over 100 by land.

The Country in the immediate neighbourhood is 2 \%h Oowber chicfly settled by French Canadians-the facilities for snuggling are great, and consequently but little revenue can be obtained. The Collector is Captain Elliott, an Officer of Marines, a man of excellent charactor and unquestioned honesty; he resided till lately at some distance from his post, and the duty was done by deputy, but he has now removed to Sandwich, and will devote his time to it, by which means I have no doubt the revenue will inprove.
The limits of the Port of Sand wich should be from the River Ruscom, on Lake St. Clair, about twenty miles north east of Sandwich, to the River Canard. which joins the Detroit River about twelve miles below the Town. Though Sand wich is the place best known to the Government, from the circumstance of its being the chief Town of the District, Windsor, or "The l'erry", is the place where the business is done, and where the Collector has his office: it is about two miles above Sandwich, and immediatcly opposite the city of Detroit, with which there is constant communication by a Stcam Ferry Boat which crosses and re-crosses every quarter of an hour. The amount collected at this Port during the last three years was, as follows:-

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The next Port is Amherstburgh, situated at the Amheratburg. lower extremity of the Detroit River, where it opens in to Lake Erie, and is about 16 miles bolow Sandwich; at this place there is a military dépot, Fort Malden; the lands around the town are well settled and of the best quality, producing large quantities of Tobacco; the facilities for smuggling are so great that it is impossible to prevent it, either above or below this point. The Collertir, Mr. Caldwoil, lives two miles off. and his brother-in-law, Mr. Kevill, has performed the duties for many years, has kept his accounts correctly, and is deservedly popular; and in the event of Mr. Caldwell's resignation, I would respectfully reconmend his boing appointed to his office. Mr. Kevill is at present the Post Master at this place.

The limits of this Port should be from the River Canard, which is 4 miles above the Town, to Point Pelé, on Lake Erie, including its western side; this point is about thirty miles from Amherstburgh. A new Road, called the Middle Rond, is now being opened by the Government through the Couniry from Amherstburg to Chatham, a distance of 50 miles, with a branch to Sandwich joining it about 10 miles from the River, which will doubtless increase the imports of both these places considerably. The collection at Amheritburg during the last three years has been, as follows:-

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Port Antrim, in Harwich, is the noxt Custom Port Antrim. Iouse station, and is distant from Amherstburg about fifty-five miles. At this place there is no harbour, but Vessels discharge or take in cargo any where along the Coast. The Rondeau, which is between 4 and 5 milos west of it, could be made an excellent harbour, thnugh at considerable expense ; it would then be the proper place for a port, and would take the greater part of the export and import trade from Chatham, which now goes round by the Detroit River. Mr. Cull, the Collector, re-

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sides at Dueks Corner, in Howard, about five miles from Port Antrim: he has never been aceustomed to business. but is very zealous, and will kerp a gend look out. I do mot comsider ham qualified for the business of a harge Port. The limits of this Port should extrod from Point lole (inclating its enstem side) to the west side of Lot number if (or l'ur,iivale) in the Thwoship of Dunwich, embracing sisty miles of the Coast ; it will mot require a dephety for some thane as there is mething imported direct at present. The fuilure of the Crops las seasom has heen everely felt, and the grow th of Tobaren and manufacture of staves. (the which the inhalitans of the Townhipe west of this, as far as Mereca, have chiefly devoted their attention, and which have now both become mateable) have almost ruined them. Since the appontment of Mr. Cull there have hem nogonds entered at Port Antrim, but there will be a comsiderable quantity of Salt and other articles imported direct in October.

Yort Talbot.
About 31 miles cast of Port Antrim, is Port Talbot, a small creck emptying itself mon the Lake at Col. Taibnts tarm, or rather" Reserve" of:abmat 10.-
 Port Stanior. (which mun ahwes ion an imporant station, an I the plate where the ereater part of the grods require for the strply uf the ne ghthemphed. will be bronght in.) it will wh he nercionsy or (x-
 even fire small wasels, as the month of the (reok is the gurnt? buehedup by asand bar, there be ing no pior or sher work whep it open. The imp ers are very incmsitorathe: in $1 \times 10$, mothog apperar to have hern cribected; in 1s 11 , the amm of eondere

 hall miles ofli, on the 'Tallot street.

Port Stancy. The next station is at Port Stanley, forte two miles cant of Port Antrim. The town is beanififlly situated at the mouthof Ketto Creek. Wheh is the outhe of the finm train combry on Lake Erice, and
 Stred. twombers cast and west of it, fines. Thomia- Lomdon. Delaware, and the adjarent countries, and whencompleted as a harbour. With a pham road to lombon, may bre espered to yedil there times the reverne it has wer yet produred: a cons. sherable hasimes is done here anl the Colfet or will regure the assistance of a sond Landing Omiow and Scareher. The Colloctor. Mr. Smoth. whe hail been latily appinted to supersed, Mr. Bowtwirk.
 rival in ord 9 th he phe in pussessismof formade. he was a Morchant, und will. doubtless, make an cflicsint ant popular wfleer; he has cmployed as drpury a Mr. Jolum Conke Meredith. who will, I think be acture in the discharge of his duties. Mr. Smith las been a resident in fondon. but has now removed in has Pist. 'The: amount of the collectioms at this Port during the last three yorrs, is as follows:-

but. under Mr. Sinith's management. and with an improved harbour, I have no doubt it will be doubled next year.

The limits of Part Stanley should be from the west side of Lot 16 (or Purnivale) in the Township of Dunwich, to the Cat-fish Creek, a distance of six-
${ }^{*}$ Mr. Smith has collected $\pm 834$ during the lat quarter, nearly double the whole sum in 1842.

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teen milos. Lake Eric in this part is about sixty Appendix miles brond, and Cleveland, the nearest port in the Uinited States, is nearly opposite to Port Stanhey:

The mext wation is Port Burw iwenty il 2ith Ortober. cant of it, and ten mies from Cat-fish Crack: this Port Burwoll. wace is more brautifully situated and could bs make a finer harbour than Port Stanke,-the Otter Creck which forms the harbour being a large aream with a depth of water of twolva fert for two mices up : inded it is a mun mere platant situation lir a Town han any pher we have on that lakn and though the combry buck ofit is not so firtle as sumeother part. yei as it is covered with phe timb re, the oxmes would b-greater and pay fire a larger quantity of imports. This hambour i; now of compratively littlo nise in comerpience of the chtrance being tiatly filednp and render ed inpassible to any vessel driwing over two fort wat r, thus whiging all harge wesels to he in the othing whito taking incor distherging carre; this filling up of the entrance hav been cased hy the datention of ons of the two piers which had bern ereeted in ordere tokepit op: which is now an entre run; the other, howewer, is still standinge and may yet b: made asa"able. These piers were built tun vears "s, and werp pared to, far apart, laving a channetone handred and lifty fet wide botween them; this is and man resary width, and in the crom of the harbum worke b inig repaired, it would materially conduce to the wability of the piers to have it mate natwerer. 'The position of th: Lishl Ilows is mot aron bener to far fir m the water : it wombly be far
 Mr. J. Prel Beairs ; he ma sieaty and vigitant ofiicer. and woll resected be all the inflomial prowns in the neghburin od; hix booksare correctand weil hupt. and lwe appare to have a geod kow of of of his dunes; he also holds the situation of Post Mater.

The limits of Part Burwell shotd be from Catfi h Creek to Lome Pame a dramer of thirly miles. The ammonts collerted at this Port were:


Vienna. a thriving Village, is only three milis in mar; the Dereham Forges whem a laree tonsiness is done, os only sixtem miles distant. and if a grool road was prenel to Weodstock. it would als) got its suphin, here. so that, with the hatbur at all improscat. It would in two yoars yield four times its present revenue.

From Port Burwell it is twonty miles to Lrang Point, immediately ander which there is a Wharf it which the Hicam-loats stup: this landing is called Port Rowan, and is situated in the Township of Walsinghan; the Comentry behind it is settling fist, and. were a Road opened between the Townships of Chatloterille and Walsinghan, and on to Norwich aftording an ontlet to the produce of this fine Country, I have no doubt that the imports of this place would increase considerably.

From Port Rowan to Turkey Point, which was the nriginal reservation for a Town, is 10 miles; Under this Point is Normandale, or Vannorman's Foundry, where a now Wharf has been erected by its enterprising proprietor; it bids fair to be a place of business. About a mile and a half below this, Mr. Fishor, the Collector of Port Rowan, resides; he has Mills and a large Farm, and would not remove to the Port for the sake of the office, which in to be regretted, as he is an honest and respectable Officer.

From this it is three miles to Victoria, formerly
Appendix the canital of the London District and twelve to Sim
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27 M October coc. the capital of the Talbot District. This Port should be embraced within the limits of Port Dover, and have a Deputy stationed at it. The amounts of the collections during the last three years were, as follows:-

| In 1840, | £167 15 |
| :---: | :---: |
| In 1841, | 16513 |
| In 1842, | 27214 |

Port Ryerso.
Fifteen miles east of Port Rowan is Ryerse's Creek, a valuable Stream. which may bo easily improved, and which porsesses great hydraulic power that has never been turned to account; the harbour, which is private property, is entailed, and is in an unfinished state, but as it is frec of charge and nearer Simeoc, it will always take part of the trade trom Port Dover which is five miles bolow it, and which is at present the next Custom House to Port Rowan.

Fort Doyer. Port Dover is the outlet of a fine Stream, with sulficient water inside for a harbour ; the Town has a population of about threo hunned, is a l'ost Town, and the termination of the Plank Road from Hamilton. now in progress of construction,-when this road is completed, it will doubtless induce a large proportion of the travel between Detroit and Cleveland, and Hamilton, to go by this more direct route rather than by the circuitous one at present made by way of Buffint, as it will save a lundred and sixty miles. The country around the Town is beantiful, and is peculiarly favorable to the growth of Wheat. McNoilledge's Mills are in the immediate vicinity.

The Itarbour is being completed by the Board of Works, and will be one of the best on cither side of Lake liric, and has the alvantage of being within sight both of the Light IIonse on Long Point, and the Floating Light in the Bay.

The Collector is Mr. Ryerse, a persen of great energy, ability and integrity, a native of the 'Cownship, and much dreaded by those engaged in smuggling, but in the past state of the department has not been sustained.

A jealous competition and rivalry exist constantly betwern the proprietors of Ryorse's Croek and Port Dover, each considering their own the most important Port, and thinking it unnecessary to have two so near together: now, taking into consideration the position of the Bay on which they are situated, which is one vast harbour, I would suggest the propricty of making it one Port, extending from Long Point to Stony Croek, thus embracing within its limits the four harbours known as Port Dover, Ryerse's Creek, Normandale and Port Rowan, hav. ing one Collector stationed either at Port Dover or Ryerse's Creok, and three efficient Doputies. one at each of the other places, still leaving all of them Ports of both entry and delivery, but rendering their accounts to the Collector. The amount of collectionsat Port Dover. including Ryerse's Creek, was-

| In 1840, | C205 | 8 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In 1841, | 400 | 2 |  |
| In 1842, | 280 | 2 |  |

Bunville,
The next Port is Dunnville on the Grand River, at the feeder of the Welland Canal. From the unimproved state of the mouth of the River, few entries are made from that side, but goods have been permitted to come in by Chippawa without entering there, and up to Dunnville by way of Chppawa River
and the Canal, and there entering and paying duty: this proceeding is entirely irregular, contrary to all British or American practice, and should be preAppendix (B. B.) vented.

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As a new entrance to the Canal is now being opened by a cut from Broad Creek to the mouth of Grand River, that will be the proper place for an office, and Dunnville should be abolished as a Port of entry ; the limits of the Port of "Grand River" should be from Stony Creek to Clay Bank, a distance of twenty-five miles. The country around Dunnville is generally flat, but the soil is rich, and its backward condition mainly attributable to the large Indian Reservations on the banks of the river; for, taken as a whole from Seneca or York to the mouth of Grand River, there is no finer country in Canada. The amount collected in 1842, was $£ 1184 \mathrm{~s}$. $2 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~d}$.

Port Colborne, the next Port, is the present inlet Port Colfrom Lake Erie to the Welland Canal; it is a low bornc. place, and the country in its immediate neighbourhood is poor, and though at a little distance above and bolow it there is a fine country, and the Village of Stonebritge within a mile and a half, yot the imports, excopt Wheat for the "Canal Mills," can never be large, and the exports will be less, as the former will be entered at Fort Eric, (which is only 20 miles east of it, and the later be sent down the Canal.
The Deputy Collector at this Port is a Mr. Black, who has long been Collector of Tulls on the Canal; he is a good book-keeper, and has his office and accounts in the best order ; he has acted as deputy for Mr. Sheehan, who resides at Dunaville. 20 milos distant, and has not had more than $£ 20$ or $£ 25$ for doing all the duty of the Port. There should be at this Port a Collector and two Deputics, one of whom might be a lock master, and the other employed constantly riding up and down the Canal to prevent smuqgling along it, as it is generaily supposed that vessels sell Salt Fish, Tobacco and Tea all along the Line.

The limits of this Port should be from Clay Bank to Point Abino, a distance of fiftecn miles. The amounts collected during the last three years were, as follows:-

The next Port is Fort Erie, at the head of the Niagara River, immetiately opposite to Black Rock, on the American side, 3 miles below the City of Buffalo; here there is a regular ferry and great busincss done, being the principal crossing place for all persons and teams gning to, or in any way trading with, the Welland Canal, and the place of import for all Arnerican goods for that great public work. Colonel Kirby, the Collector, is a very zealous and honest man, he has had great difficulty from an error of his own and the Government's, in allowing him to be personally the lessee of the Ferry. Officers of the Customs should have control over ferries, but should not be permitted to hold a lease of them,

The limits of this Port should extend from Point Abino, on Lake Erie, to Black Creek, nine miles below Fort Erie, on the River. The amount of col. lections was:-


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Sixteen miles bolow Erio is Chippawa, the next Port, sitmated mear the mouth of the River of the same name, which flows into the Niagara about four miles atove the Fails: this is a place of considerable business. Amorican Stean-Bnats run daily between it and Bultah, and many goods are imported here for Sit. Catharines, Dumville, Brantford, and other pheres at some distance in the interior: the Collector. Mr. Markin, is a very efficient officer, his valuations show great attention and a grod knowledg' of his dute, his bukis are in good order and satusfart,ry, he is always in attondance, having an office in comertion with the Queenton Railroad which terminates at this plaer, and of which he is the lessee: he is however engaged in business.

The limis of the Port of Chippawa should extend from Black Creek seven mulos above it, to the Whirlpood abont seven milesd wn the River. The amounts collected at this Purt were-


Queenston.
The noxt Port is Quenuston, on the Niagara River, opposit: Lewi-town in the State of New York: It is a revatar crasing place for pers ms travolling fiom the Ba-tern to the Wertern States; the adficent country is to, well known to require any descripion home or any allusi on to its fertility. The businnsi done at this Port is not large, the amounts collected during the last three ycars being -

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& \ln 1811, \ldots . . . . . . . \\
& \text { In } 1812, \ldots . . . . . . . \text {. } 42410 \quad 74
\end{aligned}
$$

The Cullertor, MLr. McMicking, a very clever and excellent oflieer, a man of businuss and a good bookkeepor.

The limits of this Port should be from the Whirlpool threc miles above it to the north side of Ficld's Point.

Aisgara. Nagara is the next Port. This Town, and the country around it, are too well known to need any description. There is a large amount of wholesale business done here, yet the duties collectod are hardly so great as those at Cobourg. The Collector. Mr. McCurmick. is a correct and upright person, and undertands business: he is also Agent for the Upper Canada Bank; lis deputy is a Mr. Merridith.

From the proximity of the Town to the State of New. York, the facilities for smugeling are so great that it will require a more efficient system than at present is amed upm, as well as a greater numbor of persons, to insure the collection of the revenue.

The limits of this Port should be from Field's Point. threc miles up the Ruver, to the Five Mile Oreck on Lake Ontario. The amounts collected during the last three years were, as follows:-

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& \text { In 1842,............... } 808 \quad 3 \quad 4 \frac{1}{4}
\end{aligned}
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For Dallousie The next Port is Port Dalhousic, the inlet to the Welland Canal from Lake Ontario, and dista t about twelve miks.s from Niagara; the Goods, Salt, \&c. for St. Catharines, five miles up the Canal in the interior, are usually entered at this place.

The Colloctor is Colonel Clark, who has held the situation many years; he is an active and attentive officer.

The limits of this Port should extend from the Fre Mile Creck to the wost side of the Twenty Mile Creck. The amount of collections was:-
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There is at present un Port of Entry betwen Port Dalhusio ard lamiton; thirty six miles of th: coast being thas loft unguar le $i$, and many gools being brought in at Jortan, Beaniville, and the Fory Mile Creck. It will be necrsary to place a revitent Deputy at Beamsville under the Lamilun Collector, to whom he should make his returns.

Hamilton, the next Port, is the great depot for all 27th October.

Hamilton. the grods ryired for the supply of the western country as far as London; its safe and emmodious harbonf, and ficelitics of commmication with the towns in the int wior, combine, with its alvantageous positi m, $t$, render it a place of the greatest im-portu".-alrealy it isscarcely inferior $t$ ' l'oronta: and when the rapid improvement of the coomtry in rear is taken into consideration, it may reasonably be inferred that its importance will greatly increase.

The Collector, Mr. Davidson. is a most efficient ufficer. and has greatly improved the switem of doing busiuses this searm; to him I have been much indehted for inf rmation and hints relative to cherking the receipts and delivery of goots: his form of acrounts. and mamer of kerping cash-hook, are worthy of general atoption; he has not had sulficient assistance given whim to enable him fully to attend to the dutins, but notwithstanding this, it is pleasing to add that the revenne at his Port is st adily and rapidly increasing. 'i'he receipts during the last threc years have been, as fullows:-

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { In 1840.................. } 83.114 \text { \% } 6 \\
& \text { In 1841,............... } 2,978 \quad 6 \quad 42 \\
& \text { In 1812,............... } 7.601 \text { (G } 5^{*}
\end{aligned}
$$

The limits of the Port of Hamilton should be fr.m the Jordan, on the south side of the Lake, to the west side of the stream at Bronti, on the North, with deputies stationed at Buamsville and Wellington Square.

The next Port is Jakville, twenty-five miles east of Itamilton : it is a private harbour, and the pier orected to preserve it is now in frod repair. But few goods are entered here, as the merchants generally buy their grods at Hamilton or Toronto; the Deputy Collector is Mr. Chisholm, who was appointed last year. The limits of this Port should be from Bronté five miles west of it, to the west side of the Credit River, a distance of thirteen miles. The amounts received at this Port were-


Port Credit, the next Port, is a small Indian Village; they have a good pier, and, it is said, a good deal of husiness is done; however, the Revenue gets little or nothing. The amount collected was-

| In 1840, | 0 | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In 1841,.. | . 2451 | $1{ }^{1}$ |
| In 1842, | 119 | 31 |

A Deputy should be stationed at this place who should report to the Collector at Toronto, as it would be advisable to place this station within the

The reccipts at thim port for 1843 , up to the 5 th of October, aro $£ 7857133$.

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limits of that Port, being only seventeen miles distant from it.

The next Port is Tornnto. which may be considered the principal Port in Canada West, certainly Soronto. the outlet of the best setthed and most wealthy Dis-trict,-there are several larg: wholesale establishments and a considerable quantity of shipping. The amount of Revenue callected at T'uronto has always been considorable, but the datics have never been carefilly or ricyidly levied; and I feel assured, that under the effiernt management of the present Collector, Mr. Stanton, this Port will show a considerable increase over former yoars. Smuggling was formerty carri od on here to an unlimited extent, but Mr. Rny, the Deputy Collect r, has made scizures since he has been in office, to the amount of over $£ 1,500$, and this has had a good effect in suppressing it; and with the reduction of duties contemplated to be mate, will probably stop it altogether.

The amounts reccived at this Port during the last three years are, as follows:-

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& \text { In } 18.40, \ldots \ldots \ldots . . . . . . . \\
& \text { In 18:11............... } 6,720 \text { 9 } 10 \\
& \text { In } 1812, \ldots \ldots \ldots . . .
\end{aligned}
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Tha limits of the Port of Toronts should extend from the west side of the River Credit, soventeen miles wostward of the Town, to the River Rouge, seventeen miles beow it.

Windsor.
The next Port below Toronto, and distant from it about thirty miles, is "Windsor IIarbor" or Whitby Bay: this is an important point, near the centre of one of the finest Townships in Canada. The Government is now improving the harbour, and a new road is in pogress, which will ultimately be second only to Yonge Street, as it runs directly back sixty iniles through Reach, Brock, \&c. The business d ne at this phace has hitherto been small. The Collectur is Mr. Dow,* a very correct person, but residing a fiw miles from the Port; he does not give his untivided attention to it.

The limits of the Port of Windsor should be from the River Rouge on the west. to the cast side of Oshawa pier on the cast, extending along fifteen miles of the coast. The amount collected at this Port was-

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { In 1841,................. } 3801388 \\
& \text { In 1842,................. } 3761511
\end{aligned}
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Port Dar- Port Darlington, in the Township of the same ungton. name, is the next Port to Windsor, and is about twelve miles rast of it. At this place there is but one pier, and from the small depth of water I should think it will never be made a regular harbour, though in fine weather it is convenient and accessible; the country around it is very fine. Bowmanville, about two miles distant, is a thriving village, and there are several Mills in the neighbourhood, so that the importations will be large. The Collector, Coloncl Rcid, is a very respectable and worthy officer, and attends strictly to his duty; he lives about a mile from the pier.

Bond Hoad. The limits of this Port should be from the east side of the Oshawa pier to Manvers' Mill Creek, a distance of eighteen miles, including Bond Head Harbour. The amount collected at this Port in 1842, was $£ 15413$ 1. This Port was declared a Port of Entry in October, 1840.

- Mr. Dow is since dead, and a Mr. Warren in now the Collector.

Bond Head, the next station, is a new village situated on the Lake shore, about one and a half Appendix miles off the main road, and two miles eastward from Port Darlington; there is a good pier here, and a prospect of some business : it is now attached ${ }^{27 t h}$ Ootober. to Port Darlington under Col. Reid, and should continue to be embraced within tho limits of that lort. The amounts collected during the two years since it was declared a Port of Entry were, as follows:-

In $1841, .$. . 2012 31, includes Port Darlington. $\ln 18$ i2,.. 6362 2.
The next station is at Port Hope, naturally the Port Hope. most beautiful and romantic village in the Province. It is situated on the Lake shore about 14 miles eastward of Bond Head, at the mouth of a valuable and powerful stream upnn which are several mills. -this is capable of being made the best harbour on the Lake; there are several Stores and Inns in the Village, and some business is done; but, owing to the provalence of party spirit, aided no duubt by the number of Distilleries, and combined with a singular want of energy and repugnance to any thing like improvement, in the original proprieturs, the place has hitherto been prevented from attaining its true position; it is the natural recsiving Port fur the rich and beautiful Townships of ILope, Cavan, Monaghan and Emily, and for the whole District of Colburne, of which Peterborough (about 35 miles from Port Hops) is the chief town. The harbour is now in the hands of a Company whose Agent, or themselves, are, to say the least, by no means anxious to aid the Collector of Customs; if it was in the possession of the Government and unler the full control of the Colletetor, as that of Cobourg is, the amount of revenue would bs doubled. The reccipts for the last three ycars have been, as follows:-

| In 1840,. | £529 111 |
| :---: | :---: |
| In 1841, | 59514 |
| In 1812,. | 52010 |

The limits of Port Hope should extend from Manvers' Mill Creck to Jones' Creck, a distance of fourteen miles.

The next Port is Cobourg, seven miles east of Port Hope, a pleasant and thriving town, with a IIarbour commenced by a private Company but now in the hands of the Government, and being completed under the direction of the Board of Works. The town has made rapid advances in improvement, but it is materially injured by the circumstance of the direct communication with the back country being cut off by the Rice Lake, which lies about twelve miles in the interior, on which there is no steamboat, and in consequence all the travel to Poterborough and its neighbourhood has to pass through Port Hope, and round the western extremity of the Lake, thus making Port Hope the most convenient landing place for all goods destined for that rich section of country, and depriving Cobourg of the advantage it would otherwise possess in being the nearest Port ; the principal trade of the equally rich Townships on the eastern (side of the Rice Lake. will also be carried on at the harbours eastward within twenty miles of Cobourg, and for these reasons I fear the business of Cobourg, as a wholesale market, will not increase; but its local market will always be large, as it is surrounded by a good Wheat country, and there are several valuable mills on the stream' which empties itself into the Lake immediately above' the "Town.

The Collector is Mr. Kittson, a zealous and active officer, but now engaged in the Forwarding Trade. The limits of this Port should be from Jones' Creek or Little Harbour, to the town line between Haldje

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mand and Cramahe. The amounts collected were, during the last three years, as follows :-

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& \text { In } 1840, \ldots . \ldots . . . \text {. } 550 \quad 0 \quad 3 \\
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\text { In } 1841, \ldots \ldots \ldots . . . & 1005 \\
\text { In } 1842 \ldots & 0 \\
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\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

Presqu'ile.
The next Port is Presqu'ile distant from Cobourg about twenty-two miles, a natural harbour accessible at all times. The Village of Brighton is within two miles of the Port ; the country around is newly settled, but rapidly improving, and the imports will no doubt greatly increase. The Colicetor, Mr. Short, has only been in office one year, but is likely to become a very useful man.

The limits of this Port should extend from the town line between Haldimand and Cramahe to the Carrying Place.

Trent Port. The next Port is at the mouth of the River Trent. about ton miles below Hrighton, and nearly at the head of the Bay of Quinte: a good deal of business has been done here, mostly with the lumber-men; the country immediately at the month is poor, but up the river it is very fine. and if the river was impioved on a small ant connmical scale. such as the Grand River navigation, from what 1 know of the 'Townshups of Ops, Monarhan, Pery, Seymour, and Whe others along its banks. and the evtent of lorest of Pine and Oak which could be made avalable. 1 know af im improvement that wond pay better, and no Port at which the collections would increase more sapilly.

The linits of this Part should extend from the Carrying llace, five miles west of it. to the town line between गhurlow and Sidney, cight miles to the east. The amonnt of daties collocted at this Port have been included in the returna from Presquilo. or Belleville, at different times, but should to permanently transmitted through the latter, being distant aboint twelve miles.

Rellevila.
The noxt Port is Belleville on the River Moira, better known as Mcyers' Creck, distanco from the Tront twelve miles. This town is beautifully situated, has a perfect harbour, and the stream is made available by several largo mills; the country around it is very fertile, murh wheat is grown, and large quantities of Potash manufactured, I have no doult (though the returns of duties are small) that a great quantity of American goods is censumed. as the facilities for smuggling in the Bay of Quinté, quite equal those on the Niagara Frontier, and are equally taken advantage of. The Collector, Captain Baldwin, is a strictly correct officer, but requires an active Deputy, as he is not, nor can he he expected to be, able to watch or pursue smugglers: his accounts are quite satisfactory.

The limits of this Port should be from the town line of Thurlow, to the east side of the Pier in the Indian Lands, embracing twenty miles of the coast. The receipts were:-

| In 1840, | 122 | 5 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In 1841, | 703 | 3 | 9 |
| In 1842, | 340 | 12 | 2 |

Pielon.
The next Port below Belleville, following the shore of Laks Ontario, is Picton. the chief Town of the Prinee Edward District. This District is remarkably fertile, and is intersected by good natural roads in every direction; it has excellent harbours both on the north where it is bounded by the Bay of Quinte, and on the south where the south bay forms a safe and commodious shelter for vessels on Lake Ontario. It is by many admitted
this is the garden of the Midland Districts, and the most moral District of the Province; yet by some obliquity of moral vision, smuggling scems to be deAppendix (B. B.) 27th Octo ber.

Mr. Rorke, the Collector, resides at Picton, and has a deputy at Wellington, but wah all their vigilance but little is retected. This Port should embrace the whole District in its limits, and will require two or threc deputies, or at lea-t one at Wellington and one at Consecon. The amount of collection was-

| In 1840 | £141810 |
| :---: | :---: |
| In 1841 | 482 15 11 |
| In 1812 | $410 \quad 19 \quad 6$ |

The next Port in order is Bath, on the Bay of
Quinte, about 16 mile west of Kinerst 11 . Goody are entered at this place for Napance; the country, in rear is rond, bat a very small quantity of goods are imported direct, the great'r pat bring brought in at Kingeton I'lue Coliertor shmid have a paid Deputy. and both shmold be artuo preventive oflicers in connecton with the Port of Kineston.- The timits of this Purt should extrud from the Pier in the hudian Lands to he town line hetwern Ernesttown and Kingston. The amount of col'estion was-

> lı1811.................... 382 $1 \therefore$ 日,
> In $181 \pm . . . . . . . . . . .$.

Kings on is the next Port. and being at the foot of the Lato is a great depot of American products, and a good situition for wholes.le establishments for that trade: several Steamboets ply daly t) Oswego and Rochester. and these is a constant communication by ferry with Cape Vineont, this, arlded to the fict that the immedate vicinity of the Town is not at present capable of supplying the demand, which has been so sudtemly inercaed by the numbers who are drawn to it by its being the Sert n' $^{\prime}$ Govermment, mak's it a vory important l'ort ; the Revenue has greatly increared daning the last three years, and will doubtless continue to, though at no phace in the Province is smagrling carnied on to, a greater extent: Tea, Tobaceo. Sigar, mit other articles are brotert in daily.-Mr. Kirkpatrick, the Collector, kreps his books and accounts carcfully, and upon as good a system as any in the Province; he has emphoyed seviral deputios, paying them by proportions of seizures, but has not succeeded in preventing smugghng. He will require the assistance "ot several paid deputies or hand'ng waiters. 'The limits of the Port of Kingston should extend from the town line between Ernestion and Kingston, in the Bay of Quinte, to Grass Creek, about ten miles rast of the Town. The collnctions at this Port during the last threo years were, as fol-lows:-


The increased collection of 1841 , was in anticipation of the increased rate of duty on Tobacco and Coffee, and which took effect in:October of that year.

The next Port below Kingston, and distant from it about twenty miles, is Gananoque, a place where but little business is done; and owing to its proximity to Kingston, the rock chararter of the surrounding country, and the want of a leading road into the interior, the imports are but small-the principal be. ing Wheat for the Gananouue Mills. The limits

Drock ville.
should extend from Grass Creek to Leroux's Creek, say thirty miles. The collection of this Port was -


The next Port is Brockville, thirty-three miles below Ganamoque, situated immodiately opposite to Morristown, in the State of New York; the River St Lawrence at this place being about one and a half miles in width; this is an important crossing place fir American goods, and is the port of entry for the villages of Farmersville, Charlestom, Smith's Falls, and in fact the wholecomenty of Leeds, also for the 'Towns of Perth, Carleton Place, Sanark. lakenham, and the whole Distriet of Batherst. It was early chosen as a wholesnke dípôt for American products hy the late firm of H. Billings \& Co., who did an immense business there; they were succeeded by George Sanderson \& Co., Mathie, Easton \& Co., and others; several boats, Rritish and American, dai1y stop at it, and though, owing to other causes rather than th the decline of the regular trade. the imperts at that place have decreased, I have no douht it will revince as it must ever continue a place of importance. Is is one of the prettiest Towns in Canada, with a southern asper and commanding view of the river both abeve and below, more beantiful than any other point on it. There are in the Twwn several long established houses of good standing, engaged in the wholesale trade, which are wralthy and their business safe; the combity around it is fertile, and considerable business carricd on in the interior.

The Collector is Mr. Meudell, whon has been recently appointed; he is a clever, active man, and a first yate accountant. I have no doubt the receipts at his port will increase rapidy under his management. The limits of the port if Brockville should extend from Lerouxs Creek on the west, to the east side of what is now called Port Maitland, which should only be a receiving port, with a doputy under the Collectir of Brockville; Wells' Creek would be the natural eastern limit. The amounts collected at Brockville during the last three years, were as follows:-


Prescote.
Prescott, the next Port, is twelve miles below Brockville, and is opposite to Ogdensburg, the most important town on the American side between Oswego and the boundary line at St Régis. This is the port of entry for all the County of Grenville, in which are the thriving villages of Komptville, Merrickville, and Burritt's Rapids, and is also the most convonient place of import for goods required for the supply of Richmond and Bytnwn in the Dalhousie 1 District; there is constant intercourse with Ogdenshorg by moans of a Steam ferry which crosses every quarter of an hour, so that though the gross amount of imports may not be larger than many other ports, the number of entries is double. The Collector, Mr. Jnnes, is a must correct and punctual man of business, and has held the office since 1820 ; he is almost the only one of old standing against whom no complaint exists.

The limits of this Port should be from Wells' Creek to Monroces Point, a distance of sixteen miles. The amount collected here was-

| 1840 | £269 | 2 | $0 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In 1841. | 336 | 0 | 相 |
| In 1842. | 273 | 2 | $7 \frac{1}{2}$ |

Mura.bwa.
The next Port below Prescott is Maria-town, distant from it about twenty-two miles; this is a
place of but little importence, and as it possesses no peculiar advantages to importers over any other place along the river, where every farm is a recciving port for smuggled goods, there is but littlo business done, nor will it be likely to increase till a lower rate of duty is adopted, and paid deputies appointed to traverse the coast. Mr. McDonald, the Colle:tor, gives regular attention to the duties. The limits of this Port should extend from Mon roe's Point to the western limit of Osmabruck. The amounts collected in the last three years were, as follows:

| In 18 | £69 0 |
| :---: | :---: |
| In 18.41 | 6117 |
| In 1812 | 5711 |

The next Port is Cornwall, the chief town of the Eastern District, distant about twenty-eight miles from Maria-town. This is an old and respectable town, but the country around it is poor; there is but little business done, as there are several stores up the river, grenerally directly opposite to stores on the Americin side, with which there is some kind of partnership or unterstanding, as the case may be, and a kind of international smuggling trade cartied on to a grat extent, and often in a way common to the various ports on the river, by storing salt, tea, leather, \&c., and sclling it to partics who are to receive it at the place of depo it, and run their own risk of conveying it away. The Col'ector is Mr. G. C. Wood, an old respectable merchant, who has resided there these forty ycars, and knows the trade and manner of doing business perfectly; ho would require a resident deputy at Osnabruck, and an itinerant deputy also. The difficulty with this port, and incleed all uthers below Prescolt, is, that though large quantitics of goods are imported for the interior all along the coast, the facilities for landing bsing equal, it is impossible to confino it to ally particular place, or guard the cnast from illicit importation. The limits of this Port should extend from the western side of Stone IIouse Point to the western limit of the township of Osnabruck. The amount of collection was,

| In 1840. | £ 02130 |
| :---: | :---: |
| In 18:11. | 10518 |
| In 1812. | 148210 |

Lancaster, the next and last Port of the late Province of Upper Canada, is twenty-cight miles below Cornwall; this is the place of import for goods for Glengary. A considerable business is done here, but few goods are entered direct from the United States. The Collector, Mr. John Cameron, resides about seven miles west of his port; the facilities for smugg'ing are not so great as at Cornwall and above it, but still the Lake St. Francis, on which it is situated, is but narrow, and by no means dangerous for small craft, so that at least two deputies would be required to afford any chance of collecting even a modrrate duty. The limits of this Port should extend from Stone House Point to the division line of the late Provinces. The amourts collected during the last three years were, as follows:

| In 1840. | £25 16 | 7) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In 1841. | 5610 |  |
| In 1842. | 285 |  |

I have thus very imperfectly and hastily thrown together some of the principal facts connected with the frontior Ports from Gorierich to Coteau du Lac, and trust they may be found useful as a ground work for a correct and minute description of the coast, upon which the Government may be enabled to determine the final limits of the several Ports.

## I have the honor to be, Sir, <br> Your obedient servant,

MALCOLM CAMERON.
To the Honorable S. B. Haraison.

## Appendix <br> (13. B.)

27 th :Oclober,


Cornwall.

No. 8.-Remarks of the Deputy Inspector General, on the Accounts of the Collectors of Customs at the following Ports:-Maria 'Town, Prescott, Gananoque, Bath, Newcastle and Trent, IIallowell, Appendix Cobours, Port Hope, 'lorontn. Port Dahousie, Niagara, Quecnston, Chippawa, Fort Eric, Colborne (B. B.) and Inmaville. P'ort Dover, Port Burwell, Port Stanley, Amherstburg, and Chatham,-with their $\overbrace{\text { 27th Ocwber. }}$ Rephes thereto.
Rrmarks on the Accounts of Collections in 18.12, rendered by the Collctor for the Port of Maria Town.


## ANSWERS.

## Port of Maria-Town, and May, 1843.

Before entering on the duties of Collector for this Port, in the 1st July, 1830, 1 applied for instructions, and was referred to the Statutes, on reference t" which I comstrued blank paper to come under the head of articles int mentioned, and have always returned acendingly at 15 per cent., and until now supposed I was acting correctly, my mistake never having been pointed out to mo.

## aLEXANDER McDONELL,

Collector of Customs.

Remarks on the Accounts of Collections rendered by the Collector of the Customs at th: Port of Prescott.

Quarter ended 5th April, 1842.
1 doubla Sleigh, $\mathfrak{£ 1 2} 10 ; 1$ Cutter, £ $10 ; 1$ Jumper, £2; 1 Cutter, £ $9 ; 1$ Do., £ $10 ; 1$ Cuticr, £10 1 Do. £!! ; 1 Sleigh, £14: 3 double Sleighs, £:30; 1 Cutter, £10; 1 Sluigh, £0; 1 Cutter. £11; Harness, £ 15 s . ; Sleigh, £ 10 ; Waggon. £ 1210 ; 1 Waggon. £15; 1 Sleigh, $£ 10$; Saddle and Bridle, £2; Saddle and Bridle, £ $\mathfrak{\text { @ }}$; 1 Cutter, $£ 10 ; 1$ Slcigh, £ 11 ; 1 Cutter, $\mathrm{E}_{11}$; Sleigh, £12; 1 Cutter, 系10;1Do. £10;1 Cutter. £11 ;1 Do. £10; 1 Do. £10; 1 Sleigh, $£ 13 ; 1$ Cutter, £ $10 ; 1$ )o., £10; 1 Horse Sleigh, 30s; Sleigh Harness, £3; Buggy, $£ 15$.

The foregoing are admitted frec of duty.
Query. Are they the property of residents or travellers?

|  | £ s. D. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 010 |  |  |
| 1 second harpenter's Tonls, | 710 |  |  |
| 2 loals Furniture, maving from Og. densburg. | 100 | 0 |  |
| Household Purniture, ... | 3 | 0 |  |
| Houschal 1 Furniture, moving,..... | 20 | 0 |  |
| Buffin Robe. moving to Canada. . | 1 | 0 |  |

The above admitted free.
Query, as above ?

No distinction was made between Carriages and Harness of residents, or those of travellers.

Part of his furniture, moving to reside in Canada-
Owned by a mechanic coming into the Province to work.

Moving to Canada to reside-owned by a person removing into Canada, who at the same time reported his horse, buggy, harness, \&c.

## Property of Travellera

| (B. B.) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 暒 s. d. |
| 27 L Octobsr. | 1 Ham, valued at. | 05 |
|  | 10 cwt. 1 1 am,.. | 1210 |
|  | 500 lbs . Ham, | 82 |
|  | Quantity of Mahogan | 015 |
|  | $14 \mathrm{lbs}$. Crackers,. | 043 |
|  | 3 bbls. Apples,. | 1100 |
|  | 5 doz. Lemons, | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 9 & 5\end{array}$ |
|  | 100 raw Ilides.. | 7500 |
|  | 25 lbs . Gum Shellac | 1150 |
|  | 4 bbls. Crackers, | 50 |
|  | 1 bushel Onions,. | 0 3 9 |
|  | 4 bbls. Crackers, | 340 |
|  | 1 bushel Onions,. | 026 |
|  | 30 lbs. Ham,. | 0106 |
|  | 3 bbls. Crackers, | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 7 & 6\end{array}$ |
|  | 2 " " | 1150 |
|  | 1 " Apples,... | 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 15 |
|  | $2 \mathrm{bbls}$. Crackers, | 1150 |
|  | 6 do do | 7100 |
|  | 3 do Apples,.. | 1100 |

The above arn admitted free, being liable to duty at 5 per cent. by the Provincial Act.


Sceds arc liable to duty at 15 per cent. as also Medicine and Wood Manufactures.
(Per return above admitted free).
$45,59 \frac{1}{2}, 60=164 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Tobacco, credited at 20 per cent.,-the duty, amounting to 19 s . 7d., should be credited at 2 pence per lb ., equal to $£ 175$,being short credited 7s. 10d. Sterling.

71 doz. Thread Whips, $£ 710$, at 15 per cent. Whips are liable to duty of 30 per cent. if leather.

Quarter ended 5th July, 1842.
13 Sheets Cards, valued £4 11 9, at 20 per cent. $13 \frac{1}{2}$ Fect " 435 , at 20
(Leather and Wire Manufactures.)
All Wires and Leather Manufactures are liable to duty at 30 per cent.

6th May-per Thomas Peck.-Amount of Invoice, $£ 51.93$, at 5 per cent.
[Including Pills, \&c.]
Medicines are liable to duty at 15 per cent.
Inspector General's Office,
Kingston, 8th May, 1843.

> JOSEPH CARY, Deputy Inspector General.

## Answer as above.

I, in this instance, only charged 20 per cent. through error, as 2 d st'g per lb . would have amounted to more than 20 per cent.

Considered them as subject to 15 per cent. only, as they are an unenumerated article.

20 per cent. was charged upon this article by mistake ; but had I not been advised to the contrary, would have supposed it only subject to 15 per cent. as an unenumerated article.

Allowed at 5 per cent. through misconceptionDrugs being a free article by Imperial Act.

Port of Prescott, June 13th, 1843.

## A. JONES, <br> Collector.

## Remarks on the Acrounts of the Collector of Customs at the Port of Gananoque.

Quuter ended 5th April, 1842.
274 October.
4m.1.0.15 Barrel Sifavo:-me imported value £5 11 3, admuted duty free, - is subject to 5 per cent. be I'rovincial Act.

A\& Barrels Tallow, valued at $\mathcal{E}$ big, what might the weight of each barel be? The valution appears very low.

Furniture valued at $£ 10$ 10.-The duty of 5 por cent. umder Provitucial Aet omly is credited.-the duty should be 15 per cont. under Imperial Act.

12 Sides Sole Lenther and 12 bish. Pegs, valued at £3 10.-4 prirs Shoes and 1 pair Ladies' Buots, valued at 19 s . 4 d.d.

These valuations appear to be extremely low.
Quarter enderi 5th October. 18.42.
Scpt. 1st-per C. \& J. McDonald \& Con-5 thens Coals.

States that the duties are to be paid at kingetion. Is the Colicertur satisfied that the duty has been paid as stated?

Inspector General's Office,
Kingston, 24 th April, 1843.
JOSEPH CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

## ANSWERS.

Bring admitted duty free by the Imperial Act 3 and I W. A. ch. 59. I supposed it of greater force than the Cobmial Act, and that Lumber was still to he admitted duty frec, as will appear from my later al April 23S, ISLD, addressed to the Ion. Juhn Mitcanlay.
The Comsignes state that her camnt now aserrtan the weight of the 'Tallow:-herewith I send their declaration.

B loned to a persen who came into the Province as a cetter-- exmp from duts by 1 and 5 Victoria, ch. 1.4, 1t th chane: : I believe it will be foumd that no duty was chaved.
I did bot put the importur upon his oath with remad to the value. but torld his declaration, which is herewitin enclosed.

Since the receipt of the Inspector Gencral's Circular. under date of August elith. 183.1. I have permitted versels to proceed to their place of destinatim with that part of their cargo int cons:mned to my Port, and pay their duties there when there appears to be he intention of fraud, as in this casc. I enclose the vessel's manifest for your inspection.

EPILRAIM WEBSTER.
Collector. Remarks on the Accounts of the Collector of Customs for the Port of Bath.

Quarter ended 5th July, 1842.

| Quarter ended thth July, 1842. | ( s. D . |
| :---: | :---: |
| 80 bbls . Salt, at 2s. Gd.. $£ 10$ O 0 stg. |  |
| Add 2-13ths.... 110 9 ... | $\begin{array}{llll}11 & 10 & 9\end{array}$ |
| Less credited. | $11 \quad 2 \quad 3$ |
| Makes, short credited | 0 \% |
| 28 bbls. Salt, at $2 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{ib} . \mathrm{stg}$ | 4 0 9 <br> 3 17 94 |
| Making short credited | 0 2 11 |
| 35 bbls . Salt, at 2 s . 6d. st | $\begin{array}{llll}12 & 5 & 2 \\ 11 & 16 & 21\end{array}$ |
| Making short credited | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 8 & 111\end{array}$ |

Quarter ended 5th October, 1842.
Threshing-Machine, valued at £ 20 1 2 s. 6 d. , which appears extremely low.

## Quarter ended 5th January, 1843.

4000 lb . Sole Leather, at 9 d . per Ib.
4000 lb . damaged do., at 6 d . per lb .
The valuation on both, but particularly the latter, appears to be very low.

Inspector General's Office,
Kingston, 25th April, 1843.
JOSEPH CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

The error arose from adding 1-9th instead of $2-13$ hhs, as the Act directs.

> Do. do. do.

Do.
do.
do

The Threshing. Machine had been in use for two years, and was sold by the importer, upon time, for a less sum than what it was entered for.

Neither qualities were good, and the damaged very inferior.

COLIN MACKENZIE,
Collector.
(B. B.)

4 galls. Molasses, credited at 1d. per gallon, is also liable to 3 s . per cwt., per Imperial Act, and 1 s . fd. per cwt. per Provincial Act.
$1234 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{lb}$. damaged Sole Leather, valued at $£ 27$ 15s., which is extremely low; property of this kind, when alleged to be damaged, should be subject to particular examination, and the certificates of two merchants, as to the extent of damage, furnished.
$708 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{lb}$. Sole Leather, $£ 2610 \mathrm{~s} .$, a very low valuation at the port of entry.

Inspector General's Office, Kingston, 2d May, 1843.

JOSEPH CARY Deputy Inspector General.

I was not aware that I had made this error ; I will be careful it shall not occur again. In my next account current, I will account for it.

I examined every roll of this Leather, and found t all stamped "damaged," and a poor quality.

At the time this Leather was entered, I enquired of persons dealing in Sole Leather whether they thought it could be purchased at Rochester at the price stated in the Invoice; they informed me that Leather of that quality could be bought there for 15 cents, per pound-the price at which it was entered.

Remarks on the Accounts of the Collector of Customs for the Port of Hallowell.

Quarter ended 5th October, 1842.
The valuation of the undermentioned articles appears to be extremely low ;-are they the valuation at the port of entry?

183 lbs . Sole Leather, valued at ......

* 1 old Steam Engine, and 3 old Boilers,
and 1036 lbs . Castings, value ....... 1
SSteam Engine and Boiler............ 127 10 8
$\approx$ Threshing Machines .................| 35150
Inspector Generals Office,
Kingston, 24th April, 1843.


## JOSEPH CARY,

Deputy Inspector General.

Answens.
On the whole of these articles the valuation is agreeably to the cost as sworn to by the importers, with 10 per cent. added, except on the Leather, which was entered previous to the receipt of the Inspector General's Circular, directing that addition. The valuation of the Leather I was dissatisfied with, but on a careful examination of the quality, I did not feel warranted in doing otherwise than entering it.
*This Engine is of the simplest kind, -the castings were for fitting it up, and a large outlay was made here before it could be put in operation; I personally examined it, both at the landing and during its erection, and had the opinion of a manufacturer here on its value, and have good reason to believe its being correctly invoiced.
§This is an Engine of small power, with locomotive boiler; I had the opinion of a manufacturer here on its value, not feeling myself a sufficient judge.

I have no reason to believe the threshing machines werc under-ratod.-I am a judge in some degree, as such have been made in this place.

W. RORKE,<br>Collector, Hallowell.

## Remarks on the Accounts of Collections rendered by the Collector of the Customs at the Port of Cobourg.

| Qudrter ending 5th July, 1842. | answers. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 102 and $90-201 \mathrm{lbs}$. Roast Coffee. The duty of 5s. per cwt. under Imperial Act only is credited. The duty of 5 per cent. under Provincial Act is not credited. The value should be stated. | I was not aware that the article was subject to the 5 per cent. duty in addition to the 5 s . per cwt. |
| Four parcels, equal to 1063 lbs . green and ground Coffee, on which the duty of 5s. aterling. per cwt. under Imperial Act, is not credited, mbeing equal to $£ 27$ 7. 6d. sterling. | I was not aware that the green and ground Coffee was subject to the 5 s . Imperial duty, besides the 2d, and 4d. Provincial. |


|  | (Continued.) | Appendix <br> (B. B.) |
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| (2uarter ended 5th Octuber, 1812. | answers. | $\overbrace{27 \mathrm{th} \text { Oeteviner. }}$ |


Aug. 27th.-400 lbs. Nugar at ld. is.... 1 1s a 505 lbs. Coflee at 5 s , per cwt., is....! 12 of


The motal duties is. Sterling.......... ${ }^{80} 17 \quad 0 \frac{1}{2}$,

The Kip skins and Calcutta do, are raw untanned hides, and prier to the passing of the Proviscial A't $1 \& 5$ Vic., chap. 11, they were admitted freer of duty:-Sec lmperial Act 3 \& 4, Will. 4. chap. 50.

This entry in the original Blotter is 579 bushols. which makes my rntry corect,-it was an crror in copying.

This is an error of mine in the calculation. I only collected 57 s . 7d, as stated in the return.

This is an error of anine in converting the $\mathbf{S}_{\text {ter }}$ Add 2-13ths.......................... $12 \quad 8 \quad 9 \quad$ ling into Currency.


50: Ibs. roant Cofice, on which the duty of 5 s . per cwt. only is credited. This article is also liable th the $\dot{E}$ per cent. ad valorem under Provincial Act.

Two parcels, equal to $1,053 \mathrm{lbs}$. Sugar, and 1006 bc . ground and green Coftes, on which the Provincial Duty of 2 d . and 4 d . only is crodited. No credit is given fir the daty of "ss per cwt. under Imperial Act. buthonsingar and Collee ; the Collector is retered to the Circular from the luspector (Ge-f neral, of 31st Docembor, 1841, as respects this duty--being short credited 5, Stes. Sterling.

Quarter ended 5th Jamury 1843.
Are the value of IIats. \&c., and Castinge, the value at the place of importation, or otherwise?

411 lhe roast Coffec-the duty of se per ewtennh. is aredited; that of 5 per cent. under Provincial Act sinot credited.
7.ille green Cofle-the duty of 5 per cent. is not credital.
Inspector Genrral's Omice.
Kingstum, 250 h April, 1813.

JOSEPII CARY,<br>Deputy Inspector General.

Sane as answer nu. 1.

Sane as answer no. 2.

I usually add 10 per cent. to Invoice ; in one case (castings from Troy), I added the cost of transport to the Invoice.
Same as answer no. 1.

Same as answer no. 2.

Gustom House Office. Cobourg, 27th April, 1843.

W. H. KITTSSON,<br>Collector of Customs.

Remarks on the Account of Collections during the Quarter onded the 5th July, 1843, rendered by the (B. B.) Collcetor of Customs at Port Hope.

Per Statenent of Provincial Duty-115, 312, and 204, say 631 lbs. Roasted Colfic. on which duty is credited at 5 per cent. only. Coffee is also liable to duty at 5s. sterling per cowt. additional, undev Imporial Act.

May sid.-por James Brown.
Oranges. Rice, © © ., £1 9s. at 5 s . is
Credifed.
ANSWERS.
An omission, though unintentional; and if insisted on, must lose.

Being short ercdited.............. $\overline{010}$
Collector must lose it,-a careless miscalculation.
For paper. Pepper,-nly writing is not always casily read,-and was not so in copying this.
Aprii 19th. IL. II. Mrercdith.
Brownc, Candles and Paper, £12 Is. 3sl. creditod at 15 por cent. Paper is liable t, 30 per cent.

April 19th. Per ditto-20 llss. Smuff. 1 gross Corks war Hos. Sheet Iron. Duty is credited on 2s. Gd. at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and $x_{1} 4 \mathrm{~s} .3 \mathrm{~d}$ at 15 per cont. £1 fis. 6d. Snufl is liable to 2 d . per lb. or 20 per cent. The calculation also appears to be erroneous.
77 lbs . Tobaceo and 30 lbs . ground Coffec, on which the duty credited is................ 0


April 20th, per Robert Wallace.
87 bbls D'laster, valued at $£ 03 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d d, , which ap. pears to be a very low valuation particularly when compared with the value of other parcels of the same article in other parts of the account.

Apmil woth.—20 bbls. Plater. ed 2s. Od, and 500 bushels Salt. the duty on which is.... Lis $^{2}$ ( 10 d

| Credited | 1410101 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Short credi | ¢0 1 |

April 24 th. - 5 boxes Snap, 2 do. Checse, 4 doz. Brooms, 2 bbls. Clover seced, 1 bbl. Pitch, and small bundle 'Twine.
The alove valued at $£ 19$ 3s. 10 d at 15 per cent., and the duty crodited, per roturns, 戈3 2s. 4 d d.
Soap is liable to 20 per cent.. Pitch 71 per cent. and the remainder 15 per cent.- the calculation appears to be incorrect.
The valuation of each article liablo to different rates of duty is required to be stated.

May 23d.-per Fras. Bcamish.
50 bbls. Plaster, 1 keg Currants, 4 bnxes Raisins, 1 drum Figs, 21 cwt. Sugar; the duty credited is £2 5s. 2 d .
No valuation is given on which to credit the ad valorem duty.
An explanation of the above entry is required?

Corks 2s. 6d.-2łd. Iron, \&c. £. 4s. 3d., should
be 13s. 2hl.. Snuif 20 per cont., £3 3s. 102
should be $18 \mathrm{~s} .11 \frac{1}{2} d$. making..........€1 $74 \frac{1}{4}$,
Less....................... $1 \quad 6 \quad 6$
£0 0 104
I have made a foolish error here in charging 5 s . sterling, instead of the 4 d . per lb. Where a specific duty is charged, surely the ad valorem duty is not charged also.

87 should be 30. Wallace brought over 87 in all.
The first..................... 30
The other four persons...... 57

## 87




The £ 3 3s 7d was incorrectly added with the others.

Beamish's name is written one line too high ; these goods, except the plaster, belong to the other entry.

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| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |

The plaster is credited at $£ 15 \mathrm{~s} .0 \mathrm{~d}$. in my books. The person who copied the Return for me, committed this error. He may have omitted, in doing so, the 25 s .9 d .

Remarks on the Account of Collections during the Quarter ended the 5th July 1843, \&c. (Continued.)
Per the account current, the Collector takes credit \| This is worse than absurd, and arose as above.

271 October. also on Government proportion of Seizures, which is erroncous, not being authorized.

Inspector Gencral's Office,
Kingston, 15th September 1843.
JOSEPH CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

全21 10s. 4dd. should be $£ 10$ 2s. 3d.

I have been confined to my room for two weeks from a severe attack, and occupied the last week at the Assizes, which I hope will sufficiently apologize for the delay on my part in not returning this paper at an carlier day.
M. F. WHITEEHEAD.

1st October, 1843.

## Remarks on the Accounts of the Collections by the Collector for the Port of Toronto.

Quarter ended 5th July, 1842.


There are some discrepancies in this Entry as respects the amnunt of the valuation under the different rates of ad valorem duties, but the amount of duty credited appears to be correct, or very nearly so.

|  |  | £ s. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Stove, valued at. . | 30 |  |
|  | Plough Mould, at. | 015 |  |
|  | Wooden Mcasures | 1316 |  |
|  | bay Sceds,.. | 412 |  |

The above are credited at 20 per cent., instead of 15 per cent.

May 7th.-per Thorne and Parsons.


ANSWEES.
$=\$ 840,34$.
$=\$ 709,17$.
The discrepancies originate in the view we take of the amount of duty charged on different articles. Sce particulars of entry.

I have refunded the difference between 15 and 20 per cent., and have not taken credit for it ; $\mathbf{5}$ per cent. additional was charged by my predecessor in office, which was subsequently paid by me.

The duty on wine is not cumulative. Vide 9th clause late Inspector-General's Letter, dated 31st December, 1841.
$\overbrace{374}$ Uctober. 854 lbs. Cheese, and 4 bbls. Hicknry Nuts, £1 7s. 6d, at 5 per cent., and £ 98 s . 11d. at 20 per cent.
Checse is liable to 15 per cent., and Nuts $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per do.
1 basket pickled Oysters, $£ 2$ 10s. at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ por cent. should be 15 per cent.

June 1st, per Armstronz \& Beatty.
1953 sides sole Leather $\qquad$ . . $4,698,29$
The weight is required.
The weight or quality very frequently amitted to be given, and correctness of valuation cannot be cherked.
30 boxes Sperm Candles, $£ 97$ 4s. 7d. at 20 per cent. in place of 15 per cent.

|  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 per cent. Cassia .. \$26.25 | $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cont. Almonds. 552.40 | 15 per cent. Cloves . . $\$ 28.56$ |
| Salcratus 2987 | Prunes .. 12.20 | Brooms . . 160.00 |
| Isinglass . 23.50 | Raisins . . 55.00 | Cords . . 20.00 |
| Liquorice 36.32 | Do. .. 30.00 | Glue . . . 41.80 |
| Rice . . . 88.42 | Do. .. 17.50 | Pails . . . . 62.50 |
| Senna... 3.75 | Almonds. 49,68 | Candles . 97.50 |
| Salad oil. 33.75 | Currants 201.36 |  |
|  | Turp'tine 117.48 |  |
|  | Figs .... 25,80 |  |
|  | Io. .... 24.36 |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} 241.86 \\ \text { add } 1-10 t h 24.18 \end{array}$ | 585.78 | 410.36 |
|  | add 1-10th 58.57 | add 1-10th 41.03 |
| \$260.04 | \$614.35 | \$451.39 |


| The ad valorem duties amounting to. . | £32 78 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 6820 lbs . Tobacco at 2d. . $£ 56168$ |  |
| 790 galls. Yori Wine at 6d. 19150 |  |
| Do. do. at £7 per tun 211810 |  |
|  |  |
| Stg.....110 <br> 10 |  |
| II. Cy...£ 127810 | $127 \quad 810$ |
| Total amount. | 159166 |
| Credited per return. . . . . . . . . . | 14618 |
| Short credit. . | £13 1410 |

Per return the ad valorem duties are $\$ 101,38$ at 5 per cent. ; $\$ 714,14$ at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; $\$ 627,77$ at 15 per cent.;-being equal to £38 4s. 2d., and not £32 7s. 8d. as above stated.

On 230 dozen Brooms, the sum of $£ 30 \mathrm{ss} .4 \mathrm{~d}$, appears to be over-exacted, the correct amount of duty ( 15 per cent.) having been accounted for.

## May 10th—per Moffat, Murray \& Co.

4144 lbs. Coffee.
Query,-What description of Coffee?
16th May-per K. M. Sutherland \& Co.
3550 lbs . Coffee.
Query.-Green, ground, or roasted ?
(B. B.)

Cheese should be 15 ; difference has been refunded $\overbrace{27 \text { th Octobar. }}^{\text {by me, and not taken credit for. }}$ by me, and not taken credit for.

I have not the weight. Mr. Beatty was sworn to the value.

I have, as in the former entries, refunded the 5 per cent. additional, charged on this entry.

Already explained, and particulars of entry fur nished.

This sum is due H. K. Totus, 20 per cent. being charged on the brooms, and not yet refiunded.

Rio Coffee.

See particulars of entry.

Remartis on the Accounts of the Collections by the Collector for the Port of Toronto．－（Continued．）

111 lbs Cucoa：10571 galls．Port and Malaga Wincs， and 101，s7 lhs．Tobacco：also， Ad valorom duties，viz．：－
毛 6 As． 91 at 7 t per cent．；$£ 12713 \mathrm{~s} 1 \mathrm{~d}$ ．
at 15 per cent．；and $£ 1310 \mathrm{~s} .3 \mathrm{~d}$ ．MI．Cy．
at 20 per cent．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 生上2 8
3550 lhs．Coffec at 5 s ．per
if roasted，．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． tumal：green sed，per lb．， or ground 4d．）
144 lbs．Cocon at is．per cwt．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．
（Value required，is liable to ．per cent．also．）
10.67 lbs ．Tobacco at 2 d ． per 1 l
$10.57 \frac{1}{2}$ galls．Wine at od．pur
gallon ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． Bo．do．at $£ 7$ per tuu

to which add 5 ，per cent．on Cocoa，and 5 per cent．ad．or $4 d$. per 1 h ．on Coffee，as above． Per Return，amount credited，is 毛107 Os．Od．

12th May－per R．II．Brett．

> £ 2413 s .9 d , at 5 per cent.; £08 3s. 7d.
> at 7 f per cent.; $£ 391 \mathrm{l}$ lis. Od. at 15
> per cent.; 系21 12s. 11d. at 20 per rent; aud $x \geq 31 \mathrm{~s} .8 \mathrm{~S}$. at 30 per cent. ;
> hemg equal to............................... 78123
> Being crodited ......... 78 7 5
> Short credit............ 毛0 410

May 21st－per C．M．Armstrong．
Artificial Flowers，$£ 13$ 7s．6d．at 15 per cent．， should be 20 per rent．to 30 per cent．according to materials，whether cotton or silk．

11th May－per Lyman．Farr，and Co．
 per cent．；£ 1878 8s．ld．at 15 per cent．；£ 28 4 s ．Gd．at 20 per cent．；and $£ 9811 \mathrm{~s}$ ． 9 d ．at 30 per cent．－equal io £82 $19 \mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{~d}$ ．

To which add duty on 192 gallons Alcohol．
What was the duty collected on Alcohol？
Query．－If considered as Spirits，and of what proof？

The amount credited on the above entry，per re－


1 case Looking．glasses，£ 1410 ． 9 d．at 15 per cent．，being liable to 20 per cent．
June 6th．－per Bryce，MrMurrick，and Co．
$274-12 \mathrm{~h}$ dozen Artificial Flowers，$£ 308 \mathrm{~s}$ ．9d．，cre－ dited at 15 per cent．；should be 20 per cent．to 30 per cent．，according to materials，whether cotton or silk．

June 8th．－267 gides Sole Leather．
Weight required？

See particulars of entry．

Should be 20 per cent．

See particulars of entry．

Should be 20 per cent．

20 per cent．ought to have been charged．

Same remark applicable here as in former entry．

Remarks on the Accounts of the Collections by the Collector for the Port of Toronto.-(Continued.)

Per Thomas Rigny,
hu Octobur. 2 gross Whips, \$14, at 15 per cent, ; if Leather, should be 30 per cent.

5 pair Grave Stoncs, \$60, at $\$ 7 \mathrm{~h}$ per cent.; should be 15 per cent.
Query.-If marble?
June 22d.-Per Marvin Henderson.

June 22d_por Rt. Mackay \& Co.
5 per cont. 73 por cent. 15 per cent. 20 par cent.
 Pearl asth. 101.21 . 18,45 Allipo 8.98 Soan ...... $\$ 3,8$ Pearl asth. 101.21

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{|l|l|}
\text { Allypico ... 8,98 Soap .......12,89 } \\
\text { Popper ...11, } 70 \text { segurs ...10, } \\
\hline
\end{array} \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { Popper } \ldots .11,70 \text { segura ....10,30 } \\
\text { Clioves...... } 0,10 \text { TTobacco ... } \\
1,40
\end{array} \\
& \text { Chocsinte. } 1,00 \\
& \text { Nutnegs... 4,99 }
\end{aligned}
$$

 add 1.10 hh 10,91 addl. 10 thi, 84 add 1.10 th 3,28 add 1.10 th 2,84
$\$ 20,03-\$ 20,29] \quad \$ 36,10-\$ 31,20$
The ad valorem duties as above, equal to|£ $416 \quad 0$ 45 galls. Molasses at ld..... £0 310 equal to 503 lbs , at 4 s . 6 d . per
cwt. ....................... 1 I 2
446 lbe. green Coffec at 2 d . per
lb............................ $314 \quad 4$
Do. do. at 5s. per cwt. 01011
1662 lbs. Sugar at 14s. 4d. per
cwt ....................... 1081
$82 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Sugar Candy, at 2d. $013 \quad 9$
308 galls. Madeira Winc, at
Ezper tun................ 8111
Do. do. at is. per gall. 1588
609 lls. Tobacco at 2d. per lb. $\quad 5 \quad 1 \quad 6$

Per Return, the ad valorem duties are, on above entry, 2516 s . at $7 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. ; $£ 300 \mathrm{~s}$. 5d. at 15 per cent. ; and $\& 716 \mathrm{~s}$. 3 d . at 20 per cent. ; being equal to £7 15s. lld., and not £4 16s. as above, being over exacted, é 2 19s. 11d.

## Inspector General's Office, <br> Kingston, 19th May, 1843.

JOSEPH CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

Raw Hide. Same duty as on Sole Leather, $15^{27 \mathrm{th} \text { October. }}$ per cent.

Marble. 7t per cent. Correct.

Short credited 19s. 11d.

See particulars of entry.
£7 per tun not charged.


Remarks on the Account, of the Collector of Customs at the Port of Toronto.-(Continued.)

| Sept. 5th.—l201lbs. Tobacco at 2 d . 25:Ibs, Coffee,2d(supposed groen, | $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{f} & \mathrm{~S} . & \mathrm{D} \\ 10 & 0 & 2 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 226 |
| Do. 53, por cwt.... 0 II 4 |  |
| Sterling, | £12 1140 |
| Currency, . . . . ........ . Creditod <br> Siont credited, ........ | £14 13 |
|  | 14.0 |
|  | £0 130 |
| Srpt. 2Rth.--3.127ibs. roasted Cofiec, 55. (Sterling), |  |
| Currency, .......... <br> $\$ 364.36 \$ 36.43 \$ 400.79$ at 5 per cent | £8 166 |
|  | 0 |
|  | $\begin{array}{rrrr}£ 18 & 16 & 9 \\ 8 & 15 & 1\end{array}$ |
| Crediterd. <br> Short credited,.. | £5 18 |

Oct. 5th.-12 Grindstones, $\$ 84.78$ at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ; $11 \frac{\mathrm{~d}}{}$ tons ditto, 196.50 at 7 f per cent., being liable to duty at 15 per cent.

Quarter ended 5th Jamury 1843.
Oct. 10th.-Per S. W. Arnold.



Not charged. Already explained.

Remarks on the Accomnts of the Collector of Customsat the Port of Taronto.-(Continued.)


Same reas mas above.
is per cwt. omitted to be charged, and short ceredited under the $7 \frac{1}{2}$ calculation.
$+$

5 per cent. on Cocoa not charged.

5s. per cwt, omitted to be charged.


Remarks on the Accounts of the Collector of Customs at the Port of Toronto.-(Continued.)
$\overbrace{\text { 2ilu October. }}^{\substack{\text { Appendix } \\ \text { B. 3.) }}}$ Nov. 17th.-.Sutherland Brothers \& Watson.

Certificates were transmitted, with the particu-
Were not certificates transmitted from the Collectors for the Ports of Quebecer Montreal, stating the value at which the property was entered at either of these Ports?

It is necessary that the Ports from whence the Importation is made should be stated.

Some of the valuations appear in Currency and others in Sterling.

Nov. 2lst.-Imports per A. Ogilvic and Co. : Rbt. Mrkay and Co.


I will tor the future name the Port. as directed.

The Sterling has been converted into Currency by adding $2-13$ ths.

## Same as precedmy remarks.

Same as preceding remarks.

5 per cent. not charged. for renson already stated. ars of propert y , and their value.

## Appendix

(b. B.)

Remarks on the Accounts of Collections rendered by the Collector of the Customs at Port Dalhousic.

4 tons, 12 cwt., 2 qrs. Grindstrnes, valued at 12 1s. 3d. Luty credited at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., instead of 15 per cent. Short credited, £ $£ 18 \mathrm{~s} .1 \mathrm{~d}$.

Quarter ended 6/h April 1812.
4 horse pown Threshing Marhine, and 2 Saw Frames, valued at $\mathbf{f 0 0}$, equal to $\mathfrak{£} 1: 3$ 10s. duty.
Is this the value at the port of entry?

Quarter ended Gth October, 1812.
5 horse power Machines; 6 Threshing, and 10 extra plates, valued at £ 1007 Fs , $\mathbf{6}$ d.

Is this the value at port of entry?
414 614 lbs. green and ground Coffee, on 200 which the duty of 5 . Sterling per cwt. is not credited, equal to $\boldsymbol{e}_{1} 7 \mathrm{~s}$. 5 d . Sterling.

Quarter ended 6ih January, 1843.
10 bales of IIops, valued at £4.48s. 6 d .
Weight required?
Insspector General's Oflice, Kingston, 2d May, 1843,

## J OSEPII CARY,

Deputy Inspector Gencral.

2 cwt . Roasted Coffice. The duty of 5 s , per ewt. under Imperial Art only is credited: the duty of 5 per cent. under Provincial Act is not crodited.

The value should be stated.
$41 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cw}$. Molasses ; duty credited at 3s. per cwt. This article is liable to duty of 1s. ©d. per cwt. under Provincial Act ; and also a duty of 1d. per gallon per Imperial Act 4 Geo. 1II. cap. 15, and which is not credited.

ANSWERS,


The duly was charger at the same rate as on Whet Stones, per Imperial Act $3 \& 4$ Wm. IV. chap. 59.

The value is stated in my return at $£ 00$ per $\mathbf{l n}$ vaice, dated at Utica, State of New York; duty collected $£ 1310 \mathrm{~s}$. All single horse power machines.

Entry made 1Gth July, 1842. Value £109 7s. 6d. Invoice dated at Utica, New York; declared to by the owner all single horse Machines.

The colonial duty is only charged, having misunderstood the instructions of the Hon. Mr. Macnulay, of date 31st Deer. 1841, understanding thereby that the Colonial Dutics are not to be held cumulative or in addition to the Imperial, but that the highest duty from either Act be charged.

The weight was taken at 2018 lbs .
Collector's Office,
Port Dalhousie, 8th May, 1843.
J. CLAARK, Collector.

The Hon. Mr. Macaulay's Instructions, of date 31st December, 1841 , direct me not to collect a greater duty than 5s. Sterling, per cwt. on Roasted Coffee. The value is stated to be, at cost and transport $£ 6$ 10s. Currency.

Charged the highest rate of duty per the Imperial Act $3 \& 4 \mathrm{Wm}$. IV. chap. 69, understanding it not requisite to charge any additional duty by Mr. Macaulay's Circular.

J. CLARK, Collector.

## Remarks on the Accounts of Collections rendered by the Collector of the Port of Niagara.

Quarter ended 5th April, 1842.
Entry.-167 yards domestic Cloth; 3000 Quills; 20 doz. dressed Sheep Skins; 1313 yards Shecting; 129 yards Ticking. and 1 box Thread. Valued at £27 15s. Sterling. Estimated to be worth upwards of $£ 70$ currency.
 levied? In gracral the valuations given do no exceed one third of the actual market value in th: Provine She atiention of the Coll exter is callad to this suby et: h: is referred to the Circular from this department, of :2ad July last.

The underm-ntioned are part of the entries, the value of which are cannid red by competent julls's to be far under the true value of the articios cither at the placs of importation or from whence imported.

4800 yards of Cotton manufactures... $£ 11$ 12s. Grl. which must have been of very inferior quality:

Q30 dozen Cut Tobacco ; 25 dozen Smoking do.; and 2530 Cigars,-valued at $\mathbf{E}^{6}$ 2s. 6d. Sterling.

4604 lbs. Solo Leather; 3 dozen Kip-skins; 1 dozen Gran Icather; 4 bundes Splits; 2 dozen striped Sheep Skins; $2 \frac{1}{2}$ dozen white Sheep Skins, —valued at £05 10s. Sterling.

351 dozen of fine cut Tobaceo; $\mathbf{2 5}$ dozen half th. papers ditto; 12 dozen Ib . ditto; 50ci0 Cigars; valued at $\ddagger 10$ 15s. at 20 per cent. $£ 23 \mathrm{~s}$. Stg.

The eost of the article at the place where pur. $\overbrace{\text { Ocesen }}$ hase. l. and the expenses to the Port, is endeavoured ${ }^{27 t}$ October.
on b) whaned: and it is then considered whether, with the ad lition of 10 per cent. and the daty, the irti.la womit reaize the anount if taken by the Collertor and sall by ancti in.
The Cureatar alserted t, has not been reccived at this oflic:, neither had I hard of it.

Gensrally the goo ls cutered at this Port are of a very inferior quality.

At 4 cts. per yard.


4604 Hhs. Inferior Leather, at 9 cts....... $\$ 414.36$
3 d z. Kip-skins, at $\$ 5 . . . . . . . . . .$. .... 15.00
1 diz. Grain Leather.................. 4.50
4 bumdes Splits, at 75 ets. ........... 3.00
2 doz. Sheep skins, at $\$ 1$. . . . . . . . . . 2.00
$2 f$ " White do. at 75 cts. ......... 1.87t
$\$ 440.734$

| 351 dozen c |  | co, a | 824.57 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25 | " | 10 cts | 2.50 |
| 20 | " | 2 cts | 2.40 |
| 5000 Cigars, | " | \$1 | 20.00 |

It is evident this article has been entered under valuc.
The weight of this I cannot now ascertain.
The weight of manufactured Tobacen is required, as that article is subject to a duty of 2d. Sigr. per Ib. under the Provincial Act, when this would exeeed the ad va'orem duty. The following is considered as being more near the value of this entry :-
351 dozen fine cut Tobacen, at 1s. per dozen ; 204 lbs. at 2d. per 1 th , an 15000 Cigars, woald ammunt th £51 19s. at 20 par cent. $£ 107 \mathrm{~s}$. 9d. Currency.
Or 25 dozen half lb . Tobares, and 12 d men lb . ditto, is equal t' 291 lbs at 2 d . per Ib. would alone amount to a duty of $£ 216 \mathrm{~s}$. Gd. Currency.

23 dozen dressed Sheep Skins, and 1023 yards Cotton Shecting, -valued at, Skins $£ 5$; Shceting, El4 1s. 3d. Sterling.

What kind of Shecting at 4ets. per yard?
3 reams Wrapping Paper, and 3 Violins, value 11 s .3 d .
This valuation appears extremely low.
536 dozen fine cut Tobncen; 13140 Cigars, and
$2 \frac{1}{2}$ dozen T'obaceo in tins,-value $£ 1917 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$.
The value of cach articic required?

Return affirmed by Deputy Collector; should be by Collector, or both.

## Quarter ended 5th July, 1842.

22001bs. Leather, valued at $£ 37$ 5s. Sterling.
Estimated at $£ 120$

23 dozen Sheep-skins, $81 \ldots . . . . .$. 1623 yds. common unbleached Cotion, 4 cts. 64.92


3 Toy Viwling
7s. 6d.
Sold by auction here for nearly that sum.
536 dozen cut Tobacco, at 7cts. .... 837.52 13140 Cigars, at \$4.................... 52.58
$2 \frac{1}{2}$ dozen common Tobacen, ..... 1.96
02.04

## This shall be attended to in future.

2200 lbs Leather, 12cts.
264.00

Remarks on the Accaunts of Collections rendered by the Collector of the Port of Niagara-(Continued.)

16 rolls, containing 3800 lbs. Sole Leather; 2 doz. Calf-skins; 4 dozen IItrse ditto; and 1 dozen Grain Leather, valued at $£ 1355$ s. Sterling.

250 gallong Vingegar, valued at $£ 615 \mathrm{~s}$. Sterling.
Vinegar is sold at 0d. per gallon at New York; equal to E 0 7s. 6.1. Currency.

12 Clocks, valucd at £7 2s. 6d.
I dozen Silk IIats; an assortment of Boots and Shoes, valued at £3 17s. 6d., 15 per cent.; and £35 7s. 6ul., 30 per cent.

Quantity of Boots and Shoes should be given.
35 doz, Kip Sides; 85 doz, and 2 Georgia Calfskins; 52 doz. and 2 Lambs' Linings; 48 doz. and 8 Bindings; 6 dor. Muroceo ; 1 doz. Hog-skins; 29 pairs Slips ;-—£239 10s. Sterling.

2000 lbs . Sole Leather, value $\mathbf{~} \mathbf{~} 69$ 6s. 3 d .
1530 lhs. Sole Leather; $2 \frac{1}{2}$ doz. Grain Leather ; 2 doz. Ilorse do., and 1 duz. Calf do., valued at $£ 5318 \mathrm{~s} .9 \mathrm{~d}$.

3 Clocks, valued $\mathbf{\text { 玉 } 2 . ~}$

Quarter ended 5th October, 1842.
An assortment of Toys, £ 116 s .3 d ., at 15 per cont. Should be better described, Toys being liable to duty according to material.

1 box Bonts and Shoes, valued at £ 4 17s. 6d. Number of pairs required?

30 Clocks, valued at £21.
60 bales Oakum ; 2 dozen ship Augurs, value E48 15s.

Weight of Oakum required?

## 6 Beer Pumps, value £ 3 18s. 9d.

117 lbs. Cotton Balling ; 20 yards worsted Merino ; 623 yards Sattinet; 28 3-12ths dozen palm leaf Hats; 263 yards striped Cotton; 333 yards bleached Cotton; 300 yards brown Cotton; 125 bunches of Wire, £1 7s. 6d. at 5 per cent. ; £ 12 17s. 8d. at 15 per cent. ; £ 11 3a. 9d. at 20 per sent. ; £ 13 s . 9 d , at 30 per cent.

Imported from Oswego, and valued at 25s. Cy, (B. B.) per ton. The same description is now offered to be $\overbrace{27 \mathrm{th} \text { October. }}^{\text {delivered at } 22 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} \text { per ton. }}$ delivered at 22s. 6d per ton.


250 galls. Cider Vinegar, $12 \frac{1}{2}$ cts. . . . . . . . $\$ 31.25$

| Common Wood Clocks, \$2.75 | \$33.00 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 doz. Silk Hats, | \$18.00 |
|  |  |


| $35 \mathrm{doz}$. Kip Sides. | 8140.00 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 85 1-6th doz. Georgia Calf-skin | 820.83 |
| 52 1-6th doz. Lamb Linings | 53.42 |
| 48 2-3d doz. Bindings . . . . . . . . . . . . | 50.55 |
| 6 doz. Morocco, and 1 doz. Hog-skins | 35.20 |
| 29 pairs Slips ...................... | 5.50 |
|  | \$1105.50 |

2000 lbs. Sole Leather, 16 cts. ........ 320.00
1503 lbs. Leather, $12 \mathrm{~h}_{2}$ cts. . . . . . . . . . $\$ 190.00$
$2 \frac{1}{4}$ doz. Grain do., $\$ 12 . . . . . . .$.
${ }_{2}$ " Horse do., $\$ 7 . . . . . . . . . . .$. . . . . 14.00
1 " Calf do., \$6................... 8.00
$\$ 249.00$
3 Wood Clocks, 83 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 89.00.

Copy of accounts herewith.-No. 2.

| 6 pairs Pegged Boots, . . . $\$ 1.50$. | \$9.00 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 4 " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ " Boys, 1.00. | 4.00 |
| 16 " Womens Slips,.... 0.40 | 8.40 |
| 8 " Boys' Pegged Shoes 0.38. | 3.04 |
|  | \$22.44 |
| 30 Wood Clocks, \$3.20. | \$96.00 |
| 3000 lbs . Oakum, 7cts. | 210.00 |
| 2 dozen Ship Augurs, | 15.00 |

0 Beer Fumps, Zinc, \$3.............. 18.00

117 Cotton Balling, $\overline{5 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{cts}} \ldots \ldots . .$.
20 yards worsted Merino, $30 \mathrm{cts} . . . .$. . 6.00
623 Sattinet, 40 cts. . .................... 25.10
28 3-12ths dozen palm leaf Hats, \$1.... 28.75
263 yards striped Cotton, 7cts............. 18.61
333 " brown " 5atts........... 18.311
300 " " " 5cts. ........... 15.00
125 bunches of Wire, 6icts. .............. . . 7.81 本


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27th Uclober.
713
7345
252 27th October


644 lbs . Cheese ; 21 dozen common Axcs,-valued at £37 8s. 9d. Sterling.

2 dozen Boys' Lats ; 29 pairs Boots; 1 dozen Womens Boots ; 15 pairs Shnes,-valued as fullows. viz.- Ilats, £1 18s. 9d. at 15 per cent., and boots and shoes $£ 813 \mathrm{~s}$. 9d. Sterling.
The value of the Boots and Shoes is estimated at £20 and upwards.

503 lbs . Sole Leather, valued at $£ 13 \mathrm{is.3d}$.
973 lbs . Sule Leather ; 24 pairs India Rubber Shocs ; 40 ths. Candles ; $1 \frac{1}{2}$ dozen Lasts; 6 French Skins,-valued at £ 38 3s. 9 d .

2 dozen pairs Boots; 1 ditto Shoes, £10 18s. 9d. Sterling,
Query:-If Mens' Boots, and quality?
An assortment of Musical Instruments, valued at £19 3s. 9d. Sterling.
Particulars are required?
43 cwt. 1 gr. Molasses, credited at 4s. 6rl. per cowt., is also liable to duty at ld. per ratlon, moder Imperial Act 6 Geo. III. cap. 52; making short credited, say on 519 gall. Mol. at 1d., £2 3s. 3d.

## Quarter ended 5th January, 1843.

1000 lbs. Hops, valued at...... £13 0 0 Stg. (Supposed valuc, $£^{2} 50$.)
3 cases Boots and Shocs.... $17 \quad 0 \quad 0$
More particulars required-the number of pairs?
3 doz. Caps; 30 lbs . Sugar Candy : 18 doz . Papers Tobacco; 66 pairs Bonts and Shoes; 1 gross of Almanacks,-valueb at $£ 01$ 15s., 15 per cent. ; £2 3 s .9 d , 20 per cent. ; £11 17s. Gd., 30 per cent.

679 lbs . Sole T.eather ; 104 lbs . damaged do.valued at 玉 26 10s. Sterling. $^{2}$

102 lbs . do., valued at $£ 215 \mathrm{~s}$.
2980 lbs . Sole Leather ; 00 lbs . Split do. ; and 22 dozen Grain do.-モ02 15s.

1246 lbs . Sole Leather, £37 15 s.

18 doz. dressed Skins; 13 doz. Leather Mitts; 1 gross Blacking,-valucd £11 10s., at 15 per cent.
Leather Mitts are liable to 30 per cent., and value

Apmendis

1 dozen Upper Leather, $\$ 10$; Beer Pump, $\$ 3$; Clocks, \$3.

Checse, fets, per lb. ; Axes, 87 per dozen.

| $\underset{\sim}{2}$ dozen ITats (Com.) \$1.50. |  | \$9.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Womens Brots, | 1.80 |
| 29 pairs Common 1 |  | 20.00 |
| ${ }^{15}$ The Hats | Sho | 6.3 |
|  | The Hats were sold by auction at from 1s. 10fd. (1) 2s. Gid. Curreney, ench. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Very neat Moreseo and |  | may bo |


| 503 Inferior Leather, 12ets. | \$60,36 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 078 lbs . Sole Lenther, 16ctc. | . 150.48 |
| 2 duzen India Rubber Shocs, | 12.00 |
| $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " Lasts for do. | 2.00 |
| 6 French Skins, | 3.00 |
| 42 lbs . Candles, at 7cts. | 2.94 |
|  | \$176.42 |
| 2 dozen pair Common Bonts, | \$40.09 |
| 1 dozen do. do. Shoes, | 1050 |

As per List-No. 3.
For the Temperance Society; bought at a low rate.

By letter from the Inspecter-G inral's Office. dated the 15sh January, 8842 , I am instructed to collect the duty wholly by weight, at 4 s . 6 d . Sterlg. per cwt.
I am not in possession of the Imperial Act referred to.

Those Hops were injured, and entered at 6 cts . per lb.
No. per copy of account-No. 4.


## Appendix

Remarks on the Accounts of Collcctions remlered lyy the Collector of the Port of Nuagara.-(Continued.)

9 dozen dresserl Skins, 3 dwen leather initts,

leather manufactures are liable of a duty of 30 per cent.
112 pairs Mitls and Glaves, for Us, Gul. at 15 per crist.
Leathor manfartures are liable to 30 per rent. short credit. dof duty, making $\mathcal{L}$ : 1 (is. 10d. Sterling.

6 bales Cintion Batting ES 2 s. 6d. at 5 percont. :
Query.-If not hable to 20 per cent, as Cotton manufactures?
8 d ren Mitts, £f 16 s .3 d , at 15 per eent. should bo 30 per cent. if leadier.

40 tons Ohin Coal, valued $£ 21$ 135. 9r. Is this the valuation at port of entry? A former lot is outcred at doubl: the value. Ohio Coalshould be worth £2 per t'm, at Niagara.
12 Boys' Mats, 12 s . ©d, at 15 per cent.
What kind of liats?
13 cwt. burut Coffec. Short credital at 5 per cent. a ccording to Prosincial Act $4 \& 5$ Vic. chap. 14.

14 cwt. 1 qr. It lbs. Molasses. Duty of 1d. per gallon, not credited.

Oysters credited sper cent. Ifliable to 5 per cent, is subject to 15 per cent; but considered, if fresh, as fresh fish, consequently fice.

Inspector General's Office. Kingston, 291h April, 1813.

JOSEPH CARY, Deputy Inspector General.

Appendix
(B. B)

Entered at $\$ 15$ each; they were taken back $-\underbrace{\text { B }}$ again to the U. S., as they could not be sold at aizth October. saving price.

| 9 dozen dreased Skins, $\$ 1 . \ldots . . . .$. . $\quad \$ 0.00$ |
| :--- |
| 3 dozen leather Mitts,.................. |

This should have been 105 dozen, the account stating 112 dozen, but on counting found to bo 7 dozen short ; the amount entered, $\$ 302.97$

There can be no doubt an error has been committed in admitting leather manufactures at the rate of 15 per cent. I must be liable for the difference.

The duty on this article has never been decided. I should be glad to receive instructions on the subject.

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\text { B dozen Mitts, reported } \$ 22.32
$$

This is declared by the importer not to have cost more delivered here ; and it is not worth more than half that imported from Oswego.

They were of a very s:ommon description, and not worth more.

The per centage on this article has been collected, and is included with other articles at that rate. On the 2 (ith October it appears by itself.
I beg to refer to a previous remark on this article : the additional penny, per gallon, shall be collected hereafter.

I believe this is not subject to duty.

Niagara, May 6th, 1843.

J. MCORMICK,<br>Collectorof Customs.

## Remarks on the Accounts rendered by the Collector of the Port of Queenston.

Quarter ended 5th April, 1842.
1378 lbs. Sole Leather ; 1 dozen split Kip Skins, valued at £: 8 17s. 11 d .
The valuation appears extremely low.
The value of each article should be given.
Return affirmed by Deputy Collector should be by Collector or both.

Quarter ended 5th July, 1842,
3 barrels dried Apples, 13s. $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. isliable to duty at 15 per cent.

## Answers.

Was entered by the manufacturers, and the value declared to on bill of entry. Sole leather at 11cts. per Ib. and Split Kip at 20s. Currency, per dozen.
This rule has been attended to for several returns bye past.
At this time the Principal was in Great Britain, having leave of absence from IIis Excellency Sir
Charles Bagot.

See remark on next page.

## Appendix

Remarks on the Accounts rendered by the Collector of the Port of Queenston.-(Continued.)
(idozen Chij) Mats; 15 Willow Baskots; amil
 pour ones) valued at est lis.
The above valuations appear very low.

## Quarter ombed sth October, 18.42.

11 barrels dried Apples. 3s. 9d. at 7t per cent. Is liable to 15 per cent.

Quarter ended 5th January, 1843.
are lis. Sole leathor at 81d per ill.
320 Hth . " 7hd. .
Valuathons very low.

so eent.; this artald is hable tode per ib. if the ammat of daty wond be therdy iarreased. and not ?0 per crat, as above.

3mblhe. Pepper at 3d. per th.
130 )he. Alapier it 13 cts. per It.
Peppr and Allspice are quoted at $\times$ ets per $l$ b. m Niw York.
 per ernt. are hable to duty at aro per cem.

9N 1以-
 (1) -. AJples. 2s. bid. - 00 is " Peaches. 10 s., 2100 ${ }_{5}^{5} \quad$ " Mums, $65.31 ., \quad 1113$
$18110-22$ ". Apples, ©s. $6 d .0221462$
Credited at 7k per cent. Tho above being liable to Duty at 15 per cont.

Inepertor Genmal's Office. Kinghtur, 8th May, 1813.

JOSEPII CARY. Deputy Inspector General.

This entry sworn $t$, most positively by the im- (B, B.) porter, the an curnsant of the fact that the pme- Fhas sold the same llats from at is. Ifd. per doa. ${ }^{27 h}$ Ucwber. totis, 3n. pred daxth. This will explain the apparenty low valuation of the preceding entries.

Sec remark below.

The actual price paid at Lockont bw importor.
This entry mate hy U. Harrey, a tanner, ant the value as given, declared by him to be as much as it is worth to him less his profit.

On this Tobacen. 2d. per Ib. as well as the 20 per erolt. wate exarted, in accordance with the views of Mr. Commistimus (Caneron otherwisי understanding the Law as iutimated in the remark.

A lot of ground Pepper and Allisice very moch adulterated, and nflerey to mo by the Importer at 10 per cent. adraner.

This is an error that has fong existed in this offes. Ihaving miginated through a misernecption of the *hatu: with my predecessor, of shontly after my apmanturn to the office. and not before having Wem made aware of it allowed myself th he ruided by precelont instead of the statute, which I now sec elcarly prints out my error.

## Collontor's Office

Port of Queenston, 11th May, 1813.
G. MoMICKEN,

Collector:

Remanks on the Accounts of Collections renderel by the Collector of the Customs at the Port of Chippavan.

## Qumter cnded 5th May, 1842.

1 hox Tohacco, 50 lbs. Saleratus, and 25 lbs. Salts,-valunit at 12s. (id, at 15 per cent. and £3 10世 at 20 per cent.
The weight of Tobacen required, and whether maunfactured or not 7 The duty on 'Tobaceo. if manufactured, slinuld te 2 l . per 1 ib ., and Salcratus and Salts should be creditod at 5 per cent.
20 barrels and $482 \frac{1}{2}$ Ms. Hams are admitted free, -the duty on which is 5 per cent. The value is required.

The following valuations appear to be extremely low, viz:-
390 Jhs, sole Leather, . . . . . . . . . . . . £ 11126
104 sides sole Leather, ............... $50 \quad 150$
204) Ws. sole Leather, .................. 6100 11 pairs Buots and 11 pairs Shoes.... 600
Query, if the value at the Port of Entry?

## Answers.

A copy of this furnished to my predecessor in office, Alexander Kirkpatrick, Pisy, acting Collector for this Port up to the 5th May, 18.42 .

OLIVER T. MACKLEM.
Collector.

# Remarks on the Accounts of Collections renilcred by the Collector of the Customs at the Port of Chippawa(Continued.) 

250 lls. cotton Yarn, credited at 15 per cent., which should be 20 per cent., valued at $£ 8$ libs., at 5 per cent., equal to 8 s . 9d., short credited for additional duty.
42 Ms . Tobacco and 1 box do. credited at 20 per cent., description and weight required-is subject to duty at ed. per lb.

## Quarter ended 5th July, 1812.

'Ihe following valuations are very luw-are they considered the value at the Port of Entry?
s9 Hs. Checse, 1 coohing Stove, .... £. $10 \quad 0$
a doz. Bitters,...................... 3116
(aro lus. Solo L.oather . . . . . . . . . . . . . 17 13 9
527 " " and 2 packs Cards,
at 15 per ecnt.................... 18 a 0
(If playing Cards, should be 30 per cem.)
3 packares sundry Mardware, and 15
dim. Straw Bonnets............ 29 if 0
2090 lhs . Sole Leather, 300 lbs . Calf-
shins .............................. si 18
I box sumatry small Merchandize... 7150
Not sufficiently deseribed. The "small
Merchandize" is to be particularized.

Sundry Raisins, Nuts, and I Iardware, valued at
 per cent. ; 15s., at 1" per cont.

Nuts and Raisins should be credited at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per ecnt., and Hardware lir per cent.

1 Cooking Stove, and 304 yards Cotton, £12 13s. 2d., at 15 per cent. Cotton shou'd be credited at 20 per ernt.
Value of Cotton required?

## Quarter ended 5th October, 1842.

1 box Mcrchandize; 45 lbs. Cheese; 3 dozen Rakes ; sundry Merchandize,- $\mathcal{L} 10$ 3s. Ild.

Description of Merchandize required?
Per Van Cocklin Hiram Harvey, Alansing Ross, and Samuel Strcet.-G00 lbs. Mill Castings; 1142 Mill Casting ; 430 lbs. Spring Steel ; 9 bls. Dyewood: 2 Reams Warp; sundry Merchandize ;$£ 100 \mathrm{~s}, 5 \mathrm{~d} \mathrm{~d}$. , at 5 per cent., and $£ 5518 \mathrm{~s}$. 9 d ., at 15 per cent.

What description of Merchandize?
Entries as the abuve are very unsatisfactory.
A Dinner Sct, and sundrics; 3 bales of Oakum, -valued at £ $£$ 5s., at 72 per cent.; and $£ 5$, at 15 per cont.

Crockery and Oakum should be credited at 15 per cent.

664 ths. Sole Leather; sundry Goods, £22 11s. 3d. What do sundry Goods consist of?
Molasses credited at 4s. 6 d . per cwt., should be 1d. per gallon, in addition-Act 6 , Geu. III. cap. 52 .

5838 lbs. Ham ; 1 Ham : 5 bbls. Itams ; 459 lbs. Bacon; 422 Shoulders. The above admitted free, though liable to duty at 5 per cent.,-which should be credited?

A copy of this furnished to my predecessor in $\overbrace{7 \text { hh }}$ Uctober. office, Alexander Kirkpatrick, Esq., acting Collector for this Port up to the 5th May, 1842.

Checse $4 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per 1 b . ordinary value. The Stove was an old one valued at $\$ 5.97$. The Bitters vary in price, some valued as low as 1 s 3 d per doz.

035 lbs damaged, at 10 cts ., and 55 lbs . best at 15 cts ., low value, per lb. Leather damaged, 10 to 12 cts., considered a low value.

The Cards were Carding Machine Cards.
Described in Bill No. 1, enclosed.
Sole Leather, $12 \frac{1}{2}$ cts. per lb., ordinary value for a poor article; Calf-skins in pieces called patens, 25 cts. each.

151 Hat Bodies. $\$ 18.75$; and 1 Nutra. 84.
2 bl . Side Russia, $\$ 2$; and 5 lbs . Coney, $\$ 6.25$.

6 boxes Raisins, $\$ 10.45$ : and 1 keg of Almonds. 81.80 ; 4 Iron Shovels, 83 ; and 4 boxes Lemons, \$11.9.
(N. B.-The Lemons omitted in detail, but extended in the columns of $5-100$-amt, $£ 215 s .5$ dd.)

1 large Cooking Stove, at $\$ 40$. 304 yards Cotton, at $3 \frac{1}{2}$ cts., $\$ 10.64$.

Described in Bills No. 3 and 4, accompanying.

4 Satinette P. L. Shuttles. . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 10,00$
1 Reed................................... . . . 2,25
10 Sal. Soda . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,00
The Oakum, $\$ 9$; entered at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

24 lbs. Cheese, $\$ 1.20$; and $1 \frac{1}{2}$ bus. Onions, 94 cts.

The revised Statutes do not contain the Act referred to, and I never knew of its existence till the receipt of these queries.
I have no Imperial Acts apart from those pubbighed in the Provincial Statutes. In reply to a Fitter addressed by me to the Hon. John Maeaulay on this subject, I was favored with the answer marked $A$ herewith, and have ever since acted undor the instructions therein contained.

Quartor cudch 5th Jamuary 18.13.
a4t sides Sheep, Calf, and Sole Jeather ; 3 doz. Ca'f Shins: 300 lbs. Rice: sundry Druge valued at E3, at $\overline{5}$ per cent., $\mathbf{E} 101$ 3s, at 15 per cent.
Can the weight he given of the Lealier? The valuation appears to be catrencly low.

Inspector Cieneral"; Onlier, Kingston, 25th April, 1813.

JOE CARY,<br>Deputy Inspector General.

23 sides no7 \|s. Sule Leaticr, at $14 \mathrm{ct} .$. . $\$ 83.59$ :Ot do. 103 s do. at 17 cts... ( 88.59 $211-12 h_{1}$ duz. Calf Shins, at 12s., 1 ts. and

16s. math............................. . . 61.00
on sides Soln Lather, 85 Ihs., at 122 ets... 10.63
31 Mores. Sheep Nkins. .................. 27.00

3 dou. Calf skins . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 59.40

## Remarks on the Accounts of the Collections renderal by the Collector for the Port of Fort Eric.

Quarter cmicd 5/h April, 1842.
From the 6 th to 19 hh January, the ad valorem Dutios are generally credited at 5 per cent. instead of 15 per cint.
The value of Imports during that period would appear to be as follows:-
L256 16 8at 15 perct: $=E^{2} 38 \quad 1010$
2167 at $90 \mathrm{perct}=0114$
100 at 30 perct. $=0$ i 0
£39 8 2
The amount of duty cre-

Add 2-13ths.......... 0011
Or Currency $15 \quad 7 \quad 1$


The manner in which the undermentioned entries and others are described as "Sundry Merchandize." "Sundry Goods," \&c. is too varue, and unless more particularly stated, no opinion can be formed as to whether a true valuation is given, or as to the correctness of the duties credited.

1745 lbs . Cheesc, 0 diz. Brooms, \&c. \&c. $\mathcal{E} 18$ 15 s , at 20 per cent.. 15 s . at 30 per cent., What is the article liable to 30 per cent. duty?
Sundry Merchandize. £ 410 s . at 15 per cent., £1 at 20 per cent., $£ 5$ at 30 per cent.
400 lbs . Spikes, 2 bales Oakum, \&c. \&c. £11 at 15 per cent.
Sundry Goods, \&c. [in various instances.]
The particular description and quantity of each article is required, and the value.
Dredging machinc, valued at $£ 165 \mathrm{~s}$. This appears to be exceedingly low.

3 Clocks (common) at 10 s each. What deseription of Clocks at such a low valuation?

A dozen packs Cards, and 2 dozen Tobacco, va ${ }_{\text {g }}$ lued at 6s. 3d. at 15 per cent, and 2s. 6 d . at 20 per cent.

Cards should be credited at 30 per cent.

ANSWERS.

Sec herewitli Copy of my letter to the late In. -pretor General, under date of the 13th April. 1sis, on the subject of this Inquiry.

The Entrics in my day-book givo a detailet account of the goods entered, and the duty charged under the difterent hoads. viz. 72, 15, 20 and 30 per cent., and the amount extended; this mode was adepted by ny pridecessn, and I have continued it in the same way. Mr. Cameron saw my books, and appeared satislied as to the manner in which they appeared to be kept.

2 Books £ 15 .

23d Feby.-E. Houghton declared it cost him no more.

14th March.-Pcter Bergemy.
3 common (wood) Clocks at $\$ 2$, , 2. at 30 per cent.
£0. 12. 0.
17 th March.—Wm. Roys, 3 ditto, *6. 0. $\quad$. 0.
My impression was, that playing Cards was only 15 per cent, duty.

## 27 Ocwour. Writing paper, valued at 5s. at 20 per cont., is

 liable to duty at 30 por cent. Gd. short credited.300 ; 860 lhs Sugar, credited at Id. per llb. (un470 der Provincial Act.)
The duty of 5 s . per cwt. under Imperial Act not credited, equal to $£ 1$ 18s. 4d. Sterling.

32 cwt. roasted Cuffec, credited at 5 s. per cwi., is also liablo to duty under l'rovincial Act, at 5 per cent, not credited :- value should be stated.

688 lbs ground 7728 lbs . Coffec, the duty of 5 s .
40 lbs . green $\{$ per cwt under lmperial Act, is not credited, being short credited $\mathrm{E}_{1} 12 \mathrm{~s}$. 6d. Stg.
150 sitles L.eather, \&c. \&c.. £ 113 7s. © id. Weight of Leather and particulars required.

Quavter ended 5 th July, 1842.
11000 Scgars, and Tobacco, £9 13 s .5 d at 20 per cent. Weight of Tobacco is required.

A Mattrass, and Paper Hangings, valued at £3, at 15 per cent.

Value required of Paper Hangings, being liable to duty at 30 per cent.

A Wooden Clock, valued at $£ 1$, at 15 per cent. instead of 30 per cent., being short credited 1s. 4 d .

1 Head Stone valued at $£ 5$, at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Is liable to duty at 15 per cent., making short creaited 4 d . Currency.

Sundry Saddlery, \&c., £12 6s. 3d., at 15 per cent., 5s. at 30 per cent. Particulars required, Saddlery being liable to 30 per cent. as Leather Manufactures.

68 lbs . Sugar is credited at 1 d . per lb . Is subject to 5 s. per cwt. additional, as above, making short credited 3s. Sterling.

60 lbs . Coffee, duty of 5 s. per cwt. as before-not credited-equal to 2s. 7d. Sterling.

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This is an crror, as I am aware Paper is liable to 27th Octour. duty at 80 por cent.

Bectuse my impression was, from the Provincial Statutes, it was only liable to duty of 1d. Sterling, per llo, and so I have invariably charged it.

I have invariably charged rluty on ronsted Coffee 54 Sterling, per cowtonly, and ad.per polund, on green Coffee, and 44 . per ib. on ground Coffec, in conformity to the Provincial Statute Table.

The same answer.

25th January.-Ellis Hyman.
75 sides of Leather, 1531 ib . at 12 cts . $\$ 183.72$
75 do. 1480 lb . at 15 cts .222

|  | 405.70 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Add 10 per cent. | 40 |
| 2 Scotch Stones,., | 1.30 |
| 1 dozen Shecp Skins. | 3 |
| 2 Knives, . | 3.50 |


at 15 percent., is.......... £14 149

12 doz. Tobacco \$2.55,

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\begin{aligned}
\$ 38.68= & 59135 \text { at } \\
& 20 \text { per cent. £1 } 1884
\end{aligned}
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16th May.-J. Crookshanks.
A Mattrass,..................... 220
10 ps. common Paper Hangings, $0 \quad 10 \quad 0$
£3 00 at 15 pr.ct.
27th May.-O. Thonl.
A Wooden Clock, £1., at 30 per cent. 6s.

6th June.-Widow Jones.
$\triangle$ Head Stone, £5, at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per ct. Under head of "Marble rough and worked."

7th June.-Gcorge Morris.
16 sides Russet Leather, . . . . . $\$ 35.50$
3 Kip Skins,................ 3.50
1 doz. Saddle Trees,........ 9.00
1 bundle Nail Rods,........ 1.25
$\$ 49.25$
15 per cent........ $\begin{array}{llll}12 & 6 & 3, £ 1 & 16111\end{array}$
Paper 5s., at 30 per cent. ........... 1 £ 16

Answered before as having been governed by the Provincial Statute.

Appendix (b. B.)

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Remarks on thr Accounts of the Collections remdered m, the' Cullector for the Port of Fort Erie.(Comtimed.)

Quarter cmatel ath October, 18.12.
 Parnowhers requind, manmactured Leather being liabin the duty at 30 per cont.

Sundry Dregs and Modicinos, credited is. 影. Siterliner.
Madion- w linde 1 daty at 15 per eont. The value is requincd.
 2. 810 Storme

 per gallon

3 cwt. Mhases an 1 33 Hhe groen Coffer.
Samermark as abve.
Sundry Nalllorv, \&e. E., at 15 per rent., shoul! be 30 per cont. as betime.


Surar anl (inde beme wout croditel as berme. being 2x. ed. Nterlige sh irt aredted.

1 Heal Stme, Cl so.. credited at $7!$ pronat., shoud the 1.iper cont., b ing 101 . sh at ered.ted.

7 Graw: Ston"s, el, redted at 7 ? peremt.


## Qumerer shdel ioth Jinuary, 1N43.

 in place of 30 per cent., b ing short credued 2.6 .
 rent, and should b: 30 pore cent. ; shert crohtad. es. 4 .
 at 5 per enat. in phe of 15 per cent. ; makiag short

 cent., an I X 1 at hare cont.
Particulasiserquired.

Sundry Medicinns, $\mathcal{L}_{1} 18$. at 5 per cent. in place of 15 per cent. short credit 2s. :d.

74 cowt. 1 rf. Molasses, the duty of 1d. per gallon, per Imperial $\Lambda$ ct, 4 Geo. 3, cap. is is not credited.
296 H . Coffec-the duty under Imperial Act of 5s. per cwt., not credited, iss. 2d. Sterling.

Aptrmor sha-Willian Homes.
5) carli Bachli:......... tio 150

5 pairs Woud Hancs.... (0) 12 6
£ 76
Ady 10 per cont... $0 \quad 2 \quad$ o
5 pars Winol Hame.... 150
38 pucesthat h Lam, and
21 gress: 'Tults, ...... 17 $10 \quad 0$



 bationer cent. vi Drugs and Madicines.

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milto, ditt.

30h sent-Willizm Gumar.


 vern di.

Valur the head of "Marbereman I worised,"


Ditto,
Ditto, ditto.

2 ast 0 ct .-LIMam Bugen.
 1s. 10 s 4.

2tho Ort.-DPer Geiner.
Sumlry lroks, as per bill. fil 1 ts , Od.; 30 per c.ont. 10s. 4l.

I have invariably chaved only 5 per rent. Sterlime on Ostery and Jn) Machlem, the Collecter at Chippawa, toh me he did the same.

2mith Dec-1. 1. Gibles.
400 hs . Climese, S. 1. at 15 per cent., 12s. ; 375 lbs.
Buter, 8 cts., ................ $\$ 30$
Richard Livans, 618 libs. Crluc, 8 cts. $\$ \$ 50$
at 5 per cent............ $\$ 80$ is $£ 1768$

## Answered before.

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Remarks on the Accounts of the Collections rendered by the Collector for the Port of Fort Erie.(Continucd.)

Francis Quirk and others.-No. 4.

Sundry Merchandize, © © e., £3 1s. 5d., called Sterling duty, but upon what articles docs not appear, and Lee3 16s. Bd, at 15 per eent. There is no posibility of checking such items; names of Importers, and description of Merchandize requirod in all cases.

Goods liable to ad valorem duty under Imperial Act is on the value at the place of importation. Has this been considered?

The Collector is referred to the Circular of the Inspector General of 234 July. 18.42 , on tho subject.

Sce No. 4 in my statement.

I have referred to the Circular alluded to, on every occasion, and I am governed by it as far as in my power, in their value thercof.

Insspector General': Offire,
Kingston, $20 h$ April, 1813,

## JOSEPII CARY,

Deputy Inspector General.

## NOTE--QUARTER ENDED 5TII APRIL, 1842.

No. 1.-28th January, 1842.-Samuel Strong \& Co. 1745 lis. Cherse ............ at 4 cents.$\$ 6980$ 6 doz. Bruoms 6,00 2 pairs Pinchers...........at 50 cents A llammer................at 25 cents $\Lambda$ Stick, and 2 Files. . . . . . at 50 cents $\quad 1,25$


15 per cent. ............................ 163

30 per cent. ......................... $0 \quad 46$

No. 2-noth January.-B. W. IIendershot.



## Fort Erie, 9th May, 1843.

Sia,
I beg leave to state, that for want of a uniform table of Duties ready at hand, embracing all articles subject to Duty under the different heads, I am often thrown into confusion. 1 have thereby omitted exacting the Imperial Duty of $5 s$. Sterling, ner cowt. on Sughar and Coffec. On Molasses, I have invariably charged only 4 s 6d Sterling. per cwt. On Butter, I have only charged 5 per cent duty, estimating it at 8 cents, per pound, although the bills generally shew that only 4 to 5 cents had been paid for it.

With respect to the Dredging Machine, I recollect it was a very old one, out of order, \&cc. estirated


1 am, Sir, your obedient servant,

## JAMES KERBY, <br> Collector of Customs.

P. S.-Please say to the Inspector General that I have received his letter of the 2 d inst, which will be attended to very soon.

Quarter ended 5th July, 1842.
(At Colborne.)
60 small boxes Scgars, valuod at $\$ 7.50$. The valuation appears extremely low.

14 casks Nails (no weight given,) value $\$ 56.00$, which also appears very low.

20 bales Oakum, value $\$ 10.00$. What was the weight of each bale?

5 cwt . Molasses-duty credited at $3 \mathrm{~s}=15 \mathrm{~s}$. This article is also liable to a duty of is. 6il. per cwt. 7s. 6d., and 1d. per gallon 4s. 9 d . $=11 \mathrm{~s} 8 \mathrm{~d}$. Stg.

It is to be observed that by the Tablo of Duties payable on Groods, \&c.. by the Imperial Act, 3 and 4 Will. 4, cap. 5!-that the duty paynb'e by that Act on Coffee, Cocoa, Sugar and Molasses, is to be in addition to other duties imposed on these articles, and as $n$ nticed in the 9 th article of the Circular of the Inspector General of 31st December, 1841. By the Imperial Act 4 Gco. 3, cap. 15, Molasses is subject to a duty of 1 d . per gallon, which is not credited.

200 bushels Coals, valued at $\$ 20.00$.
25 dozen Brooms, " " " $\$ 3.00$.
2 Ploughs,
Are these the value at Port Colborne ?

Sundry Groceries, valued $\$ 100$. 'The particulars of articles and wights, or measures, hould bs given.

259 lbs. Sugar-duty is credited in the entry at 5s. Sterling, per cwt. The article is aloo subject to a duty of Id. per lt. (if raw) by Pravincial Act 4 and 5 Vict. cap. 14 -amounting to 21 s .7 d . Stg., which is not credited.

1 doz. Brooms, value 80,40.
Query-Quality?
$36 \frac{1}{2}$ gallons or 3 cwt . Molasses.
The duty of 1 s . Gd. per cewt. under Provincial Act is not credited, 4s. 6d. Sterling. Other remarks as before.
$\$ \mathrm{cwt}$. Tobacco, the duty on which is credited 5s. 10.d. Currency only; if manuiactured, the duty is 2 d . por lb . or 14 s . Sterling.

276 lbs . Sugar; is only oredited at 5 per cont. If raw Sugar, there should be Id. per Ib, or 23 s . Stg. more credited under Provincial Act.

3 cwt . Molasses-duty of 3 s . per ewt. only cre-dited-same remarks as before on this article.

160 lbs . Coffec-the duty eredited at 5 s . per cwt . This article is also subject to duty under Provincial Act 4 and 5 Vict. cap. 14, if green at 2 d . per lb., if ground 4 d., and if burnt at 5 per cent. ad valorem.

The state of the Coffee should be described.
280 lbs . Tobacco-duty credited 16 s .8 d . Stg.
Tobacco, if manufactured, as noticed bofore, should pay 2 d . per 1 lb ., equal to 46 s . 8 d . Sterling.

Steam Enginc, valued at $\$ 80$.
What description of Engine could this be at so very low a valuation?

ANSWERS.
(B. B.)

# Appendix Remorks on the Accounts of Collections reuderet hy thr Collector of the Ports of Colborne amd Dunnville.- Appendix 

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(10nt Dunville.)
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Answer rewivel, 1!nla July, 1812, from the Inup efor lienral's Olliec, with a written Table of Duties.

Sterling. The Provincial Act is id. per th., or 1s. Id Aterling.

2 gallons Mulassos; the Duty under Provincial Act is not credited.

The valuation of all articles on which the ad valorem duty is levind, appars to be the first cost. which is not the value at the place of imputation, on which duties unter the Impreial Act should he calculated. The Collec'or is referred to the Circular of the Inepector General, of 23d July, 1842, on the subject.

## Inspector General's Office, <br> Kingston, 24th April, 1843.

JOS. CARY,
Deputy Inspector Gencral.

## WALTER B. SHEEHAN.

8th May, 1842.

Remarks on thr Arcom's of Collections rallerel by he Colletor of thr Customs at lort Dover.



 and Andianies, which und whem Arts, appeared 1) boundre owe head. Arcordmge bunglison's Medin' Dietionary "Drug" a man" ordinarily apphie to simple nedicins: lum by extension to every enbatime ermployed in the cure of diseases.-such was the caus of mistake.

102 lb . roasted Coffee, credted at 5 o . per cwt., is also liabio to 5 per cent. under Lerovincial Act.

2035 Hhe sole Jeather (damag :d), 269 If 1
1310t thes do. do. $31150!$
The extent of damage should be certifed by two merchants.

By wferting to Mr. Macaulay's Circular of the 31st Durember. Ixil, wed section emphatically states that I cammet demand upon Roast ed Coffee in the Bean a greater doty than 5 per cowt. Sterling: bow wor, I have both duties charged on my book.
 : you.-Look at my return and see.

I nevor saw any law, nor received any instructions bedine fir having Geods damages cortified by two merehant:, but always consid red it left to the lmperter's oath, and my own ju'gment, whether it was correct or not.

81 botlos l'. Biters and 651 beses Pills, 240 is. 8d. at 5 por cont.

Pills b ing Medicines should be 15 per cent. as also the Bitters, if not Spirits.

If I mistake not I onco wrote to your office for instruethons how to distinguish between Drugs and Melimines. but received no answer; bat, however. in Mr. Powolls cortificate on the back of his Bill, the calls the contents Drugs.

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Remarks on the Accounts of Collections rendered ly the Collector of the Customs at Port Dover.-
(Continued.)

1 box sundry Drugs and Medicines, valued at f20 5s. 32d.. at 5 per cent.
The value of Medirines should be stated as sub. ject to 15 per cent. duty.

178 Ib. Kuasted Coffec, crodited at 5s. per cwt. Is hatble als to 5 per cent. as before.

Inspector Gencral's Office.
Kingston, $2 d$ May, 1843.
JOSEPH CARY,
Deputy Inspector Gencral.

Fintered April 12th, for E. F. Nickerson, while I convidned the two as one and the same.
I have tried to inform myselt since Mr. Cameron's visit, and helieve it to be considered that Medicin's are compounds, and Drugi are those in their simpla stete; but still where there is s;ch a great wainty, I apprehend much difficulty on the subject, and I could fain wish for some directory.

## Woodhouse, 15th May, 1843.

Sir,
The enclosed list of items I have mate such remarks upon as the space would permit. I have further to say that so ignorant was I, that under tho Act that is considered as authorizing 15 per cent. to be taken fordutios on Medicines, I have mot exacted any thing prowious to the late Provincial Act being passed; whethor others have fallen into the sarme error I an not positive, but believe it to be the case. I could really wish for some directory on the subject,-it would save much debate with importers.

As to the Roasted Coffer, I have it on my book as stated in my remarks; if I did not carry out the full amomit of rlutios (and is tid over, a mistake in calculation) it is because I was either misled by the impression made by Mr. Macanlay's Circular reforred to in my remarks, or made a blunder in copying from my Bo sk. Acending to y ur statem?nt, in y ur Cirsular of April 4th last, I received the New York Speetat or, but I have not received the late Act pased by the lmperial Parliament to come in force July next. It would greatly oblige ins if you cou'd firnish ine with the form of returns for Canadian and Imperial Duties, with only the heading on a stnall scale.

I wiuld bag to surgent the pryminty of atering the Auction License Law; as it now stands, I may issuc a liense to a person whemey remse th the in wh distant part of C mala West, cmpletely out of
 to look after him? I wombl think it far beter fir cerery Anctioneer to be accountable to the Treasurer or some official pers in where he may be residing for the time being.

In my arrome with the Governenent for 1811 and 1912, as made out by the Deputy Inspector Gemral. Mr. Cary, I find that I am eredted for what I have actually paid into the hands of the Receiver Gemral, and an not :llowed any thina fire what 1 paid for the drafts on the Commercial Bank of Kingston, as stated in my quarealy aremon! errent sent to your office, when it was, by an injunction from the Inepector Genern's Office, that I shou'd whtain draft, and gend in, in order to save postage on so much money; but if I have to bear the expense of the drafts, I shall enclose the money hereafter.

1 have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient humble servant,
GEORGE J. RYERSE,
Collector, Port Dover.
Hon. Francis ITincka,
Inspector Gencral, \&e. \&c.

## Remarks on the Accounts of Collections rendered by the Collector of the Customs at Port Burwell.

Quarter ended 5th July, 1842.
3 toms (rindstones, valued at $£ 1$ los., duty on which is crediterl at 74 per cent., but hable to 15 per cent., boing shrort eredited ©s. 9d.

The value is low.
57) $103 \mathrm{Hms}$. Tobacen-the duty eredited is 11 s .
$4(i)$ 2d., though subject to duty at $2 d$. per lb., being short credited, (is. Stering.

2118 lbs . Sole Lenther, valued at $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. por lb ., which appears extremely low.
$221 \frac{1}{4}$ lus. ditt the like valuation.
Aro the the valuations at the Port of Entry?
answars.
The duty on Grindstones was understood by me to be only 72 per cent.

Not being atware of the duty of 2 d . per Ib. I charged it at 20 per cent.

The Leather was entered as damaged.

Remarks on the Accounts of Collections rendered by the Collector of the Customs at Port Burwell.- Appendix

## 水的

120 lbs . Muscovado Sugar, credited at as. Ad. \& Was not aware that 5 per cent. was to be charge. $\overbrace{\text { ane }}$
cent. under is fable to an additional duty of 5 per
-
200 lbs . Oakum, valued at $£ 210 \mathrm{~s}$.
50 lb . Ground Coffee, credited at 4 d . per lb. is
subject also to a duty of as. per cwt. under Imper. rial Act, being short is. Gid. Sterling.
24 Clocks, valued at les. ed, each.

2 tons Grindstones, $£ \mathbf{£} \mathbf{1 0 s}$., at 71 per cent.. being liable to duty at 15 per cent.,-short credited ss. 3 d .

12 pairs Boots, 24 pairs coarse Brogues, £7 10 s .
12 do. Shoes, 12 do. Kip Slips. fe l $^{2}$ lis. 3 d .
12 do. do. 24 do. children's Boots, es 5 s
3 do. Sal Boots, 12 pairs Pumps, £3 Ss. 9 d .
The above appear extremely low.

## Quarter ended Eth October, 1842.

4162 lbs. Grindstones $£ 4$ Os. Id. at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cont. is liable to duty at 15 per cent.; being short erecited Gs. Of d.

6285 lbs. ditto, $£ 8125.95 d$ at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., liable to duty as before; short 13 s .

6507 lbs ditto. x 818 s .11 d . at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. as before: short 13s. 5 ld t.
12000 lbs. diton, $£ 0$ Gs. $3 \frac{1}{2} d$. , in like manner; short 17 s . Ad.


Quarter ended Eth January, 1843,
30 cwt . Grmistones, $\mathcal{L}_{4}$ 2s. Bid. ; short Gs. Bd.
32
ditto, $\quad \pm 3 \mathrm{ls} .7 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ dit t 4 s .7 ld .
Admitted frec-a quantity of dried Apples and Peaches.
Dried Apples and Peaches arr liable to Duty at 15 per cent. The value required?

Inspector General's Office, Kingston, ed May, 1813.

JOSEPH CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.
id, which was omitted. Should it not be bs. Stg.


#### Abstract

per cwt.?


Was entered at that.
Mistake.

Wooden Clocks-usual price by wholesale-of the amon sort.

Understood the duty to be only 7 F per cent.

Were entered at these prices.

Same as above.

Ditto.
Ditto.
Ditto.
Ditto.

Ditto.
Ditto.
Understood dried Apples and Peaches were admitred free of duty.

These alluded to were damaged in the schooner Eric and Ontario wrecked here, and a number lost and destroyed. The value of those remaining was not ascertained.

Remarks on the Accounts of Collections rendered by the Collector of the Customs at Port Stanley.

Quarter ended Eth July, 1842.
25th June.-Mer Thomas Jones.
133 dozen Com Bro ms.
Value required, being omitted to be given, and Duty not credited. Is mable to Duty at 15 per cent.

978 lbs . Coffer, reedited at $2 d$ pe lb .
Query, -Burnt, green, or gran! !
Coffee is hale t' an additional duty of 5 s. per cwt. under Imperial Act.

494 lbs . Sugar. credited at 5 se . per cwt.
Qucry.-Raw or refined?
The Provincial Duty of ld. rec, if raw, is short credited.

Answers.
Value $£ 33$ ts. ; Duty at 15 per cent. £ 4 19s. Od.

The Coffee was green.
The Imperial Duty has been omitted through inadvertence.

The Sugar was raw. The Provincial Duty was omitted by inadvertence.

Molasses rredited at 3s. per cwt. (1s. 6d. per \| gith Octuber cwt. under Provincial Act unt crodited.)

Quarter ended 5ih October, 1812.
2 dozen Mittens...... e $_{2} 50$

at 15 percent.
Should be credited at 39 per cent. if Leather.
18th Aurnas.-P Per Garret Lace.
368 ibs. Toblar co, ralurd fit 11 2t
Add J-10th, .. $\begin{array}{lllll}1 & 3 & 1 \frac{1}{2} \\ & £ 1314 & 4\end{array}$
Crodited al 20 per remt. equalt, $£ \geq 14 \mathrm{~s}$. Sd.
Als) cocilited at $2 d$ perlb. $=\mathrm{t}: 3 \mathrm{ls}$. Ad.Sty
This artiole is con'y hiable to the hioher duty, and not hoth, being equal tox:2 11s. 8d. Currency, over cxacted.

Enth Aug.-Wer Lawreme Lauraron.
2173 lbs . Tobaerov value: E.5\% 9 2
Adeded 1-10th 5 1 ( 11
£64 $6 \quad 1$
at 20 per cent. equal to $£ 1219 \mathrm{~s}$. 3 h . over exacted. beine also credicel at el. per ib, equal to el $^{2}$ s. 2d. Sterling. Remark as before.
$23!$ Aug.-IIenry Stephens.
152 lbs. So'e laihr.
Value required! There appears no credit for duty-not being extended.

8 cwt 0 gra. 7 Hs. burnt Coffen. credited at 5 s . per cwt, is liabte a's, to 5 per cent. under Provincial $\Lambda$ et, anterelited. Valae required?

18th Aur--Garret I.ce.
$28: \mathrm{Hbs}$. Sugar, at 11 s . dh. per cwt., 368 lbs . Tobaceo at 21 . per lb., and 333 /bs. green Coffice at 2d. per th., at is. per cwt. equal to...ey $7 \quad 9$.

This sum creditcol,.................. 7 $169_{2}^{2}$
Short credited, Sterling, ........... $\overline{\text { £ } 011} 0$

## Inspector General's Officen,

Kingstun, 2d May, 1813.
JOSEPII CARY,
Deputy Inspector Gieneral.

The Provincial Luty omitted through mad- $\overbrace{27 \mathrm{~h} \text { Octoker }}^{\text {Bin }}$ vertence.

The Mittens were Buck Skin.

The ad valorem duty of 20 per cent. was collected inl ler the supposition that the duty was to be collected under both Statutes.

This case the same as the last.

Value,............ £4 18 94
Add 1-10th,...... 0 0 101
庳; 8 8-duty 16 s .3 3d.
In a pronted Cirmalar from the Inspector General's Oilite of the 31st December, 1811, Collectors are dire ted to cllect the Imperial duty only.Va'ue £23 14s. 1 d .

This error must have been made in transcribing from iny book-the Book is correct.

## Port of Port Stanley, 10.h May, 1843.

## JOYN BOSTWICK. <br> Collector of the Customs.

## Remarks on the Accounts of Collections rendered by the Collector of the Port of Amherstourgh.

Quarter ended 5th April, 1842.
Admiterd free, 691 lbs . IJam and Bucon, and 5 tons llay; the same being liable to the duty of 5 per cent.

350 lbs Rnw Sugar, crodifed at 9s. 4 d . per cwt., and liable $t$ duy at 1ds. 4d. per cwt., making short credited 15 ss . 8 d Sterting.
100 H s . ground Cofice, crediteri at 4d. per lb. being limble to 5 s . por cwt. additional ; making short credited, 4s. od. Sterling.

## ANswers.

Not collected at the time of entry, owing to the Collector's not being aware that these articles were su je-t to duty.

Admitted at that rate, supposing it to be the correct duty, not having, at that time, a table of duties for my guidance.

# hemarks on the stcromats of Collections renterel buy the Collector of the Port of Amherstburgh. (Comtimued.) 



Quarter emted 5th Junury, 1813.
t bales Hops. 405 hbs ., valurd at les 15 s . (id. which appears to be undervalued.

Inswpector General's Cffice, Kingston, 25th April, 1813.

Josprll ciary
Deputy laspector Gencral.

These ware wron! gunlity trol hops, and ant presiod as first quality usually are.

Custom Ihnus', Amhertsburg, 5th May, 1813.

FR. CALDWELL, C. C.

## Remarks on thr Accounts of Collectuons rendered by the Collector of the Port of Chathazs.

Quarter andrel 5th Aprl 1812.
The followine proprly admitted free, and which is hatle ta duts, viz: :-
Druge and Medicincs, valued at Le 16s. 6al. The later is hable to $1:$ per cent, and Drogs 5 per


 which is not credited.

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    © parra Men's thick Boots, \(\mathfrak{E x}\) es.
    © ". Bromes............ 15:
    " Shors . . . . . . . . . . . . is. 3d.
    - Men's bo ts, at..... 10s. per pair.
    19 .. .. al.... 5s. per pair.
    12 ". Poss Bouts, at..... Miss.
    12.. Whmea's Kips. at... Is. 102d. per pair.
    12 " Childs" Shoes, at.... 15 .
    The valuation of the above appears extrensly
juw.
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(2uarter ended 5)/h July, 1812.

Drugs and Mehrines, value $\mathfrak{X} 85,10 \mathrm{~s} .11 \mathrm{l}$.
No duty is credited. Medicines are hable to 15 per cont, wall 1 rugs, 5 per cent.

Hams, value $\mathrm{f}!\mathrm{t}$ s., at 5 per cent., amounts to 49. Bd., nut eredited.

36 libs. T'abacro, $£ 1$ 2s. $6 d .$, credited at 20 per ent., equal to 4* (0.4. ; is liable to duty at 2d. per 1b., making (is.; being shart credited, is. 6 d .

1 doz. men's Brogues, valued at £2,12s. Gd., being a low valuation.

1 doz. playing Cards, 10s. nt 15 per cent., should be 30 per cent., making short credit 1 s . 6 d .

See my letter, 19th May, 1813.

Thear aruclea wrote purchased in Baston by Mestr:, J han and Jat. D ugall; and, from inquirics I cansed 4 b mad there, 1 find such articles are sold at surh prices for cash.

Sce my loter of 19 th May, 1843.

Sce my letter of 19th May, 1843.

Purchased at auction in Detroit.

See my letter of 10th May, 1843.

Remarkis on the Accounts of Collections renlered by the Collector of the Port of Chatham.-(Continued.)

## (B. B.)

$6{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{Pb}$ hughs, E 7 ( 0 s, ; 44 lbs sule Leather, 26 s . 4d, which appear very low.

125 lb . Tobacen at 20 per ecent amounts $t$, 189. 9.1., is liable to dity at ged. per lb, makin! 20 ; 10d, being short credited 2 s . Id.

100 l's. Che ss. $£ 2$ 17s. ; 278 lbs. Sugar Cakes, 0n. 51. ; 5elb: Puty. 17s. fil.; 1 hox Confe tioncry, 21s, $341: 2$ boves Pipes, 19s. 64.; 130 lhs.
 mon, 3s. (id. ; 1 PipN, 10 l.: 1 set (r. S. Spo ns, 5 z. ; 2 gross Bution:, 1. 7ll.; 1 pack Pens. 2s. ©d. ; steel Pens, 3 s. !d. : 1 net figured Tea-ep onn, 3s. 2l. ; 7 gross Pearl Rutons, 10s. 8 I. : 2 doze. Hooks and Eyes, is. 6 id. ; I doz. hixes Wafers, 1s. ; 6 breast P'ins, 3a. 21.; 3 dm . Thimbles, 7s. 6s. ; 9 Knives, 12s. 7d.; 1 pir surar 'l'onts, 1s. 3m.; 1 pair butter

 petre. 6:. 3 l ; 8 lhs. Liqurice, 10s.; and 1 bos hair O.I.2., if.. equaltise 18s. 9d. at 5 per rent.;
 bores Ghas, 3īs.; $31 \frac{1}{2}$ Ibs. Snufl, £2 6s. 4d.;

 6 reans writing Paper, 毛1 10s. ; 1 rean Foulscap Paper, 1 lic. 3 I.; and 1 dozen Mazor.Str pa, 3s., equal to $£=3 \mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{~s}$, at 30 per cent.-The difference in the ayrevate, being shont credited ess. 2fd.

The rates of duty do not correspond, nur does the amount of valuation say-

210 lbs Candler,

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\end{aligned}
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## Quarter cnded 5th October, 1842.

Drug; and Medicines. valued at $£ 101 \mathrm{~s}$. , is athmitted frec.
Drug ar: subjeet to 5 pre eent., and Medicines, 15 per rent., not redited. The value of each is required.

50 lbs Plig Thbaceo, at 20 per cent., is credited 6s. 3 l ., liable to duty at 2 d . per lb . ; short credited, 2s. 1d.

35 Ihs. Refined Sugar, at 20 per cent. $=1 \mathrm{~s}$. $5 d$., is liable to 94 . per 16 .; being short credited 1 s .5 d . under Provincial Act.

8 pairs Women's Figured Calf Skin Boots, 24s.
0)" Pegred Boti, $\sum_{1}$ 5a. 2d.

6 " Men's Pegged Kip Brogues, 13s. 6d.
122 lbs . S sle Leather, £ E 15s.
$100 \frac{3}{4}$ " " at 10 cts. per lb.
The above valuations appear extremely low.
3 roams Wrapping Paper, 11s. 3d., credited at 15 per cent. ; should be 30 per cent., being short credited, 1s. 8d.

1 kgg Gunpowder admitted, the importation of which is prohibited.

101 lbs. Tobacco, at 20 per cent., is credited 13s, 11d. Shou'd be 2d. per lb, making the sum of 2 s .11 d . Stg. short credited.

1 Thrashing Machine, valued £17 10a.
Apparently undervalued.

Purchased at auction in Detroit.

Sce my letter of 19th May, 1843.

See my letter, 19th May, 1843.

See my letter 10th May, 1843.

Ditto.

Ditto.

## Purchased in Boston.

At 16 cts. per return.

See my letter, 19th May, 1843.

Charged by mistake. Was put on board the Steamboat at Windsor, opposite Detroit.

See my letter, 19th May, 1843.

## Second-hand article.

Remarks on the Accounts of Collections rendered by the Collector of the Port of Chatham.-(Continued.)
Quartrr cuded 5th Jonuary, 1813.
Soe my letter, 19th May, 1843.

1 barrel Peaches, 1 .
to disty at 5 per cent.
Ploughs alued at 25s. each, appears very low.
$201\} 4001 \mathrm{bs}$. Tobarco, at 20 per cent., credited $208\}$ ell 18s. 2 d .
lo hat te to ed. per Ib, £3 8s. Wd., being short credted 齐l los.

53 lbe. Nole Leather, valued at 10 ets. jer ll.. whela apy ars a very low valuation.

06 Ihs. Tobares is credited is. 10d. At ed. per It woul ! lu- 13 . Sterling, making a short credit of : fs. wh. St rhig.

12 pairs Mons Boots at 0s. per pair, whel is a ver! low valuation.
 Id pur the, the amo:nt is $\dot{L} 2$ Us. dd., being shom (redited 17s. 2d. Sterling.

The va'ution of the Gonds throughout the Collecturs Retums for 1st2, appears to be very low.

Fiom in letter recorded in this offier, it appeas that Mr. Coneraregrantel a cembiate on the "flect that - James Merat mater of the sehome calted 'Th. ‘hartote.' had pad the lightu is.
 Oureference to the acromes of the collerer for that year, it does not appear that credt was givenfer such duties.

An exprantion of this circumetance is required from the Collector, who is at the same tume requ-t:1 to state the tomage: of the vessel, and other pariiculars.

Insper tor Gienerals Office.
Kingston, 8th May. 1843.

## JOSEPH CAIIY

Deputy Inspector General.

Purchased at auction.
See my letter 19th May, 1813.

At 16 cts. per seturn.

Sec my Ietter 10th May. 184?.

Parchased at a Mardal's sale.

See my letter 10th May, 1 st:

Owing to the distrecsed state of the times, Gonds have berl wid at Wetrot from 30 to 50 per cent. 'ower than last year, for cand.

At the opening or the navigation in 1811, "The (harthac.' 15 bons birthen, was entered at this

 daty uns i the rose of theseracm.

At the oprong of the mavigutn thin vessel atad with wath cerificate, hit did not return, having been sod to an American.

## No. 9.-Notc by the Commisioner, accompanied with Eetracts fiom his Journal.

Nome--In submitting the fullowing Extracts fr $\cdot \mathrm{m}$ my Jomrrat, and Lathers cablibiting the mat me of my cotreponduc. thene ondy ato seter ted that $b$ ar innen prits which 1 concerve of impoutine in mabling IL Excelinwy the Geveror General, and
 of exinting abmses in the seytem of conlecting tow Revener, with a view of cirreci $g$ them be fitur. Legstation ; and I hase om aprogize fiom the delay in prepuring them, -hot when it is re oll etel thai I hater had ne acsistance bit that of one Clerk, and that enly fur the last six in? the,- hat I was, up to the week before the inceting of the Legshature. cmployed travelling in the histrict, and orca-1, ally sent from on: extremity of the lat I Ifer Provine to the ather.-and that th: offiee was a new one and consequently without remu'ar sis of Books, I rust allowance will be made for the many defectis and want of regularity wheh may be found in them.

MALCOLM CAMERON.

## EXTRACTS FROM JOURNAL.

Aprid 15th, 1842.
Visted Windsar, the place wher the Collector of Castoms for the Poit of Sisnown a has his office: aw Mr. Merer the Deputy Coliectur, h has been inoflice 12 months, and is also Deputy Sherriff.

The arcounts wore all rosed up to the bith of Apre instont, and the balanes remitted th the Receiter Gonemal. The only book in the Office was a kind of blifer, and had been commenced in Janary 1811, the form of which had been taken from the Amherstburg Office; no instructions had heen received from the head of the lepartment as to Bouks, Forms, \&c., except quarterly Returns.Thr Book now kept was never intended for an "cxtibit." but was simply to enable them to mako out the Returns. The Collector had bought a good
set of books but never opened them, as he had been led to expect a form would be furnished from the Inspector General's Office. No letters, copies of letters or returns kept in the Office, the Collector, Captain Elliot, having these at his own residence in the Township of Moore, about 60 miles distant. The form of the book kept (a copy of which had been sent to the Inspector General's Office with the Quarterly Return) was as follows:-


The Collector generally requires payment down, but with the principal merchants he settes once a quarter; the entries, however, are regularly made when the goods are imported, though packages are never examined; and though some had not paid the amounts dive, it appeared the Collector had remitted for them. Found many goods entered at hall the original cost,--in one case, Sole Leather, upon the same day, 130 lhs . at 6 dd. per lh ., and 130 lbs . at $3 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~d}$., whercas the actual cost is not less than Is. 2d. Currency; in this case the Importer paid on!y one-fourth of the duty required by law.-Surh glaring imposition should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. If the several Collectors were furnished with a New York paper containing the most arcurate prices current, they could always (by adding 20.25 or 33 per ecent. as the purchases might be at Buflako. Cleveland or Detrnit) have a just idea of the cost, and in case of evident frands should seize the goods; and if, attor boing in possession of such information, ho shoutd admit any goods at such improper valuations, he should be dismissed. Persons bringing in Flour and other gonis not liable to duty, have relused to enter. - The Collector is not certain what course he ought to pursue-instructed him to compel them to report. The ferry-bnat is a Stcamer-shnuld be requited to enter every trip that she brings any thing more than passengers and their luggage. The law should be immediately revised apon the subject of internal commanira-tion_-it must be clear, explicit and liberal-entry and all fees lower than upon the coast, or entirely done away with, the object being merely to reguInte the trade, to guard the imports from fraud, and remunerate the Officers employed. The registration of vessels should bo required. The Ferrics should be under the control of the Collectors of Customs. Mucli smuggling is done at this place.Whiskey and Toa, the principal articles; though a considerable quantity of Cordage. Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Turpentine, Oakum, Leather, Books. Saleratus, Brooms, sce. is brought in. The Olficer is decidedly of opinion that a reduction of daty would increase the Revenue, - he complains that he does not yet understand the Law, especially the last one, and is anxious to have a book of instructions, \&er. ; he complains that the Collector at Chabame enters goods lower than their value, to at tract trade to his Port, and gives permit to land goods at the Port of Sandwich (or Windsor) even before they are purchased.*

[^20]The law should be very explicit in defining the duties of Officers and the limits of their Ports, and relative to the circumstances in which any interference is admissible.

Appendix
(B. B.) 27th October.

Captain Elliot is a highly respectable man, an old Officer of Marines; his sureties are both good and sufficient, James Porter, a merchant at Port Sarnia, and Froome Talfuurd, Esquire, of Moore. The office is constantly open, and besides the De. puty, a man is kept at the landing place-the whole cmoluments not over $£ 60$ a year:. Examined and checked the entrics and calculations for the last year, and found them correct.
Visited Amherstnurg, called on Mr. Keville, the Deputy Collector; he has been in office cleven ycars, and is brother-in-law of Mr. Caldwell, the Collector, who lives one and a-half miles offi-Mr. C.'s sureties are Messrs. James and John Caldwell -they are respectable farmers, and perfectly responsiblc.

The books are neatly and correctly kept : examined them for several years back, and particularly noted and compared the entries of 1841.


Goods not liable to duty from January to April, $1842 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$.
Mr. Kevill being the Postmaster, the office is constantly open, and from all parties I hear him highly spoken of; while he executes lis duty faithfully and correctly, he has managed to secure the respect of all the merchants and owners of bonts. With this latter class much depends on the liberality of the officer, as the law allows entrance fers 2s. 6d., clearance 5s., permit to discharge, \&c., which might be demanded, and if insisted on, many of the boats would abandon the route ; this should be immediately remedied. One Collector charges the Steamboat "Brothers," $\mathbf{x}^{2} 20$ for the season, another charges only £2 10 s. and another charges nothing. Such a power to affect and impede trade should not he left in the hands of any officer: a small fee, 6 d . or $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$, night be required in remunerate the officer ard ensure regularity, but no more: and 1 ani of opinion that a fixed salary to Collectors would operate better on trade, though commission on reccipts have some advantages with respect to revenuc.
To prevent Smuggling, persons have been employed (with a promise of a share of booty) to give information; by this means several seizures have been made-at one time 74 bbls. of Whiskey ; this and Tea are the principal articles smuggled. Whiskey is now only 9d. per gallon, in Detroit ; if the duty were only 3d., the Collector is of opinion that importers would rather pay the duty than run the risk.
The great object in legislating for obtaining information relative to Smugg'ing, is, so to arrange matters that it may be had without exposing the informer, and yet that he may be remuncrated. Mr.Kevill has employed persons who have conveyed information by dropping letters into the box at his Post-office, and this is the only way he can get it. He is of opinion that the increased duty on Coffee, Sugar, and Tobacco, will have the effect of decreasing the Revenue and encouraging Smuggling. Mr. K. has kept a separato book for goods not liable to duty ; complains that he has to recoive uighthouse dues, and measure vessels to ascertain their tonnage, and gets no pay or commission for these duties. No vessels have been built at this port, but the following are o wned here :-

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\begin{array}{lrl}
\text { The Dougall, of } & 150 \text { Tons. } \\
\text { Amherstburg, } & 140 & " \\
\text { Chapman, } & 87 & " \\
\text { Helen Park, } & 80 & "
\end{array}
$$

From Amherstburg eastward to Port Antrim, along the shore of Lake Erin, there is 75 miles of coast left unguarded, and 9 stmres at different distances on the route. The "Ronde-Eau" should bo a port of entry, distance from Chathan across the land about 23 milos. Nothing has been entered at this office for those stores, except Salt. The coast is opposite to the large towns of Cleveland, Sandusky, and Huron, in the state of Ohio, and cannot be watched, as any description of Coast Guard would be too expensive.

The Collector has doubts about the meaning of the new Act and the Circulars he has received; has never had any precise instructions, nor forms of books. He has a writ of assistance, dated 17 h June, 1835. Query.-ls this writ still in furce? Can such a writ be issucd, on application, to all the Collectors, as it is of great importance in making seizures, giving power to the Collector to call upon any constable without applying to a magistrate, or the affidavit of an informer.

Mr. Kevill, in 1837, was required to keep an account of goods entered by the Commissariat, for Government, at this port; it amounted to $£ 117$. He has boen notified that this amount was charged to him ; petitioned Government with evidence of facts, but has had no answer; desires to be released from this claim.

Visited Chatian ; saw the Collector, Mr. Cosgrave, a respectable and intelligent man, well spoken of by all the merchants. His surcties are Robert Crow of Dover Enst, and Simon Hock of Raleigh, both sufficient. Keeps a Day-book and Ledger, as usual in country Stures, clear, neat, and satisfactory.

The amounts remitted by him to the Recciver General, were as follows :-

| In | 5 | 0 | () |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In Oetober | 09 | 10 | 0 |
| In January | 69 | 15 | 0 |
| In April | 30 | 2 | 3 |
|  | £243 | 7 | 3 |
| light-house dues received |  |  |  |
| at Chatham | 21 | 10 | 0 |

Complains of having this collection to make, and the measuring of vess?!s to dn, without reward. Mis office open every day, and duty done by himself; he also attends the boats. He employed persons at one time to watch smugglers on the River who wed small craft, but is of opinion that the Steamboats now do all the business; freights aro low, and he does not think that much business is done now; is of opinion that admission at a low rate of duty is the only way to prevent it, and that the increase of duty on Tobacco, Coffee, \&c., will decrease the Revenue. He cannot understand the last Act, and has not charged duties on Lumber. \&cc.; was not aware of the existence of Writs of Assistance, but wanted this power much; never
had receivod any instructions whatever I nor had any limits assigned to his port.

Appendi;
(B. B.)
 well as Quarterly Returns; and in case of the death 274 Octover. or bankruptcy of the Collector, the Government would have two-thirds or one-third, as the caso might be, instoad of losing all as they would at present.

I was informed that a Mr. Nalson had boen collectiny duties at Antrim, near the Ronde-Eau, without authority, and withn't accounting for them; called the attention of the Government to the circumstance, by a letter to the Secretary.-(May 3d, 1812.)

Visited Hamilton and Turonto on my way to Kingston, for instructions and information; at Toronte, found thing' going wrong, and great discontent prevailing annong the merchants and others; was waited upon by members of the board of 'rrale, complaining that the 5 per cent. Colonial duty was mado cumulative contrary to Law, and also of the addition of 10 per cent. to the original cost, which they contend can only ba levied when the Collector has reason to doubt the truth of the Importer's declaration; they also complain of the refusal of the Officer to take bonds for Imperial duties.

Arrived at Kingston; saw the Inspector General and Scerctary on the subject of complaints at Toronto, anl addressed the following letter to Messry. Thompson and Farr, at that place :-

Kingston, May 13th, 1812.

## Gentlemen,

I have much satisfaction in informing you that the Inspector Gencral has determined that the additional 5 per cent. charged on goods at Toronto, was in error, and that the anount will be refunded.

The 10 per cent., in addition to the original cost of goods, to determine their value at the place of importation, is approved; and I bave taken a copy of the Attmrney General's opinion, which I will submit to your Bard when 1 go up. The opinion of Mr. Manahan relative to bonds, is also sulstained. The linperial Ant requiring all duties icvied under it, to be paid befire a permit to discharg : b: signod ; all other Officers will forth with be instructed to act in conformity to these views.

I have the honor to be, \&c.
M. C.

Had referred to me the letter of Mr. Joseph Sifton of London, complaining of the conduct of Mr . Clench, the Inspector of Licenses for that District; wrote the following lotter, and filed away the letter and report of the Inspector Goneral:-

## (Copy.)

Kingiton, May $16 \mathrm{th}, 1812$.
I have the honor to inform you that your letter of the 11th instant, to tho Inspector General, complaining of the conduct of the Inspecter of London. has been referred to me for examination. I shall be in London about the 1st of June, when you will please be ready with all evidence you can give, to substantiate the charge against the Inspector, and you may depond upon a fair and full investigation of the matters thus brought under the notice of the Government.
(Signed,)
M. CAMERON,

Com. of Inquiry.
Mr. Joseph Sifton,
London.
 97山 October.

Arrived at Toronro ; called on Mr. Kelly, and advised him of the intention of Government not to exact the 5 per cent. additional duties, while he was to add the 10 per cent. to original cost, and - not take bonds for duties levied under the Imperial Statute; wrote to him a letter to that effect.
Called at Oakvilue-went to the Custom Houso -found Robert Chisholm, son of the late Collector, who has for some time done the whole duty of the Office; his books have been kept exactly in the form of the Quarterly account-were neat, legible and correct,-found but few goods entered at this Port, most of the merchants getting their stock from Montreal. Salt has been the principal article of import $n \mathrm{r}$. Chisholm is of opinion that charging the Sterling duty, and reducing the duty on Liverpool Salt, will considerably affect the Revenue. $I$ examined carefully into the accounts of the past year.

It appears that on the 9th March, 1840, the Inspectur General rendered Mr. Chisholm's account, making the balance $£ 219$ 14s. 7 娳. Mr. Chisholn's allowance for 1837, being retained in conseruence of defualt on the Returns in December, 1837, when Mr. C. and all his family were on the frontier in defence of the Province. Mr. C. was informed that if the balance of $£ 11014 \mathrm{~s} .7$ 7 $\boldsymbol{3}^{\mathrm{d}} \mathrm{d}$. was paid, the allowance would be restored.
The balarice then computed nett, .. $£ 11914$ To gross am't of duties collected since, $281 \quad 15 \quad 0$

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Less allowance for } 1841, \ldots . \begin{array}{|ccc|}
\hline 401 & 9 & 7 \frac{3}{4} \\
100 & 0 & 0 \\
\hline & \\
\text { Balance due by Mr. C., } \ldots . . & £ 301 & 9 \\
74
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
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He could not inform me who his father's suroties werc; hoped to be able to secure the Government in this debt by a large balance he believed the Government owed his late father from the expenditure on the Owen Sound Road, and the balance either by the Pier or other security at 12 months.

Examined the books connected with the Harbour dues which Mr. Chisholin is appointed to collect; found them remarkably correct and satisfactory; he has given bonds, himself for $£ 600$, and two sureties, Jacob Randal, Master Builder, and Nicholas Boylan, owner of two Schooners and master of one.
'Tolls not likely to be as good as last year, as the greater part of the Whrat was shipped in the fall.

The amount of Tolls collected in
1841, was................
Less, the sit $12 \quad 21$
$\overline{\text { £154 } 12 \quad 2 \frac{1}{2}}$
The gross receipts from 30th Dec.,
1840 , to Dec. 1841, £369 $10 \quad 6 \frac{1}{2}$
Less, salary of R. Chis-
holm,
7500

Mr. Chisholm remitted to Receiver General-
Cash, August 3d, 1841, e129 00
Cash, Sept. " $139 \quad 10 \quad 8$
A bill of improvements on Pier, $\quad 88 \quad 12 \quad 8 \frac{1}{2}$

Cash ramitted in May, 1842, \begin{tabular}{llll}

| $£ 357$ |
| :--- | \& $\mathbf{9 2}$ \& $4 \frac{1}{2}$ <br>

\& 5 \& 44 <br>
\hline$£ 449$ \& 8 \& 9
\end{tabular}

being the full balance to 1st January, 1842. The work at the Pier, Planking, \&c. is very well done, and was absolutely necessary to secure the whole, and the prices charged in the bill reasonable and just.
Burlington Canal.-Found there a Mr. Tilly a yrung man who had been five years in Mr. Chis. hiln's employ; he has a salary of £60a year; his duties are to open the draw-bridge and attend the Light-house, and receive checks or tickets from vessels, signed by Mr. Chisholm or his deputy; he keeps an account only of vessels driven in by digtress of weather, or those coming without a check. I examined a memorandum he had of 1841 ; he had entered,

24 vessels over 50 tons burthen at 10s., £12 00
Duties on Staves, . .......... $210 \quad 0$
3 vessels under 50 tons at 5 s.,. . . . . . . . $0 \quad 15 \quad 0$
\& $15 \quad 5$
and had still two vessels debtors for $£ 1$-says he received no dues this season.

Arrived at Hamiluton; employed all day getting information as to the manner in which business was done; found a universal opinion prevailing, that while the Collector, Col. John Chisholm, was a most honorable man, his son, who acted for him, had grossly mismanaged the business ; called to examine the books, but found all in confusion; they were fitting up, and moving into a new office; had a general conversation, and informed them I would call again to-morrow morning ; meantime mede further inquiries, and found out two specilic cases of most culpable negligence, the one, an account rendered-

## Daniel Mc‘Nab, Esq.

To John Chisholin, Dr.
To duties at 15 per cent. on $\$ 008.00$ £34 1 4 entries at 2 s . 6 d . .. $010 \quad 0$
£34 116
October 5th, 1841.
handed in by the Deputy Collector himself; and though Mr. Mc'Nab was called upon afterwards for other dutios, this sum never has been called for since, nor is the Collector aware of the fact of its being due. The other arose from negligence in not checking a cargo ; amounts to about $£ \stackrel{1}{2}$,-is with the firm of Isaac Buchanan \& Co., but owing to the absence of two of the partios, I cannot get full particulars. Went to the office; found there Col. Chisholm, his son, and son-in-law; put my usual interrogatories; Col. Chisholm lives 4 miles from Hamilon; was appointed Collector of Customs in 1817; is also Collector of Tolls, and Lighthouse Keeper at Burlington Beach; his Sureties are Col. Kerr, at Wellington Square, and his brother, George Chisholm ; he informed me that his brother was in some difliculty, and that if the Government wished it, he would give another security.

The office is quite convenient, and near the principal wharf; it was formerly in the house of W. D. Chisholm, the Deputy Collector ; W. D. Chisholm has acted 4: years ; he formerly lived at
the Beach, where the office was kept from 1817 till 1838. It was found impossible to ascertain the contents of packages, or in fact the amounts of cargo, as vessels discharged at the wharves and often have no specific manifest, or description of cargo. Tho office is reqularly opened every day from 0 till 4 , and generally kept open for the evening boat ; a person is employed to attend the arrival of every eralt Mr. C. has a deputy at Stoney Creek; feels satisfied that much Smuggling is done ; can suggest no plan to prevent it, but moderate dutios; he has had two deputies in town, but has now only one.

I examined a new book opened this spring-i fair exhibit of the business ; found all the entrics of the last 2 weeks upon slips of paper tied up, and remonstrated against such a procedure, and reeommended immediately a blottor in which to copy invoices, instead of this method, by which papers are almost sure to be lost ; enquired for the books of last year, found only two, one a copy of the semiannual return of Tolls made to the Inspector General, the other a copy of the quarterly return of the Custom dues.

Another book which was shown to me, purported to be an aceount of vessels and cargoes; found only the names and cargocs of 38 trips; found no book of general entries, no accounts opened under separate heads for individuals, the Govermment, or vessels; no list of arrivals and departures; no account of monies received with date; no cash book of any kind; was told that a memorandum book containing a list of vessels had been kept, but wa at Wellington-square, where another brother har the old hooks for the purpose of examining them in the winter.

The entries of 1842. though more regular, show no prices in detail, and it is impossible from them to tell whether goods have been fairly valued or not.

The Canal Tolls should be kept entirely separate it appears to me that the offirer depented wholly on the wharfingers: called upon them at the end o the quarter, and took their statement of all imports and exports, thus rudering the Government obnoxious to all losses from negligence, errors or deceptions of parties un way interested in the mat ter, except in paying as little as porsble; it is but fair, however, to sa in this case, that the character responsibility, and punctuality of the forwar.lers of Ilamilton, make their statements anl the extracis from their books very satisfactory evidence.
Mr. Joseph Davis, som-in-law of Colonel Chis holm, some time a lawyer in Ilamilton, is now in the nflice, assisted by W. D. Chisholm, son of the Collector.
Found by the books that the amount

## of Tolis collected in the year 1841

was................................ £1413 45
Whereas I find, by Gunn \& Brown,

| that they paid, in 1841. | £1438 1911 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lande' acct., he paid, in 1841 | 351 |  |  |
| Wilson's acct., " about. | 150 | 0 |  |
| Colenan's " " about. | 120 | 0 |  |
|  | £2000 | 9 |  |
| Vessels, as per Col. Chisholm's acct. | 120 | 0 |  |
| Amount received by Tilly, at Bur- |  |  |  |
| lington Beach . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 15 | 5 |  |

Amount of Tolls returned by Col.
Chisholm
$1413 \quad 4 \quad 5$

So that there can be no doubt a loss has been sustained in monies actually received, on account of Tolls, to the amount of ${ }^{\text {e }} 78210 \mathrm{~s} .2 \mathrm{~d}$.
1 have also ascertained an amount for goods that ${ }^{27 \mathrm{th}}$ Octobes, were entercd und not collected, of $£ 100$.

I intimated my feelings on the subject to Col. Chistolm, and mentioned the circumstance of the £34 11s. 64. and the £ 25 , and gave him two weeks to prepare statements and explanations.

Visited Mr. Willson, the Inspector of Licences, for the Gore Distrirt. Balance of his account current, Sept. 1839, £617 15.38.; compared all the balances, issurs and receipts, and found all the accounts remarkably correct, though there is an entire want of system in the book, it being a mere list of licenses.

Mr. Willson appears, by his books, to have paid up, in full, to the 5 th April, 1842 . I enquired of him if any good resulted from persomal visitation; he thought there had, as he had fuunt Stills where none were ever known to be previously.

One person, Snider, in 1830, paid, for 60 gallons,毛7 10s.; this same person, in 1841 , paid 120 gailons, hut, when measured, it gave 300 gall, ns, leaving 270 to be paid lor, making an additional revenue of
£ $20 \quad 50$
John A. Wilkes paid, in 1830, 60
gallons £ $7103 . ; 1840,270$ galluns,
should bo £27; however, £13
10., was taken for one Still, Mr.

Wilson being instructed to act
with leniency and discretion.
In 1811, J. A. Wilkes paid for two Stills, 180 gallons each, £ 27 ; gained, hy actual admeasurement.
$1010 \quad 0$
A. 'T. Kerby paid £12 10s., should, by admeasurement, have paid
£:57; encreased revenue
$4410 \quad 0$
£ 8450
This fact proves the necessity of admeasurement.
Mr Willson finds it difficult to convict, from the aversion of persons to being considered informers; but is more ann yed and surprised at the lavity of the Magistrates in asting efficiently in convicting, or even recovering fines after conviction.

Could a sketch or plan of each Township be furnishel to each Collector and Inspector?-if so, he could hav down every roal. Mr. W. has an alphabetical list, tike an Index Book, of every lieensed houee, and keeps a journal of travel; he has held the offeco of Inspector since 1816 ; resides at Saltfleet. twelve miles from Hamilton. His sureties are Michanl Aikman, James L. Wison and Colonel Nelles. The sources of the revenues which he collecta are licenses to shops, inns, stills, ale and beer houses, steamboats, billiard tables and pedlars.

Mr. W. is of opinion that fines from convictions should now br paid by the Magistrates to the Treasurer of the District ; but this is, certainly, an erroneous opinion.

## Inns, \&cc, in all. 131 Licenses, amount-

ing to ............................ £ 69500
Fourteen Stills, licensed in 1839 .. 166150
Amount of fines on conviction, Dec. $20 \quad 0 \quad 0$
June 14th, 1842.
Gonerrea ; called on Charles Widder, Esquire, Inepector of Licenses for the Huron District. The District was set off from that of London in 1841.

Mr. W.'s securities are Thomas M. Jones and F. Widder, of the Canada Company, both responsible. Mr . Widder has made his first quarterly return to the Inspector General, and transmitted the money to that Officer in error, but received the Receiver Gencral's acknowledgment. A book of instructions should be handed to these Officers, as well as to the Collectors of Customs. Mr. W. had visited the District ; had one person fined, but he ran away. Many parties notoriously violate the law, under the plea of not selling less than three gallons, but allow the buyers to take it away in quarts or glasses.

The Act requires a duty of 1 s . 6 d . In the printed form sent to Mr. Widder, the receipt says 2 s .6 d . per gallon.

In the admeasurement of Stills, it should be more clearly defined whether the Joubler, Still and Feints Tub, arc all to be measured.

Called upon the Clerk of the Peace, and ascertained that not more than half of the persons who had taken out certificates had paid for their licenses; -made out a list of their names and took it to Mr. Widder; instructed him to look after these partics immediately, as no doubt every one of them was selling : found that several of them were indulged with time, some having paid a part. Mr. Widder admitted that he gave them indulgence on the scorc of poverty.

The Sheriff had no funds and had made his return.

Called on Mr. Galt, the Collector of Customs; he is a very clever, clear-headed and active officer, and would be very valuable at a more important post. Mr. Galt is also Registrar of the County, his oflice is open every day; the sureties are William Dunlop and Charles Prior, the latter is insufficient. Mr. G. has been in office since 1834.

The state of the Harbour, the impossibility of communication owing to the want of Stoam B rats, the contention of party spirit, and the dependendence of the Stores on London, make the importations at this Port trifling ; it could in three years good management yield $£ 500$. The facilities for smuggling are unlimited along the coast, especially at the Sable River, the Maitland in Ashfield, and at Sanguink.

Mr. Galt's books were neatly, clearly and properly kept; he furnished me with his opinions in writing on all subjects connected with the inquirics I was making, and the department in general, which I shall submit to the Government, as 1 think them valuable and to his credit. All his receipts are regularly remitted.

Visited Port Stanley, the place of importation for the large amount of goods required for the supply of St . Thomas, Delaware, London, and the surrounding country; Colonel Bostwick is the Collector, was appointed about the year 1831, is a Canadian, served in the late war, and has resided here ever since; examined his books, and found them very irregular, the amounts not always made up, nor carried out at all, but made up and closed in the quarterly return, of which no copy was kept. No account kept with the Receiver General, as he sent each quarter the amount in his hands, and thought no more of it ; never had any faults found with. his accounts, nor had any of them ever been sent back for irregularities. Recommended a form to him. and opened an account for the Receiver General,
in which I instructed him to enter all monies received. On inquiring relative to the responsibility of his surcties, I found that one of them, Mr. Chrysler, was deficient-in fact, he had failed, and $\overbrace{27 t h}$ October. had been in the States for some years. Examined the valuations of goods; found several Carding Machines entered at $\$ 100$ each, no doubt worth over $\$ 400$; pointed out to Mr. B. the loss sustained by the Government in this way, and recommended him to observe the New York prices current, particularly as to Leather, \&c. Goods received this spring have never yet been entered in a book, but are kept on lonse slips of paper ; desired that this systom should be immediately discontinued, and that every entry should at once be marle in a book. Compared the entries and accounts for three years back-they appeared generally correct, but it was impossible to check or balance them without the Quarterly Returns, as he has no copies, and his books had never been checked or balanced.

Mr. B. said he was astonished at recciving a Circular warning him not to grant permit to land goods out of the limits of his Port, he never having before heard of his Port having been defined, and he was still entirely ignorant of his bounds. Asked Mr. B. for an explanation of the great variation in the amounts collected during several years back: he said that it was caused by the state of the Harbour; that in the year 1839 (when the amount was some hundreds of pounds larger than the preceding or following years), the Harbour was in good order. and many goods entered, but that since that period it had been getting bad, and was now a perfect nuisance, and being dangarous for schooners to approach; the goods were now entered at Hamilton.

Mr. B. was of opinion that other Collectors had not insisted on vouchers and affidavits as he had, for in soine instances goods are entered at other places at an apparent disadvantage to the importers.

Found an crror in 1840, of about $£ 6$, and in 1836. 17s. 7d. never entered, but left them unnoticed for the present. as without the quarterly returns I could not check the whole correctly.

Requested Mr. Bostwick to shew me his books relative to the Canal Tolls. He had never kept any book, but had memoranda on papers, and had made regular returns, copies of which he had kept and filed. I took down the amounts of these after examining them; and observing that that of 1841 was more than double any of the previous years (being $£ 11051 \mathrm{~s} .10 \mathrm{~d}$., while the averago of the last ten years was about $\mathrm{E}^{2} 00$ ), was led to inquire into the cause of such a difference; it appeared to have arisen from an unusually large quantity of wheat having been shipped that season. This also accounts for the fact of the amount of duties collected in 1841, being nearly double that of 1840 .

Mr. Bostwick thinks 5 per cent. a very inadequate remuneration for the receipt of Tolls; is better paid for the collection of duties, but thinks it unfair that he gets no more for collecting $£ 900$ than for $£ 200$. He thinks that all goods should pay Tolls by weight. The manifests should be required to state either weight or measurement ; every vessel should have a register, and her tonnage stamped on the main beam, as it is impossible to detain them for measurement at all times.

Fort Erie, July 7th.-Called at the Custom-house and saw the Deputy Collector. Colonel Kerby, the Collentor, was a way fromhome attending the Assizes, where he had a law suit pending relative to the Ferry. The young man could give the but little information, save the fact that smuggling was car-

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ried on to a considerable extent all along the foot of the Lake and the Niagara River; and that with the law and means in the support and aid of the of the Ollicer, it was impossible to suppress it.

Saw a boat land at Windmill Point, which had .onu- from Buthalo (New York) ; som after saw a wagem wheh had just left the beach, loaded with sesthes, eradles, snathes, and salt. On the route irim Fort Eric to Port Cobborne, called at Peter Nerts, an honest Dutchman, who keeps a small sture: he infirmed in? that many perwons on the cont made a living by smugyling nod eomecaling ; that they needed but litto supplies from England or Montreal, as the Pollars supplied them with 'Jen, Books. Tin, Leathur, Shoes, Ribbons, silks, Mermos, and almost everything.

Port C ilhorne- (nlled at the Welland canal Ollier ; saw Mr, Bhack. the agent. who acts as
 in an eld rely gembman, morly 70 , hat most corrent and industrmas; would maki a goul superior, but can seldom beave the oftice. While I was there, iwo or thene sehonere were cleared simply on production of ther manifests, withont any exanination whatever, th re being a landing Watiter or Gauger.

Mr. Shman the Collotor, romiles at Demnville, twenty mien wst on the Grand River, and is also Comberior for that Port, and Port kobinon at the junction of the Welland Camal and Chipma River.

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 anl wese of arain without reporting-never pro. duess manifist of charance-whe condd hand any amome of gonda. A schomer could salely discharge tou0 chasts 'Tea, in a day any where above or below this print.

Thergh Port c, ilburne is a phace at whirh bot a small amom of duties is collected, it is a pmint of the first importane be the Revenure, both as to the prewention if smaceling ly vesselepassing through He camal, and the landing of goods on the coast betwen For Eree and Port Dover. The Prineipal and the deputy should both he alluwed a salary, if the per eentage is insullimento pay a responsible and vigilant officer.

The IGabour and Cishthouse wow in the hands of the Buard of Werky wilf, of comreo, he improved aud bettor thanase il. The I ighthouse Dues from all vessels might be collecte $l$ and secured at this pint, even wert a better wastem for the cellection of the revemue in operation; this should be forthwith attended to.
I have no doult that by correct measurement and atemtion to tonnary durs, and a better ysstern adspted for the valuation of gonds, the reventue at all the small Ports could bo doubled; for instance, at Port Colbornc, Onkum is ontered $\$ 2$ per cwt., true value is 86 ; Nails at $\$ 4$ per keg, true valuc is $\$ 3$ : Tin at $\$ t$, true valua is $\$ 10$. On the 10 th of April was entered-keg Tobacco, value \$19, duty
charged 20 per cent., Mr. Black not being aware
that a law had passed 8 months previnus, imposing a specific duty of ed. per H.- ilie duty instead of being 19s, should have been over 35s. ; Sugar was entered at the same time at 5s. per cwt. duty, though ${ }^{27 \text { th }}$ Octoke by the same law it wa; liable to 14 s . 4d. ; a lot of Groveries, value $\$ 100$.-not a detail or invoice; another keg of Tolaceo entered at a value of 3 d . prill., 20 per cent. duty-a still greater loss than the rase mentioned above. I inquired if these returns hat never brem found fault with in the Inspector (ieneral'i ) lire, was answered no ! thoy never had any fault fombl with their returns. The fact is, the accomut-never had been examined at all, as every pare hat errors cither in valuation, rate of duty, or caleulation.

The Collector had nover recoived any instructions relative to the Act of 1841 ; tho accounts were rephar and $n$ nt; Mr. Black is Postmaster man Collector of Camal Polls, and has his office conslaitly $\quad$ 口иen.

Bisht miles from Poryt Inoustry, there is an inn kept hy on. Pury-a haunt of Smugglers ; two young men were there who had a tine boat, and vere waiting for change of wind to run over to Buftain: a very extensive business is done here in 'lea, Nalt. 'Twbece, Iurdware, \&e, for the farmers and for the camal.

Premeded t" Drwides a low flat village at the muth of the Ferer of the Welland Canal on Grand Ruer ; Mr. Nhehm, the Collector, resideshere ; his buks are wery irreratal ; an error in July. isth, of
 Imeek, with articke indetail, hut the account never "vtroded, or added up. Mr. Shehan has frequently had information of simugeters, but knowing the strength of patins, he does not attack thent ho think Proint Abimithe qreatest depot of the Smur-glar- Then Black Crowh on the Niagara River, and Westward ol this, Long li,int Bay.

Cabomont, wheme the Port Dover roal arosses the (irand River, thirt en miles from IIamilton: this is a very fins winatry, mal will soon be densely settled, and wil mpurs an exten ive importation of gonds: the b aits mavizating the Grand River sh vald b. th mushly examinedat the muuth, or at Chippawa, on thar catrance into the Province, as once in, they can discharge any where; the pracfiem of letting the a pass unexamined to their destination in the interiur will not answor, and must be put a stop to.

Hannitos, July 12th—Called at the office, found strict attention hal bern paid to instructions, and that since I last called the revenue had been fast incerasing, and that there was a prospect of a large rollection. Herard complaints against Mr. Davis, and hints as to his character from all partics.

Cmprawi-('alled on Mr. Mackem, the Collecthr. Wh: had hern recently appointed (in May); his sureties were Thomas Street and J. M. Cummings. both perfectly satisfactory.

Mr. M. has his office constantly open; attends pers nally : hascominenced a blot ter and day-book ; his ontrics appear regular, carefully made, and satisfactory : he has never received a form, not even of Quartorly Heturn, though he has applied for them-he has had no instructions whatever. He made a large seizure of tea and whiskey, and had apprized the Government of the circum stance ; the horses had since been stolen from the stable of one Davies, where they had beon placed for safe keeping. If possible, Davies should ba made responsible.
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and made to pay, as an example. They were taken by persons resident in Canada. The goods scized are advertized for sale on the 27th instant.
2ith October.
Mr. Mackem is aware that a great deal of smuggling is done on the River, and is of opinion that 80 bbls. of whiskey were brought in between Queenston and Niagara, probably the same lot that I had information was shipped as pork from Cleve-land-this is a common trick.

Mr. M. has a gond deputy, a Mr. M•Gregor; a good deal of smuggling is carried on just below the Falls: tho Deputy is exposed to great danger, and the prejudice of all the people is in favor of the smuggler. Mr. M. should be immediately furnished with a writ of assistance; he has charged no leos on the small stoamers; the Waterloo runs from Black Rock by Chippawa and Port Robinson, but he requires a rogular daily report, and has a person on the Dock ; he had deputies, but they gave up, thinks that Salt is constantly sold from schooners on the Canal. The system at Port Collorne must he altered, and an efficient man put there. If the Lack-keepers were of the right stamp, they would be of great value.

Quemston-Called on the Collector, Gifhert McMlicking, Esquire; his sureties are the Hon. John IIanillon and David Thorburn. Mr. McM, kerps his office in the same building in which the Bank is kept, and has done so aince 1838; he had a deppity; a Mr. Duff, who has left him, and he now has none; he has taken considerable trouble to prevent anumbing and thinke the vigilanco he not others have usel has driven the smuggling to the Lake. below Niagara. A Mr. Bebee carries on a very large busincss in T'ea; he is the person who principally supplies that article to Woodstock, 1 ondon, Sce. and has generally from three to six wagons rmployed at a time; Mr. MeMicking had an encounter with him once.

Mr. Mr.M. has only made two seizures this ycar -une of them was a lot of Tea ( 50 lbs.), owned by one of Capt. Richardson's sailors; the instant dismissal of this man ought to have been required. Mr. McM. harl seized a lot of Clocks, but the onus of proof was on himself in every thing, and so the smuguler got off; he complains that he is not sustained in his exertions and seizures, but rather discouraced by the Commissioners; in fact, smuggling is hardly hooked upon as a crime by the generality of people of the Niagara District. If fros were alolished here, and the officer remunerated ly a fixed salary, it would be much better. Mr. M . has not charged the steamboats any fues for enthance or clearance; his books are a Blotter and a copy of the Quarterly accounts-they are neat and well kept. Mr. M. is of opinion that a reduced Tarifl will increase the Revenue, and diminish the smurgling trade; he thinks that the Collectors should be Magistrates, and have power of appointing Constables. The people all aid and protect the smuggler : on two occasions property seized by him was rescued by an armed force. Found some entries irregular, viz. 450 lbs . nt 4 d ., article not named. Tobacco at 20 per cent. instead of 2 d . per $\mathbf{l b}$. Valuations of some Chip Hats and other goods very low.

Niagara-Satw Mr. M'Cormack, the Collector ; the amounts entered here appear very small for such a place; can be partly accounted for by the various and great facilities for transportation of goods from American Ports having diverted the business from Niagara.

Mr. M'Cormack keeps a Day Book, a transcript of the quarterly return, and a regular account for the public service, allin excellent styleand regularly balanced. Mr. M.C. made a seizure lately, and had the sale to-day; the feeling is so strong that there was no fair bidder, and he stopped sale and sent over the Goods to Toronto. Mr. MeCormark has two deputies ; boats are constantly examined; Mr. M'C. has been in office since 1820 ; his sureties, James Lockhart and James Boulton, are both good.

Mr. M•Cormack is of opinion that smuggling is carried on to a great extent on the River, and thinks it cannot be suppressed ; is of opinion that if all the duties were reduced to 5 per cent. even, the revenuc would be encreased, and has held this opinion for 20 years 2 d . per Ib . on Tea is the utmost that should be imposed.

I find that valuations of Goods here had been very' crroneous, but are now improving :-

Leather vained generally at 5hd, true value from 1s. tu 1 s . 2d. ; Cheesc $1 \frac{1}{2} d .$, value 2d. to 3 zal. ; Rice 2d., value 3d.; Chip Lats at less than half their cost ; at Queenston they are entered at 75 per cent. of course Niagara has had the Hat trade: Lemons are entered at 6s. 3d. per box ; Raisins at 5s., about 50 per cent. only helow their value ; Mr. M.Cormark will take declarations and observe prices at New York.

Callod at the Sheriff's Office; he was unwell; sent in a note desiring to be informed what fines he had reccived; a reply that he had received ${ }^{2} 1210 \mathrm{~s}$., but that he had retained it, as the Government nwed him money ; notified him to open an account for the Receiver-General. and remit the money frthwith, as he could not be allowed to retain the public revenue for any unsettled claim he might have against the Government.

Called on Mr. Millar, the Inspectnr of Licenses for the Niagrara District ; his books were commenced in December, 1830 ; entries clear and satisfactory; quarterly returns regularly made, and the whole amount remitted.

Mr. M. made a tnur of visitation through the district, and guaged every Still under the now Act: he found the measurement overrun the requisition in almost every cass, and recovered the sum of $£ 89$ 2s.. which, but for his faithful discharge of his duty, would have been lost to the revenue; it is imprytant to commend his example to the imitation of other Inspectors.
In 1840 the gross amnunt collected
by him was. ....................... £1809 9 61
Two Tours, 56 days,
amount charged. ... $£ 1200$
Inspector's Commission, $16910 \quad 5 \frac{1}{2}$
Nett amount remitted to
Receiver-Gencral, .. . $1687 \quad 10 \quad 1$
———1890 9 6立
In 1841 the gross receipts amounted

51 days travelling ex-
penses, ............... £ 10100
Commission,............ $182 \quad 26$
Nett amount remit-
ted,.................... 1919170
In 1842 the first quarter produced, fe2 Mr. Millar has remitted £ 2027 7/s. 6 d .
Shewing a great increase of revenue since 2840 , through the vigilance and attention of Mr. Millar in carrying out a wise order of the Magistrates of the

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District, who, to insure respectable houses, have made the amount to be paid for a license, the same all over the district. namely, $£ 10$. The object of the magistrary has leen gained to a considerable extent : several of the lower class of houses have been givenup, though some may be selling without license; Mr. M. thinks the amount too high in the remote and rear settoments. The wholesale dealers, who pay for no license, do a good business; this must be stopped. or all will become wholesale deakers. No magistrate who sells spirituous liquors should to allowed to sit on the Bench at Quarter Sessions.

Mr. Millar had a good form of visiting book.


This is worthy of gencral adoption.
Visited Port Dahousie, the howerentrance into the Welland Canal; Col. Clark, the Collector, lives on a bluffabove the Canal, but has his office at the I.ochs-was appointed in 1835, but did the duty by deputy till 1810 , since which period he has given his personal attention to it; he employs a deputy at ki. Cotharines, five miles up the Canal; he keeps a blotter, day-hook, and copies of the Quarterly Returns; his accounts are salisfartwy, riough by his not having kept invoices nor copices. nor entering in detail, I am unable to test the accuracy of his valuations. 'I'he duties this vear have fallen off nearly half, the articles on which the principal deficieney will br, are Nalt and White Tin. Mr: Clarke's securities are (. S. Adams and H. Mittleberger, both goom. The balance in his hands is 年 $58^{\text {Ns. } 3 \text { dd., which he said would be }}$ remitted immediately.

He says that smuggling is carried on to a great extent, and that there are great facilitics for it on the Canal; two vessels were scized for breaking bulk and selling fish, a contraband article: notuing was done to flem, nor was the Collector even remuncrated for his expenses incurred in making the seizure. Col. C. has no writ of assictance. and stands in great need of help; has never examined vessels nor compared cargoes with manifests ; rereived a Circular requiring him in reside at his Port, or clse to resign. Thinks St. Catherines a more important point for the Collector to reside at, having a good deputy at the mouth, at Beamsville and the Jordan.

Extract of a letter from the Inspector Gieneral to the Collector relative to the seizures alluded to above:-"In the mean time Ido not conceive that "under similar circumstances you should make new "seizures without the previous açuiescence of Go" vernment in such a course. (Signed,)

## J. MACAULAY."

Brantrord.-Called on Messes. Wilks, Cook and others and made inquiries of the amount of goonds entered by them at Ilamiton; ascertained that on Tea, Leather, or Tin, was imported by Montreal but was generally smuggled; that the Smuggiris delivered Tea at $\$ 60$ advance, or the cost, per ton, getting moncy in advance to enable them to buy, for which they gave security to the merchants; it was a
general opinion that if the dutv on Tea was 4d. Currency per lb,, smuggling would continue as brisk as ever, and that 2 d . would be a profitable impost.

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At Moune Pleneant got considerable information from an Innkeoper, with regard to the extent and manner of smuggling, as he was trelling of his exploits in concealing, defending, and assisting those engiged in it.

Pour Dover,-The country is rich, and well settled, and must consume an immense quantity of Cioorls: this will be an excellent harbour, and no douht will increase to a large town. Mr. Neillege's Mills are about a mile up the stream on whirh Port Dover is situated, and Mr. Ryerse has a deputy stationed there since May, 1841 ; evamined his books : he has received up to Jannary 1842. E. 407 Es . 5d.; gonds for Brantford have sometimes beon entered here; this is not the natural port of entry for that place, and the circumstance may well excite suspicion of something being wrong ; finuld valuations very inw; 50, 30, 102 and 20 boxes of Tin entered at $£ 1$ 5s. cach, truc valuc £! iss. : 2000 lbs . Sole Leather at 5 d . should be 1s. ; Kip Skins at 5 s , each, should be 12s. ©d.; Tohaceo al 7os. per keg, should be -; Burr
 revenue was deltranded of over $£ 40$, as they were not cutered at half their real value. Alfred Reid entered Leather, and declared the value to be 9 cts. per 1b. ! ! Clock entered at 12s. 6d. !

Mr. Breese has now added the 10 per cent., and takes declarations from all; he is a very steady person; his accounts were correct; he never dramt that anybody smuggled for less than they wouid undervalue their goods; he said he had began to doubt some people, and swore them on the praver-book; he is a tailor, and l feel assured that though he may have allowed others to do so, be "cabhage's" as little as any man of his trade in the West.

Ryensr's Creper is a fine situation, the outlet of a strean with sufficient water for mill purposes, the whole property consigting of 700 acres, is entailed to the two sons and daughter of Mr. Ryerse. now decrased, and from them to the youngest male heir; this has prevented improvements, and sept the place back; the youngest, who is unmarried. built the pier; he is the Inspector of Licenses.

The Collector, Mr. George Ryerse, is a man of strong mind, with great energy and activity; has been vigilant in his duty, and has made some daring scizures, and is therefore most cordially detested by the Smugulers ant their friends ; be has been in office since 1821: examed his books; he has a new set for this year, which are satisfactory ; the accounts from is 33 B , which was as far back as examined, appeared to be all correct.

Mr. Ryorechas seen so much frand and falsehood in persons endeavouring to evade the payment of duty. that he scarcely believes any one; he thinks specific duties far the best; that smuggling is extensively carrird on; that a lower rate of duty would in a great measure prevent it, and that there should not be more than 2d. perlb. imposed on Tea

Called on Mr. Fisher, the Collertor of Port Rnwan and Turkey Point-his residence is nearly midway between Ryerse's Creek and Turkey Puint.

Mr . F . is a Highlander, has resided here 26 years : was once a great smuggler, and knows the coast
and the trade well.-He was appointed Collector in 1838 ; his sureties are Thomas Cross and George Ryerse. There is a very extensive Foundry and Machine-Shop here; the castings are superior, and sell at 4 cts. per lb . on the spot; it is called Normandale. He never made but two scizures-one n 1838, the other in 1841; he says the inhabitants are so much in favor of smuggling, that though there were 20 Collectors they couhd seize nothing; he could land 1000 chests of 'rea any where along the coast, and feel quite safe. He says that at Grand River, Tobacco is still entered at 20 per cent duty; Cotton Bating free, and Borax frec, as a Drug.

Called on Mr. Edward Ryerse, the Inspector of Liconses; he had collected in 1840, £284 50 in $18.41,308 \quad 20$ in $18.12, \quad 359 \quad 9 \quad 6$
He has visited the Inns in the District; kecps a book, and seems to have a very good idea of his duties.

Gurlpi-Called upon Mr. liogart, the Inspector of Licenses for the Wellington District; he had remitted to the Receiver-General,

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\text { For } 1840, ~ £ 113 & 1 & 0 \\
1841, & 187 & 16 & 3 \\
1842, & 438 & 14 & 11
\end{array}
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Mr. Hogart bas examined the list of certificates issued by the Clerk of the Peace; only one person has neglected to take out his License. He has had some Innkeepers and Pedlars fined, and thinks there are not many sclling without Licenso now. He has generally given time to persons living in the back settlements-has advised the Inspector General that he does so, but has never been desired to discontinue the practice, nor yet had it approved. Mr. IL. finds there is no penalty for the sale of Beer without License. I was not aware of this, but on looking into the Law, agree with his opinion. If the Auctioneers were licens 2 by the Inspector, it would be much better for the Revenue than the present system. This District, for instance, has no Port nor Custom IIouse, conseguently no Collector, and Auction Licensess must be obtained from Port Dover. The fec allowed to the Clerk of the Peace for a Beer License which only costs 20 s . is 10s., while the merchants whose License costs £7 10s. 0d. pays no more; this is not an equitable arrangement-it is made by the Magistrates, but with all other fees of the Clork of the Peace should be regulated by Statute ; there is, however, no necessity for any reference to the Clerk of the Peace in issuing Licenses. There is a difficulty about payment by the day of the travelling Inspector; is it an office day or the usual day? This method of payment is expensive and of doubtful utility.

For transferring a License, that is, for a now certificate, the fee to the Clork of the Peace is 10 s. The laiv is not clear as to woo assigns-it should be the Inspector who, in fact, should have the sole management of these matters. Brewers do not pay for License ; they can certainly as well afford it as Distillers, and a duty on Beer would yield a good revenue.

All Shops should pay for Licenses whether they sell or not. The largest establishments in Canada pay nothing : an exception might be mado in favor of such whose stock in trade does not amount to £300. Guelph being new, there are as yet no fines, \&c.

Toronro-Called on Mr. Billings, the Treasurer of the Home District, in his office; he said his ac-
counts could not be closed till January, when they will be transmitted according to the form required.

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He will immodiately open an account for the Government, and close his balance ; he says that instend of levying the proper sum, he levied for members' wages, at the rate of $£ 50$ per session, and that the Government must lose the balance; he said his accounts were closed to December, 1841, but could not show me how ; in fact he has no system whatever, and it is impossible to ascertain anything from his accounts that I saw.

This office must be examined more closely when his accounts are made up, and the whole put on a better system.

Called on T. Moore Kelly, the Collector of Customs: examined his books; fnund a blotter containing a full entry of all Goods, of which the following is a specimen :-
Date. Name of Partics. Duty. Amount:
July. Frceland and Taylor entered for payment of duties, the tollowing, per steamer "Gore,"
45 bbls. Tallow $\$ 854.55$
Add 10 per cent. $\$ 940.005$ per ct. £ $1117 \quad 6$
C. M. Armstrong paid duties on the follow. ing Goods :
1 .................. $\$ 6.00$
2 Frames,.......... 14.00
3 Caps, .......... 4.50
0 B. Flowers, ..... 5.25
$\frac{1}{2}$ p. Buckram, ..... 0.68
$\$ 30.43$
Add 10 pr. ct.... 33.4720 p. ct. £1 135
From this book is made up the quarterly return, for copies of which there is also a bonk. Mr. Kelly has also a book in which are the manifests of vessels which touch at foreign ports, but no notice is taken of British coasting boats. The Invoices, with details of prices, are regularly entered every day. No Ledger with accounts current is kept with individuals or the Government, as the Collector has expected a set of books or instructions.

The monies received are regularly deposited with the Bank.

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& \text { Mr. Kelly pays Mr. Lang, a clerk } \\
& \text { or book-keeper, ............... } \\
& \$ 100 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\
& \text { (Also a portion of seizures.) } \\
& \text { Mr. Roy, the deputy, and a Tide- } \\
& \text { waiter,(independent of seizures) } \\
& \text { Office rent, } \\
& 140 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\
& 20 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\
& \text { £260 } 0 \quad 0
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So that it is self-evident that the Collector could not do the business and live, but for the seizures, which are uncertain, and will, if the daty is lowered, be less. The books are very well kept. The manifests are regularly filed, with the number of packages, and signed by the Captains of vessels.

Amount of collections, per return,
5th July, 1842, £ $3600 \quad 17$
do. do. samequar. in 1841, 1441 48
Showing an increase of........ £2158 1611
Ilarbour duties, 毛 152 10s. Od. No regular account kept of these dues.

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$\geq$ Auctionecr's Licenses, $\mathfrak{£}_{10}$. No separate accounts kept for these dutics.

The addition of 10 per cent. has crented considerable dissatisfaction. The 5 per cent. renitted gave great trouble, and caused much confusion in the arcounts; the alterations are made in red ink. charly and satisfactorily.

Diflicultios still arise relative to llrugs and Medicines. A lot of Tobnceo was entered by J. M. strange, from an American house; the invoice set forth so many legs weighing so much, say 35 kegs at $\$ 71.81,50$ boxes at $\$ 50.55,13041$ ibs. ; on examination afterwards, the oflicer discovered that the true weight should have been 14168 lbs , and seized the goods.

The Inspector General being on the spot ordered the goods to be given up, on the ground that the Officer should have weighed the groods before delivery.

Called on Mr. James Mullonell. Inspector of Lirenses: he has conlected this year for 6 months,
 has visited the bistrict once this year, and has had everal pers mi fined; has noiv 15 complaints ledged; has deterted a great many Pedlars; had only 3 or 4 in 1810 , has now 13; takes them up if they have not taken the oath of allegiance lately. Two pers in were brought before the City Magistrates as unlicensed Pedlars-h hey said they wro amplayed by a perom in Hamitoon who had a license from Mr. Willson, the Inapector of the Gore District; they produced a License in the name of but they had two wagme ind diter horses ; they were bith bilets. The Maristrates gave them an opportunity of going to llamilton fin evidence to prove that thoy were emplayed by an authorized person, and that he was a British subjoct.

Mr. McDonell has a look alphabotically arranged for the cutry of Limenses issued, a copy of which the Deputy Inspector (Mr. Bell) cartues in lis pocket; he visits twice a year, and has bern very successful in convicting and punishing Pedlars. The book is in the form following :-

| No. Date. | Names. | Residance. | Liccase for. | Amount. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 91 ith Jan. | Armstrong, 3 | scalturough | 'luvern. | L7 100 |
| 713 thapril | Archer, A. | Toronto. | Pedlar. | 1000 |

He lins also a Register of Names as inspected according to Law.


This book is uncommonly woll kejt ; is correct and neat.

Of the Fines impored by the Magistrates upon Innknopers and others, a sum has been paid to the Clerk of 5 The fines in all are over $£ 600$.

Visitod Windsor Marbour, Whitby: Mr. Win. Dow is the Collector; his securities are Wm. Dhow, Sicuior: Esel, and Christopher Elliot. 'Toronto. Examined his accounts from September, 1810. Vafuations in some entrics appeared low.

600 bbls. of Plaister entered at 5s. cach; 1 Carding Machine at $\$ 130$; Palin Leaf Hats at 7s. 0d., 9s. 4hd., 17s, 6d. and 20s. per dozen. Saleratus entered at 5 per cent.; Wine is not clearly specified. Mill-geering, Builer, \&c. should be entered ${ }^{23 \mathrm{~h}}$ Octobe by weight. Mr. Dow had not received instructions to ald 10 per cent. th the invoice price, till yesterday (Aug. 3d). He does not think that much smuggling is done by the regular merchants. American Ilar.lware not much in use. Mr. D. made one scizure shortly after he was appointed, but it was tahro away from the Inn where he had bedrod it. Collectors should brand all articles, especially To-bacco;-has seen many kegs from Toronto without brands.

Osmawa, of Silmey Marbour.-The deputy stationed here is Mr. George Mothersill ; he has received but little.

Pont Dabanomon.-The Collector is Cobome Reid: his securities, W. Whitehead and David Smart, both goon; be keeps two books temarkab'y. neat and clear ; enters the name, date of arrival, and master of every vessel ; he is of opinion that much stumgering is done; a schooner, "The Rambler." owned by Joseph Donsvan, is comstantly cmplayed in smuggling. Mr. R. has just received the Circular from the Inspector-Gencran's Olice, relative to the 10 per cent. additional, and is of opinion that it will increase smuggling. The peopile in this neighbourhoot will not give information against smuggles : one person thid the Collector openly that he would smugule. Evaininel, choeked, and compared the Quarterly Returns; the amount collectrad is but small.

Comov a-Called on Mr. Kittson. the C $C$ llector : he has heen three years in office; Me. Henry and Nr. Meredith are his securities, both are gond. Ilis office is open at all hours; he pays monthly int, the Bank: does not know the limits of his port; had deputies at Grafton, Presiquile, and the Trent ; he hav measured vossels to ascertain their onnare. Evamined his areounts, found then satisfactory, and roodsentered at a fair valuation ; has a balanee in his hands, but will be in Kingston nuxt week, and will close his account.

Mot Mr. Jones, the Inspector of Liconses, at Mr. Ward's. the Clerk of the Peace, on the subject of the complaint against Mr. J. for norlecting lis annual returns; Mr. Jones was not aware that the Gith Win. IV., chap. 4th, was made perpetual ; has always regularly rendered his quarterly return, and will render the requiredannual one according to the statute.

Connwati, Oetnber 29th, Called upon M. M'Lean, the District Treasurer ; he had not as yet opened an accomnt for the Recoiver-General: had an account of the Lanatic Asylum Funds remitted to tha' office in August last, £253 53.; had not remitted the amsunt collected for Members' wages, but has it in hand expecting. some arrangement by which it might be restored for district purposes. I instructed him to remit it. There are large balances due from several townships; there is a sum now in process of collection by law, of E276 4s-a proportion of which is for the lamatic Asylum Fund and Members' wages. Mr. M'Lean will close his account for these funds, by charging the balance due on eash township $t$., the ReceiverGeneral. The gross arnount that should have been collected for Members' wages in 18.41, was E $1850 \mathrm{~s} .2 \mathrm{3d}$; this is subject to a deduction of 12 per cent. for assessing and collecting, and to the Trcasurer's per centage. 'The amount of the funds
for the Lunatic Asylum, is $£ 170$ 0s. Id., subject to similar deductions to the other.

Prescotr.-The Collector is Mr. Jones, who employs Mr. Dickenson as I Deputy anil Book-keeper; he keeps a regular set of books; from the blotter all free articles aro copied into a book for the purpose, and all dutiable articles into a book which is in the form preseribed for quarterly returns, from which a transeript is made for the Government. In Mr. Jonos' day-book, at the end of each quarter, he enters the gross amount received by him from all sources; he then debits the Government with the amount of his per centage on each, and carries tho balance to his ledger, in which hes also charges the
amount remitted to the Receiver General. Mr. J. has felt the difficulty of high fees; and instead of Appendix charging 2s. 6 d . for each permit, as the law allows, he has made it a rule to charge only $7 \frac{1}{2} d$. on trifling $\overbrace{2}$ entries; for entries over 20s., and under $£ 5$, he ${ }^{27 / h}$ October. charges 1s. 3d.; and for all over £5, the legal fee 2s. 6 . The daily bonts he allows to go free.

Mr. Jones is a very judicious, punctual and clever Officer; keeps his office open all hours of daylight, and affords every facility to merchants and im. porters.

Matriand.-Saw Mr. Garvey, the Deputy Col. lector ; keeps one book in the form following:-

| Date. | Names. | Where shipped. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dec. 9. | C. Longley; | United States .... |
| Aug. 11.. | Do. | Do. |


| Value. | Description. | Rate. | Duty. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E s. d. | 50 bbls. Salt. | 2s. | od. | $£ 6$ |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 5 | 0 |  |  |
| 3 | 15 | 0 | Old waggon.. | 5 per cent |

The offiee is in Mr. Garvey's store, and open at all times; there is but little busincss done; he thinks there is much smuguling.

Visited John Weatherhead, Esq.. Inspector of Licenses, Brockville. Examined his book; found it clcar, neat and explicit ; in fact, the form superior 2n any I had seen, and which would be a grod one for general adoption. Mr. W. had caused several tines to be imposed, and had remitted all to the Receiver General. A person selling wine gas brought before W. Campbell and John Schoneld, Esqs., but was not fined on the plea that it was not opiniturns linump; and he had a liceran to soll ale, beer, and cider!

Called on A. N. Buel, Treasurer of the District; Gound an Account open, headed "Representative Account."


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to Receiver General,

E110 1031
Also, an Account headed "I anatic $\Lambda$ sylum Fund,"
Tu 7h September, 1812,....... £101 18 11d
October 18th. Augusta, ......... 4148
Yonge, ........... 2 . $0 \quad 3$
Remitted in full, . . . . . . . . . . . . $£ 1911811$,
The accounts are well kept, and very regular, on the best system I havo seen any where.
Woonstock-Called at the Sherifl's Offeesaw Mr. Bayes, the Deputy Sheriff; no account had been opened for the Government, but the monies received had been regularly remitted and reported to the Secretary's Olife.

40 sides Buffalo Leather at 5 s . per side; coarse Boots at 5s. per pair ; Burr Mill-stones, £23, average value is $£ 40 ; 1$ bale Cotion Yarn at $£ 15 \mathrm{~s}$, 11d., worth from $\mathfrak{£} 315 \mathrm{~s}$. to $£ 5$; 50 boxes Wheel Heads at 0 s . 3d. per box, worth' from 15s. to 20s., but it is needless to point out crrors of this kind where all is wrong.

From a most extraordinary combination, I would almost say collugion, between the Merchants and Collector (except Messrs. Flint and Glasford), J could get no information from then when 1 went there, though they all had admitted to me that things were wrong; 1 called personally upon them, and addressed circular to them.

Tononro-Called at the Sheriff's Office-he was not at home ; left instructions with the Gaoler that

Mr. Sheriff McDonell was to make out an account of all fines and forfeitures before my return, which woudd be in about two weeks, pay up all arrears. and swear to his statements, or he might expect the severest displeasure of the Government.

Called on the Clerk of the Peace-requested him to make out a list of all the fines and escheats since 1837, which he promised to do before my return.

Called on the Treasurer ; inquired how he kept his account with Government of the monios received from the several Townships on account of Mem-
 he had remitted; he said ha had never opened any such Account ; harl not put the money to the credit of any one ; har recuived $£ 300$ for 1839 , and a like sum for 1840; had reserved this from the amount of funds in his hands at the end of the year; there should be $£ 210$ for 1841 , but it was not yet reserved from the District Funds, though it was collected. I furnished him with a form of account which I requested him to open in his 1 istrict Ledger, and also requested him to prepare before my return a detailed statrment, but especially to remit to the Recoiver General the $£ 600$ of Lunatic Asylum Funds, and the $£ 250$ of Members' Wages Fund, and to accompany the remittance with a letter of advice to the Inspector General explaining the position of the balance, and stating the period at which the Government might depend on the remittance of all the amounts duc from these sources in 1842.

Hamitron_Called on Mr. Davis, Col. Chisholm's. deputy, and received the following statement:-
Amonnt of duties collected from 5th
Octuber to 7th November,...... $£ 1289 \quad 18 \quad$ o.
Ainount of tolls from 1st June to 1st October (they are paid monthly, and so cash in hand), …..... 1d. is still due on bonds, so that the Cash received for duties in the past month was only....... 87578
Cash reccived in October for goods, £ 134040 and since June for tolls, $\ldots \ldots$.... $£ 13$
Besides the tolls on vessels, say $£ 36$.
Desired him to make out a Schedule of the Bonds in his hands, with the names of the surcties, and hand thom into mo on my return.

London-Saw the Treasurer, and examined his bouks ; found regular entrics of all the monies re-
ceived by him on account of the public serviceAppendix Fee Fund, Lunatic Asylum Fund, Members' Wages
(b. B.) Fund-with the amounts received from each Township regularly credited, and all remitted; the Re-
27 th October. ceiver General's receipt heing on the back of a dotailed statement of the assessments received from each Township.

Mr. Vansittart is the Inspector of Licenses for the District, bat the business has been done by Mr. Yielding; tho book was very clear and satisfactory, and the quarterly account always closed by a full return to the Inspector-General, and remittance of the money to the Receiver-General.

All persons who had received certificates have taken out their licenses, but one who has left the country

The amount collected on account of "Fee Fund" during the last twolve months, was $£^{47} 7 \mathrm{~s}$. Gd. ; this fund is incroasing slowly.

Mr. Barwick, the Treasurer, has his office at the Post office; account opened for the lunatic Asylum ; cash remitted to Receiver-General, in 1841, on this account, $£ 00$ 6s. 9 d , and in 1842, $£ 96$ 3s. 8 d . The anount remitted to the Recciver.General on account of Members' wages, was £31 10s. 9d., a balance of the amount levied in 1840, when a greater sum was collected than was sufficient to pay the Member. The Clerk of the Peace assumed the responsibility of not levying this tax during the past year, as the Members of Parliament are paid out of the Provincial Revenue; this is very unfair to other districts, and should either be levied still on this, or cease to be levied from others. Fee l'und account opened all under one heal. a copy of which is snat to the Inspector-General ; complaint, that the allowance on the sum was $£ 2$ 2s. 7d., to obtain which he paid out £! Is. ©d.; also, that the Clerk is allowed to retire at broken periods, which is very inconvenient.

A difficulty arises with the Treasurer from the Inspector-Gencral's Circular requiring a return within 20 days after the 1st of January.

Brantrond-Examined into the affairs and management of Brantiord Bridge ; Mr. Burwell is agent for the Commissioners, and Mr. Walker, Clerk. The Tolls are sold at auction each year; the purchaser this year was a Mr. Willson, a poor but popular man, and no one bid against him ; but it turned out to be not for himself, but for onc John Finneysee, which has given offence; he takes contracts for making a road upon the Flats, and for repairing and planking; these contracts are never tendered for, but he and Mr. Burwoll agree as they please on the matter. The Bridge docs not need any repairs at present. Foot passengers do not pay.

Maria Town-Called on Mr. Melonell, the Collector, and examined his books; the entries are few in number, and the amount collected insignificant; the books appear all correct. The River is narrow here, and the Island settled upon by notorious smugglers; it is almost impossible to prevent the illicit importation of American Gonds both abovn and below Maria Town ; marle enquiries concerning the trade, and obtained considerable information - as to the amount smuggled, the principal smuggling stations, and the parties concerned in the business. Advised Mr. McDonell to make a scizure of some suspicious articles at a house where a large business is done, and which makes no entrics, and call upon the owners to see how they obtained them.

Gannonoue.-Called at the office of Mr. Webster, the Collector of Customs; he has been in office since 1832; his entries are made in a blotter, and Appendix copied oll in the form of the Quarterly Returns. (B. B.) copied of in the form of the Quarterly Returns.
The not many importers here ; much Salt used to be entered here for Brockville and other places, but this has been stopped by an order from the Inspector General. Mr. W.'s accounts are all tolerably correct ; he is a man of excellent character, and discharges his duty to the satisfaction of the inhabitants.

Brockvide-Called upon Col. Fraser, the Collector of Customs, and desirod to see his books; he showed me two small books, with an account from January last. I desired to sec the books which I had seen when here before; he begged I would not press him, as he said they were not carefully kept. and he was sorry to find they were full of errors both for and against himself. I said I could not do my duty without examining back for three or four ycars, to ascertain the fidelity of the Officer, and, therefore must see them; he then said they were at his dwelling.house. I told him that when here in September, his Clerk had shewn me his Quarterly Return book, and the blotter or day.book, and that from them I had prepared a statement which was correct ; but that if he could explain the discrepancy, or show how these goods came to be entered in the blotter, if not really imported, and the duties paid, I should be most happy to hear the explanation, and submit it to the Government. I then handed him the following statement, which, as I told him, I had made up from the rough entries in the blotter, of the sums paid to him by the importers of goods, and from the ledger, which shewed the amount returned by him to the Government :-


[^21]Por his own books ; total deficiency, £2100 5 01
On cyamining the valuations of goods, found the most gross negligence had existed. An entry in 1830, A. McLean, 10 boxes were valued at 2s. $6 d$. each, duty paid on them, 3s. 9d; by Mr. Dunna, 40 sides Solo Leather, 5s. per side, valuation. No

Leather of this description is ever bought or sold by the side, but is worth about 2s. per lb., and weighs on average 20 lbs ; so that the Government got 39 per cent., instead of 15 per cent. Found that, throughout the books, Solc Lcather was entered by the side, and much of it called Buffalo Leather; calculations erroncous, and errors and crasures on every page; no quarter's accounts added up, nor any accounts close d. In 1841, found Thrashing Machine entered at £ 18 15s., worth $£ 50$; two small Thrashing Machine, at $£ 315 \mathrm{~s}$. each; eight Couking Stives, at $\$ 7$ each, worth, no doult, wa at least; 5 Conking Stoves, at $\% 8$ cach; 24 sides Sole Leather, at 5 s . per side, and some at 10 s . per side.

No. 10.-Queries submilted to the Collectors of Customs.

Is your Office regularly kept open?
Where is your oflice situated?
Do you reside there, or at what distance from it?
Who are your securities?
How long have you been in office ?
What is the amount of your receipts?
What are the peculiar facilitics for smuggling?
What means have you adopted to prevent it ?
What do you expect will be the effect of the Act 5\&6 Victoria, clap. 40?

Are there Commissioners at your Port?
llave you demanded regular fecs for entrance of vesses?

## Answers of the Collector of the Port of Goderich to Questions put by the Commissioner.

1. Name of Collector ?-John Galt ; office open every day?

## 2. Residence ?-Goderich.

3. Name of sureties? Wm. Dunlop and Charles Prior, Esquires. I beg to name Mr. Lizars in licu of Mr. Prior.
4. How long have you been Collector?-From August, 1834.
5. What are the annual receipts?-1st year, £50 15s. 1d.; 2 d ycar, $£^{ \pm} 46$ 2s. $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} . ; 3 \mathrm{~d}$ year, £44 8s. 4 d .; 4th year, £54 13s. 7d. ; 5th year, $\mathbf{~}_{\mathbf{4 2}}$ 2s. 6d.; 6th year, £73 2s. 10d. ; 7th year, £297 7s. 6td ; ; 8th year, £71 7s. 21 2 d .
6. What facilities are there for smuggling ?-The facilities are unlimited, from the extent of the coast.
7. What means have you adnpted to prevent muggling ? I have been enabled to adopt no measures for the prevention of smuggling; but in all cases when any thing of the kind has come to my
knowledge, have acted with promptness and decision. In reference to smuggling, it can only be prosecuted while the profit will cover the risk; the best and only effectual mode, therefnec, to repress it, will be the reduction of the duties. There are at present many articles, the duty on which is much ton high for the purpose of creating a revenuc. Amongst these is Whisky, the duty on which is about 150 per cent.; this pays well to smuggle. I may be excused when I remark, that it is absurd to class it with otherSpirits, and to render it subject to a similar duty; its first cost is not more than is. : and to charge it with the same duty as Brandy, is out of the question. It cannot be imported, and, the
duty paid. Was the duty paid. Was the duty reduced, a very considerable revenue would be derived from it. One of the best features of Mr. Gladstone's Bill, is the reducThese alterations, Ithe removal of the prolibitions. These alterations, I think, will have a most beneficial effect on the trade and revenue of the Province. I consider that every vessel ought to take a clearance, containing an accurate statement of every thing on board; the marks, and numbers of pack. ages,-also, the shipper's and consignee's name and address; this should be produced to the Collector of the Port $t$ ts which he is bound; any alteration in in the same to be punishab,'e; all articles found on board, other than those mentianed, unloss in the opinion of the Collector satisfactorily accomnted for, to be detained in the first place; and, afterwards, if no evidence be adduced of such a nature as to sa. tisfy the Board appointed to try seizures under E40, then to be considered as condemned. Should it be the intention of the Master of a Vessel to tourh at several Ports on his voyage, the clearance should state where the several articles are to be noshipped, and the various Collectors should certify on the docmuent the fact of these goods having been landed at their difterent Ports; the clearance to remain with the Master till he arrives at his destination, when it ought tn be handed to the Coliertor. thus acting as a check on the returns of all the other Perts at which the vesecl touched. The Collectors should enter on the books hereafter referred to, a statement of the ultimate destination of the Vessel. and this entry to be taken in licu of the production of the clcarance as hereafter provided. The fee of 5 s . granted for making out a clearance, may probably be looked upon as ton great; in which cree. were printed forms furnished. it might be reduced, say on small Vessels, 1s., on larger. to 1s. 6d., and on the largest, to 2s.; no dutiable article to be removed without a Permit. (when removed as merchandize) from one part of the Province to another. The fee for permitting Vessels to discharge, should be encreased (also on a scale, ) and all vessels ought in report. no matter from whence-vessels in ballast to be charged nothing. The Collectors, or parties appointed by them, should be instructed to be present, and see the cargoes discharged ; the cargo should agree with the manifest or clearance, on which the Collector should be bound to write a certificate of such having been tho case; these should be regularly kept. and filed as official documents. Collectors should also keep a book in which the inaster of every vossel should sign a statement setting forth the name of the vessel, where from, at what place she had touched, and the date of her arrival. Collectors would be compelled to produce a manifest or clearance for each vessel, the name of which is entered on the book, the dates, \&c. would have to agree. In order that the fees may not press too heavily on the public, that for a Permit to remove goods might be reduced, being very oppressive; more so than any other: Example-you im. port goods on which you pay $£ 100$ duty, the fee to permit the removal of the same is $2 \mathrm{~s} .0 \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{j}$; im .

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port a box of raisins worth 10 s., duty on which is 9d.; Permit to remove 2s. Od., whereas the fees for authorizing a vessel to discharge is only 1 s .3 d . All penaltics onght to be recovered against the ves. sel, and not against the Master ; ship-ownors will then be carcful to intrust their craft to parties who will not risk them. Tho salary of Collectors should not bo allowed to be less than $£ 75$ or $£ 100$ per annum; and in cases where the returns do not, under the prosent Law, amount to that sum, he might at the end of the year be entitled to draw on the Receiver General for the deficiency. I do not think the charge on th: Revenue would be much, but the evact an mont conld be easily obtained from the Inspector General's Otfice, and cvery year it would probably decrease. It might be haid down as a principle, that Ollicers who did their duty well should be promsted as occasion presented. The advantages of such a measure would be as follows :-by raising the salary at the first to such an amount as would b: an object to the partics, they would naturally feel in ro solicitou; to keep their situations, while at tho same time the inducoment to commit fraud wiuld be lessenel; holding out the prospect of alvancement should parties show themselvos doserving, would make the Officers-thse at loast anbitious of preferment (and fer are not)- losirons of doing their daty in a manner worthy of appobation. Th; Colluctor should be mul: to resi to at hif loot, an l th: quar. terly returns should all b: certitish by the principal; and when th: bosiness is don: with the assistance of a deputy, both should swear that the accounts are correct : the $\mathbf{C}$ 性etor would be com. pelled, if not to take an active part, at any rate a cortain suporintendenc: of his oftice, and w uld, jn no instance, be able to pleal his dyputy's misconduct as an excuse for any irregularity. Joinet to the foregning, an uniform system of accounts kept in as rimber mannor as pissible, with the chatek 1 proposed th you, mach might be done to protect the puthic firm fraud in itsown Olicers 1 muy be said to have answered the question, "What ef. fect will Mr. G!ad itone's Bill havo!" having already stated that I think it will be followed by the hap. piest results.
8. Are there Cominissimers hare or not?There are none; it would gruatly facilitate business if they were appointed at all Ports of Entry: the nearest to me are at London, a distance of 60 miles.
9. Ilave you demanded regular fees for entrance of vessols!-I have not done so from boats carrying passengers, touching at various ports; on such vessels it would become a heavy tax.

There are some articles on which the Colonial duty might, I think, be raised withnut any bad effect, viz. Drugi, Rice, Shingles, Staves, Veneers, Mahngany, Tallow, Biscuit, Bread, IIcmp, Lemons, Oranges and Lumber.

JOHN GALT.

Answers of the Collector of the Port of Prescolt :

## Port of Prescott,

Nov, 30th, 1842.

## Sin,

I now ber to hand you replies to the several querics left with $\mathrm{m}_{3}$ on your last visit to this place.

I have given the matter some consideration, and you have the result of my views.

Your obilt. lumble servant,
A. JONES, Collector.

Appendix
(B. B.)

27th Octobtr.

Malcolm Cameron, Esry.,
Hamilton Post Oifice.

1. How long havo ynu been Collector ?-l was appointed Collector of the Port of Prescott the 141h of April, 18:3.
2. What was the gross revenus the first year ?In 1839, the building in which my nflioe was situate was burned, when a great meny of my papers and boks were d stroyed, c msequently I am nut enabled t.) give you the desired ano mint of the gross revenue for the first years of my incumbency, an 1 must therefore refer you to the Inspoctor-General's books for the required information.
3. What are the limits of yoar Port ?-I wat appointed Collector for the Port of Prescolt withous any limits being definad by Law, or instructions.
4. Are you of the opinion that much smuggling is carried on in your bounds?-1 am of the opinion that a good deal of suargling is carried on within my bounds, as wall as throaghat the whole frontier.
5. Wht man; hav: you talon to prevent sinyerling, and how do youl pay your dyputies? By the apprintmont of deputies, and holding out promises of rewards to such pursons as wifl give information of gonds having been smug gled. I have invariably allowed my deputies ons-half of my pr)prtion of all seizurs, anl in some instances when the sum did at anount to ejo por anmun, I have mad: that sum go ol to them nut of my private funds; latterly, however, I could only affird to allow them a muiety of my propartion of the seizures.
6. IIow do you think deputics could bo best managed and paid, with a view to their efficiency and the encreass of the Revonue !-By allowing on: doputy a small salary, not exceeding fifty pounds. which would be in addition to his proportion of all seizures mado by him, said deputy or deputies to be sworn and give security for gand conduct, to be appointed by the Collector, and subject th being removed by him at pleasure, by which means honest and responsible deputios might bo had, a d the revenue thereby much increased.
7. What do you think should be the maximum duties on the following articles, viz.:-Tea, Tobaces, Rice, Leather, Coffes, Sugar, Cotton Goods, Machinsry and Fruit ?-Teas 3d. per 1b. Currency, or 24 d . Sterling ; Tobacco 15 per cent. ; Rice 2s. 6d. Sterling, per cwt. ; Leathor 15 per cent. ; Coffee 5s. per cwt. ; Sugar 5s. per ditto; Cotton Goods, 15 per cent. ; Machinery, 15 ditto; Fruit 10 per cent.

## A. JONES, Collector.

Port of Prescott, Nov. 30th, 1842.

## Answers of the Collector of the Port of Sundurich.

## Sir,

In reply to the questions put by you, I have to state, that I am of upinion that not half the merchandize brought into the Western District, is
entered at the Custom-house; and the ease with which the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers can be crossed at almost all seasons, render it difficult to suppress smuggling. Spirits and Tea appear to be the articles principally smuggled. The duty upon Whisky is too high ; if lower, I think the revenue would increase, without causing a greater consumption of the article.

Smuggling is so very common, that it is generally looked upon as a venial offence, though it is decidedly a fraudulent practice ; and I see no reason why there should not be a law inflicting as sivero a punishment upon the offenders, as if the frauds were practised upon private individuals: it might be the means of deterring the guilty, and giving satisfaction to the fair dealer.

Any person harhouring or concoaling smuggled goods is liable to a fine of $£ 100$; but I do not know an instance of any person having been fined. Collectors should be commanded to enforce the fines; and they shonld reccive a proportion of them, not merely to remunerate them for their services, but to detray the expense of obtaining information, and for engaging, when necessary, people to assist them in making the seizure. If the present fine is considered ton large, it might be reduced to $£ 25$, for the first offence ; £50, for the secon 1 ; $£ 100$, for the third; and if that is not warning enough, a year's imprisonment, or a finc of $£ 200$, for the fourth offence. Or it might be considered better, instead of the fines above mentioned, to impose fines on all occasions of the exact value of the gnods scized.

Collectors often exporience great difficulty in aseretaining the meaning of the various Acts of Parliament. They might be furnished, at a trifling, expense, with pamphlets containinty stur ami euncise instructions, with forms for making out their returns, keeping their books, and for making clearances, permits, \&c., a table of fees, a list of all articles liable ta duty, with the amount to be charged upon each, whother authorized by Imperial or Colonial Acts ; also, lists of articles prohibited, and admitted duty free. Ferry-boats, when carrying any articles of merchandize, should be compelled to report. All vessicls arriving from any other Port in the Colony, should be compelled to report ; and as Collectors have not fixed salaries, and are in most cases obliged to employ deputies, they ought to have an allowance for office rent and stationery, and should also be allowed a trifling fee upon ths entry of every article admitted duty free, and upon all vessels engaged in the coasting trade, and touch$\mathrm{in}_{5}$ at the Port.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient,

> JNO. F. ELLLOT, Collector of Customs, Port of Sandwich.
M. Cameron, Esquire,
M. P. P., \&cc.

## Memorandum from Collector of the Port Sarnia.

I beg to observe that respecting the printed Circular issued from Kingston, 31st Dacember, 1841-

Clause 3. In lieu of the various duties on Imports hitherto collected in Upper and Lower Canada,
under Laws repealed by the Provincial Act passed last Session, chap. 14, certain other dutics are to bs in future collected, as prescribed by the several clauses, and the rable attached to the Act. How 27 th . October. is this clause to be carried into effect as regards Tea and other prohibited articles?

Clause 7. An ad valorem duty of 24 per cent. which has been long collected in Lower Canada, more especially having reference to imports by sea, is now increased to five per cent., and is in future to bo applied to the inland trade with the United States, along the whole Canadian frontier, with respect to all articles not liable to higher duties under the Imperial Statutes. In the Provincial Act, at clause 10, articles prohibited by the Imperial Act are to be adnitted, as well as many other articles, free: therefore, all articles imported from the United States are not subjected to 5 per cent. duty; thon what are and what are not?

Clause 8. In carrying the new Provincial Act int effect, you will be careful to distinguish between thoje parts of it which rolate to importations by sen and those which bear upon the trade by land or inland navigation. How is this made apparent? I can't sce it.

Clause 0. The new Colonial duties are not to be hold as cumulative, or in addition to the Imperial. The greater duty is only payablo, except in a few cases, such as Coffuc, Sugar and Molasses specially noticed in tho Inperial Statute.
Is not refined Sugar, raw Sugar, green, burnt and ground Coffee subject to the duty of 5s. per civt. as well as the Provincial duty?
Tea is admitted by the Provincial Act at 3d. per 1b., an I prohibitod by Imperial Act.
is Tutuate subject to the imporial duty of 2') per cent. and Proviacial duty also?

Clause 10. You will readily perceive that Fish Oil and salted Fish and Tea, which is one of the articlos subjected to a specific duty in tha Table of Custons inwards, must be considered by you as inadmissible from the United States. In what place is this shown or to be found out?

Clause 13. Forbily taking fees upon warrants for landing articles declare I duty free.
Is not the Collector put to the sams trouble in examining the vessel's cargo, and granting a permit to land, as if she had goods liable to duty? The way, I apprehend, to make him look outt and examine, is to allow some foe for his trouble.

Clause 17. It is declared all dutips levied shall be deemed Sterling money, and by $i<t h$ section of $3 \& 4$ Wm. IV. cap. 50, it is enacted they shall be collected, recovered and paid to the amount of the value which such nominal sums bear in Great Britain, ani such monies may be received and taken ace ording to the proportion and valus of five shillings and sixpence the ounce Silver, and yet we ure ord wred to estimate the dollar at 4s. 4d. Sterling.

What is miant by this; are wa to take the dollar at 5s. 6.1. and hand it over to the Governmint at 4 s .4 d . Sterling ?

Clause 21. In collecting the ad valorem duty under the 5th Section of the Provincial Act, you will keep in mind the limitations contained in the 91h, 10 th, and 11 th Sections, and also the Free table and other tables contained in the Imperial Statute.

Aro Libraries, Pictures, Harps, Piano Fortes, Clocks, Chimnsy Ormamants, Gold and Silvor Plate,

Appendia de., to be ronsidered as necessaries, and free of (1. B.) duty under the nomination of Ilousehnd Gionds?

Wond it mot be a simple and casy matter to poblish a tab'e of the present 'Tariff of artiches prohibited. liable to lmperial and I'ruincial duries.
 or Provincial: as I do not cem now know whether 'Tobace is liable to hoth, or which of the two !

The cope lithographed of the way and methot of measuring amb calloulating the tomage of vessels, shewn in the first whme, would be highly necessar: to be issued oo any Omierer whon ma lo ordered to do that dury; and as it cannot be pertomed without an Assistant, some allowance ought to be made.

Would it not be desirable to have a Customhouse (oflice at least), where any small articles conld le secured' and if so, an allowance for rent I conceive ounght to be allowed. At present, the Collector has to find a house, furniture, that is, a desk, stool, stove. fiel, and stationery, ont of what hu may collent, which would nearly pay a deputy.

I think a Circular ought to be sent to overy Colloctor, orelering him to make all the Captains of Fessels produce a clearance and a manifest signed by the Culh ctor from the Port of departure, of the cargo shpped on board at his Port, as it would prevent georls heine shipurd in the Ports of the United States, making all moods lable toseizure not reporterl or in the manifer. Thes might he done at once, without Parliament, under the present Imperial regulations for our trade.

Should a Captain refuse to clear his Vessel and sail without a manitest of cago, what monns are there of punishing him for so doing in this lrosince? And, at present, if a Captain ships one chest of Tea at Kingston, what is there in the pres sent mode of our allowing Vessels to sail, to hinder his going to the States and taking in j 0 chests; as at present it olten happens the Captain has no clearance, and therefort: states he is from Kingston with i] chests of 'lea un board, and so with other grools.

The Collertur has no means of finding this out, that l know of:

We want printed forms for all the quarterly roturns, in orler to there being one uniform system in the Customs department.

Will you arrange about the Township of Sombra, as it ought at present to be under Port Sarnia, Chathan being too remote, and Mr. Cosgrove wishmg me to take it under charge, should it be in his limits! A per contage ought to be allowed on collecting and transmitting the light dues; at present, wothing is allowed, any more than for measuring tonnage.
R. E. VIDAL.

Port Sarnia,
4th May 18.42 .
4th May, 1842.

## Answers of the Collector of Port Dover.

Port Dover, Junc 17th, 1842.

## Sir,

As you requested, I have now the honor to submit my vicws with respect to the future regulations to be adopted, in collecting the revenue of Western Canada.

The great impmrtance of conducting our com- Appendix merce with the adjoining country, in Canadian built and mavignted vessels, not only as regards the general murrantile intercets of the Province, but as affordingatu Octoba. greater security and facility for collecting our resmane romers the enactment of a Local Navigation and Registry Law abolutelv necessary as a first sup. I womb therfore recommend a moditiention of the Wet bh Cowre IV., chap. 110, suited to our peruliar masition on these inland lake's, being pro[nsed to Parliament, and if possible, I would recommend, that a prower be vested in the GovernorGenemal. by Geder in cimmeal, to adope such temporary meguatims in aid of surh Act, as circum -antes may occasionally pint out as being recessary.

No vessel shoulal be permitted t.) enjoy or claim the protection or advantagrs of British or Camadian vossels, unless mavigated according to such Act. And unless surh Vessel shall at all times have on board her certificate of registry, with her owners, and the Masters' names, for the titne being. regularly endorsed thercon.

Every Master of such Canadian Vessel should be comprlled, previous to making entry. if ho shall be baund to more than one Port. to firnish to the Collector of the tirst Port at which ho shall seek cutry, a true and correct manifest of his general carga, duly sworn to, atul also a true and correct manilint of such cargo as he shall have specially for such Part of Entry; and that previons to his clearance being granted from such first Port of Eutry. the Cillertor of Custunn at sach lom, or his deputy duly authorized shall rertify on another copy of suels general manifest first referred to. that entry of such (ionds as were chipped for such first Port of Lintry has been duly made, said Groods duly landed, and the dutios thereon pain, or the croonds duly warchoused. dec., and so on at every intermediate Port, until she arrises at her final Port of discharge; where the said copy of her general manifest so centified at cucry intermediate Port of discharge. shall he deporited with the Collector of Customs, and allidavit made that his entire cargo has been duly landed, and that during his passage he has not received on band from ruy other Slip or Vessel. any cargo or produce liable to the payment of dutics, Ese.

That all Goods destined for any Port of Entry and Discharge shall only be entered, and the duties paid at surch Port of Discharge, gross fravels on the revenue being now practised, by adenitting a Vessel, or the owners of Goods, to enter Gionds and pay duties for the same at one P'ort of Entry, without lauding such Gords, and without examination, when they are destined for another Port, and ultimately landed there.

That all Collectors of Customs hereafter be paid fixed salarics in lieu of Commissions, and that each Collector the compelled to reside at the principal Port wilhin his District; and that he keep a deputy duly autherized and sworn at each minor Port in his district or division; and that he personally inspect such deputy's books, and visit such deputy's station, at least once in each week during the season of navigation, and onec at least in each fortnight during all other seasons.

That sach Collector and Deputyikeep four books: Onc in which all Vessels entering his Collectorate are duly registered, containing columns for the Vessel's name and tonnage ; No. of her Certificate of Registry ; Masters' and Owners' names; her Ports of clearance, and of final entry and discharge ; num-.

Stanley, or elsewhere, the cargo of the small craft is quictly transported to London, or any other point.

All customable goods, when once landed at any intermediate Port, from what canse soever, should only be re-shipped to their final Port of destination under cocket from the Collector of such Port, even if the duty had been paid on first landing.

Various articles of manufactures and otherwise, could be advantageously imported to this Provinco from Europe and our own Colonies; and when our own Canal navigation is further and fully improved. landed at some point on Lake Eric or Lake Iluron withont transhipment from the first Port of loading. It is worthy the consideration of the Government and Legislature, whether such grods, \&c. \&c., may not with great advantage to the Commorcial interests of the Province, be bonded in these Upper Lakes. for the purposes of re-cxportation to the Western States-which the advantages we are likely to possess from the completion of our inland navigation - would enable us to re-cxport to the said States, not only with profit to our own Morchants, but with great advantage to the Province, as tending very materially to lesien the balance of trade against this Province-now likely to become a matter of serivus importance. from the results likely to follow the recent alterations in the Corn law of England. In ovent of such a regulation taking place, a Bonding Warchouse Port, or two, should be named on these Lakes. Schooners of 120 Tons burthen, when our navigation is completed, can be loaded with Flour. Pork. Beef, Limber. \&c. \&c. at Sandwich, or any other Wcstorn Port; their cargoes landed in Barbadnes or Demarara, without transhipment,-and the Sugar. Cofiec. Rum, Pimento, Molasses, \&c. \&c., of these Colonies, returned here without transhipment, within four menths.It would almost seem absurd in me to state now the extent to which I see this intercolonial trade must extend, before twenty years shall pass away.

In any measure brought hefore the Provincial Parliament for laying a duty on American Wheat, the full advantages of this bonding system should be clearly pointed out ; as we may, by judicious legislation on this subject, become the Carriers of American as well as the Exporters of Canadian Produce.

All dutics in importations should be paid promptly, except when Bunding is allowed; and the Collector should in no instance be permitted to open duty accounts with Merchants, Storckeepers or Importers of any description: the systein now prevails to a very dangerous extent. The salaries of Collectors should vary according to circumstances, from onc hundred to four hundred pounds per annum; Deputies at from forty to seventy-five pounds a year ; Coast Supervisors from three hundred to five hundred pounds per annum,-and all to give securitios varying from two hundred to two thousand pounds currency,

All Custom house papers, Bonds, \&e., to be uniform; and each Collector to be supplied with the printed forms from the head quarters of the Department ; and the partios requiring them for use, to pay a fixed price for the same, not as a fee to the Collector, but to go to the printing fund of the Department.

All owners and Masters of Provincial Vessels should enter into Bonds, that the Vessels so owned and commanded, shall be navigated according to Law, \&c.

All Provincial Vessels to carry an Apprentice,
not under twelve, nor exceeding eighteen years of age, for every fifty tons of her registered burthen, under a penalty of ten pounds for each neglect.
As the Welland Canal is a point which affords great opportunities for smuggling, I would strongly recommend that a mounted Tidewaiter be appointed for every five miles during the season ; and that one-half the number be constantly on duty day and night when vessels are passing through. The expense would not exceed five hundred pounds per annum, and would be amply repaid if proper men were selected.

Great saving to the revenue must accrue from the adoption of some such system as 1 have hero suggested. A condensation of the business in the first instance, by having fewer ports of entry, but under better regulations. A large portion of the carrying trade in particular branches, now in the hands of the Americans, who very frecpuently never enter their vessols at oll, would be entircly carried on by Provincial vessels, and more dutics. \&c., collected:And the unceasing vigilance of two good active Suporvisors afloat, would effectually check a system. which at present is ruinous, not only to the pecuniary interests of the Province to a very large amount, but excecdingly domoralizing in its effects on a very large portion of the community ; indced, a much larger portion of the cominunity-owing to the peruliar character of our frontier-than usually occurs in older countrics, where smuggling to any extent prevails.

The system of apprenticing boys of British origin in our own vessels is loudly called for. The pecu--
liar circumstances of the Province a few years since. in our own vessels is loudly called for. The pecu-
liar circumstances of the Province a few years since. shewed how farfully we were deficient of a class of loyal, active, intelligent seamen, acquainted withe the dangerous navigation of these upper lakes. $A$ better system than nuw prevails would before lone
call into active operation another class of valuable call into active operation another class of valuable call into active operation another class of valuable
men, and another source of Provincial wealth: mean fishermen and fisteries-a source of wealth which has been too long neglected.

It is well worthy of consideration as conmected with the subject of increasins our Lake shippingwhother a moderatoly discriminating rate of tulls on the Welland Canal would not be advantageous, not only to the shipping interests of the Province, but not only the shipping interests of the Province, but
to the Canal interest itself. I would not advisc raising tho present rates on Aincrican vessels, but
rather lowering the tolls on British craft, say to the raising the present rates on Ancrican vessels, but
rather lowering the tolls on British craft, say to the extent of twenty per contum.

In the foregoing remarks I think I have embraced the subject gencrally which you wished me to notice. If I have onitted anything, I will gladly supply the necessary information, if in my powerAlong so very extensive a frontier as we possess, affording such great facilities for smuggling, the details of any system for collecting the sevenue, would require more time and greater consideration than I have been here enabled to bestow on the subject. But the system as at present managed, can scarcely be changed for a worse one: it is bad root and branch.

Much has been said respecting the importation of Teas from the United States subject to a fixed duty. I much doubt the policy of such a measure. And from my own personal knowledge of the Asiatic trade, I am fully and firmly convinced that we can maintain a trade with China direct, to the extent of our wants, with far more advantage than the Americans can; and that our Merchants and Captains have only to display a little more energy and enterprise, and adopt the plan of double or rather lowering the tolls on British craft, say to the
extent of twenty per contum.

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intermediate voyages to render the trade to Canton both outwards and homewards highly profitable. And to prevent the already enormous balance of trade against us with the United States from being further increased by the importation of so large an item of our consumption as Tea, particularly when it can be shown that our own Province furnishes from its own soil the means of paying by intermediate voyages for the whole amount of our consumption of that article. With nearly all the intermediate ports on the direct voyage to Canton, affording profitable markets for Canadian produce; with discriminating dutics in favour of British bottoms, and British produce, varying from five to seventeen and a half per contum in our fivor over American bottoms and American produce; with a still greater difference in our favour in the port charges at every port except Canton; with the means of furnishing from our minerals the dead weight for an outward royage, which will pay woll at Canton, and with our vessel, as well navigated, and at for less expensc, I maintain that we can become not merely the importers of our own Teas, but to a certain cxtent that we can make it profitable to sell to the Western States. The trale is in its infancy, and is scarcely yet understood even by our most int -lligent Merchants. The system of the East India Company, hampered as it was by harrassing restrictions, has yet scarcely given way to the operations of free trade. But above all the plan of sending ships direct from England for our Treas has been most unvise, and has doubtless arisen from our Merchants being yet ignorant of the advantages to be gained from an intermediate trade in puroly Canadian produce. But I have already trespassed too far on your attention. And again tendering you the advantage-if you are pleased to think it sucti-of any information I possess. Believe me to be with much respect,

My dear Sir.
Yours faithfully,
STEPIEN J. FULIER.
To M. Cameron, Esq.,
\&c. \&c. \&c.

## From the Collector of the Port of Kingston.

The Collector of Customs of the Purt of Kingston, begs leave to draw the attention of Malcolin Cameron, Lsquire, to the following matters connocted with the collection of the Customs at the Port of Kingston, and also in relation to the Revenue of the Province in general:-

1st.-The crection of a Custom-house at this Port.
So far back as the year 1803, the Legislature of the Province of Upper Canada, by the 5 th clause of the 43d Geo. III. chap. 2, authorized the Governor of the Province. with the advice of the Executive Council, to erect Custom-hnuses and Store-houses for the storing of goods liable to duty, and for the accommodation of the Collectors at each, any, or every of the Ports of Entry in the Province, provided the amount expended in any onc year should not exceed one-fourth of the preceding year's collection of duties in the Province. The limited revenue of the Upper Province did not admit of this clause of the Act being put into operation, and it was repealed in the year 1824. 'It' is submitterl', that the time has now arrived when the advanced state of the Provincial trade with United States of America, would fully warrant the expense attendant on the erection of Custom-houses at the principal of the Frontier Ports.

By an Act of the Imperial Parliament parsed in
the year 1827, Kingston is appointed a Free Ware housing Port under the provisions of the Imperial Act 6th, Geo. IV., chap. 114, subsequently continued by the 3 d and 4th, Wm. IV., chap. 59; and a Warehouse has been from time to time appninted by the Collector, as directed by the Act, but few importers have. however, taken adrantage of the Warehousing system, the insecurity of the wooden Stores, and the high rates of storage charged by the private Wharfingers, and the fact of their Warehouscs being used for Forwarding, and other purposes, in addition to the public business, have rendered the provisions of tho Warehousing Act inoperative: and the Stores thus appointed have been principally used as deposits for goods landed from the United States, for a few days. until the entry is completed by the importer.
The nature of the intercourse carried on between this Port and the United States, is such, that the daily Steam-boats remain but a short time in Port. and it is impossible almost, for the importer, even if he were apprized of the arrival of his goods, to complete the entry before the departure of the vessel. The goods are, therefore, of necessity placed in the Store, without any security to the public other than the confidence reposed in the Warelouse-keeper, and the risk of seizure in case of their removal without due entry. The owner is therefore subjected to the expense of wharfage and storage, even although his goods may be removed almost immediately. All this would be obviated by the ercetion of a substantial stone building adjacent to the water, with a Wharf solely for the use of the Steam-boats and other vessels trading with the United States, in which goods might be temporarily deposited until entry, or loft in Store subject to the duties, as provided for by the Imperial Act. Should it be deemed ox́pedient, reasonable storage might be charged, which would defray the expense of the attendants, and probably pay the intcrest of the expenditure. The same building would also afford accommodation to the Collector for the transaction of the business of the office.

2nd.-The appointment of one or more Tidewaiters or Landing-oflicers.
The Provincial Acts on the subject, provide for the appointment of a Collector for each Port, who is authorized to appoint one or more deputies, whose duties are to seize vessels and goods liable to forfeiture. The remuncration of these deputios arises solely from a proportion of the procceds of the seizures made by them; it is therefore evident that the more active a deputy is in the prevention of smuggling, the less he is remunerated.

In addition to the trade in contraband goods, carried on by scveral Merchants to a greater or less cxtent in all the Towns in the Province, there is a constant attempt made, by a differont class of porsons, to avoid the payment of dutios on various trifling articles imported by them in their travelling trunks, and'not reported by the Master's of the vossols in which they arrive ; the active deputy sometimes detects them, but in many instancos the party pleads ignorance of the Law, and probably the fact of his luggage not being romoved from the vesssl, and offers to pay the duty. The extrome hardship of some cases induces' the Collectors to accept it, and thus again the deputy is deprived of his remuneration. It is submitted, that the exaction of double or treble duties on such goods would equally answer the ends of justice, and that every vossel should be visited and examined by an Officer beforo the cargo is discharged; and in the case of Steam-boats from the United States, they should be compelled to come to the Custom-house Wharf, that the luggage of the passengers might there' be searched by an Officer appointed for that purpose. A course some what simi-
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lar is adopted at all Sea Ports; and without such assistance it is impossible to carryinto effect several of the provisions of the $3 d \& 4 t h \mathbf{W}$. IV., chap. 50.

3rd.-It is submitted, that the Ports of Kingston. Toronto, and Hamilton should, in all respects, be placed on the same footing as the Ports of Montreal and Quebec.
There are many accounts and returns, relative to the internal Trade of Canada, which would be highly desirable, and would afford much information to the Legislature and the Public gencrally; but it would be quite impossible for the Collectors of Customs, under the existing regulations, to undertake such a duty.

## 4th.-A Registry for British Vessels.

It is a question whether the English Registry Acts are not in force in this Province; they have not however been acted upon-and the want of a Registry has long been a matter of complaint among the owners and Masters of Vessels navigating the Lakes and Rivers of Canada. At present there is no means of ascertaing the ownership of a Stcamboat or Vessel, or Schooner, or the country to which it belongs, other than the assertions of the person in possession. A Vessel built in the United States could be newly painted and altered in appearance, and sold as a British bottom in a part of the Province, distant from the place where it was built and owned. Such a thing could not be attempted in the United States, as every Vessel there is compelled to take out a Register. It would also be desirable to ascertain the correct Tonnage of all British Steamboats and Schooners navigating the Lakes, in order that the full amount of Light duty might be exacted: at present the same vessels may be returned at different Ports as of different rates of Tonnage. It would be advisable to establish a Registry at certain Ports on each Lake, and at those Ports only should the Light House Duty be paid; at present this duty is, in many instances. evaded altogether. The payment may be made at any Port, and at any time during the Season-and the penalty for non-production of the Certificate, is forfeiture of the Vessel. The Collectors are not allowed any per centage on the duties collected, nor any portion of the proceeds of the seizure; the consequence is, that this unremunerated duty imposed on the Collectors is very imperfectly performed.

It is submitted, that it should be incumbent on the Masters of all Vessels navigating the Lakes, to take out their Light House Certificate on or before the first day of June in each year, or, in case of new Vessels, within a certain time after first leaving Port. A small penalty should be imposed on them, on each neglect or refusal to produce the Certificate, to be collected in a summary manner before a Magistrate; and the Collectors at the Ports of Registry should be allowed a per centage on the amount of Tonnage Duty received by them.

5th. A Revenue Cruizer is much required on the I ake and River in this vicinity.
At present the Collectors of Customs are not allowed any expenses they may incur in purchasing and keeping Boats for the prevention and detention of smuggling. All their efforts are therefore directed towards making seizures, as that alone remunerates them; whereas it is well known that the Revenue of the Country would be equally, if not more, benefitted by the prevention of illegal Importations. The Government of the United States is of that opinion, and has for many years kept Revenue Vessels attached to the principal Ports on these Lakes. As there will shortly be but few prohibited articles, and the duties on some will be so high as to induce
many to smuggle them, proper regulations should Appendix be ad $n$ pted as to the size of the Importing Vesse!- Appendix the quantity to be imported at one time, and the production of cloarances shewing the destination of 27 Lh Octobat the Vessel, and the progress of the voyage. Many of the provisions of the 58th, 88th and S9th Clauses of the 3 rd \& 4 th Wm. 4th, Chapter 59, would be applicable to this purpose.

6th.-The imposition of fixed instead of ad valorem duties would tend much to the increase of the revenue of this Colony. The great difficulty which has heretofore existed in ascertaining the true value of the different imports (notwithstanding the application of the test pointed out by the Imperial Act), and the various courses pursued by different Collectors in construing and enforcing the Law on the subject, and the consequent loss to the revenue, would, in my opinion, be a sufficient inducement to the Legislature of Canada to interfere in the matter ; but the present opportunity is the most fitting for it, as the recent Act of the Imperial Parliament, commonly called Mr. Gladstone's Act, having imposed duties on Goods imported into Canada, sufficient in the judgment of the Legislature, to protect the trade of Great Britain, and several of them being much less than formerly, it will therefore be necessary for the Provincial Parliament to pass a new Act for the purpose of raising a revenue : the duties to be imposed will in almost every instance exceed the Imperial ones, and thus permit a fixed daty on all the staple articles of importation. Another advantage which will accrue to the country, will be the introduction of better articles, the Duty being the same on the superior as on the inferior ; there will then bo no more entries of moulded Tobacco, or damaged Leather: in the case of ad valorem duties, it should be clearly defined whether the duty is to be imposed on the value at the Port of Entry, or the cost of the articles to the Importer ; if the former, Valuators should be appointed at each Port, to decide in cases of difficulty: and if the latter, severe penalties should be inflicted on persons attempting to make false entries; the present declaration has proved to be ineffectual in many cases.

7th. There are many articles in the present free table, upon which small duties might be imposed without interfering with the export trade of the country, or giving an undue advantage to the Farmer at the expensu of the consumer, and at the same time assist materially in increasing the Revenue.Many articles of Provisions and other things are imported into Canada, and particularly at this Port, because it is the only cash market within reach of the United States Farmer in the Counties bordering on Lake Ontario and the River St. Lawrence; they are. consequently, sold for whatever they will bring, and the money is taken out of the country. Impose a duty on them, and so much will be left behind; it will be paid by the seller, and not by the consumer. The Five per cent. duty imposed by the Provincial Legislature, at its last Session, on several articles formerly free, has created some Revenue, and has ncither decreased the importation or raised the market price of them; several still remain which would bear a duty, viz: Beef and Pork for consumption in the country, Fish, Cattle and Hogs, allowing however, a drawback, on their being packed for exportation, and Potatoes; a duty on Grain imported for the purpose of distillation, would produce considerable revenue, and by raising the price of Whiskey, tend in some degree to check intemperance. A duty might also be fairly imposed on Horses imported, other than the Horses of travellers and settlet's.

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8th.-Auction Licenses and Duties.
Great irregularity exists in making the returns required by the 6th clause of the 58th Geo. III., chap. 6, and consequently in the punctual payment of the duties levied on Auction Sales. The Auctioneers excuse themselves by alleging want of time to make out "the exact and particular account of ." the total amount of mnney bid nt cach sale, and " of the several articles, lots, or parcels, and of the " price of cach," and complain of the great burden thrown upon them by such returns being required. They express themselves willing to pay a much larger amount for a License, if they are relicved from rendering their accounts in detail ; and I am of opinion, that the application of the 7 th clause, 4 th and 5th Victoria, chap. 21, to this part of the Province. in lieu of the former method, would answer equally as well, a power might be added to the Collector to require a view of the Auctionecr's Salehooks, and a penalty attached to the refusal; this would enable him to ascertain whether goods liable to duty were classed by the Auctionecr; under the exceptions, and also to detect any false assertion which might be made by the Auctioneer, that he had eflected no Sales at Anction during a particular period. The old duty of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cont. might be renewed. without imposing too oncrous a burden upon the Public.

9th.-_Pedlars Licenses.
Although by a recent Act of the Legislature, the charge of this branch of the Revenue has been withdawn from the Collectors of Customs, and placed in the hands of the Inspectors of Licenses, yet 1 deem it my duty to bring under your notice, a practice which exists, of the Masters of Vesscls from the United States passing the Welland Canal, pedling during their inland voyage through this Province. Some of the articles thus disposed of, are duty free, and some not; and in the latter casc instances have oceurred of the Captains producing permits from the Collector at lort Colborne, authorizing them to discharge them within the limits of that Portwhich limits the parties stated, they were informed, extended throughout the Canal. It is evident that this practice is in contravention to the 58 th Geo. III. Chap. 5: and also that it opens a door to extensive smuggling. No Forcign Vessel should be permitted to break bulk during her voyage through the Canal.

All which is respectfully submitted.
THOS. KIRKPATRICK,
Collector.
Kingston, August, 1842.

No. 11.-Letler from J. T. Brondseest, Esquirn, to the Commissioner.

Montrcal, 30th May, 1843.
Malcolm Cameron, Esq. Sm,
In further reply to your favor of the 29th April, requesting me to give my opinion as to the charges necessary in the Customs Law, and the amount of Provincial duty I might conceive might be added to the Imperial charges, I beg to enclose a scale of duties which 1 think would be the most beneficial to the Revenue, as well as advantageous to the Merchant. I have also annexed to some the reasons which made me come to the conclusion I have.

I think very highly indeed of the Registration of Vessels trading in fresh waters, and I think the same
might be extended to sea-going Vessels also. All Appendix boats under 20 Tons should be prevented from delivering goods, except at a few Ports. The whole system of Tide-waiters should be amended; and regularly paid men, giving security, should not only be employed at the small Ports, but also in Montreal and Quebec; the preseut Tide-waiters being engaged mostly by the day, can have no interest in the Customs, and must be easily bribed. In my opinion they should be engaged by the year, and give security.

A visiting Inspector of Customs is absolutely required, to prevent the very gross frauds committed not only by importers but by the Collectors. Such Inspector would be sufficient, without a resident Inspector. I would rather give the Inspector an able Assistant, in case of sickness of the Principal, and in case the affiairs of any one Custom House might require a longer time to investigate than could be given by the Principal. Every Officer in some countries in Europe has such Assistant, to take his place in case of noed; and I should recommend the system in Canada.

From present appearances, the importation by sea this ycar will only be one third of that of last; the chicf decrease however will be in five per cent. articles, so that the Revenue will not suffer at all in proportion; and with correct collection in Canada West, 1 am certain the amount will be very considerably brought up.

I have taken rather longer to reply to this than I had wished, but waited to think over the matter and consult the Board of Trade. As however I did not agree with the whole of the Committee of that Body, the present scale of duties must be looked upon as altogether my own.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

## Your obedient Scrvant,

## J. T. BRONDGEEST.

1843.-May 31.

Provincial Duties which I conceive may be imposed, in addition to the Imperial Duties, as per Mr. Gladstone's Bill :-

Salt, 1s. per ton.-Remark. Present duty.
Coffee: green, 10 per cent. ad valorem.-Remark. A better mode of levying the duties on Coffee, the quality differing so much.

Coffee prepared by roasting, ground, or in any other manner, 20 per cent. ad valorem.-Remark. This provides for Roasted Coffee, omitted in the last Act.

Ale, Beer, Cider, Perry, Wines of all kinds, in wood, 10 per cent. ad valorem. The same in bottle, 15 per cent. ad valorem.-Remark. 1 far better mode of levying the duty, as Wines differ so much in value ; it is increased $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., as the best Wines can well afford it. The inferior will pay scarcely as much as they now do, but the revenue will be increased from the best Wines paying so much more.

Tobacco, either manufactured or in leaf, 10 per cent. ad valorem.-Remark. This is also more fair than the present system.

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Molasses, 1s. 6d. per cwt.—Remark. As at present.

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Sugar, unrefined, 5s. per cwt.-Remark. This is a considerable reduction, much called for by the public. the present duties being in some cases 100 per cent. on the cost price. The increase in consumption will much tend to make up the deficiency in duty; and a heavier duty is put upon Wines and Spirits to compensate.

Sugar, refined, clayed, loaves or lumps, crushed, bastards. or prepared in any manner, whether improved by refining or not, 20 per cent. ad valorem. -Remark. This is the fairest mode of avoiding all difficulty. It is easy to ascertain, from a price current, whether a fair value is given in to the Customs or not; and by the ad valorem duty, inferior bastards pay lessduty than raw Sugar; refined more in the fair proportion to their real value for consumption.

Spirits of every kind, 1s. per imp. gallon, hydrometer proof.-Remark. I think these will bear the increasc, to make up deficiency in Sugar.

Teas, all sorts, 3d. per lb.-Remark. As at_present.

Wheat, as per Act of Provincial Legislature, last Session.-Renark. As at present.

Barley, Rye, Beans, Rice. Oats, Maize Corn, Buckwheat. Hay, Oxen. Cows, Calves, Shecp, Lambs, Pigs or Swine, Morscs, Mules, Asses, Poultry, Vegetables, Potatoes, ILemp, Flax, ILides, Raw Coton, Wool, Cotton Yarn, Woollen Yarn, Flax Yarn, Coals-Frec.-Remurk. As at present.

Barley Flour, Wheat Flour, Oatmeal, Cornmeal, Bean-meal, Peas-meal,6d. per 196 Ibs-Remark. As a slight protection to the Miller, and to enable returns to be made of imports.

Butter and Cheese, 1s. per cwt.-Remerls. To protect the packer, and for the latter reason respecting Mcals, \&c.

Salted Provisions, 1s. per cwt.-Remark. For the same reason.

Unbleached Cottons and Linens, 2 per cent.Remark. These two articles I think are at too high a duty, being used much by the poor.

All other articles. 5 per cent.-Remark. If the two foregoing are at 2 per cent., 5 per cent. can be well afforded on all other manufactures.

In the above, care has been taken to levy the Provincial duty in the same manner as the Imperial; that is, imitating the Imperial as to the mode of levying per cwt., ad valorom, \&c. This is very important to simplify calculations; the duties, also, should be all Sterling.

No. 12.-Letter from J. T. Brondgeest, Esquire, to the Commissioner.

Montreal, 1st June, 1843.
Malcolm Cameron, Lisq.
Sir,
On considering the falling off in the duties on distilled Spirits imported from abroad, and the injury thereby received by the revenue, I in my last communication advised, that the duty on all imported

Spirits should be raised to 1s. per Imperial gallon, that being the Provincial duty I think the article would and ought to bear.

But as the falling off of the revenue derived from ${ }^{27 t h}$ October. import-d Spirits, arises in a great measure from the increase in the manufacture of the domestic article, I would suggest the imposition of a tax on Whiskey, or other $\mathbf{S}$ pirit distilled in Canada, as a legitimate, proper, and casily collected Revenue.

It would not require the complicated machinery resorted to for its collection, and that is required in Great Britain ; the duty boing but small, a declaration or oath, made by the distiller, should be considered sufficient. The duty should be at least sixpence, and not over one shilling per gallon; even the former would yield a large revenue. Beer inight be taxed from 1d. to 2 d . to be collected in the same way.

No fear need be entertained that such a measure would be unpopular; although extensively used in the country, no one now would object to pay a higher price, as although the majority of the popalation are far from holding temperance principles, still the change in opinion the last few years respecting Spirits being anything but luxuries, has been so great, that any tax to raise the price of domestic Spirits, would be checrfully agreed to by all.

At all events if taxes are to be levied at all, there cannot be a fairer subject for it.

All attempts to raise a revenue by taxing the contents of the Still, will prove unjust, and to produce a bad article; when so taxed, it becomes the interest of the distiller to run the Spirit over as fast as possibic, consequently it becomes his interest to make as bad an article as he can.

As to frauds on the revenue by means of incorrect statements, that could be avoided by making the party produce his delivery book on oath ; but I think mysclf that when a matter is put to a man's honor, hic soldom is guilty of fraud; bat when you placo chocks, supposing fraud to be intended, the temptation is great to evade them.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant.

## J T. BRONDGEEST

No. 13.-Letter from Mr. John F. Elliott to the Comzmissioner.

Junc 10th, 1843.
My Dear Sir,
You ask me to state what 1 think ought to be the boundary of the Port of Sandwich. The River Ruscum is about half way between Chatham and Windsor, and is close to the line which divides Essex from Kent. Turkey Creek is nearly half way between Windsor and Amherstburgh. I would, therefore, recommend that the River Ruscum and Turkey Creek should be made the limits of this Port.

The intercourse with Detroit is very great, and numerous small parcels and bundles are brought over cvery day in the Ferry-boat ; a person would, therefore, be required to be constantly on the watch to intercept and examine such things: in this respect, Windsor differs materially from Ports situated on the Lake, remote from Ferrics and large American Towns. There is a limited time for keeping the Office open, and of course for attending to the duties; but as the Ferry-boat crosses before and after

Appendix the regular hours, it will be necessary to be always (B. B.) on the look-out.

Will you please to tell me if it is the wish of Government that we examine all small parcels, and collect the duty upon things brought over by individuals for their own use?

Is 10 per cent to be added on collecting duties by the new Tariff, as ordered some time since by the Inspector General?

Waggons, Sleighs, \&c., crossing at various points, particularly on the ice in winter, with travellers and their luggage, may smuggle extensively; can we compel them to come to the Custom House and report, and can we punish them by fine or seizure, if they neglect?

When the duties to be collected are not by a per centage on the value, but a specified sum on the quantity, is the sum mentioned in the Tariff to be always considered Sterling?

The Law says that Custom Honse Officers are not to be obstructed in their duty; is there any way of punishing those who give provoking and insulting language?

All Vessels calling at a Port of entry, whether from a Foreign Port or other part of the Province, should report to the Collector of Customs, and give in the name of the Vessel, Owner and Captain, a correct description of cargo, and state where from, whire bound, and all other particulars. Collectors should be required to keep all those things carefully noted down in a book provided for that purpose. Captains of Vessels neglecting or refusing to give in a correct report should be fined.

A small finc imposed upon persons detected smug. gling, might be attended with much good; our neighbours the Americans, with all their love of liberty, are getting very strict in this respect.

Captain Ward, of the " Huron," American Steamer, requested me to inform you that he cannot find the document you wished to see, and is not certain if it was ever printed.

Yours, most sincerely,
JOHN F. ELLIOTT.

No. 14,-LLetter from Mr. T. Macklem to the Com-
Chippawa, Sept. 1st, 1842.
Malcolm Camoron, Esqr.
Dear Sir,
As the period is fast approaching for the meeting of the Legislature, when, in all probability, something will be done with reference to the collection of the Revenue, I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by our conversation in July last, to offer a few suggestions on that branch of it which relates to the Customs ; and although, perhaps, not altogether new to you, they may assist, in some degree, towards the amendment of the Law in certain cases wherein, at present, it appears to be deficient.

In the first place, I would beg leave to call your attention to the uncertain and, in many cases, unjust mode proscribed for Collectors to ascertain the value of goods at the place of importation, viz: by the
addition of 10 per cent to the Invoice on cost price of the articles, without reference to the place at which the goods were purchased. I cannot but think it an exceeding hardship that Importers should be liable, even under any circumstances, to the payment of duty on the cost of transport, over and above the duty on the value of the goods; but it is a still greater hardship for a man (taking a case which may come under my own observation) who purchased goods at Buffalo, say to the amount of $\$ 500$, the transport of which, thence to Chippawa, does not exceed $\$ 2$, should be charged duty on $\$ 50$, or 10 per cent over the actual cost, to cover expenses of transportation. On the other hand, the cost of carrying goods purchased at a place remote from the port at which they are intended to be entered, will, in many cases, exceed the addition of 10 per cent on their value. With a view, therefore, of affording a remedy for this unsatisfactory mode of ascertaining the cost of transportation (if the Legislature should persist in charging duty on the expenses of transport), I should suggest that the Importer or Consignee, at the time he makes entry of the goods, shall be required to produce, along with his Invoice, the bill of freight for convesing or carrying said goods from the place at which they were purchased; and shall also, if required by the proper Officer, declare to the truth of such bill, in like manner as he is now bound to do with regard to the value of the articles contained in the Invoice, by which entry of such gnods is made ; and I would likewise suggest that Officers of the Customs should have power of administering all oaths in every matter in anywise connected with or relating to the duties of their office, without the necessity of referring, on all occasions, to a Justice of the Peace, who is not always at hand when required for that purpose.

I have been informed that it is competent for Custom House Officers to sell condemned or seized property, at any place in the Province which they may sclect as the least likely to be exposed to that sys. tem of combination which is sometimes entered into for the purpose of defeating the sale, particularly when the property is offered at the Port where the seizure is made, and probably wherein the 1 m porter or Consignee resides. Although this may be the practice, I have not been able to find the Act under which the removal takes place; but I think such an object, so desirable, and in which the Government is so largely interested, ought to hold a conspicuous place in the Statute Book.

As the offence of smuggling is not complete unless goods are actually brought on shore contrary to Law ; and as it is a common practice for persons by signals or other intimations, to give notice to sunuggling boats attempting to offect a landing, that the way is not altogether cloar, in which case they immediately put back a safe distance from the shore, to a wait a more favorable opportunity for effecting their purpose; and as the present law does not seem to meet a case which has so direct a tendency to encourage smuggling and fraud; I take the liberty of suggesting that any Boat or Vessel after dark so attempting to effect a landing, or being within a certain distance of the shore, without the persons on board being able to give a reasonable account of themselves, having on board, or in any manner attached or affixed thereto, or conveying, or having conveyed, in any manner, any goods whatsoever liable to forfeiture, not only suoh goods with their packages, and all goods contained therein, but the Vessel or Boat, with the furniture, tackle, and apparel, shall be forfeited, and liable to seizure at any Port at which she may put in; and all persons who shall be found or discovered to have been on board any such Boat or Yessel, knowingly aiding and as*

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sisting, or in any wise concerned in the attempt to land such goods, shall forfeit the sum of fifty pounds each : and that it shall be lawful for any Officer of the Customs, or other person acting in his aid, to stop and detain any such person, and to convey him before any Justice of the Peace who shall be authorized to hear and determine the complaint-and on its heing proved with satisfaction to the Justice, that the person is guilty of such offence, it shall be the duty of such Justice to require the offender to enter into sufficient sureties to pay the amount within a cortain time to be named by such Justice, -on default whercof, to be conmitted to the common Gaol of the District for the epace of months. unles: the fine be somer paid: one moiety whereof to be paid for the use of the Crown, and the other moiety to the Officer of the Customs, as an encouragement for the discharge of his duty: Provided alwnys, that it shall be lawful for the party feeling himself aggrieved, to appeal to the next Quarter Scssions for the District wherein the complaint shall have arisen, giving to the other party reasonable notice of the cause and matter of such appeal, and entering into recognizance in double the amount, with two sufficient suretics, to try such appeal, and to abide the judgment of the Court, and pay costs: and provided also, that if any question shall be made as to whether the person was so aiding and assisting, or otherwise concerned. as aforesaid, and the said person shall rest his defence thereon, that he was not so aiding and assisting, or otherwise concerned, as aforesaid. that the proof shall lie on the party accused; and it shall not be necessary for the Officer of the Customs to prove that he did so aid and assist.
In order to discourage the practice that prevails, to a much greater extent than perhaps you are aware of, and to provide a punishment for those who may be in anywise concerned in making signals, or intimations to smuggling vessels, I think it might with great propricty be cnacted, and I should hope with favorable results. that if any person shall, after dark, make, or assist in making, or be present for the purpose of assisting in making, or cause to be made, any light, or fire, or shall fire. or cause to be fired, any gun or other fire-arms, or make, or cause to be made, any other signal, contrivance, or device, for the purpose of making or giving any signal, to any person on board any smuggling vessel, or boat, (whether such signal be made from the water or on shore.) such person so offending, shall be guilty of a misdemenorr ; and it shall be lawful for any Officer of the Customs, or other person. to stop and arrest such person, and carry him before the nearest Justice of the Peace. to be dealt with as in ordinary cases of misdemeanor ; and in case any person shall be charged, or indicted, for any of the catses aforesaid, the burden of proof that such fire, light, or uther device, contrivance, or signal, was not made with such intent and purpose as aforesaid, shall be upon the defendant against whom such charge is made, or indictment found. By a recent Circular from the former In-spector-General, Officers of the Customs are given to understand that they are to act upon the smugcring laws in force in England, as far as relates to the firing into any Boat or Vcssel which, on being required by the proper Officer, shall not bring to, and the Offiecr so firing is indemnified and discharged from any indietment, penalty, or action, for damages for so doing. The wisdom of this Law is apparent, and I think such a provision might be bencficially introduced and made to apply to the cascs of waggons, carts, or sleighs travelling at night, the driver or person in charge whereof, on being required, shall rcfuse to stop and permit such wagons, carts, or sleighs, to be examined. In order to check, in some degree, the extensive smuggling which is carrice on throughout this Province, Custom House Officers are obliged to throw themselves on the as-
sistance of Informers, to whom they must pay large sums of money as an inducement to enter upon the office: this they can ill afford out of a salary (in most cases) of only $£ 100$ per annum ; and although $n n$ one can feel otherwise than grateful to the heat of the Government for placing him in an office of credit and emolument, and ought not, perhaps, to question what may reasonably be required of him, still I trust I may be allowed to venture a suggestion, that where the expense of Informers is so great. and the service so necessary. some part of that expense ought to be borne by the Government-say in proportion as they share in the proceds of seizures. And in case any Officer of the Customs shall expend any monies in his hands for that purpose, he should be required to declare that the items or charges in his account current, purporting to he the sum or sums paid to Informers, were actually and necessarily paid out and disbursed by him for such parpose. I do think, were the Government to come into a measure of this kind, that a stimulus wonld be given to the excrtions of Collectors, by increasing the means of staining information, and removing one of the chief obstacles which now exists to the useful employment of Informers.

I am, dear Sir.
Your most obt. scrvt.,
OLIVER T. MACKLEM.

No. 15.-Leller from Mr. W. D. Miller to the Commissioner, auclosing Remarks relative to the dutics of Inspectors of Liccnses.

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\text { Niagara, 3d Scpt. } 1842 .
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Malcolm Cameron, Esq., M.P.P. Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you the annexed hasty sketch of Remarks relative to Licensing Duties, as obecrved by me in the course of my duties as Inspector of Licenses.

I have the honor to be,
Your most obedt. scrvant,

W. D. MILIUER.

Remarksiclative to the duties of Inspector of Licenses.

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The Law as it now is, they cannot be convicted for peddling withont License, except before at least threc Magistratcs. They do peddle both on foot. and with horse and waggon, without Licerise, bat cannot convict for want of proof, although morally certain they do sell. Would recommend that convictions be made before one or more Magistrates, as at present the Law is ineffective, not being able to cause them to appear before three Magistrates, particularly in the interine of the District, where Pedlars are more generally found; also, that they should be liable to fine when found travelling in the capacity of a Pedlar, and that their goods, \&c., be subject to scizure, as well as the person, in order to insure the payment of fine; and that the Inspector (or his depity) have power, where there is no Constable or Magistrate near to where an arrest be made, to demand aid, if necessary, by appointing a Special Constable to take in charge persons so detected. The Statute permitting manufacturers or goods, wares, \&c. \&c., manufactured in this Province, to peddle the same without License, they being Her Majesty's subject or subjects, has need of amendment. It is

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a very common thing for Tin Pedlars to come into this Province from the United States with their wares, and assume the name of a manufacturer therein, and sell through all the Province in his name; also, manufacturers resident in this Province who manufacture therein, but not a subject of Her Majesty, send out their agent to peddle their wares. The Statute evidently does not permit the latter, although in some Districts it is thought sufficient if they are but manufactured in the Province, no matter if the manufacturer is an alien, and not six months in the Province. Would recommend some check on the proprictors who are duly authorized to send ont their agents to peddle, particularly to furnish the Inspectors of their respective Districts with a list of names of such persons acting for them (on'oath); and to furnish each agent with his certificate of being authorized by him to peddle, the wares being his. It is supposed there are more Pedlars travelling without license than with. Pedlars also auction their goods, \&c., from their waggons without license.

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There are dealers in Spirituous Liquors who profess to sell in quantitics of not less than three gallons, and pay no license for the same. In the Statute of 58 Gco. III., chap. 1 , a wholesale license was required tobe taken by suchpersons, to wholesale, which was limited to three grallons and upwards, which is expired; and from that Act the present dealers consider themsclves authorized to sell in quantities of not less than the three gallons without license. The present Act does not define what a wholesale vender may sell, but requires the duty of $£ 710 \mathrm{~s}$. to be paid upon all licenses to vend Wine, Brandy, \&c. by retail, granted or issued to Shop-kecpers; consequently the question arises, are not all persons who have their Liquors on Tap, and sell by three gallons and upwards, Retailers, in the true sense of the word? They are. Would recommend an amendment of the law in such cases.

## inss, and ale and beer houses.

Would recommend that all certificates granted to applicants to keep lnns, or Ale and Becr-houses, during the year, be subject to a like restriction as those granted during the December adjourned Scssions; that they shall be null and void after. Days from day of approval or issue of certificate, to bear date the day of approval. At present such certificates are retained by the applicant, and no doubt selling under it. This amendment would prevent the like.

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Would recommend that all Requisitions for Still License, should have on the same shect of paper a diagram shewing the vessels in use, their position, and their conncction by steam-pipes. Would recommend that all Inspectors have the power of taking information on oath, that the informant may not be known by a third person. As it is at preseni, the informer complains to the Inspector, and when the case is procecded with, the witness then being sworn, gives different testimony; whereas, if the witness was first sworn, would prevent the like occurrence.

No. 16.-Remarks of the Deputy Inspector of Licenses, Toronto.

1st. The Law for Distilleries is, that the Inspector or his Deputy cannot enter before sum-rise or after sun-set; now that is absurd, for they should have it in their power to enter at all times when any suspicion is entertained about such Distilleries, and
when any Inspector or his Deputy finds any person
or persons in the act of distilling, it ought to be that his evidence, prima facie, should be enough to convict any such person or persons on account of convict any such person or persons on account of 27 th October.
finding them doing so, and the amount of the fine doing so, and the amount of the fine should not be less than the License for distilling; and in default of payment, the goods and chattels of said person so convicted should be distrained for said fine, and also all implements in and about the Distillery should be liable for the same; and if found not sufficient property, imprisunment would be the better mode; and also in the case of the Distillery being a rented one, that the landlord should not have it in his power to distrain to prevent such fine being paid.
2nd. That of Breweries.-I think it is not right that Brewers are not taxed as well as the Distillers, that Brewers are not taxed as well as the Distillers,
for I am sure that their profits are as good, if not more, than that of the Distillers. There is in this more, than that of the Distilers. There is in this
District twenty-onc Breweries, and to take them on an average of about three hundred and fifty gallons to each Copper or Beer Boiler, with a curb on the to each Copper or Beer Boiler, with a curb on the
top of the same, should be all charged to their entire contents according to measurement or guaging. I
think they should pay as much, per gallon, as the contents according to measurement or guaging. I Distillers; and if they are taxed, it would increase
the Revenue in this District about five hundred Distillers; and if they are taxed, it would increase
the Revenue in this District about five hundred pounds per annum, taking the average contents of pounds per annum, taking the average contents of
each Boiler or Bcer curb to be about 350 gallons. 1 am sure I speak within bounds with regard to 350
gallons being an average, from the information 1 1 am sure I speak within bounds with regard to 350
gallons being an average, from the information 1 have obtained.

3rd. Tavern Keepers.-As to Taverns, it is my opinion there can be but little alteration made for
them to obtain License only in Citics, and that is, opinion there can be but little alteration made for
them to obtain License only in Cities, and that is, I think the qualification too little. The Law in its I think the qualification too little. The Law in its cense shall have three rooms and three beds, and cense shall have three rooms and three beds, and
stabling for four horscs. I think that in all Towns and Villages with the most public Roads, such as and illages with the most public Roads, such as
Yonge Street, Dundas Strect, the Kingston Road, and all such thoroughfare ways, their qualifications ought to be double, and should pay the same for License as in Villages where there are over twenty License as in Villages where there are over twenty
houses, which law at present is only seven pounds ten shillings ; but I think that in citics such as this, Qucbec, Montreal, Kingston, Hamilton, and in all Qucbec, Montreal, Kingston, Hamilton, and in all ers should not be less than twelve pounds ten shilers should not be less than twelve pounds ten shilnot pay less than twenty pounds; and by so doing, those inferior class of houses will be put down at those inferior class of houses will be put down at abominable habit of drunkenness to which many are
broughtto from frequenting those nasty shebeenhouses abominable habit of drunkenness to which many are both here and in many other places. It is my opinion that any Inspector, or his Deputies; going into a house which he finds in the shape of a Tavern, with a bar fitted up, and that he suspects liquor
being selling in it, that his evidence, prima facie, with a bar fitted up, and that he suspects iquor
being selling in it, that his evidence, primá facie, ought to be enough to convict the proprietor of such house.

4th. Beer License.-That of Beer License it is my opinion that such should not be granted, for it is nothing but a mere cloak for the selling of other kind of liguorz.

5th. As to Houses of Public Entertainment, or Temperance Houses as they are frequently termed, the law requires that a License should bo taken for such, but in default of their not doing it, there is no penalty in the Act to inflict any fine (3Vic., ch. 20, sec. 14). Those people that pretend to keep such houses should all have to pay a License, less or more, as their case may be, at the discretion of the Magistrates, for they all reap the benefit of the travelling

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community as well as the Licensed Inns. In many cases I have known, where the Magistrates refused to give a License for a Tavern, they have immediately started what they call Temperance Houses, which is nothing but an evasion or defrauding the Revenue.

6th. Store-kecping.-It should be that all and every one selling liquor, either by wholesale or retail, should pay a License ; also, it is very hard for the Store-kecpers in the interior of the country to have to pay as inuch as them in the Citics, for I am sure that there is more sold in one day in the City than is sold in the country Stures in six months, in any part.

7th. Pedlars or Mawkers.-That of Pedlars, when 1 find a Pedlar, I am bound to take him before three magistrates before he can be convicted. It is almost impossible to got three magistrates together, without bringing any one that is caught in the country to Toronto, which. in one case, I had to bring one about 40 miles; it should be one or more magistrates should be sufficient to convict: and at the same time when the Inspector arrests any person or persons, that they should have it in their power to detain his property, as well as his person ; that is not the case in the present Act to detain the gonds, only the person-Act 58 Gieo. III. chap. 5 , sec. 3 ; also, when persons take out their license aceording to the Act. they must take the onth of allegiance. It may be all well enough for forcigners to be compelled to do so, but British born subjects to have to take the oath of allegiance, and have to pay the sum of five shitlings for taking such oath, which is charged in its place for a certificate that they have taken such nath, I think it too hard. To obtain evidence agwinst Pedlars, in many cases it is rather difficult. If the Inspector, or any person under him, finds any person or persons pedling on frot, or with any wagon, or wagons, horses, mulcs asses, or beast or beasts, or any decked vessel, or any vessel whatever, going from town to town, or any person going from house to house, shall be subject to
fine; it is my opinion that the fines heretofore are sufficient, and that the evidence of the Inspector, or any person under him, should be prima facie to convict the parties accused, unless that the parties could shew to the contrary that they were not Hawkers, for it is evident that no person would carry goods around the country for pleasure, cither on foot or any other way.

Sth. It is also my opinion that all Apothecarios should pay a license, for there is one in this place sells as much Wine as mnst of the Store-koepers in this city; and it is evident that they all sell high Wines, and what is that but double proof Whiskey.

9 th. It is also my opinion that Tanners should be taxed, or pay license for to carry on such business.

It is my opinion that the person appointed as such Inspector, should have nothing to do with regard to any moncy aflairs, but only to go around the country to see that no cvasion of the Law was made, to inspect all stills, and guage and measure them; to inspect all Brewcrics, if they are licensed, and guage and measure them; to inspect Stores and Taverns, and all Tanneries, if there is duty laid on them; to make a return of Inspection to the Inspector of Licenses at least once every three months, of all Stills, entire contents of each Still, the number of Stores, to report upon the accommodation of Taverns, so that he will be enabled to furnish to the Magistrates the information with regard to the accommodations of each Tavern, the number of Breweries, with the contents of each Vessel, by guaging or measurement ; also, if such Inspector should be appointed, that he should not receive any part of the fines, and the reason is, that his evidence
should be in all cases sufficient to convict, so that it could not be said that he had the power of swearing to have gain for himself; and also if such Law should pass, it ought to be that a very severe pu-27thi October nishment should be inflicted on any person or persons obstructing, or threatening to obstruct, any such Inspector, either on his duty or afterwards; also. that it should be the duty of such Inspector to send at least once in every six months, a return of all proceedings in his district to the Inspector-General ; also, that when a fine is levied, and the amount paid, cither to the convicting magistrate, or any person or persons acting as constables, that it should be the duty of such magistrate to see that the amount should be at once transmitted to the Inspector of Licenses, for him to dispose of; and in default. of such not being done, that there should be a severe punishment or fine inflicted on the parties.

No. 17.-Note by the Commissioner, accompanied by
two Letters from the Montreal District Inspector two Letters from the Montreal District Inspector of Licenscs to the Honorable D. Daly.
Note.-I have to acknowledge the politeness of the IIonorable Mr. Daly, in transmitting to me the following Report fiom the Inspector of Montreal. Although my investigations into the state of the Revenue were confined to Upper Canada, this, and a subsequent Report, from the same person threw much light on the working of the License system. which is nearly the same in both Provinces. MALCOLM CAMERON.

## Montreali, Manch 12th, 1842. <br> District Inspector's Office.

## IIonorable Sir,

I beg to lay before you a Report of the progress and working of the Auction and Distillery Luties Acts in this District.
The number of Auctioneers who "have"taken out
Licenses is ten, being two short of the number whe
The number of Auctioncers who have,taken out
Licenses is ten, Deing two short of the number whe sold in this City last year. I have had no applications from the Country.
By the present Bill, all Auctioncers are tafind two good and sufficient securities for $£ 500$, which amount presents an almost insuperable barrier to country persons taking out Licenses; and the consequences are, they will sell clandestinely and evade the duty. $\Lambda$ sufficient modification of the amount of the Bond would open the way, and the duties would be casily brought to flow ; this principle has been adopted by the Imperial Parlianent in the Auction Acts for the United Kingdom. The amount of duty that would at any time be due by a Country Auctioncer would be not at all likely to reach $£ 100$. I respectfully say that that sum is sufficient security in such cascs, and that the limits of their salcs be a circle of 15 miles, round Quebec and Montreal.

I humbly suggest for the more easily securing the Revenues payable to this Department, that the Police should make a Return to the District Inspector twice a year, stating the number and namos of Distillers and Auctioneers within the jurisdiction of each station or county.

Until the 10th of April, no duties are payable by Auctioneers; and as little business is transacted at this season, the amount of Revenue for this quarter will be small.

My attention has been more immediately occupied by the Distilleries. The number of Licenses up to this is ten, being, for $\mathbf{3 0 4 , 6 2 8}$ gallons, $£ 2284$ 14s. 2 d . There is, I believe, about as many more who have not

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yet paid-some more will come in shortly;-others 274h Ootober. have abandoned the trade, or will not pay from inability to do so.
I have visited and gauged 12 Stills or sets of Stills, for the purpose of examining the correctness of the Returns made, and I have almost invariably found such Returnsincorrect; I am now calling on them for this deficioncy.
In reducing the Distillery Act to practice, I am sorry to inform you I find it very loose and defective, and not calculated in its present shape to aflord satisfaction in the working; this will be cvident to you for the following reasons: It does not contain any instructions for the recovery of the Duties, though it doos or penaltics by distress ; but in some cases the Distillers have no property,-they rent the establishment, or it is mortgaged and out of reach. If a provision had been made for such contingencies, the utensils, or his person, would be atlainable, as in the United Kingdom in similar cases.
There is in the 7 l h section of this Act an enumeration of the vessels upon which duty is chargeable, namely, theBeer Still, Faint Still Doubler, orany vessel that may act as a Still, or be an auxiliary to the Beer Still, excepting only Condensors and Rectifying Stills for distilling "High Wines;" if this last clause had cnded here, there would be no difficulty in determining the range of this Still's operations, but the Act supplics, or rather this clause of it, a definition of "High Wincs," which, if admitterl, would exempt Faint Stills and Doublers from Duty, for this clause runs thus, "High Wines," or spirit of the first extraction from Becr. This clause was introduced after the first or second reading of the Bill, and is objectionable on the grounds here stated, and requires amendinent, because some Distillers refuse to pay tior any Stills but the Beer Still, and becanse" High Wines" is not the first spirit from the Boer, but it is denominated "High Wines" from having been distilled twice over from the spirit first extracted from the Beer. The first distillation is from Beer, and produces. according to the acceptance of the trade, "Singlings," (or Low Wines by 4 Geo. 4 cap. 94, of the Imperial Parliament, ) and the second distillation is said to double it; hence, the Still by which it is effected is called a Doubler, and the produce is Whiskey ; any further operation by distilling is called Rectifying.

Two operations are necessary to make barely a drinkable Whiskey; it follows, if two Stills are used that onc bocomes an auxiliary to the other, and liable therefore to duty by the expressed design of the Act.
The operations of Rectifying Stills should be limited to making flavored Spirits, Gin, \&c., or Alcohol, (High Wines,) and from spirits twice distilled previously.

As the duty upon Beer Chargers or Still Chargers for heating up the coming charge for the Still is inoperative now, from their use being discontinued, whereby there is a loss of fuel, my opinion is that the Distillers would feel favored by being allowed to use them under cortain restrictions without being chargeable with duty.

These alterations, with one or two more changes which this Act requires, would have the effect of increasing rather than diminishing the Revenue from this source, and leave no room for complaint that the Law is acting unequally, or opposed to economy or improvements.

I may here add, that the Distiller does not calculate a cost from the duty of more than 11d. per gallon 12 O. P.

I respectfully suggest that Malt drink is a legitimate article for taxation, from which as much (or nearly so) duty might be exacted as upon Stills, and would hardly be felt by the consumer; were such a

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$$ tax fixed, it would be fair to put one on imported Malt drink.

Before drawing up this Report, Sir, I endeavoured to make myself acquainted with these Acts, (as instructed); and my attention has also been directed to the opinions of those immediately interested in the operations of them. I have also had occasion to consult Mr. Buchanan, Q.C., whose able assistance I am to acknowledge.

Your humble and obedient servant,

> D. S. STUART, Inspector.

Honorable D. Daly,
Secretary, C. E.

## Montreal, 21st Scptember, 1843. <br> District Inspector's Office.

## Honorable Sir,

As Parliament is now assembled, I take the liberty of reforring you to my Meport of the $12 t h$ Murch last, relative to the working of the Auction Duties Bill and of the Distilleries Dutics Bill.

IIaving had six months morc practice since, I find no reason for changing my opinions on the merits of the provisions of both of these Acts: on the contrary, I am confirmed in the anticipations I then held.

Throughout the country Parishes but a few Auction Licenses have been taker out, and the persons so licensed are now regretting they did so, as they find their trade usurped by a pauper class, who I have no power to punish.
The amount of duty that would ariso in the aggregate from these sales would be considerable; besides. the principle of allowing sales to be made by unlicensed persons is a bad one, and persons who have paid for Licenses fairly expect protection from such practices; and, I respectfully say, are entitled to it. Sales to the amount of over $£ 500$ have been made within the last quarter by one individual. without a License, and a Mercantile House of this City employed him at one sale.
The Distillory Act, as interproted by the Law Officer of the Executive (opinion 15th April), excmpts all Stills from Duty, excepting the Beor or Wash Stills; this evidently was not the intention of the Legislature. for in this state of the Law some Distillers, from the number of their Stills, have greatly the advantage of others; besides it is a positive loss to the Revenuc of about $£ \$ 00$ a-year.

The Distillcrs, at first, calculatod that the Duty would cost 1 id. per gallon on the Whiskey manufactured, but I have reason to know it does not amount to more than 4d. per gallon, on the most of what is manufactured in this District,-a trifling tax indeed on the consumer of one or two glassos in the day.

The Licensing system has stopt several of the small establishments, in consequence of the duty being made payable in one sum in advance.
Hoping that this, my second Report, may prove acceptable,

## I remain, with great respect, Honorable Sir,

You humble and obedient servant,
D. S. STUARTT, Inspector,

Hon, D. Daly, Secretary, C. E.

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Statement of Accounts for the last nine years.


| Date of Lease. | Name of Lessee of Tolls. | Amount of Lease. | Paid to Commission'rs | Rents remitted or abated. | Balance re maing due. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1834.-June 9. | Henry White. . . . . . . . . . . . . |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { f } & \text { s. } & \text { p. } \\ " & " \end{array}$ | E s. D <br> 85 15 7 |
|  | Joḧn B̈́njamin'............. | 21700 |  |  |  |
| 1835.-June 10. |  |  | "3 18 " 9 | $\left.\begin{array}{llll}  & 11 \end{array}{ }^{\prime}\right)_{1}$ | 12410 |
| 1836.-June 10 to 26. | \} Tolls collected by the Commissioners . | $\begin{array}{lll}7 & 5 & 3\end{array}$ | $7 \quad 5 \quad 3$ |  | " .. |
| Junc 26. | Major Allman . . . . . . . . . . . . | 226 | $16913 \quad 9$ |  | 56113 |
| 1837.-June 26. | Alexander Westb | 2475 | 123130 | 123120 |  |
| 1838.-June 26. | John Finncssey. | $\begin{array}{lll}165 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ | ${ }_{4} 1050$ | 12500 |  |
| 1830. - June 26. | Edward Yarding | $247{ }^{247} 0$ | $\begin{array}{lll}185 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ |  | 61150 |
| 1840.-June 26. | John Finnessey | 254150 | 254150 | " " |  |
| 1841.-June 26. | John Finnessey | 218150 | 218150 | " " |  |
| 1842.- |  | $300 \quad 0$ | 12500 | " " | 1750 |
|  | $\pm$ | $2069 \quad 510$ | 1308'10 9 | 257 |  |

Total amount that should have been received by the Commissioners, since 1834,
£2069 510
Amount remitted to ReceiverGeneral, up to the 26 h April, 1843, was only

Expended in repairs on the Bridge, or on Roads in the neighbourhood, and in paying a Clerl a Salary of $£ 10$ yer annum,

Discount allowed by the Commissioners to Lessecs of Tolls, ...

Balance due hy Lessecs, ......
Balance in hands of Commission.
£300 $0 \quad 0$

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£2069 510
Nore,-For remarks on the management of the affairs of this Bridge, reference may be made to the "Extracts from Journal."

## CHATIIAM BRIDGE.

Original cost of the Bridgc, .... £1518 $15 \quad 1$
Expenses incurred since, ....... $\frac{22114 \quad 1 \frac{1}{2}}{£ 1740 \quad 9 \quad 2 \frac{1}{2}}$
There was a great defect in the construction of this Bridge at first, it being too short and too steep in the ascent; the cost of lengthening was great, over £150. The Draw-bridge has been much injured by hauling ship timber over it, owing in some degree to its bad construction, the rise in it being 3 feet on 6 ; it requires an hour or an hour and a half to open and shut it.

Considerable expense has been incurred by the accumulation of flood-wood above the Bridge, causing the river to overflow and injure it. It is not well placed, and would have been far better lower down the river, where it might have been built at one half the expense.
The following Account, which is a copy of that
rendered to the Inspector-General by the Commissioners, does not exhibit a fair statement of facts :-

Thames Bridge, at Chatham, in account with the Commissioners.


The Account should be as follows:-
1843.

May 26.—Cash remitted ........... £ 50 0 $0^{0}$ Scpt. 20.-Do. do. ............. 38 11年 1842.

Dec. 29.-Paid for work ............ 510 .
Balance due .............. $45510 \quad 0 \frac{1}{2}$
£549 $10 \quad 0$
In 1841, the Bridge was leased for.. £175 0 In 1842, do. do. .... $16410 \quad 0$ $\ln 1843, \quad$ do. do. .... $210 \quad 0 \quad 0$

Mr. Dunscombe, one of the Commissioners for building the Bridge, retained about
£300 $0 \quad 0$
There is a reccipt from a Carpen-
ter fur extra work, done on the job, for
Which Mr. D. left, but it has never been admitted as money paid by him; but even with this reduction, he appears still to have retained a sum of $\qquad$ £175 00

A yot more extraordinary circumstance connected with the history of this Bridge is, that, in 1837, when there was an unusual travel, and when the Brantford Bridge made money, a claim was advanced by the Lessec of this Bridge, that he had lost money from January to March, and the Commissioners gave him the time free, commencing his Leasc from the latter date, and then afterwards remitted about half his year's rent on similar grounds.
The present Lessee, or the person employed by him, must be very negligent, for I crossed the bridge with a waggon and a pair of horses, and met two persons whu, at different times, (during the same day that I passed) had also crossed on horseback, and neither they nor I had been required to pay toll.

## TRENT BRIDGE.

The Trent Bridge owes a debt to the Provincc of.
£4800 $0 \quad 0$
It was leased in 1841, to a Mr. Macaulay, whose Bond, with interest, up to November, 1843, is
Less, an amount paid for repairing, and interest
$\begin{array}{lll} & 281 & 13 \\ 7\end{array}$

Leaving a balance still due, of....

| $21 \quad 1711$ |
| ---: |
| $£ 25915 \quad 8$ |

It was also leased in 1842, to the same person, although he had not paid; and the Bond for that year, with interest to November, 1843, amounts to $\qquad$ £267 130 $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 6 & 0\end{array}$ £262 70 $25915 \quad 8$

Due by Mr. Macaulay, ........... $£ 522 \quad 28$ which is in the hands of the Attorney General for collection.


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In 1843 the Commissioners have remitted to the Receiver General, on the 6th July,. . . . . . . . . . . £87 0 0

No. 19.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Hon. S. B. Harrison.

\section*{Port Sarnia, 3d May, 1842.}

I have the honor to inform you, that I have visited Amherstburg, Sandwich, and Chatham. I have examined the books of the several Collectors and the Inspectors, and have gathered much information on the subject of the trade, smuggling, \&c. which I shall have prepared to transmit for the information of His Excellency early next week. I shall take it myself to Toronto, as I feel it of importance to visit that Port before going upon Lake Erie ; particularly as I desire infurmation from you in reference to the "Rondeau" in Howard. A Mr. Nelson, it seems, has there unauthorized been collecting the duties on goods; and yet has the impudence to be making influence that he may be appointed Collector when the Port is declared, which I conceive should be sonn. I desire to know whether these facts have como to the knowledge of the Inspector General or not, and whether the Port is likely to be established; and if so, if I had not better go there and ascertain the facts relativo to this business, and get evidence to enable the Government to collect the sums he has so unfairly obtained. The Collector at Chatham has not collected duty on Lumber, from not being able to understand the Act and explanatory Circular received. I feol that I ought to be in correspondence with the Inspector General, and that I should have precise instructions as to the different sources of revenue into which I should inquire, whether it is "all sources," or only Collectors and Inspectors. Please address me at Toronto as early as possible.


## I have the honor to be,

Your obedt. servant,

> (Signed,)
M. CAMERON.

The Hon. S. B. Harrison, Kingston.

No. 20.—Letter from the Commissioner to the Collector of Customs, Toronto.

Toronto, May 19th, 1842.

## Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant. It is not properly my province to direct the Collectors of Customs in the exercise of their duties; but I feel it of so much importance to a right understanding with the trade here, (an'd not understanding the delay in more official advice on this and other subjects, to assume the authority of informing you that the Government have (without expressing any opinion on its legality) determined to forego the additional 5 per cent. duties, until new general arrangements are made,

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I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedt. servant,
(Signed,) MALCOLM CAMERON, Com'r of Inquiry.

Wm. Moore Kelly, Esq.
Collector of Customs, Toronto.

No. 21.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Hon. S. B. Harrison.

Hamilton, July 20th, 1842.
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Petition of Joseph Sifton, and a letter from W. Macrae, St. Johns, with certain remarks on the same, signed J. C., Post-marked " Kingston, June 23d." With respect to Sifton's affair, I gave my opinion in my communication on that subject written from London ; and can only farther state, that I think the Magistrates excused several who had not so good a plea as Mr. Sifton.
In the matter to which Mr. Macrae alludes, I only wonder that many goods are not now entered at Port Colborne for Toronto, as the Collectors have in all places acted as they pleased, paying no attention to the new enactments; and finding no fault ever found with their Quarterly Returns, they have continued in error for years. Tobacco has been received at 20 per cent. at more than one Port, and no notice taken of it in the April returns. Sugar is still entered at 5 s. per cwt., instead of adding to that sum 1d. per Ib., as is done at this Port and Toronto; and at no Port but Toronto is the 10 per cent. added to the original cost. I saw Mr. Draper, got him to examine his opinion in this case, and found, as I supposed when I saw you, that he only intended to be understood to say, that in disputed invoices this was to be resorted to as a punishment in some cases, and in lieu of freight and charges in others. I have put all the Officers west of this on an uniform system.

With respect to the bnx'of re-printed Periodicals, there is no doubt that the "Armours" were sending the box via Kingston, knowing the Officers were less rigid than at St. Johns. These books, Blackwood and all the Reviews, are regularly and constantly brought in by Mail, and imported too by booksellers to this Province; our Officers assuming to relieve the "people" from what they consider an odious law. I should recommend the repeal of all such restrictions, and the admission of all kinds of merchandize upon such a moderate duty as would leave no sufficient inducement for smuggling.

I have visited the whole coast of Lake Erie, from Buffalo to the mouth of the Canal, the Niagara River, and the coast of Lake Ontario, and the amount of smuggling is prodigious. Several seizures have been made since I commenced my tour, and I have had several new deputies appointed, and have no doubt that, by another visit, a good supply of writs of assistance, and some means of remunerating informers, I could break it all up. I trust we shall show a good increase over last year's July quartor, from the Ports west of Kingstoll. This Port will remit as much this quarter, as for the whole year 1841. I have devoted much time, and watched the
business actively, more as' a Deputy-Collector than Commissioner, and I have the'satisfaction to know that at least I have earned my wages.

I have the honor to be, \&c. \&c.
(Signed,) MALCOLM CAMERON.

No. 22.-Rpport from the Commissioner to the Honorable S. B. Harrison.

7th August, 1842.
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that I have visited the Prince Edward and Victoria Districts, and also the Port of Bath, since I saw you. Mr. Rorke, at Picton, is a clever and intelligent man; is Postmaster, and Government Land Agent ; has his office in a central position, and discharges his duties satisfactorily ; has a Deputy at Wellington, and another at North Port ; nevertheless smuggling is carried on to a great extent at the South Bay, West Lake. Consecon, and the Upper Gap, as well as at Fredericksburgh and the Indian Woods. Mr. Rorke confirms my opinion that smuggling can only be prevented by a reduction of duties.

The Inspector, Mr. Hubbs, is a plain old gentleman, whose Clerk does the business; his accounts appear all correct, but he is a man of no energy nor capacity for business. The Sheriff was not at home. and I did not see him. Mr. Rorke's securities are good.

At Belleville I saw Captain Baldwin, the Collector of Customs ; he employs two deputies, but pays them nothing ; they are to have half his share when they seize anything, but no recompense for loss of time or expense when unsuccessful, crinsequently no seizures are ever made.

Mr. Baldwin attends the arrival of the Boats himself; his house is very near the landing-place, and his office kept in it; he has continued the deputies which Mr. McMahon had at Trent Port and Presqu'isle, at the former a Mr. Murphy, at the latter a Mr. Richard Atkin. Both Mr. Baldwin and Mr. McAnany, his security, are in difficultics, and executions are in the Sheriff's hands, returned "no Goods." The Sheriff, Mr. Moodie, is an amiable and respectable man; his accounts were all correct, and all the fines which have been in his hands have been regularly credited to Government, and the amount remitted to the Receiver-General. Mr. Marshall, the Inspector of Licenses, is an energetic and active officer, and the only one I have met who had taken the Clerk of the Peace's list of certificates, and accounted for every one on it.


I called at Bath, and examined the books of Col. McKenzie ; his books up to 1839 had been stolen from his house ; since that period they have been kept correct and neat, and the amount regularly re. mitted. One of his securities, Col. McKay, is insolvent. I shall proceed to-morrow to Perth, Bytown,

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LOrignal, Coteau du Lac, Cornwall, and Brockville.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,
(Signed,)
M. CAMERON.

The Honble. S. B. Harrison,
Secretary West, Kingston.

No. 23:-Report from the Commissioner to the Hon. S. B. Harrison.

August 10th, 1842.

## Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that a Mr. Wal. ton. of Toronto, some time Clerk for the Magistrates, has in his hands the following sums, which, arcording to law, should have been remitted to the Receiver General at the time of collection; he informed me that he would remit the amount to. that Officer as soon as advised to do so from the proper authority.

The Magistrates should be notified of the circumstance immediately, and required to remit the amount without delay.


There is also a large sum of money in his hands, which he says he would have paid over, as the Magistrates directed, to the soveral Townships, but that there are conflicting enactments in the law under which the fines for the'sale of liquors are recovered, relative to their appropriation (see Clauses 11 and 17, chap. 20, 3rd Yictoria, also chap. 21 and 22, the one part directing their application, one moiety to the informer, and the other to the highways; another part directing that the whole should go to the general uses of the Province, and a third enactment making perpetual a Law that authorizes all to be expended on highways'; he waits also in 'this matter the authority of the Government.

I have also ascertained that the following sums obtained from a source of which there is no doubt that they should go directly to the Receiver-General, have found their way into the hands of the

Chamberlain of the City of Toronto, who should be required immediately to pay it over to the public chest ; the sum appears to be £ 32 17s. 6 d .

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The Sheriff of the Home District has also in his hands, of fines collected in 1839, 1840, 1841 and 1842, the sum of one hundred and fifteen pounds three shillings. He said he would remit it before Parliament meets. He had never opened an account for the Public. I instructed him to do so, and called his attention to the Act requiring Quar. terly Returns.

> I have the honor to be, Sir,
> Your obedient servant,
(Signed,)
M. CAMERON,

Com'r of Inquiry.
The Hon. S. B. Harrison,
Secretary West, Kingston.

No. 24.-Report from the Commissioner to the Hon. S. B. Harrison, on Insolvent or absent Securities.

August 10th, 1842.
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that in the course of my examinations into the state of the Revenue, westward, I have ascertained that the following persons, Sureties for Collectors of Customs, are not possessed of sufficient property to furnish any security to the Government, viz:-

George Chisholm......Surety of Col, John Chisholm...Burlington. Charles Prior.......... "i of John Galt................Goderich. D. McPherson......... " of J. O. Bellairs...............Port Burwell. Hezekiel Davies ....... " of W.B. Shechan........... Port Dunville. H. Chrysler............ "" of J. Bostwick.............. Port Stanley. D. Thorburn............ " of J. McMicken.............. Quert Stanicy Also, Michael Aikman, Surety of the Hon. John Wilson, Inspector' of Licenser in the Gore Distriot.

William Marshall, surety of Anthony Leslie, Esq. Inspector of Licenses, Perth, left Canada some years ago, and lives in Scotland, but is,perfectly responsible.

At the same time that these Officers are notified to give in new sureties they should be reminded of their duty in acquainting the Department with the changes of circumstances in their Bond-men, and the consequences of their neglect.
The bonds from the Collectors at Hamilton, Toronto and Kingston are only one thousand pounds, while' they have at times from three to four

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thousand pounds (and may soon have ton thousand) in their possession.
They should give security to the full amount of the largest smm in their hands at any time, but this sum could be veduced and a great sccurity obtained if they were required to pay nver to some Bank, weekly, to the credit of the Recciver General, all monies they have recoived, and the entry in the Bank Book might be their recoipt, the Banker notifying the Receiver Gencral of the amount placed to his credit; and the Collector should be required to transmit a monthly abstract of his entries to the Inepectur General.

1 heve the honor to be, \&c.
(Signod,)
M. CAMERON.

The IIon. S. B. Harrison, \&e. \&e.

No. 25.-Lever from the Commissioner to the Collector of Customs, Port Dover.

## Umar Sir.

Kingston, August 10th, 1842.
A very extraordinary discrepancy occurs in your accounts compared with Mr. Breesc's. His Book shews a sum paid you in tho year 1841, of $\mathbf{E 4 0 7}$ Ss. Ed. which cannot be ascertained by your returns. To which add the dutirs collected' at Ryerse's Creck, say $£ 100$, making the sum of $£ 507$ 8s, 5 d... white your whin!e collections only appar by your Quarterly Return a amount to 8359 3s. 9 atd. Li. 4445 . Thrh, shewing a deficiency at all ovents of $£ 484 \mathrm{~s} .7$ fld. besides all duties received at Ryerse's Creek, which I have supposed 51000 0.$\mathcal{L 1 4 8 4 5 . 7 1 / d .}$

Lou will oblige me, as well as do justice to yoursolf, by explaining the circumstancos immediately, as 1 shall not report upon it till 1 sce you. You may renember I mentioned it to you, but supposed there was some orror in Brecse's Return, but I went back of Port Dover and checked his whole book, and he said he had paid you over that sum.

Yours respectfully,
(Signed,
M. CAMERON,

Com. of Inquiry.
G. J. Ryersc. Esq.,

Ryerse's Creck.

No. 26.-Letter from the Commissioner to Danicl McNabb, Esquirc.

Kingston, August 10th, 1842.
Dear Sir,
1 have consulted the Inspector-General and Secretary on the subject of the moncy in your hands, and have now to request that you will remit it to the Recciver-General on the public account, transmitting at the same time a copy of the Invoico for the Goods with your letter of advice to the In-spector-Gencral, that we may compare the entry with the quarterly return ; the date of the receipt if the Goods would also be important.

## Yours respectfully,

(Signed.)
M. CAMERON.

Daniel McNabb, Esquire,
Hamilton.

No. 27.-Letter from the Commissioner to Messis. Buchman, Marris, \&. Co.

Kingston, August 10th, 1842.

## Gentlamen,

I have consulted the Secretary and the Inspector Gencral on the sulpect of the balance left in your hands in 1841. Yo: will please transmit it to the Receiver-General for the lublic Chest, and at the same time sond a letter of advice to the InspectorGeneral.

I have the honor to be, Your obedient servant, (Signerl,) MALCOLM CAMERON.

## Messrs. Buchanan \& Co.

IIanilton.

No. 28.-Report from the Commissioner to the Hunorable S. B. Hurrison, upon the Complaint of the Clerk of the Peace of the Newcastle District, against Icury Jones, Esquire.

## Kingston, August 11th, 1842.

$\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{IR}}$,
I have the honor to inform you, that I called upon Henry Jones, Esq., relative to the complaint made against him by Mr. Ward, the Clerk of the Peace for the Neweastle District, for neglecting to render his annual return of licenses issued during the year. for publication. Mr. Jones had supposed the law was not in farce, not having observed that the Act resquiring this duty ( 6 th Wm. IV., chap. 4) was made perpetual by a subserquent Act.

Mr. Jones has regularly made his quartorly return ; and, at my request, aceompanied mo to Mr. Ward's, who was satisfied with Mr. Joncs' assurance that he would now regularly render all the returns required by law.

I herewith return the papers submitted to me in your letter of the 5th June, viz., Mr. Ward's letter, and the Inspector General's letter.

## I have the honor to be, Sir, <br> Your obedient servant.

## (Signed,) MALCOLM CAMERON.

## The Hon. S. B. Harrison,

Secretary West, Kingston.

No. 29.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Merchants of Brockville.

Kingston, Sept. 14th, 1842.

## Sir (or Gentlemen),

It has become nocessary, in the course of my investigations into the state of the Public Revenue, to ascertain from the Merchants of Brockville, the anount of duties paid by them in the years 1839, 1840, 1841, and up to July, 1842, and a detailed statement of the quantity of Salt and Tobacco in each year. Should you be able to furnish me, at an early date, with such statements, you will aid

Appendix (B. B.) 27th October. the Government in their desire to legislate for the interests of the community and the relief of trade.

I have the honor to be, Your obedient servant
(Signed)
To Messrs. H. \& S. Jones,
(and other Mrrchants of Brockville.)

No. 30.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Receiver General.

Kingston, Sept. 14th, 1842.

## Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a check on the Gore Bank for $£ 34$ 1s. 6d., which I have received from Daniel McNabb, Esq., being the amount of duties due by him on goods imported from the United States at the Port of Hamilton," in August, 1841, which duties were never demanded from him by the Collector at that Port.

> I have the honor to be, Sir;
> Your obedient servant;

## (Signed,

M. CAMERON.

To the Honorable John H. Dunn;
Receiver General, Kingston.

No. 31.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Inspector General.

Kingston, Sept. 14th, 1842.
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that I have this day transmitted to the Receiver General a Check on the Gore Bank for $£ 34$ 1s. $6 \mathrm{~d} .$, , the amount of duties upon a certain amount of goods imported from the United States in the month of August, 1841, by D. McNabb, Esq. of Hamilton, which said amount of duties were never demanded of him by the Collector of Customs at the said Port during the year 1841, nor until I had instructed Mr. McNabb not to pay to the Collcctor in June last, and after I had informed the said Collector of the circumstance.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient scrvant,

## (Signed,

M. CAMERON.

To the Honorable F. Hincks, Inspector General.

No. 32.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Clerk of the Crown, Toronto.

> Office of the Commissioner of Inquiry, Kingston, September, 1842

Sir,
It has become necessary in the course of my investigations, to obtain from you an account of the fines, forfeitures and estreats levied by and issued from the Kings Bench, and placed in the hands of the several Sheriffs of Canada West for collection, since the year 1835.

You will please have such extracts made from your books as will put me in possession of the means of checking the Sheriffs' returns relative to this part of the Public Revenue.

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I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,)
M. CAMERON.

Clerk of the Crown, Toronto.

No. 33.-Letter from Mr. James Watt to the Commissioner.

Kingston, 8th August, 1842.
Sir,
I beg leave respectfully to bring under your notice a circumstance connected with the Custom House arrangements at this Port, which has operated, and must continue to operate, very injuriously to my interest as an individual, and which has the effect, in my humble opinion, of imposing unnecessary fetters upon the commerce of the place. In doing so, however, I beg to disclaim the slightest wish to reflect upon the gentleman in charge of this department, who, I am very sensible, entertains no other desire than to afford cvery facility and privilege to the Commercial community, consistent with what he conceives to be the right discharge of his duty as required by Law. But I entertain the hope that on taking the matter into consideration, you may be induced to recommend such a departure from the present system of collecting the duties at this Port, as will have the effect of removing the obstacles alluded to.

I am engaged in the business of a Shipping Agent, Warchouseman and Wharfinger, at the store and wharf lately occupied by Messrs. Dickenson \& Co. Forwarders,-premises extensive and convenient, situated near the Custom House, and affording the very best shelter in the Harbour. The source whence the means of paying a heavy rent, and the other expenses incident to the carrying on this business, are " to be derived, is, of course, the rates of storage and wharfage usually charged on goods landed from vessels entcring the Rort: and it is to be observed that it is chiefly from the foreign goods imported that such charges are to be collected to any extent, sceing that the great bulk of the British and Provincial goods pass through the hands of the forwarding houses. But from participating in the business, arising from foreign importations, I beg to represent that I am literally excluded by reason of the fact, that one warchouse only is permitted the privilege of receiving the dutiable goods in bond, rendering it imperative on all vessels coming from foreign Ports to discharge their cargoes at the wharf where such bonded W arehouse is situated, and that too, in many instances, contrary to the inclinations and interest not only of the owners of such vessels, but also of the partics by whom such goods are imported, thus throwing into the hands of one man, under the authority of Law, a monopoly of the whole of this branch of business, to the serious detriment of others engaged in the same line, and enhancing the value of one man's property, while that of others adjoining it is;, to a corresponding degree, depreciated. And, moreover, it will be evident to you that inasmuch as one individual cannot be expected to attend efficiently to an overgrown business which must necessarily continue to increase, and the very nature of which requires the utmost dispatch, the trade of the port must suffer by being
unnecessarily retarded, while the collection of the duties is not facilitated any more than if the same privileges were extended to others who may be considered equally competent and trustworthy, and ready to give the security and comply with all the provisions which the law requires in such cases. I beg leave further to mention, that more than once I have been offered the agency of American vessels, and unless those restrictions are removed, I have no alternative but to decline the appointment.

Under thesecircumstances (and doubtless there are many other considerations which will occur to you in the course of your inquiry), I hope that you will find it expedient to recommend to the Collector to constitute more than one bonded Warchouse as not being contrary to Law, and to grant such privileges to me as will onable me to get the benefit of the business of those desirous of supporting mo may see fit to give.

> I am, Sir. very respectfully,
> Your obedient scrvant,
(Signed,)

JAMES WATT.
Malcolm Cameron, Esq.

No. 34.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Honoruble S. B. Harrison on the subject of the Port of Kingston.

Kingston, 4th October, 1842.
Sir,
I have had various complaints made to me on the suljoct of the Custom House in this place, and the arbitrary requirement of vessels to go to a particular wharf, if they desire goods to be discharged before 9 o'clock, A. M.

Nothing can excite stronger or more indignant feelings, or prejudice the trade of a Country more than any apparent disposition to make the influence of Government subservient to private or personal interests; and nothing is more necessary, or can afford greater satisfaction, than that cvery increasing trade should be sustained and forwarded by corresponding facilities for its transaction, otherwise advantage will be taken of the pressure of circumstances to extort money, or indirectly to promote private interest, as you are aware is now done in more than one case.

Knowing how entirely repugnant to your own feelings, as well as opposite to the policy of the present Government all such facts are, I feel confidence in requesting that you will cause the proper officer to issue an order for the regulations of the American trade at this Port, otherwise the Revenue, which has already suffered, will bo seriously affected.

## I have the honor to be Sir, <br> Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)
M. CAMERON.

The IIon. S. B. IIarrison, Kingston.

No. 35.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Honorable S. B. Harrison.

Toronto, 29th July, 1842.

## Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I arrived at this Port yesterday, having found it of the first im-
portance to remain at Hamilton the Quarterly Return was closed.

## The corrosponding Quarter to July

6th, 1841, was....'................ £ 8880
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This quarter I find is. ............... . 3234 0 0
making an increase of $£ 2346$, or nearly 400 per cent.
The return of Toronto for this
quarter is, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . £ £ 3600 1 7
Corresponding quarter in $1841, \ldots \quad 1441 \quad 4 \quad 8$ shewing an increasc of $£ 2158$ 10s. 11d.or about 250 per cont.

This of course does not include seizures.
Mr.Roy is Deputy Collector here, he is an active officer, and if he was in the Niagara District could have soized two thousand pounds worth while I was there, but the persons now employed there have no conception of their duties or their powers; he would be a valuable officer at Port Colborne.

The Collector at Hamilton finds it inpossible to get all the moncy this week, haying allowed the principal houses to have the goods under promise of paying on demand, but the unexampled pressure for moncy has prevented even such a firm as Gunn \& Brown from being able to fulfil the promise; there are several bonds also, some of which are irregular, there having been no forms, and though the Collector wrote to the Inspector General, he did not receive any; I got a form as near the Statute as possible.

The irregularity and mismanagement at that Port is even greater than I intimated at first, but the details of it are such that I must see you before I make my report. I received an acknowledgement from the Collector for about $£$ not accounted for last year.

The busincss here has been woll done this quarter. Mr. Kelly is constantly in the office, Mr. Lang (his Clerk) is clever, and Messrs. Ray and Sherwood are very active and diligent Tide-waiters.

The exaction of the 10 per cent. additional upon the Invoice has created great dissatisfaction here, and as I expected, a suit is to be instituted to resist its collection. It would be very unpleasant as well as very unfortunate in its cffects, if the Department should be defeated, and I' would deprecate any doubtful question arising.

I have scen Mr. S., and shown him Mr. Draper's opinion, on which Mr. Manahan built the idea, but Mr. Draper informed me that he meant to convey no such idea, but exactly meant it as I had understood it, and Mr. S. is clearly of the same opinion. I do hope that a practico decidedly at variance with the opinion of the Crown Officers will be put a stop to, and the common sense of the Act taken, that is, meaning that if the truead valorem is the value at the place of importation, then that may be determined in each case by adding the true cost and charges; and at all events let the Inspector General either instruct the Collector at this Port to discontinue the practice, or let him, as should have been done in May, instruct every other officer to exact it.

I leave this on Tuesday to follow the Lake shore down to Kingston.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,
M. CAMERON.

The Hon. S. B. Harrison, Kingsion.

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No. 36.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Hon. S. B. Harrison, on the subject of the conduct of the Sheriff of the Gore District.

## Sir,

December 20th, 1842.

With reference to your letter of the 28th November, relative to the conduct of the Sheriff of the Gore District, I beg leave respectfully to report, that owing to my absence on duty $I$ did not receive the document till the 6th instant, but on my tour through the Gore District it became my duty to examine into the state of this officer's account with the Public Service; owing to his absence I did not see him, but saw the Gaoler, who seems to be his confidential Clerk, and made the following entry in my Journal as the result of my interview:-
Asked the Clerk if the Sheriff had opened an account for the Public Service, such as I had instructed him to do when I called on a former occasion, he said he had not. I asked him if the Sheriff had made a return of fines, agreeable to the instructions from the Inspector General; he said he had. I asked him to see the entry of this; he said there was nonc; asked him if there was' a copy of said return; he said there was. I desired to see it; he said he did not know where it was, and that he thought Mr. McDonell had it. I then told him such conduct would not answer; that I could not be trotting up here after them every month, and that if it were not produced I would write to His' Excellency ; he then at once put his. hand upon it, in his own desk; it was a rough sketch, which he said was a copy of the account sent to the Government. Subjoined is a copy of it:

## Abstract of Accounts, the Government of Upper Canada with Allan McDonell, Esquire.

## AMOUNT OF FINES RECEIVED.

Dn. Half year ending 30th of June, 1838: £ s. D. By amount of Stuart Doherty,....... $5 \quad 0.0$
" " Robert Doherty,...... 500.0
" ". William Boyd,........ 5 . 0 : 0
Half year ending 31st December, 1840 :
By amount of James McClany, ..... $5 \quad 0 \quad 0$
Half year ending 30th June, 1842:

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\text { By amount of James Elliott,...........10 } 0.010
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\text { ". Richard Arless, ...... } 5 \quad 0 \quad 0
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Cr. Half year ending 31st Dec. 1837,... 18126 " $\quad$ " 30th June, 1838,...11 4 , 6 " " $\quad$ 30th June, 1839,.. 3 0 0 " $\therefore$ ". 30th ". 1842,.. 018 0
By fees, \&c........................... 015 15 0 " amount for services of writs, \&c. 4 " 9
£ 381313

I then told him that this account would never answer, as he must shew alluthe fines levied, whether collected or not; and shewed him the estreats from the Kings Bench, and a list of fines'ordered by the Sessions, and handed to me by the Clerk of the Peace; he admitted he had recoived almost all these fines, and many of them in open Court, but had never made any entry of them.

After my arrival in Kingston $I$ addressed the following letter to Mr. Sheriff McDonell:-

M Kingston, December 6th, 1842.
Sir,
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I was much disappointed in not meeting you the $\qquad$ last two visits I made to Hamilton; I have applied 27 th Ochoer. to the Clerk of the Crown' and ascertained that the following estreats and fines were issued from the Court of King's Bench since you were Sheriff, viz :

At Assizes held in November 1837:

| Halson, | . 1000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Bates, | .. 100 |
| Weatherspoon, | 100 |
| Huntington, | 60 |
| Mary Flemins, | . $50 \quad 0 \quad 0$ |
| A. O'Reilly, | . 40 - 0 |
| John Kennedy | 10.0 |
| G: 'Green, | 200 0 0 |
|  | £309 0 |
| William Carter, | $50 \quad 0$ |
| Thomas Valentine, | . 100 |
| Joseph Panton, | . 50 0 0 |
| W. Thornton, . | - 50.0 |
|  | £250 0-0 |
| J. Panton, (for Reid) | $10 \quad 0$ |
| R. Francis, (for Reid, | -10 00 |
|  | £20 0. 0 |
| John Young, . . . | 1. 00 |
| Oliver Hammond, | . 300 |
| John Clark, ${ }^{\text {c }}$. | $\therefore 20$ \% |
| Joseph Hopkirk, | .. 1 00 |
| W. J. Wallace, | . 100 |
| Samuel-Annesley, | 200 |
| George A. Clark, | 300 |
| - , | £130000000 |
|  | ( s. ${ }^{\text {d }}$. |
| Oliver Hammond, | 300 |
| James Hopkirk, . | 1100 |
| Samuel Annesley, | - 200 |
| Archibald Kerr, | . 3. 00 |
| George A. Clark, | - 300 |
| Andrew Sharp, | -100 |
| John Clark, | 300 |
| , , , | £16 10 |
| Andrew Sharp | $\therefore 100$ |
| John Clark, | - 200 |
| William Wallace, | $\ldots 00$ |
| James Hopkirk | .. 1.00 |
| George A. Clark, | . 3000 |
| Oliver Hammond, | $\ldots 300$ |
| Samuel Annesley, | $\because 200$ |
|  |  |
| John Clark, | 200 |
| George A. Clark, | 300 |
| Joseph Hopkirk, | 100 |
| Samuel Annesley, | $2{ }^{1} 0$ |
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I find also from examination of the book of the Clerk of the Peace, that the following fines have been imposed by the Quarter Sessions and I under stand from youg Deputy that they have been paid, Zmany of them paidin Couth ind whe

| Appendix <br> (B. B.) |  | William Travers,..... <br> Henry Lamb, | $\begin{array}{r} £ \\ . \quad 2 \\ . \quad 0 \end{array}$ | s. 0 | o. 0 0 |
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| $\overbrace{274 \mathrm{~h}}$ October | October 1838, | . James McClery,. . . . | 2 | 0 | 0 |
|  | July, 1839,.... | . Menry Beasley,.. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
|  | October, 1830, | . Henry Coon,. | . 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | William Lawson, | . 1 | 0 | 0 |
|  | July, 1840,. | . Henry Harris, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | Samuel Vanevery, | 01 | 10 | 0 |
|  |  | Thomas Douglass,. |  | 15 | 0 |
|  |  | Benjamin Blonsdell, .. | - $0 \cdot 1$ |  | 0 |
|  | January, 1841, | .IIclen Brackman,..... | . 0 | 5 | 0 |
|  | April, * | . Thomas Fitzpatrick,. | . 5 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | John Fitzgerald, . | 5 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | Michael McCabe, | 5 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | John Fitzgibbon, | 5. | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | Richard Ardless,... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
|  | October, " | Nathaniel Taylor,..... |  | 10 | 0 |
|  |  | John Taylor, . . . . . |  | 10 | 0 |
|  | July. 1842,.. | . Joscph Bcamer.. | 2 | 10 | 0 |
|  |  | George IIIl, . . | 5 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  | M. Fulcher, . . . . . . . . | - 2 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  | £ 47 |  |  |

I find that on the 6th of January, 1842, you acknowledge to have reccived from Coloncl Laud, a sum over $£ 400$,on account of Government, which at that time you had not paid; please inform me if this sum has since been paid, and if it has, to what offcor. that I may have the account balanced.

I shall expect an immediate answer.
I have the honor to be. Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { (Signed,) } & \text { M. CAMERON, } \\
. \text { Com. of Inquiry. }
\end{array}
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'To Allan McDonell, Esq., Sherift Gore District."

1 have waited to close this Report for Mr. McDonell's answer, which I have not yet been favoured with.

Mr. Stevens, Cashicr of the Gore Bank, called upon me, and complained of the wretched state of the District, and said that the Institution had not and would not put an execution into the Sheriff's hands, and this had been the case for two years. Mr. Tiffany, a lawyer, who had been one of his securities, also complained of the same fact. Mr. Kerr, a merchant there, told me he had £2000 of executions, and never would put one into the Sheriff's hands.

I am satisfied the Executive must interfere and supersede this Officer by some one who can and will do more to satisfy the public, as it is unjust, and often of the most serious consequences to the merchant that he should be prevented from recovering, by diue process of law, by the mal-conduct of a public Officer.

I have the honor to be, Sir.
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,)
M. CAMERON,

The IIon. S. B. Harrison.

No. 37.-Report from the Commissioner to the Hon. S. B. Harrison, on the case of Mr. Ryerse.

Dec'r 26th, 1842.
Sin,
ILaving carefully examined and madé inquiry into the whole matter submitted to me by your letter of
reference, of the 11 th October last, on the complaints against Mr. George Ryerse, and havingconsulted with
and had the assistance of I. Powell, Esq., M. P. P., (B. B. ${ }^{2}$ who was interested in the matter, I beg leave respectfully to report that, though the conduct of ${ }^{274 \mathrm{~m}}$ October Mr. Ryerse has been injudicious, leaving him open to censure and even suspicion, I am not of opinion that he has been guilty of any gross dereliction of duty, with the exception of having brought over a small quantity of Tea from Buffalo, for nis own use. In the circumstances of the place, and the situation of trade, though this was wrong, I think it is not of such a nature as to render Mr. R. deserving of more than an intimation of the impropriety of such conduct. His let-er to Mr. R. will bear the construction and explanation he puts upon it. From all the information I can obtain on the spot, the correctness of Mr. R.'s accounts, and his general character, I am satisfied he would not use his office corruptly, or to injure any one; and that from the rival interests of Port Dover and Port Ryerse, and moreover from the vigorous measures adopted by Mr. Ryerse to suppress smuggling, he has many enemies.

I think Port Dover must be made a Port of Entry, and Port Ryerse; I have no doubt that all parties will be satisfied.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,)
M. CAMERON.

No. 38.-Report from the Commissioner to the Howorable S. B. Harrison on the Accounts of Mr. Sheriff Powell.

Kingston, 4th February, 1843.
Sir,
In reference to the accounts of Mr. Sheriff Powell, submitted to me for examination, I beg leave most respectfully to report that they are by no means satisfactory.

On the 22d of August, the day I visited Perth, Mr. Powell addressed the following letter to the Receiver General:-
"I have the honor to enclose the sum of Fifty"four pounds two shillings, being in full of all fines "and estreats collected within my District, as per "annexed List, for which I shall feel obliged by your "acknowledging the receipt.
(Signed.)

## J. H. Powell."

Fines on Jurors imposed at the Fall Assizes, 1840.
£ s. n .
W. P. Taylor, Matthew Dirien, Charles Sparrow, Angus McGilvray, John Robertson, John Street, Reuben Travelleller and J. McDonald at 20s, each. . $\begin{array}{lllll} \\ \text { James Johnston and Ed. Malloch, Esqrs. } & \mathbf{8} & \mathbf{0} & 0 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{2} & 0\end{array}$

Fines on Jurors imposed Fall Ass. 1841.
Hunter, Kirk,' McDonald, McGilvray,'
Perkins and Dennison, EBeach . . . . . .
1800
Forfeited Recog.in March Session, 1841.


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97k October

I called at the Sheriff＇s Office on the $22 d$＂August －he was not at home，but his Clerk，Mr．Moffat， told me that they had sent the returns．I requested to see them，when he showed me the above letter． I asked him if they kept any account of these mo－ nies as they were received，or placed the estreats to the credit of Government；he said they had not． I asked him if he had the writs；he showed me two． I then asked if he was not aware that at the time that Messrs．Malloch and Johnston were fined the 2s．entered in his letter，that they had been fined £ 50 ；he said there was no such estreat or writ－－if there was，it must have been lost－he had not seen it；knew，however，that such a fine had occurred， and would remind the Sheriff of it．I then went to the Clerk of the Peace＇s Office－found the re－ cords of the Session very woll＇and clearly kept since Mr．Ruford＇s appointment；he went over the whole Journals of the Court with me since Mr．Powell＇s last return in 1835，and we found the following list of persons fined：－


Of no part of this had Mr．Powell nade any re－ turn yet．

> 1837. March Session. $\sim$ No Fines. June Sessinn. - James Fallon, assault, .....................
> " Septomber Kession.- No Fines.
> " December Session.-No Fines.
> 1838. March Session.-Patrick Dolan, forcible entry, . ..............
> " Donald McNaughton, obstructing an Officer, ..............
> * Thomas McAuley, recognizance estreated,
> 盾 00
> " June Session. - No Fines.
> ". September Session.-Barncy and Welch, assault and battery; fined $\mathcal{E l}_{10}$ each,
> 2000
> L65 $13: 4$

1839．March Session，－No Fines．
＂June Session，－D．McLeod，nui－ sance，．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．

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＂September Session．－No Fines．
＂December Session－No．Fines
1840．March Session：－John Street， sending a challenge，．．．．．．．．．．
＂Rt＇Birch，Jas．Mc Leean，Alex－ ander Brownlee，Edwd．Mills， and Jos．Armstrong，40s each， Thomas Read．．．．．．．＂：．．．．． 00010 Mary Thornton ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．$\quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0$ els 1
＂June，September，and December Sepsions． No Fines．

1841．March，June，and September Sessions． No Fines．

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＂．A Dickson，nuisance，．．．．．．． 0.0
＂Alexr．Tuggart，$. \ldots \ldots . . . . . .500$
$£ 1010$
1842．March Session－William Craig，£1 0.0
I then inquired what had been done with the forfeit－
ed recognizances＝of Peter Alyn，
in 1837，．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．$£ 10000$
Johnston and Strachan $£ 50$ each，as
his suretics，
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In another against Alyn，．．．．．．．．．．．．． $1000_{0} 0$
＂Wonter and Stanley，$£ 50$ each， $100 \quad 0 \quad 0$
His Sureties in the case，good men，were seized， but I think remitted．
The only writ I saw was this，and the endorse－ ment was，Goods of Johnston and Stanley seized．
In 1838．David Scanlan，．．．．．．．．．．．$£ 50$ 0． 0
Wm．Poole and Sons，Record，£25 each．
I then wrote to the Clerk of the Crown for a list of these，and all other estreats and recognizances， but was referred by him to the Inspector General＇s Office，where he said ho had sent a full statement of all estreats reported to his office since 1837 ，under the Act 7th，Wm．IV．，Clap．10．On reference to this report，I find no account whatever of any es－ treats or fines ever having occurred in the Bathurst District；；and I know not what farther steps to take， unless，by application to the Queen＇s Bench，the Judges can supply the omission of the Clerk of As－ size．
However，on the 16th of January；1843，Mr．Pow－ ell makes a new Return，taking no notice of his Re： turn of the 22nd August，of which the following is a Copy．This includes all those I pointed out to his Clerk and omitted by him before．
Patrick Dolan，

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| :--- | :--- |

Donald McNaughton，．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． $2_{2} 1^{4}$

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Mr．Powell＇s debit then is，according to his account， 1 ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．1265 0 And the small Fines in $1836 \& 1837, \because, 25{ }^{6} 0$
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## Mr．Powellcharges 3 per cent．collection，

I can find no authority whatever for a per，centage to Sheriffs，although it is but reasonable that they should be compensated but this must be fixed by Law，as they all charge differently，Mr．Powell has also an item in his account against Government，for services not yet allowed him，of e18 2 s ；of this account I can find no trace in the office of the In－ spector General．Mr．Powell must send a new Bill of particulars；and he also states that he remitted to the Attorney General，Mr．Hagerman 25 in 1839 －since received on account of writs pat in his
hands by that officer; now he has given the Government credit for no sum received at that date, or before, from such writs; in fact, all the amount, he says, he received up to 1839, was $£ 713 \mathrm{~s} .4 \mathrm{~d}$., so that if Mr. Iagerman pays this money, Mr. Powell must show the sources from which he received it, that it may be charged to his account, and his accounts regularly closed.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant.
(Signed.) MALCOLM CAMERON.
To the Ilon. S. B. Harrison, Kingston.

No. 39.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Honorable S.B. Harrison.

Kingston, 7th February, 1843.

## Sir,

I bog leave to return the documents in the case of Thomas Fraser, Esq, and respectfully to report that Mr. Fraser was appointed to the Commission of the Peace on the 19th February, 1840; while £48 10s. 3ld. of the goods (Tea and Whiskey) sold Brunedge, was after the 22nd February, 1840, and $£ 1511 \mathrm{~s}$. 10 d . worth in 1841 ; the articles themselves, and the mode of delivery, clearly prove they were smuggled. The law which lim ts the liability of smugglers to two years after the fact, as stated by Mr. Steel in Mr. Justice Hagerman's Report, I cannot find; under the " 76 th section of the Imperial Statute, 3rd Will. IV. chap 59, the period of limitation is three years, under which section Mr. Fraser is still liable to prosecution for the whole amount of goods sold Brunedge after his appointment to the Commission of the Peace, say $£ 64$ 11s. $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed.) MALCOLM CAMERON.
To the Honble. S. B. Harrison, Kingston.

No, 40.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Clerk of the Peace, Niagara.

Kingston, 6th February, 1843.

## Sir,

1 find no Return of estreats and fines from the Clerk of the Peace in the Niagara District, since 1836. Will you be kind enough immediately to supply this deficiency, and send me an abstract of all fines, forfeitures and estreats ordered in the Sessions since the incumbency of the present Sheriff.

1 have the honor to be, Your obedient servant,
(Signed,
M. CAMERON.

To Charles Richardson, Esq. Clerk of the Peace, Niagara.

No. 41.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Honorable W. H. Draper.

Appendí
(B. B.)

Kingston, 7th February, 1843. 27th October:

## Sir,

Mr. McDonell, the late Sheriff of Hamilton, states in his answer to certain complaints made against him, that he paid you £400 and upwards through Mr. Clarke Gamble, shortly after you complained of his conduct. Please inform me at your carliest convenience, if this be correct.

> I have the honor to be, Sir,
> Your obedient servant,

> (Signed,)
M. CAMERON.

The Hor. II. Draper, Escl., Toronto.

No. 42.-Report from the Commissioner to the Honorable S. B. Harrison, velating to the Sheriffs.

Kingston, 11 th February, 1843.

## Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, for the information of IIis Excellency the Governor General, that I have visited all the Sheriffs in Canada West during the past season, and beg leave respectfully to report:-

That I found theaccounts in their offices relative to receipt and payment of monics on account of the public service arising from estroats, fines, amercements. and forfeited' recognizances, in the worst possible state, with hardly a singlo exception. Indeed in no case had a regular account ever been opened for the public service, and proper ontries made of monies arising from these sources, which should have appeared to the credit of the Government as soon as they were ordered and writs issued,-sevoral of the Sheriffs, from their Day-books and Gaol-books, were able to prepare a statement, and closed the account of monies actually received; but none of them have exlibited satisfactory statements of all the writs put into their hands; in fact, I have seen no satisfactory return of the kind except those made by Col. Kenneth Cameron, during the time he, was Sheriff of the Niagara District, and these were sent to the Clerk of the Crown. I may mention that Sheriff Hamilton of London returns his' writs regularly to the Clerk of the Pence, though he made no account of estreats not received. Mr. Sheriff Sherwood, who is one of the most punctual officers I met, and the frequency and regularity of whose returns prove his fidelity, had never made any entries of money received, or kapt copies of letters; but having immodiately remitted any sums that came into his hands, thought no more of it, and could furnish no account of the past, or any information as to the estreats which he had not collected.

I subjoin a list of Sheriff' returns up to 1842, as furnished me by the Inspector General's Office.


The following is a Statement of the amounte annually paid by the several Sheriffe since their Incumbency, up to the lst Jan. 1842:-


| $\underset{\text { (B. B.) }}{\text { Appendix }^{\text {Stateme }}}$ | Statement of Monies remitted since my appointment (in 1842.) |  |
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| 27 Th October. |  | £ s. n . |
|  | Powell,.... Bathurst, | 89170 |
|  | Kingsmill,.. Niagara. | 2176 |
|  | Hamilton.. . London,. | $\begin{array}{llll}23 & 9 & 8\end{array}$ |
|  | Font, . . . . . Western, | 21116 |
|  | Mc.Mahon.. Prince Edward, | $20 \quad 0 \quad 0$ |
|  | McMartin, . Eastern., | 89180 |
|  | Treadwoll, . Ottawa, | 11196 |
|  | Sherwood. . Juhnstown, | 44150 |
|  | Corbett, . . Mirlland, . . | $44 \quad 0$ |
|  | Ruttan, . . . Neweastlo. | 18870 |
|  | Jarvis, . . . . Home. | $\begin{array}{llll}175 & 17 & 6\end{array}$ |
|  | Mnodic,.... Victoria, | 1610 |
|  | Rapelje,....TTalbot, | $6 \quad 0 \quad 0$ |
|  | Brock, | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ |
|  | Hyndman,..IIuron, | 300 |
|  |  | 756 88 |

$I$ find that sinee the Courts have been held semiannually, there have been in the Gore District five Assizes,--in the Johnstown, four,-in the london District, woyen,-in the Niagara, six,--in the Prince Edward District, cight.-in the IIome, six.-in the Midland, five,-in the Neweastlo, four,-in the Eastern, six,-Yirtoria, four--and in the Western, six.withoutany Roll or Report of estreats or fincs having been made hy the Clerk of Assize.

I have addressed alettor to the Clerk of the Crown, to ascertain if he can throw any light on this matter, or supply the deficient Reports, which would enable mo to examino and check the Sheriffs accounts.

The Clerks of the Peace are equally irrcgular. some making their returns every Quarter. as in Noweastle; others, not for many years, as in the Home and Niagara Districts.

The law must be amended in this point, and the Clerk of Assize required to transmit within fifteen or twenty days after each Assize, a copy of all estreats or forfeited recognizances placed in the Sheriffs hands; and at all events make a Return to that office whether any have occurred or not, under penalty of Fifty pounds fine, to secure payment of which they should give security on being appointed to the duties. If this were done, the Inspector Ge-neral could charge the full amount to the several Sheriffs, to stand at his debit until satisfactorily accounted for the execution of their writs in some way. The Clerks of the Peace are now required to make the nocessary Returns of rolls and writs from Sheriffs, but only to the Receiver General's Office; the Inspector Gencral's Department nover has checked them, or compared those received with the Sheriffs Returns. No one took care to have them regularly sent in; in fact, I believe no account or return of Custom House or other funds ever was checked in that Office. All that has been done this scason will be like the swceping of a new broom, soon wearing out, exhibiting as dirty a place as ever, unless a person be appointed to attend to this duty of seeing that the regular Returns, within the time specified, be sent in, checked and compared; and in every case of neglect to report to the Executive Government.

I subjoin a list of the several Sheriffs and their securities, as they now stand in the Offices of the Inspector General and Secretary West.
sheriffs, canada west.


With respect to the sureties, I never had the list of securitics for bonds until within a few days; it was not in the Inspector General's Office, and so am not propared to speak positively of all, but consider the following insufficient:

District of London. John Douglass and Archibald Kcir.

Of my personal visitation of the scveral Sheriffs, I cxtract from my Journal the following remarks:
Western District, Sandwich.-Called at the Sheriff's Offico-Sheriff resides 52 miles from the District Town, at Chatham; Deputy had no account of fines and estreats; knew that there were one or two; would speak to Mr. Foot and would have them remitted. Called at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, and got the following list of fines:
1841, April,. . George Parker,...Assault, $\begin{array}{llll}\text { £ } & \text { s. } & \text { D. } \\ 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ "...Josh. Tenniman and Geo.

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July,... Hannah King,...Larceny, 2100
" ...Alexander Leith, . Assault,. 100
"....I年ry Hagin,.... do. 1000 Octob'r,CharlesWiggins,. $\quad$ do. 10 o 0

" Laur. Robidiaux, do. $0 \begin{array}{llll}\mathbf{0} & 5 & 0\end{array}$
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(Signed;) :- Chias. Baby, Clk, P. W. D.

\section*{Appendix <br> Took the following from the return made by the (B. Bi) <br> 37th Ootober. <br> | m. Burwell | 110 0 |
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| Robert Burw | 5.0 |
| Jas. Young, | 5.0 |
| A'sa Graves, | 12 |
|  | £42 |

In comparing these with Mr. Fool's return made since, I tind all the Sessions' fees paid up, and the Queen's. Bench fees by the parties paying or absconding.

London District:-Called at the Stheriff's Office ; saw the deputy, Mr. Fraser ; he had an account of monies paid up to April, 1840; the other entries of monies, since, 1 find in a Journal in which all fines and convictions are recorded: I found them all satisfactory, and cach sum as received entered as paid to the Upper Canada Bank on account of the Receiver General. Mr. Mamilton seems to have remitted punctually, and his accounts are satisfactory, although not in proper form.

Huron District.-Called on Mr. Myndman; 'found that no fines or estreats had yet occurred in this District.

Brock District.-Called on Mr. Carroll (Nov. 25); saw the deputy; they had opened no account for the public service; whenever they received money, remitted 'it,' and reported to the Secretary's Office.' I inquired if he had seen the $4 \& 5$ Victoria, chap. 12, requiring return; said he had never heard of it. This is not surprising, as the caption of the Act has no allusion to Sheriffs whatever. I pointed it out to him, however, and instructed him to open an account for the public scrvice; and observed by the list of convictions that several fines had been ordered, before-Messrs. Jackson, Arnold and Hatch, for selling without License, $£ 5$ each; these returns of convictions should be checked and paid over to the In spector of Licenses." Mr. Carroll is reputed a good Sheriff:

Wellington District.-The Sheriff is Mr. Grange ; had never had any fines; District new and very little done; no public money in his hands'; had made his report.

Talbot-Called on Mr. Rapelje; he had not sent his return; but has since done so.

Niagara District.-Mr. Kingsmill said he had received only £ 12 10s. and that the Goyernment owed him a large sum, and he retained it. Informed him this would not be allowed ; he must transmit quartely his receipts, and send his account to Government and if approved, a warrant would issue to him for the amount. He has since sent his returns, and remitted; but the Clerk of the Peace having made no return snce 1837 ,' ' can'say nothing of his accounts.

Gore-See -my Report to Secretary's Office and fully on this Office.

Newcastle- - Called on Mr. Sheriff Ruttan'; he had just made up histatement, -handed me a copy of it $;$ it is very satisfactory a nd the ampunt remitted from his District Targe. The Clerk of the Peace for this District is a very revala Officer ; 1 found every thing clear and explicit with himithe hás divays sent his returns of estrets ecording to
 nithed, I cannot check the acounts.

Hastings-Victoria-Mr: Sheriff Moodie had remitted all fees collected since he came to office; and made his returns quarterly.

Midland-Called on the Sheriff, he had opened 2tth October: a set of Books, and entered all writs received by him, but he had not entered the fines and estreats' ordered to the credit of the Receiver General, but merely the money received.' I pointed out to him the necessity of entering all fines and estreats, which he will attend to: he has paid over $£ 44, £ 35$ of which he received from the Clerk of the Peace, who very properly refused to pay over the fines received since Mr. McDónell became ill, as he knew of no one duly authorized to receive them. The "propriety of this is best proved by the fact, that it is the only sum the Government has ever received from the Sheriff of the Midland District.

Colborne is the only District I did not visit ; but I'saw the Sheriff at Port Hope; he said he had never received a farthing.

Johnstown.-Mr. Sherwood had no account for monies received, but would in future enter all writs, as they came in, to the credit of Government.

Bathurst.-See Special Report on the case to the Secretary's Office on the 3d February.

Prince Edward.-Sheriff McMahon was not at home, and I did not see his accounts; but his returns appear correct.
Dalhousie-Called at the Sheriff's office and the Gaol, 26th August, 1842 ; no estreats or writs' from the Clerk of Assize.
Fines had been imposed on, $\quad$ e s. "t.
R. Fitzsimmonds...................... 2 . 0 :

Margaret Fitzsimmonds................ 1 . 0
Samuel Delany..... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 0 0
Rachel Record........t. ............ 0 0 0
W.Machar........................... 1 0 0

Samuel Kennishaw . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 0
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had not seen the Act requiring returns; but would make his returns according to it. (5th October) Has done so.

Eastern.-Called on Mr. McMartin; showed him the list of fines; he had remitted up to this time £ 24.186 ., and hassince remitted $£ 65$, the full amount which he appears to have collected. The fines' ordered, amounted to $£ 197$ 10s.

Ottawa-Called on Sheriff Treadwell; he had received but few fines, but'regularly remitted'; his' statements were very satisfactory.

I have carefully read "Watson on the Law relative to Sheriffs in England, but find few points of analogy in the situation there and in this country, and from that reason few aniendments from the laws of England that would answer or improve our system here l am aware that annual and quadriennial elections or appointments have been, suggested, and have, I believe, been recommended to the Government in the Report Departments made in 18 , from Thich Ithave taken several of the following suggestions; but I do not think it would be any improvement as a mowedge of the duties is of the first importance to ther proper discharge and requires either a Knowledge of Lawor three or four years apprenticesbit fully to thderstand them. What they Shouldas in England, own sifficentproperty with-
 ry man his complaint is, I think, of great impor
ance; and that they should personally reside' in their Bailiwick, and discharge their duties, and not represent that Bailiwick in Parliament, is also worthy of immediate consideration; and that 3 months absunce from the District Town, without leave, or the return of a writ "nulla bona," no lands and tenements, duly certified by the proper officer, and notified by the Court to which such return was made to the Executive Government, should be sufficient cause for the immediate removal of such officer, as it is now notorious that though the Sherift swears to the possession of property to the amount of £ $\ddagger$ in 0 , yet writs are frequently returned against them "nulla bona"! It appears that the Statute 3d William IV. chap. 3 , only requires that the Sherift make an affidavit that he posscsses property within the Province of the value of $£ 750$ : as this has proved entirely unsatisfactory, I beg leave to recommend that the Sheriff be required to swear that he is possessed of real estate worth that sum, over and above all incumbrances, and particularize in such affidavit the parcel of land composing such real estate, and the extent and situation of such property, and transmit the title thereto, that they may be referred to the Attorney Gencral to be examined and approved, if reported by that officer to be correct; and further, that for the security of the Government, he give bonds, himself in $£ 500$, and two sufficient suretics for $£ 250$ each, to qualify by affidavit, as before stated, and to be approved of by the Inspector Gencral.

For the security of private individuals against the Sherifi, he should give good and sufficient security, not less than 2 nor more than 10 for $£ 1000$, to qualify as above recommended; which socurities should be approved of by the Inspector General ;-and that le shoukd, during his incumbency, at the end of each year, file an affidavit similar in purport to that sworn to on his entering office; and if the property be not the same at any given period as that upon which he first qualified, the titles shall in like manner be submitted to the Attorncy General for his Report.

It may not be out of place while reporting upon this office. generally to state that in talking of Sheriffs, every where severe complaints are made of the arbitrary and unjust method of obtaining Juries,-the Sheriff having power to pack a jury from every part of the District. But without imputing any worse motive to any of them, I believe it is a fact that they summon jurors along a particular line of roads, where they have necessarily to travel as often as the law allows thom; while other lines of roads, and in fact whole townships, more difficult of access, are never required to serve as jurors at all, throwing a very unequal burthen upon a portion of the people. A power so arbitrary and dangerous should at once be restrained by some enactment, which would prescribe fixed rules by which the Sheriff would be governod, and compelled to select, either by ballot or in regular rotation, all the inhabitants of the Country indiscriminately.

The several Sheriffs complain of the interpretation put upon 7 William IV., chap. 3, 32nd clause which they say was only intended to prevent two Sheriffs from getting poundage on the same debt, when execution issued in two Districts, but which the Attornies now hold to authorize them to settle with Dofendant after seizure. without paying the Sheriff any fee whatever. This is a matter calling for definite legislation. They also complain of the responsibility in consequence of fraudulent transfers of property, which practice is every day increasing; and they are obnoxious to actions from Defendants for selling erroneously, and from Plaintiffs for not selling; and thoy pray that some definite and arbitrary mode may be adopted in this matter, such as a law holding that all goods and chattels should be held
to be property of the person in whose possession they are found, or what appears much more reasonable, that the Sheriff be empowered to summon a jury, in cases of disputed property, who shall be authorized to determine the conflicting claims.

It is also matter of complaint, and evidently wrong, that the scaloof fees for summoning jurors, \&c. in the several Districts are different; and it is recommended that they should be uniform and determined by statute.

They also complain, innst seriuasly, of the difficulty of collecting arcounts from the Attornies, from which cause some complain that they are nearly ruined; ther uge that as there is a summary mode by which Sheniffs are ruled and compelled to pay cver monios to the Altornies, it would be no more than justice that some summary mode be adopted to compel immorliate payment of the tees by Attornies; and the public have long thought that the Law Socicty should strike from its rolls Attornies or Barristers who retain their clients' money.

The Sheriffs also complain, in accopting bail, that they are obliged to rely much on the representation of parties as to their responsibility, and often from a doubt as to their sufficiency ; afterwards the Plaintiff refuses to receive the bond, and holds the Sheriff: It also happens that though bail are good when taken, they become insolvent, and there is no provision by which the Sheriff can require persons on the limits, \&c., to rencw their bail. It might be provided that the Sheriff could require bail to qualify, as in the case of special bail, where they have reason to doubl, and in case of insolvency, and to require new bail: this only to be done by an order from the Judge of the District, on his being satisfied by the Sheriff that he has grod reason to doubt the efficiency of the existing bail.

The Sheriffs generally seem to desire and expect a Salary, but the experience of the last three years in the case of salaried officers instead of fees, is sufficient to caution the Legislature against the mode; besidos it appears most cquitable that the costs of law should fall on the litigious themselves, and not on the community in general. If the Sheriffs, as I have reason to think, are not sufficiently remuncrated, let a new Tariff of Fees be established, 15 or 20 per cent. higher than the present, upon some scale or principle to be examined and recommended by the Judges of the Qucen's Bench.

I have been induced to set forth these views of the Sheriffs in Canara West, because, on consulting the most respectable Barristers in the Country, I have been informed that, considering the duties and liabilities, they are the worst paid public servants in the country,-their Constables having much the safer and better offices; and, as I desire and recommend the most stringent legislation to ensure the faithful discharge of their duties, I would at tho same time recornmend liberal and sufficient remuneration and protection.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

## I have the honor to be, Sir, <br> Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) MALCOLM CAMERON.
To the Hon. S. B. Harrison, Kingston.

The statement of monies paid by Sheriffs in the preceding Report, which extends over a period of 14 years, was compiled for me by Mr. Tưquand,
the first Clerk in the Receiver General's Department; and I may here remark that I am greatly indebted tohthis politeness and attention, as, well, as to the simplicity and clearness of his account, for all the information relating to ainounts of money paid by the several partics into whose accounts I have had to inquire ; and it is an extraordinary circumstance, greatly to the credit of that Department, that though I examined the accounts of over 100 individuals who are Public Accountants, in no one instance was an error trgced to this office; although in several cases it was pretended remittances had been made which was not acknowledged.

## MALCOLM CAMERON.

No. 43.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Honorable S. B. Hurrison.

Kingston, 10th February, 1843.
Sir,
Since sending in my Report on Sheriff Powell's case, I wrote to the Clerk of the Peace as follows:
(Copy,)
Kingston, 3rd February, 1843.
Sir,
On examining the certificates of estreats filed in your office transmitted by you to the Inspector General, I find that there are no records of any estreats from the." Bathurst District." As it is notorious that some have'nccurred there since1837, and returns acknowledged by the Sheriff, can you account for the error? Has the Clerk of Assize neglected his duty, and how canI ascertain the facts of the case, as the Government are pursuing this investigation for the purpose of establishing a more regular and efficient system to ensure regular payment of such monics., Your immediate reply, with any information or suggestions relative to this subject, will oblige,

Your obedient servant,
(Signed, MALCOLM CAMERON.

## C. C. Small, Esq., Toronto.

In reply to which I received this answer:
(Copy.)
Crown Office,
Toronto, Bth February, 1843.

## Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the srd instant, wherein you state that on examining the copy of estreated recognizances transmitted to the Inspector General, you find that there are no records of any estroats from the Bathurst District ; not having kept a copy of what was forwarded to the Inspector General, I have examined the several returns made, and herowith send you an extract of them, also an extract of Sentences when fines were iniposed.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your abedient servant;
[Without signature]
To Malcolm Cameron, Esq.

These estreats are as follows:-
Forfeited recognizances 19 th September, 1837.
Peter Aylin's recognizance for his appearance at the Assizes, 1837, to answer charge of riot, in...........£100 0:0
The sureties:-
James Johnston, of Bytown.......... $50 \quad 0$
George Buchanan 0
Peter Aylin's recognizance for his appearance at the Assizes, $1837.1100 \quad 0 \quad 0$ The sureties:-
William :Wonder, of Perth, Tavern-
keeper.............................. 50 0
J. R. Stanley, of Bytown, Tavern-
keeper.............................. 50 0 0

The Court adjourned on the 23d September, 1837.
Truly extracted according to the Statute, this 13th of October, 1837:

## R. Harvey, jun., Clerk of Assize.

 (Signed,)A true Duplicate of the above Roll with fi.' fa. and case. for the several sums herein mentioned; delivered to Sheriff of Bathurst District.
(Signed,)
R. Harvey, jun:,

Clerk of Assize.
Fines in $183 \%$.
John Trumble, assault upon Deputy Sheriff, fined £10, and committed till paid.
Michael Slocum, assault upon officer in the execution of his duty, fined ${ } \mathbf{£ 1 5}$, and committed till paid.
John Glaron, assault and battery, fined $£ 10$, and committed till paid.

## Fines in 1840.

Edward Malloch, convicted of a contempt of Court. fined $£ 25$, and committed till paid.
James Johnston convicted of the same offence, fined e25, and committed till paid.
Edward Malloch convicted of assault and battery. fined 1s. and committed till paid.
James Johnston convicted of the like offence, fined 1s., and committed till paid.

Fines-29th Sept. 1840.


Of these 8 are returned as paid by the Sheriff, but Tervens, Stewart and Marrott are not returned Therefore, in making out Mr. Powell's account. he should be charged with all these not exhibited in his account, say,



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The letter and supplementary return from the Clork of the Crown shows at least the inaccuracy and carclessness of his return. and is a very unsatisfactory answer to the general information asked for ly my letter, and lears me to suppose that he could perhaps supply other deficient returns by a careful searel. By the Act 7th, Wm. IV., Chap. 10, Clerks of the Peace are required to make regular returns to the Rereiver General within twenty-one days after ho Tossion, and also a copy to the Sheriff; and Mr. Macaulay, the late Inspector General of Upper Canata, called their attention, by circular rlated 14 th May. 1s.40, and by he authrity of the Governor, wh!ered them to hisoffice, but it has not been attended tw. The same Act requires the Clerk of Assize, within twontr-one days after each Court, to transmit is roll of ill fines. ©c. to the Clerk of the Crown, and ome to the Sheriff, but there is no ponalty.

Scond Clause of same Act requires the return of the writs from Sheriffs, with a statement on the back "f what he has done, and a copy of the Sheriff's peturn with the roll, to be sent to the Receiver Crenerat hy the Clerk of the Crown or Cletk of the Peace, as the case may be. This the Clerk of the Crown never seems to have done at all. Second Clause requires that Shoriffs pay over, without delay, all monies that come into their hands.

Trusting that this, in addition to my general Report on Sherifis and Clerks of the Peace, will call the attention of IIis Excollency to all the points requiring improved vigilance,

## I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant.
(Signed.) MALCOLM CAMERON.
To the Mon. S. B. Harrison. Esq. \&c. \&c.

No. 44.-Itetter from the Commissioner to the IIonorable S. B. Harrison.

Kingston, March 14th, 1843.
$S_{i R}$,
I beg leave, for the information of His Excellency, to report. that I consider it of great importance to the Revenue that a "Collector of Customs" be appointed at Port Colborne.

The business is increasing, the smuggling extensive, and hence the necessity of the examination of cargocs is daily becoming more important.

The following is an extract from my Journal, which will exhibit the loose manner in which the business is done, and the loss to the revenue in 1842. from the negligence of the officer.

## Dated Port Colborne, July, 1842.

Called at the Welland Canal Office. and saw Mr. Black, the Clerk, who acts as Deputy Collector, and has done so since 1838. He is an elderly gentleman, and seldom leaves the office. Whilst I was there, two Schooners were cleared, simply on production of manifest, without any examination whatever. Mr. Shechan, the Collector, lives at Dunnville, 20 miles west, on the Grand River, and is also Collector for Port Robinson and the mouth of the Grand River, in fact three points of importance besides Port Colbornc. The gross receipts in' 1841 were $£ 18910$ s.

10d. Mr. Shechan has employed a person occasionally to watch the coast, but the extent of it, the

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(B. B.) closencss of the woods, the sympathy of the people with the smuggler, and the great number of roads 27 onth Otober. leading from the beach directly into the country, niakes it almost impossible to provent smuggling. ILe has never had any tide-waiter or deputy to examine vessels. They must come and onter the vessels at the office, by production of manifest. The Kent steamer comes here always in the night, and comes direct from Buffalo, and gocs again, without reporting; never hav either manifest or clearance; she could land any amount of goods. Sailing vessels might bring in 1000 chests of tea a day: and discharge it above or below this Port. This is a port of great importance, and the Marbour Light and Custom dues might be much increased by a good officer. at least doubled. The valuation of goods is very carcless, viz. : Oakum $\$ 2$ per bale, true value $\$ 6$ : Nails \$4 por keg; true value \$8: 4 box Tin \$4; true value $\$ 10$. April: 1 keg Tobacco, $\$ 19$, charqed 20 per cont. Mr. B. was not made aware by Mr. Shechan of the changes in duty : should have been 2d. per th. sterling; and so instead of \$3.80, the duty should have been \$7. Capt. Peirson had a lot of Croceries, $\$ 100$ value, 15 per cent.-no details of what they were. Sugar is still entered at 5s. per cwt., is liable to ld. per lb, besides. June 7: Capt. Porter entered Tobaceo at 5 cents, and pays 20 per cent., a greater differenco and loss than the first keg. Round the coast to Fort Erie is 25 miles. On the coast ncar Dunnville there are partics who make a business of smuggling. The Canal Company built the Light IIonse on Colborne Point, and manage it themselves. The man who attends the first lock attends the Light IIouse, and receives $\$ 30$ : lighted regularly all the season. Port Robinson is 12 miles east. Mr. Black has never looked at the new Act, or had his attention called to.

I have examined the return at the Inspector General's office, and find the crror in valuation and duty as mentioned above, and the account never examined, checked, or the irregularitios noticed.

I would again respectfully urge the necessity of increasing the establishment, so as to enable the Inspector General to have this duty performed.

## I have the honor to be, Sir, <br> Your obedient servant,

(Signed) MALCOLM CAMERON.
To the Hon. S. B. IIarrison, Esq.. Kingston.

No. 45-Repont From the Commissioner to the Ho-
norable H. FI. Killaly:
To the IIon. H. H. Killaly, Esq.,
President of the Board of Works.
Kingston, 15 th March, 1843.
Sir,
With reference to the inquiries you requested me to make at Bytown, the Chats, and other points on the Ottawa, relative to the position and tenure of the slide,-the best method of expending the sum of money appropriated for the Ottawa, so as to realize the greatest amount of good to the Lumber trade of Canada, either by expediting the transport of Lumber to Quebec, the supply. ing the trade with provisions, or inducing settlements which ultimately would supply the trade on the spot.
27th Oniober. I beg respectfully to report, that the Slide at By. town is in the hands of the heirs and assignees of George Buchanan'; that he held it by leaso from the Government of Lower Canada, dated Scptember 7 th, 1835.
Fiat: Registered in the Registrar Office of Enrollment, at Quebec, 8th September, 1835, and Register Office of Records, in the 14th Register of Letters Patent, and entered in the Auditor's office 14th October, 1835, Docket Book L., and was to continue 10 years, and is for 3 Island A. B. C,, and contains this clause: Right to reserve possession for the public good, by paying the value of the improvoments in the state they are in at such time. Toll fixed at 5s. per cwt.; 20s. a year rent. Dated 7th September, 1835.
(Signod)
GOSFORD."
(Signed,

## D. Daly, Secy. \& Regr.

This is fortunately in a position to cause no difficulty in carrying out the intention of the Government were it necessary to take advantage of that position; such, however, is not the case. Mr. Buchanan would never have made his Slide where it is, could he have obtained the South Channel or Timber Chenal, which had been improved at considerable expense by and is still in the hands of Government. To get timber into Buchanan's slide, it must cross a very powerful current rumning into the Timber Chenal, and keeping far enough to avoid that it is swept often into the current leading into the Big Kettle, to prevent which Mr. Buchanan erected a long pier. Again, at the foot of Buchanan's Channel there is a heavy swell and a:strong current leading from shore, so that timber cannot be landed where the owner pleases, but by chance sometimes a mile below town, and sometimes on the north shore: this is a serious matter; whereas the foot of the Timber Chenal is in the bay in still water-the natural re-rafting and measurement Bay at Bytown, and all rafts that require re-rafting, now break up and run down it as it is. To make this improvement perfect, and prevent the timber going by Wright's Slide or Buchanan's, it would require a small expenditure in cutting off a point above, on the South shore at the Chaudiere. The whole expenditure at Bytown could not exceed £2000; and would be a saving of $£ 30$ to $£ 40$ on each raft. I have examined the statements furnished by John Porter, Esq., the agent of the house of Gilmour \& Co., who makes the most accurate statistic of the whole trade; and I find that, should the trade go on as it has done, the average quantity of timber passing Bytown annually would be, say $4,500,000$ fect of Red Pine, and an equal quantity of White, making nine millions. Now 1,500 is an average crib of White Pine', and 900 feet an average crib of Red, this gives about 7, 500 cribs ; and were the Government to reduce the present toll 50 per cent., it would still 'produce a revenue of $£ 900$, and 'independent of all charges, would yield over'25' per cent. per annum.

The most important point is the Chats, 30 miles above Bytown, and Mr. Buchanan's heirs are' in possession of the best channel, and have an excellent slide in full operation with' a road for the portageing of all goods going up the Ot thwa to the steam-boat landing. About $£ 500$ would be required to put this in perfect order. The license of occupation is during pleasure, and the amount to be repaid a matter for the consideration of Government: Legally, the value would be all they dould laim, butequitably, I
think they are entitled to consideration. Mr Bu chanan was a very clever and enterprising many and Appendix by his exertions greatly benefitted and facilitated the Timber Trade. His returns were large, but like $\overbrace{\text { ath }}^{\text {October. }}$ most men, he carried on operations as large. "He expended over $£ 8000$ in a mill and dam at Madawaska, and on the credit of the slides got in debt, and assigned these slides to the Banks and other Creditors who have claims. With these considerations, which I conceive might weigh with Government, I suppose, before Buchanan's assigns are settled with, and the improvement made, it will cost $£ 5000$.

About 8,500,000 of the Pine made must be above the Chats, and if the toll was no more than at Bytown, 3s. 9 d . per crib, a reduction of 25 per cent. it would yield a revenue of over $£ 1000$, or 20 per cent.

The next improvement of great consequence, in fact the most important of all improvements that can be devised to facilitate the general trade, is the sliding of the Calumet and Mountain. The advantages of this improvement is felt by all; it would shorten the passage of timber to Quebec from three to four weeks, as the delay of ten days there is a loss of double that time, and sometines of the whole season, from the falling of the waters below that.It would also save, on a raft of 50,000 feet, about four men, a saving in all on such a quantity of not less than $£ 80$ to the owner. The average quantity to pass would be about $2,600,000$ feet of Red Pine, and a like quantity of White, say 4,500 cribs at 5 s . a crib, which would give a nett revenue of about £ 800 .

Many have asserted that the improvement of the Roche-fondu, which could of course be done for one half the expense, would answer; but this is certainly not the case. I saw Mr. McDonell, who was in terms with Mr. Buchanan for the building of a slide on the Island side, and Mr. Jardinc, an intelligent gentleman who does an extensive business in lumber, and lives a long way above the Calumet; they both state that though the Rocke-fondu were slided. that the difference of expense and risk in getting to the head of each slide, not to mention the serious risk of life on the Rocke-fondu side, would be equal to 10s. a crib, as it requires four or six men on each crib; whereas from the head of the Island at La Poste to the head of the Calumet, timber goes down alone. They, would rather pay 20s. for the Calumet slide, than 5s. for the Rochefondu. In addition to these objections, Mr. Moore has a slide at the Roche-fondu, and it would require a large sum to buy him out.
The amount which would be required to complete the improvement at the Calumet, and maintain it. is difficult to estimate ; and I heard it estimated 'variously from $£ 4000$ to $£ 7000$, none making it more than that. I have, however, estimated it at £7000.

The next means of facilitating the lumber tracts, and preventing the decrease of the revenue from Timber, is by opening up the principal country from which the Red Pine for the next 30 or 40 years must come, and that is the central tract in the Midland' District intersecting and having its outlet by the Madawaska River. The great difficulty in this stream is the high falls at the Calaboga Lake in "the Township of "Blythfield.". This work, thouigh formidable in appearance, can be done cheap if for at all events, with the lower rapids, say $£ 2500$, about ${ }^{\prime}$ or' 800 000 feet would come this way to market, if this improvement were made ; that is, over 800 cribs, at say 5s, or eyen 7s. 6d, a crib, which the trade would pay cheerfully. As at present, the timber seldom gets to market the yoarit is made After the slides, the lumber trade, and in fact the whole Ottawa
country would be best benefitted and relieved by two leading roads, the one from Bytown to Packenham Mills, and thence to the Second Chute, for the Axes, Cordage, Anchors, Sails, and all such other supplies, that comes from the sea; and the other from Oliver's Ferry, in the Johnstown District, via Bellamy's Mills, till it intersects the Bytown road at the Second Chute ; and from thence one road through the new Township, as more fully laid down and recommended in a report made from actual survey within the last month, by Mr. Josias Richey, the Surveyor, who surveyed the five new 'Townships through which it passes. For the place and report, see Secretary's Office.

I heg leave now to recapitulate the estimates I make :

It was distinctly understood betwoen the Government and all the members interested in the Ottawa, that the $£ 28,000$ voted was a mere pledge of future and more worthy grants; and both Lord Sydenham and Sir Charles Bagot held out the idea of a learling communication from the St. Lawrence to the Otta" wa. It camot, therefore, be doubted that Parliament would at once make gond the difference, even should it be $£ 2000$ or $£ 3000$ greater than I make it ; and I trust not only this, but the improvement of the Chaudière and Chats Rapids on the Ottawa, IIubble's Falls on the Mississippi, and from the Ottawa to Muskrat Lake, will be canal, which are all the improvements of the Ottawa which I conceive called for, or likely to be useful in this century, and which, I am sure, taken in conjunction with the Slides, and managed as both should be at the Timber office, are improvements which would at once pay well.

I had a sketch made of the channels at Bytown, which I submit.

## I have the honor to remain, Your obedient scrvant,

(Signed,) MALCOLM CAMERON.

## Inland Route from Pakenham to Sydenham.

| Pakenham to Waba. ............ 13 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Waba to Madawaska Bridge. . . . . . 4 |  |
|  |  |
|  | 24 miles. |
| Oliver's Ferry to Perth. | 7 |
| Perth to Bellamy . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 25 |
| Bellamy to Waba . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 13 |
| Waba to 2nd Chute . . . . . . . . . . . | 11 |
| $\because \quad$, | 56 miles. |
| 2nd Chute to Sydenham | 46 |
| Oliver's Ferry to Sydenham . . . . . 100 |  |

2nd Chute to 3rd Chute ..... 14
3rd Chute to Lake Dow. ..... 12
Lake Dow to Sydenham ..... 20
Pakenham to 2nd Chute ..... 24
From Bytown to Pakenham ..... 36
Bytown to Sydenham ..... 106
Appendir

A much shorter route can be had, and is travelled, from the 2nd Chite to Sydenham; but, for the purposes of settlement, the Lake Dow road is the best.

DISTANCES.
From Bytown to Pakenham, say ...... 36
Pakenhim, via Ottawa River, to Arm $\}$

Sand Point to Boucher Point, south side \&
Boucher Point to the Snows across \} 3
the River. . .......................
Snows on the north shore to Portage \}
du Fort, south side
6
Portage du Fort to the foot of the ${ }_{4}$
Calumet Island
Portage du Fort to Fort Cologne. . . . . . 25
Fort Cologne to Black River. 8

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\text { Bytown to Black River. . . . } 100 \text { miles. }
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## South side Route from Portage du Fort.

Portage du Fort to Muskrat Lake, at Spencer Allen's

12
Spencer Allen's to Waltor McDonell's.'. 10
W.McDonell's to Thrasher'son the River 4

Thrasher's to the Moffatt's Mills on Sydenham, at the mouth of the
Muskrat Muskrat

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\text { Pakenham to Bytown. . . . . . . . } \\
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No. 46.-Letter from the Commissioner to the Inspector General.

Kingston, March 21st, 1843.
Sir,
My attention having been called to the loose manner in which the tonnage duty; for the erection and maintenance of Light Houses, has been collected, and the loss thereby to the revenue, I beg leave to submit a form of receipt and suggestion as to the mode of securing payment of this tax for the ensuing season, until a Bill for the measurement and registration of vessels shall have been passed by Parliament.

I have the honor to be,

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Your obedientservant, } \\
& \text { MALCOLMM CAMERON, } \\
& \text { To the Honorable Francis Hincks, Esquire, } \\
& \text { Inspector General; }
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TO TIIE OWNERS OF SCHOONGRS, STEAMBOATS, AND ofier craft.
Notice is hereby given, that whereas many Schooncrs, Steamboats, and other Craft, having omitted or nerfected to pay the Duty imposed by Statute 7 Will. 4, cap. 95, for the erection and maintenance of Light-Houses, Sc., that the officer at the mouth of the Welland Canal, at Port Dalhousie, is instructed not to suffer any vessel to enter or depart from that Port, without exhibiting a recoipt in full from the Collector of Customs of the Port of Kingston, or the Port to which they belong, for all ducs up to 1843 , or paying to him the amount then due by them.

The Collector of the Port of Dalhonsie should be furnished with a list of all Vessels, Owners, Light House Duty for former years, and be instructed to act rigorously.

The Officer of every Port should be instructed to see that the Vessels wintering in their Ports should pay before leaving it, and the Officer in King ton particularly instructed to let no vessel go out of this Port or Garden Island, until they produce a receipt; of course he and each of the Officers must have the list of defaulters.

As the Law provides no remuneration, the Council, I think, could authorize a per centage, to induce attention.

No. 47.-Report from the Commissioner to the Honorable S. B. Harrison, on the case of Mr. Wallon, of Toronto.

Kingston, April 22d, 1843.
Sir,
On the 10th of August last, I made a report on the case of MrsWalton, of Toronto, who had acted as Clerk to the Magistrates. Since that time I have obtained more particular information of the exact sums of money in his hands; and as I believe no steps have been takin to recover the amounts he has retained, I beg leave respectfully to submit an extract from my Report, to which I have added a further statement which' have compiled from the books of the Inspector of Licenses, and which was afterwards acknowledged to be correct by Mr. Walton.
(Extract)
Sir,
"August 10th, 1842.
I have the honor to inform you that a Mr. Wal ton, of Toronto, some time Clerk for the Magistrates, has in his hands the following sums,' which according to law should have been remitted to the Receiver General at the time of collection; he informed me that he would remit to that Officer the amount in his hands, as' soon as advised to do so from the proper authorities. The Magistrates should be notified of the circumstance, and required to remit the amount without delay.
1840. Aug. G,..,James Ramsay...Hog.hollow...Distilling $\boldsymbol{E}^{\text {s. }}$ s. Sept. 7,...Nor, Milligan.... Markham.....
cc. 10, ,.James Barrie ${ }_{1} . .$. .W. Gwillinsbury do. 50

Do. .A. Hamilton......Vaughan......
Tutal for 1840....................... £25.10 0

- $\quad \mathbf{t}$ s. $\mathbf{D}$ - April 1,..Wm, Grab.....Etobicoke......Distilling, 50 June 11, Henry Haney. do. ......Sell'g beer, 2 | Do. 28,...J. W. Barric....W.Gwillimsb'y.Distilling, | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | Sept. 3,...Hoctor Watson. York..............Pedling. 500 Oct. A , ..James Ellis...............................Distilling, $^{\text {. }}$ Do. 11,. Sam. Davidson. W. Gwillimsb'y...Sell'g beer, 2000 Do. 11,. James Ross...'.Tecumseth...... do. 20 D

Dec. 3,..Ja'a McDavid...Markham........Distilling, ,5 0

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\pm 3310 \quad 0
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1842. Jan. 4,Wm. Robinson....Toronto........Distilling, | (4. | s. | D. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | Do. 20.Wm. Thompson.. do. ....... do. 210 n Feb. 21,.James Hamilton................ do. is i) 0 April 26, W. Moore \& W. Burrell. G. of Toronto.do. 1000 Do. 30,.Geo. Stegman...Vuughan......Distilling, 500

Some other person, whose name is not remembered, but
Mr. Bell saw the money paid, and Mr. Walton said
either he or Bell had it .......................................... 500 $\begin{array}{r}\boxed{+30} \quad 0 \quad 0 \\ \hline\end{array}$

| Total for 1840. | C25 | 10 | 0 |
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| Do. 1841. | 33 | 10 | 0 |
| Do. 1842.. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
|  | 489 | 0 | 0 |

There is also a large sum of money in his hands which he says he would have paid over, as the Magistrates directed, to the several Townships, but that there are conflicting enactments in the law under which the fines for the sale of liquors are recovered, relative to their appropriation; (see clauses 17\& 1.1, chap. 20, 3rd Victoria; also chap. 21 \& 22) the one part directing their application, one moiety to the Informer and the other to the Highways; another part directing that the whole should go to the general uses of the Province, and a third making perpetual an Act that authorizes all to be expended on Highways. He waits also in this matter, the decision of the Government."

The following is the statement I have compiled from the books of the Inspector of Licenses of the Home District, since I'made the Report, and is the sum alluded to as being in his hands :




For the retention of the moicty of this $£ 89, \mathrm{Mr}$. Walton had no plea, as the Law was explicit ; but as explained before, he pretended a doubt on the right of Government to any part of the $£ 563,10$. I have since cxamined the Law carefully, and consulted the best legal advisers; there is no doubt whatever that all fines of this kind are appropriated according to the 3rd Victoria, cap. 21, 4th section, and belong wholly to the general Revenue. Nevertheless, as the informers have in most cases got their moiety, the Government might waive, their claim in these cases.

## I have the honor to be, Sir, <br> Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) MALCOLM CAMERON.
Com'r of Inquiry.
To the Hon. S. B. Harrison, Esq.,

No. 48.-Report from the Commissioner to the Honorable S. B. Harrison, on the Petition of McPlerson, Crane \& Co.

Sif,
Kingston, April 24th, 1843.

In accordance with my instructions, I proceeded in October last to Coteau du Lac, to investigate the facts and statements, set forth in the Petition of Messrs. McPherson, Crane \& Co. and others; on the subject of the detention of boats and vesso at that Port; and after obtaining what information I could from persons resident at or near the Coteau, $I$ went to Montreal and visited several of the Merchants, Forwarders, and Officers connected with the Custom House there, the latter of whom had of course the best incans of knowing the value and correctness of the examinations at Coteau du Lac, and of testing the practical results of the "ceremony" complained of.

On my way up I called at Mr. Simpson's, the Collector, and told him' the object of my visit, and he and Mr. Roebuck conversed some time with me. Mr. S. also showed me a copy of a letter written by him to the Executive Council, in reply to the Petition of Messrs. McPherson, Crane \& Co. and others, which he said embodicd hisarguments on the subject.

I then returned to Kingston and examined the statements of Mr. Simpson, and traced the seve. ral Acts of Parliament referred to in his letter; and as I think it a point of some importance, I beg leave to submit a history of the Port from its first establishment.

The Port of Coteau du Lac was established in consequence of the division of the former Province of Quebec into the late Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada. In consequence of all the dutios on seaborne articles (agreat proportion of wich were consumed in Upper Canada) beang collected at the"Port of Quebbect the chainh of Upper Canada to its fan share of the procedstwere adjusted ini 1798
and 1794 , by the payment of a specific sum, and for 1795 and 1798, by a proportionate amount of the nett proceeds, In 1797, in order to ascertain more precisely the proportio due to Upper Canada, the (B. B.) Commissioners appointed on the part of the two 27th October. Provinces agreed that an Inspector should be ap. pointed at their joint expense, to reside at Coteau du Lac, whose duty it would be to ascertain the nature and quantity of dutiable imports 'from the Lower to the Upper Province, and also to ascertain the nature and quantity of any goods that might descend the River, liable to duties in Lower Canada. As the Upper Province pledged itself to impose like duties on all imports from the United States as were imposed by "Lower Canada, the latter part of the agreemert was naturally to establish an off-set in favor of Lower Canada, against the claims that might arise from the importations into Upper Canada at Coteau du Lac.' But the Act of Upper Canada, 37 Geo. 1II. cap. 12, declares that the Legislature of that Province found it impracticable to carry the latter part of the agreement into effect, 'and in a subsequent agreement its operation was suspended, but again established in 1801. These arrangements continued without any "material modification'" until' 1818, when, in addition to a proportion of the duties levied at Quebec, Upper Canada was awarded a share of other duties levied in Lower Canada.

To preserve the fair and equitable rights of the Lower Province, all goods imported from the United States into Upper Canada were not to be permitted to pass Coteau du Lac, unless a certificate could be produced that the duties thereon had, been paid within the Upper Province, and which, by the agreements in existence, were to be similar to those payable at the Port of St. Johns, the only Port in Lower Canada where such goods could be legally imported. These agreements, however, all expired on the 1st July, 1819, and hence arose those difficulties between the two Provinces, which led to the passing by the Imperial Parliament of the Act 3d, Geo. IV., cap. 119, which continued to regulate the respective rights of the two Provinces, until the period of the Union.

By the Act of Lower Canada, 59th Geo. III. cap. 4., Coteau du Lac was named one of the Ports of: Entry for the importation of goods by Inland Navigation from the United States into that Province, and certain regulations were established for the collection of the duties thereby imposed. The same articles, if they had paid duty in Upper Canada, were to be exempt from duty at Coteau du Lac, if descending the St. Lawrence; but throughout the whole of that Act it does not appear to have been the intention of the Legislature to impose any restraint upon the free importation of Upper Canada produce into Lower Canada, and passing by that route. These enactments continued in force till Ist May, 1826; having been amended by 4th Geo.IV: cap. 10., which abolished all fees upon vessels passing Coteau Lac, belonging to Upper Canada, whether loaded with foreign produce or not.

The latter Act, 4th Geo.IV., cap. 10, having expired; the whole fabric based on the 50th Geo. Ill.' cap. 4, fell to the ground: some trifing arrangements as to the Collector's fees were made by $9 t^{1}$ Geo. IV. cap. 9, and in the subsequent Session new enactments were adopted. The 10 \& 11 Geo. IV, cap. 4, required all boats, coming from Upper Canda and passing Coteau du Lac to repors; but without paying any fees, if without foreign produce on board;: and the office hours for attendance were specifically named. This Act, with slight modificationg, was continued to May, iss when it was

By the Act 6th W.m. IV. cap. 24; all boats', passing from Upper Canada to Lower Canada by Coteau du Lac, were directed to enter and report, and the hours of business were again defined. Salarios were allowed to officers in licu of all fees. This last Act was, by the Ordinance 3 rd Victoria, cap. 15, continued to the 1st November, 1845, and is, by the Collector of Customs at Coteau du Lac, considered to be in full force and effect.
It is. however, fully apparent from the preceding remarks, that the intention of tho Legislature, under the various agreements which subsisted between the two Provinces, and expired at the time of the Union, was to establish the fair proportion of the duties to be paid over to their respective Receivers General ; and from tho whole tenor of the various Inland Trade Acts, from the 50th Geo.III, cap. 4, to the latest datcs, the necessity of reporting at Cotcau du Lac was to determine the real extent of the imports into Lower Canada from the United States. This conclusion must be drawn, not from one isolated onactment, but from the general expressions used throughout. The latter enactments are somewhat more peremptory, it must be adinitted; but, from the 12th section of the 6 th Wim. IV, cap. 24, it will be apparent that the necessity of reporting at Coteau du Lac was for the purpose of distinguishing the exports and imports to and from Upper Canada, and those to and from the United States. From the circumstance that the Union of the Provinces has done a way with the necessity of inguiring into the proportionate consumption of dutiable articles under the former system of division, or of ascertaining the extent of the trade between the late Provinces, it may be inferred, that when the cause for which the law was passed has ceased, the law itself oxpires; that the necessity of any vessel to or from Upper Canada, laden solely with domestic produce, and not having touched at any forcign Port, and withCout any foreign produce on board, reporting to the Collector at Coteau du Lac, is absolutely removed; and that the trade between any Ports in Canada East and Cannda West ought now to be as free and untestrained as between any two Ports in the samo section.
Having thus stated my general view of the principle upon which vessels were detained at Coteau du Lac, and the law and its objects, I will now review the system acted upon and the facts complained of; and I may here remark, generally, that all with whom I conversed in Montreal, considered the detention complained of illegal and oppressive. The Officers of the Customs particularly remarked upon the partial and inofficient cxamination of vessels, and informed me, that so little confidence had they in the clearances produced from Cotean duLac, that they put a Tide-waiter on board of every craft that arrived from that Port. From these and other facts, 1 am of opinion that the complaints of the Petitioners, of the delay, inconvenience, and consequent injury to trade, are not without foundation.

The office hours. (as appointel by law.) at Cotcau du Lac, are from 9 A. m. till 5 p. m.; and at boats arriving after that time are obliged to wait till 9 A.m. nn the following day, except (as I am informed by a respectable forwarding house, where an agreement subsists between the owners and the Collector, to pay him 5 s. for cvery boat that they send down during the scason; in which case, they are not required to stop or be examined at all. Boats that are detained by Mr." Simpson, may be unable to get out the following morning, owing to a change of wind.
It may be remarked here, that Mr. S.'s excusing some. clearly shows that the duty, is not done; and
that. in fact; Mr. S. thinks itt unecessary, mory of course he' would be rigid in fulfilling it to the letter.

Mr. Simpson says, boats must stop at night on account of the rapids, and therefore it is no loss of time; this is, however, on the assumption that they always arrive at Coteau-du-Lac-late in the evening. which is not always the case. It is said that they must call at Coteau-du-Lac for a pilot; but many of the boats have their own pilots employed on board for the scason, and therefore do not require to stop on that account.

Mr.S. says this detention is necessary to prevent illicit importatinn; but does he pretend that he does or can examine the cargoes of boats, and if not, what evilence of the roal cargn, of what check on smuggling, is the reading of a manifest (prepared for the occasion) in an offire mure than a mile from the spot, or How can he account for these permitted to pass without calling at all.

Mr. S. also says, without this examination, a portion of 60 miles would be open to smuggling; this applics with full as much force to their reporting at Lancaster, as a frontier is now open of 40 miles, and boats may, at the Sault or Mogensburg, take in a full cargo, and land it at McGee's Point. or any other place below Lancaster ; or, having been detained and cxamined at Coteau-du-Lac, a vessel could take in a load of smaggled goods at the Cedars or Beauharnois.

Mr. S. says further, that it is a detentinn of only five minutes, and shuld not be complainel of; this is another evidence' of the inefficiency of the exiamination for the purpose of detecting entrabiand goods. In fact, all Mr. Simpson's arguments and statements establish only one point, the danger of smuggling, and they apply as woll to Anticosti of St. Paul's,-where vessels might be required to touch and report and be examined to prevent their sniuggling betwech that and Quebec,-as to Coteau-du: Lac; and I ain of opinion that his own report proves the exaction of fees to be an expensive impost on wete, neither provided for nor contemplated by the law under which it is obtained, and that the detention complained of is unnecessary arid impolitic.

After due consideration of all the circumstances, I cannot therefore come to any other conclusion than to rccommend, that the Executive Goverument forthwith instruct Mi. Simpson to discontinue the practice. or that the Port of Coteau-du-Lac bo extended to Lachine or Montreal until the meeting of the Lagislature, when the Act may be repealed.

I hedve the honor ti be, Sur,'
Your obedient scrvant,
(Signed) MALCOLM CAMERON:
To the Hon. S. B. Harrison,
Scerctary West.

No. 10.-Lelter from the Commissioner to the Collector of Customs, Montreal.

Dear:Sim;
As, we are preparing a Bill for the regulation of the Customs, and as 1 am a ware that some difficul. ties, have arisen on the, Lawrelative to yaw, pastard. and othen Sugare, I, desire to hava your opinionion.

Be peventediby geting thewopinion of practical officers whoiliave met the past, gard can foresee fü-


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the phraseology to betused in the Bill in describing not only this, but alliarticlee, which should be ne nimed in the Bill; and ialso the amount of duties which should on can be imposed without injuring the trade or inducing smuggling:

Mou are aware that :"R Rosted Coffee" has been used as a pretext fonarvoiding the duty; there are other ways alsoo by which "'a conch and six may be driven through our laws," and I know this can only

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No. 50.-Letter from the Commissioner to:J. T. Brondgeest, Esquire, and other Merchants, of Montreal, Toronto, and Dundas.

Kingston, April 29th, 1843.

Sir, or Gentlemen,
I shall feel greatly obliged by your favoring me with your opinion of the changes necessary in our Customs Laws, and the additional duty which you conceive may be added to Mr. Gladstone's Bill, without injuring trade or increasing smuggling.

I mention the following principal articles :-

| names of articles. | ImPERIAL DUTY. | colonial dety. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coffee | 5s. per cwt.. ... |  |
| Ale, Beer, Cider, Perry ......... | 4 per ct. ad. val. |  |
| Bottled do. ......... | 4 per cent........ |  |
| Madeira. | 7 per cent....... |  |
| Other Wines..................... | 7 per cent........ |  |
| All Wines in bottles | 7 per cent......... |  |
| Mules and Abses., | Free...... . . . . . . |  |
| Horses, Mares, Geldings . .... | Free............... |  |
| Goats and Kids | Froe............... |  |
| Horned Cattle. | Free............... | , |
| Tubacco ........................... | 7 per ct. ad val. |  |
| Sugar refined ...................... | 20 per cent..... |  |
| Sugar unrefined ................ | 58. per cwt...... |  |
| Rum ........ | 6d. per gallon... |  |
| Brandy and other Spirits ...... | 18. per gallon .. |  |
| Leather.... | 4 per cent. . . . . . |  |
| Leather Manufactures.. | 7 per cent........ |  |
| Sheep and Lambs ............ .. | Frce............. |  |
| Swine and Hogs. | Free.............. |  |
| Barlcy, Rye, Beans | Free.............. |  |
| Oate, Maize, Corn, Buckwheat | Frec.............. |  |
| Wheat Flour. | 28. per 196 lbs. |  |
| Barley Flour. | Frec............... | ' |
| Rice.. | Frec.............. |  |
| Potatoes. | Free.............. |  |
| Beef, Pork, and all kinds of fresh meat................... | Frce............... |  |
| Butter ............................. | 8s. per cwt..... |  |
| Cheese.......................... .. | 5s. per cwt...... |  |
| Hay. | Free.............. |  |
| Oila .. |  |  |

Be particular with respect to Sugar, and the phraseology we should employ in the Bill, to prevent misunderstanding. What do you think of a Registration Bill for the fresh waters; and of forbidding boats and vessels under 20 tons from im. porting, except at authorized Ferries; of having a paid Tide-waiter at each Port where $£ 500$ is now collected; and of the necessity of having a Comptroller of Customs or Visiting Inspector, or some other superior supervision than the present, say two Commissioners, one of whom should personally visit from St. Pauls to Sault Ste. Marie, and to whom all difficulties should be referred, and the other residing constantly at Head Quarters, to whom all legal questions should be submitted?What is your opinion of the probable increase or decrease in importations by sea this year?

An answer at your earliest conveninnce, will oblige Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) MALCOLM CAMERON.
J. T. Brondgeest, Esq., Montreal.

No. 51.-Letter from the Commissioner to J. T. Brondgeest, Esquire, on the subject of the weight of the Imperial Bushel of Wheat.

Kingston, May 5th, 1843.

## Sir,

Since I had the honor to address you last, I find there exists a difference of opinion, even among the
best informed, as to the weight of an Imperial Bushel of Wheat. ${ }^{\circ}$ I see by the Act assimilating weights and measures, passed in 1824, that an Imperial Bushel is eight gallons, each gallon to contain 10 lbs: of water at a certain temperature. Now; can you 274 Octiber. inform me if there is any fixed weight for the Imperial Bushel, or what it will average ; or what you would expect to pay per 60 lbs . under the Act authorizing 3s. duty per Quaiter, after the 5th July.

## I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)
M. CAMERON.

## J. T. Brondgoest, Esq., Montreal.

P. S. See "Montreal Gazette" of 1st May; Geo. Wright \& Co's Circular'; article, "Wheat."

No. 52.-Letter from J. T. Brondgeest, Esquire, to the Commissioner.

Montreal, 13th May, 1843.
Sin,
I have the honor to acknowledge your favor of the 20th April, respecting the changes necessary in the Customs' Laws, and of the 5th May in regard to the weight of the Imperial Bushel.

Regarding the first subject, 1 will endeavour to procure the opinion of the Board of Trade on the subject on an early day, and will communicate to you the result.

As to the second question, there is no weight intended by Law in Britain as applicable to the Imperial Bushel, it is solely a measure of capacity; the weight of an Imperial Bushel may consequently vary very considerably, and the duty will have to be levied at per eight bushels, Imperial measure, measured by a standard bushel, and not weighed. In Britain, Wheats vary from 54 lbs. the bushel (as Archangel) to 68 (the Cape of Good Hope Wheat): good Wheat should weigh about 62. I presume 60 lbs . was adopted in Western Canada as a fair average bushel. Still I think the Act will decidedly require all Grain to be measured.

I have the hionor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

## J. T. BRONDGEEST.

To Malcolm Cameron, Esq., Kingston.

No. 53.-Letter from the Commissioner to thie Honorable S. B. Harrison, on the subject of declaring a Port of Entry at Sault St. Marie.

Kingston, May 5th, 1843.
Sir,
As the season is advancing, and the navigation open, I beg leave to call your attention to the importance of declaring a Port of Entry at Sault Ste. Marie, with limits extending from the west bank of French River to the Pacific Ocean:

You are already aware of the extent of the 1 m . portations made by the Hudson's Bay Company from
the entries now made by them at Penetanguishine, and from these a tolerably correct calculation may be made of the nther supplies they require for their Traders, Fishermen and Vessels on Lakes Huron and Suporior. Their last year's importations appear to have been as follows, viz ;-

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& 1200 \text { lbs. Butter; } \\
& 5000 \text { lbs. Lard, } \\
& 2388 \text { - bss. Tobacco, } \\
& 350 \text { lbls. Salt, } \\
& 612 \text { lbs. Candles. } \\
& 2227 \text { Ibs. Soap, } \\
& 673 \text { gallons Itigh Wines; }
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and allowing that each Canadian or other smoker consumed 1 Ib . of Tobacco per week, I find by computing, that the same number of men who for a given time require 2388 lbs . of it, would, for their support during the same periorl; at the rate of 1 lb . of Pork and 2 lbs. of Flour cach, per day, require 100 bbls. of Pork, and 200 bbls. of Flour, which would, under the new Customs Act, produce a Revenuc of $£ 50$.

There is a settlement on the Island of St. Joseph,Major Raines and Charles Thompson's, and a Store kept by one Peck, an American, who supplies the Military Post at the Sault Ste. Marie with many things. The Fishing Trade is constantly increasing; and in view of all these facts, I am of opinion that if the revenue at the Sault was well looked after this season, it would not yield less than $£ 400$.

I shall be prepared in a day or two to recommend a person who would accept the office and discharge the dutios faithfully : I am now waiting for an answer to a letter written to a Captain Wilson of the Navy, in the County of Simcoc, who was recommended by Captain Steele, and who intended to apply for the situation.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) MALCOLM CAMERON.

No. 54.-Copy of a Letter from the Commissioner to the Honorable S. B. Harrison.

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\text { Kingston, May } 12 \text { th, } 1843 .
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Sir,
I beg leave to submit a letter from George Wilson, Esq., R. N., a settler in Medonte, Simcoe District, in which he intimates his readiness to accept the situation of Collector of Customs at Sault Stc. Marie. He was recommended to me by Captain Stecle, and I believe qualified for the office.

## I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)

The Hon. S. B. Harrison,
Secretary West.

No. 55.-Leiter from the Commissioner to the Honorable Robert Bulduwint the subject of the British Registration Laws.
he Kingston, May 1 1th, 1843

## Sth,

[^24]several Collectors of the Customg in this Proynce
as to the applicability of the British Registration Laws to vessels sailing above the tide watersy and navigating upon our inland lakes and rivers, I have deemed it prudent, before engaging further in the preparation of Bill to secure the enrolment, under proper authovity, of all river craft, and the regulation of our internal trade," which I have commenced, to request your opinion on this subject. Should it prove that they are in force, some notice thercof should be given to the Officers of the Customs, and the Public, to ensure their being enforced for the protection of the Revenue, and the sincerity of individual rights ; and if not, the necossity of having some measure similar to the enrolment of the United States, brought under the consideration of Parliament, has been strongly brought under my notice during my recentinquiries.

## I have the honor to be, Sir, <br> Your obedient servant,

(Signed.) MALCOLM CAMERON.
To the Hon. R. Baldwin, Attorncy General.

No. 56.-Letter from the Hon. Robert Baldwin to

## Office of Attorney Gencral for Upper Canada, 20th July, 1843.

## Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that, in compliance with a reference to me from the Honorable the Inspector General, on the same subject as hat referred to in your letter of the 15th May; I haye this day made a Report to that Department of my opinion; 1st. That registration is not necessary to entitle vessels, built and owned as prescribed by the 32 nd section of $3 * \& 4 \mathrm{Wm}$. IV, cap. 59 ; to import into this Province from the United States, by inland navigation, such goods as may be lawfully imported by sea in British registered ships; and 2 dly . That any such goods may be imported in like manner in American vessels, although such goods may be of a description which could not be imported in such vessels by sea.

## I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

## ROBERT BALDWIN.

M. Cameron, Esquire, M.P.
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No. 57-Report from the Commissioner to the Hoon.
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\text { Toronto, } 17 \text { th July, } 1843 \text {, }
$$ Toronto, 17 th July, 1843,

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I have the honor to inform you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor Gencral, that I arrived here on Thursday forenoon, mand found that Mr. Kelly had not colosed his quarter's account.
I commenced an examination of his entries and regret to inform you that I found them very unsatisfactory (as matters were so far behinds) Ireguested him to attend on Eriday morningat 6 sina,

## the Commissioner. <br> No. 50.-Letter from Commioner Baldwin to

## Appendix <br> (B. B.)

 27th October.$\qquad$ -

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that we might get matters adjusted before business Aprendix hours, as I supposed we could ; however, the mare (B. B.) we examined, the worse the case appeared. I $\overbrace{27 t h}$ examined all day ; and on Saturday again attended 27th Octoher, at 6 A. M., with Mr. K.: he was very ill, and obliged to return home. I pursued my investigation until fivo in the evening, when I handed Mr. K. a string of momoranda for explaration, and requested him to prepare a statement of the monies received from the several sources of revenue, and cluse his account. This morning he says it will require eight days to do this fully, and I shall be obliged to remain during that time in the neighbourhood. Mr. Kelly found it necessary some time ago to dismiss Mr. Lang, his book-kecper, and employ a Mr. Grabam. a good penman, but a ynung man of no experience, and who evidently has no system of doing business: for instance, there is no bonded warehouse book, and the only trace of goods bonded is by reference to the bonds; there is no account. opened for Ilarbour dues, and the entries are in the bloter: "Several small craft, £6 19s. Several small craft, £5 19s. ;" no names, dates, or particulars ; no account for monies received for Auction Dues, or Auction Licenses; no account crediting the Government with Licenses received; in fact, I boliovo Mr. K. has had no Licenses, although several Auctioneers have paid him; of course, if this be allowed, there is no check! When hure before, I ohscrved there was a manifest of a large quantity of Plaster of Paris and Salt not cntered at all: the Plaster was received on the 17th April, but it was entered and duty paid on the th July : the Salt, imported by Charles Roburtson, 20th June, is not entered yet. I find the following goods imported and omitted:-


But the most important matter in the whole of these errors, is in the case of Hamilton \& Wilson. You will observe in the above list two memoranda of goods received.

10th April, 2 Cases.
17th May, 1 Box Looking Glasses, and 2 Cases.
On enquising what became of these goods. Mr. Kelly told me they were in store.

However, being so much dissatisfied with the state of things, I went to his Store-house and took
a memorandum of all the goods said to be in store on Friday, and made Mr. Roy' go with me to check them off; I then found only 2 Cases marked Hamilton \& Wilson, (in chalk) evidently newly covered. As $I$ could find no entry of them, or invoices, I called on Mr. Hamilton and introduced myself; and asked for his invoicos; he said he had already given two copies to Mr. Kolly, I then asked him how long these goods wore in the Warchouse, he said only siner Priday. I enquired how was that, why (he said) Mr. Kelly came to him and said I was here, and he was gring to get his heud in liand and 1 must send the:n down: so we packed up two boxes and sent them to him. IIe then produced his original invoices. \$1030 95 c . ; he said part of them camo in last fall, 1 Case, and 5 this spring ; but said he, I will tell you tha trath, Mr. Kelly owes us a debt, and was to pay this himself. Mir. Roy knew nothing of the reccipt or delivery of these goods, nor what became of the 3 cases missing still.

I gave Mr. Kolly a list of all my memoranda, many more than I send you ; and he asked my leavo to perfect as many of the entrics as he could, and close his account, which he says he can do in eight days: if he can, it is so much saved.

His books for the quarter ending the 5th July are not closed at all, and all the goods recoived since are entered on a fow sheets of paper sewed togother. I have given him notice to close his quarterly account immediatoly, and furnish me a detailed statement of all his reccipts. I have furnished him a cash book and warehouse book, for groods stored until cleared-and I have made a form of bonded warchouse book, and ordered him to get one prepared.

As, during this investigation, by tracing the steam boat Manifests and American clearances, I have found out a new wrinkle, I shall go nver to IIrmilton to-day, and give them the same kind of examination, while Mr. Kclly is proparing his statement. I shall thercfore not get to the Neweastle District for some days.

Some difficulty has arisen at Hamilton about a Warchouse, which I shall ondeavor to put right.As the Steamboat is just about to leave, I find I cannot complate the list of crrors; but feeling the importance of keeping you advised of these facts, I send this off unfinished, and will prepare a more careful statement for next Report.
Ihave the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

## MALCOLM CAMERON.

The Hon. S. B. Harrison, Secretary West.

No. 58:-Report from the Commissioner to the Hon. S. B. Harrison.

Toronto, July 19th, 1843.
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that I have visited Hamilton, and found every thing perfectly satisfactory. The money received is carcfully entered every day, shewing the sources from whence dorived and paid into the Bank to the credit of Mr. Davidson; and upon every Monday the balance due the Government' is transfrred to the credit of the Recèiver Gencral.

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The Importers are yery anxious tor a bonded . The premises of Ni Alan McNab, which have been talked of, are on the top of the hill, and would incur expense of cartage, and the difficulty of removing; and in my opinion but little safer from fire than Brown's, which is on the wharf, and would save the Merchant expense and trouble, and also afford a check to the Revenue, as Brown's Books are also a protection to the Government.

I called at the office of Mr. Steven, and also that of Mr. Ferries, and either of these agencies will take risks in Brown's, at the following rate:-

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& \text { £100.... } 12 \text { months.... } 20 \mathrm{~s} \text {. } \\
& \text { 主100....6 " .....15s. } \\
& \text { £100.... } 3 \text { " ....10s. }
\end{aligned}
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The store of Brown's here is the most convenient that can be obtained, and the Insurance Offices will insure for $15 s$. , so that no risk need be incurred.

I have satisfied myself that no responsibility can be made attach to the Government, or that you may continue to take separate bonds from each individaal, or a general bond from Brown, for a sum sufficient to cover the greatest amount at any time in store, and so save your Department and the Collector much labor.

The several mattors referred to in my last letter connected with the Port of Toronto, remain as unsatisfactory as ever; the $5 \frac{1}{2}$ bales Hops, entered by "Sovercign" on the 24th April, were omitted; the entry was very low, 1200 lbs. a 7 cts... . . . . . $\$ 84.00$

10 per cent......... 8.40
$\$ 92.40$
Duty, 15 per cent., say. ... $\$ 13.82$. Aloney paid same day !!
1 box Clocks, 4th May, were also paid for
by one Amery, value. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 18.75$
Muney paid same day! Duty..... 5.60

IIind's Entry, $16 i \mathrm{~h}$ April, was also paid at the time, and onitted-but puid; as also Lane's, on the 26th April-same day paid.
Sherwood's was given out by Brown, and the duty was not paid.-H. Cameron, the same way.
Hamilton and Wilson's, nothing has been said about since my return-of course it is important that nothing be said about it till the accounts are closed, so that I trust no notice will be taken of my Report till I bring the investigation to a close, except letters of advice to myself from you or the Inspector General, as to how I should proceed in the nater.

I shall take care to have Mr. K. put all right as to forms and books, before I leave, that he may not fall into similar difficulties.

## I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

## MALCOLM CAMERON.

The Hon. S. B. Harrison,
Secretary West, Kingston.

No. 59.-Report from the Commissioner to the Honorable S. B. Harrison, relative to Mr. Kelly, Collector "at Toronto.

Toronto, 28th July, 1843.
Sis
I have the honor to inform you that l received the Quarterly Accounts for this Port from Mr. Kelly,
yesterday, at 11 o'clock; A. M., and have been since employed in examining; and find that Mr. Kelly has Appendix been enabled to trace the greater part of the entries omitted, as per my Report of the 17 th instant, either by seeing the parties who paid, or finding their in- 27 ontatior. vices.

I cannot perhaps so well explain the matter as by enclosing the original set of memoranda which I lianded to Mr. Kelly, and the remarks he has placed in the margin.

You will observe on examination of the Quarterly Accounts transmitted by me to the Inspector General's Office this day, the last twenty one cntries were made after the 19th instant; the goods were imported at the dates entered on the paper marked No. 1 , and in most cases paid for at the time. There are yot seven entries of small articles omitted, which Mr. Kelly will trace out and seo the parties; one caso is that of Mr. Thorpe's, reported 20th May; the man was a stranger, and both Mr. Kelly and Mr. Roy think the case of Merchandize was Tobacco, and of little value.

1 Barrel to Quin, 4th May, Mr. K. says was Fish.
$1^{\prime \prime}$ Box to Stewart, 14th do.
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do
The 2 cases of Hamilton \& Wilson are still in store. Mr. Kclly informod me of the fact of their delivery to the parties, and his ordering them back, and says they contain all the goods not entered by Hamilton \& Wilson, and that the duty will be about £45, but they could not pay it now. The goods entered by Doane on the 30 th, are entered since the 5th July ; also, all the goods entered on the 5th, and those of Burke \& O'Neill, which were in store since the 10th of June, by which they saved the higher duty on Shoes, Clocks, \&cc. In fact the last fourteen entries are cxplained and brought into the current quarter.
My attention was called to the fact of Mr. J. M. Strange not having paid any Auction duty for the Quarter cnding the 5th day of April. I therefore called on him, and found that Mr. Kelly called on him personally, and received on the 6th of April, ${ }^{\prime} \sum_{25} 210$; but Mr. K. neglected to return it that quarter, and returns it now, and omits this quarter £20 8 8, which he reccived from Mr. Strange for the past quarter; his receipt is dated 6th July. I find by his return from 5 th Oct'r to 5 th Jan'y, that he returns only $£ 16150$, while Mr. Strange holds a receipt dated 4th November, for £8 3 1; it is possible Mr. Kelly may have returned this in the provious quarter.
Ihave examined the accounts of the different Steamboats for IIarbur dues, and I find no way of reconciling the returns in these cases. At Mr. Bethune's. Office the Boats are charged with having paid Mr, K. as follows:-

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& \text { The Gore,.......................20 } 6 \text { 0 } \\
& \text { '" Britannia,...............' } 8182 \\
& \text { " America,................ } 32153
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Mr. Kelly returns 5th Cctober, 1842,

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Britannia, | 0,11 |
| " | America,. | 32 15 |

For 1843 the Gore has paid $£ 8: 14$, 4 See Mr: $\mathrm{K}: \mathrm{s}$ " America, .... 8 . 311 Return from

It appears these sums were a balance due in 1842.
I have also compared the accounts of the other Lake Boats with Mr. Kelly's, but not having the return from 5th January to 5th April, cannot make
any remarks upon them till I get to Kingston. 1 am of opinion that the greatest loss to the Government this quarter, is from the imperfect manner in which the Harbour dues are collected.

The Stcam-ressels keep an account themselves, and pay over quarterly to the Custom House, and the Schooners only pay when sharply looked after which cannet be at present; where the Landing Onicer is attending the arrival of Foreign Goods, and the Clerk busy ontering them, half a dozen Gchooners may discharge and be off; and I have also found that miny individuals pay thrir own dues, of which I connot trace the arcounts in Mr. Kelly's Return.

I find Mr. Robertson paid,................. 5199 Mr. Oqilvir, .............................. © 129 Eagle \& Richmond, per Mr. Brown,.... S. 72
£36 198
These I could only ascertain last night on examining the accounts, and hand Mr. Kelly a memorandum for his explanation. Of the sum received from Mr.Brown, it must be remarked. however, that £6, ts. is for tomage dues on the Sir F. B. Head, omitted to be credited to the (invermment. You will perceive by reference to the Returns, that the Steam-boats and Schooners are all entered without date, no account having been hept; the statement is made from memory.

On examining Mr. Kelly's books before leaving this morning. I foum the following sums received. but not deposited, nor rendered to me in the ac-counts:-

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gth July. } \\ & \text { Th } \end{aligned}$ | Schooner Isabella, 20 tons Mcrchandize... | E1 130 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | J. M. Strango, Auction Dues....... ......... | 20185 |
|  | Capt. Richardson, Light money and Har- bour Dues. ............................ $\}$ | 40118 |
|  | 'T. Read, Auction Dues .......................... | 4128 |
|  | - Smath, Lighthouse moncy | 2100 |
|  | R. McClure, Auction Duty.. | 473 |
|  | Harbour Ducs, 3 Friends and Propeller. | 424 |
| 20 th July. | Schooner Isabella, 20 tons M1erchandize | 130 |
|  | do smuggler | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 2 & 6\end{array}$ |
|  | R. Tinnmig. | 150 |
|  | Schwoner Torunto | 11710 |
|  | Kent Friend; 7s, jd, ; Emily, 13s. 4d.... | $\pm 82139$ |
|  |  | ] 09 |
|  |  | c83 146 |
|  | Robertson's Harbour Duce | 5199 |
|  | Ogilvies' do. | 0129 |
|  | Harbour and Light Dues, paid by Brown.. | 24 7 |
|  |  | c120 142 |

These sums shew the amount received by Mr. Kelly, which should have come into this quarter:s accounts, but are borrowed.
All of which is respectfully submitted, By your obedient servant,

## MALCOLM CAMERON. Com. of Inquiry.

The IIonorable S. B. Marrisen, Esquirc. Secretary West.

No. 60 -Report from the Commissioner to the Honorable S. B. Harrison, on the sulject of a Charge agrainst MIr. Jones, Inspector of Licenses for the Neweasile District.

Kingston, August 5th, 1843.

## Sin,

1 have the honor to report to you for the information of Mis Excellency the Governor General, that 1 procceded to Cobourg to investigate the
charge against Mr. Jones, the Inspector of Licenses for the Newcastle District, and to test the fidelity of his returns. I found, on examining bis past accounts, that he had only returned, for the year 1842, nine Distilleries, while the Assessment Roll showed that there were nineteen in operation.

It was therefore evident that the only way of ascertaining the truth, was for mo to visit personally every Jistillery in the District. which I believe I have done; and as tho hest moans of making you acquainted with the cirrumstances of the case, I subjoin an extract firom my Journal:-

Saturday: July 2end-Called on Mr. Sculthorpe, a Distiller in Port Mope, and nsked him if ho harl distilled and paid license in 1841; he said he had, and that he held the receipt of the Inspestor; ho then produced the reccipt which was for $£ 20$ 16s. 3r. On examining Mr. Jones' return I fount only $£ 15$. - excess £: $16 \mathrm{s}$. . 3d. Mr. Sculthorpe had distilled all the year 1842, and heed Mr. Jones' reeceipt for $£ 10$ on accoment of that year, and another receipt for Cl 10 , on account of the ycars 1842 and 1843, neither of which has Mr. Jones accounted for. This sum, £20, in addition to exccoss, $£ 51 \mathrm{fs} .3 \mathrm{~d}$. gives the sum of $£ 2510 \mathrm{~s}$. 3d., for which Mr. Jones has given receipts, and which he has not accounted for in his return in this casc.

I then called on Messrs. Cowley \& Smith ; they say that they paid in 1842, £22, and also on account of 18.13 , about $£ 20$. but never had a License, and have no reccipt. On cxamining Mr. Jones' returns I found they had been entircly omitted. I have since called on Mr. Jones, and he admits that they paid him, buit says that he received the money for 1843 since I saw them.

On the 29th I proceeded to Peterborough and called on 1)r. J. Gilchrist; he had always paid regularly, except in 1841 , but had never roceived a Li cense from Mr. Jones. He paid in 1840, £9 150: but in 1841, during the season the water was raised by a dam erected in the progress of the public works, his Distillery stopped working, and he did not pay; of course the Inspector should be made to pay this, as Dr. Gilchrist worked it for several months.

Called on Mr. Fortic, a respectable man, who has a Still in Peterborough. In 1840 he was embarrassed and was fined, but paid no license; in 1841 he paid his license for a Still measuring 200 gallons. £1500; he paid part of it himself when he met Mr. Jones near Cobourg-the balance he sent by Mr. R. Chambers.

Next saw Mr. Folcy, of Asphodel; he has always paid for his License. The amount paid in 1839 was £4 139 , and in 1840, £17 100.

Called next on Mrs. Cowell, the widow of Colonel Cowell, who was of the firm of Cowell \& Duffy. She knew nothing of the matter, but referred me to a Mr. Forrest, a Barrister, who had the books. Called on him and examined the Ledger and Day book, but found no account of dutics or distillery expenses, or any reference to them, but observed many entrics from Cash book which was missing. Mr. F. however, called on some one else, and found it. He brought it to me, and in going over it 1 found the following entry :-

May 28, 1839-Cash paid for License, and expense for 1830 . $£ 20$ 18s. 9 d . ; this, of course, is evidence in Coưts of Justice.

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Called on Mr．Wrighton（late Ferguson \＆ Appendix Wrighton）；found that they had paid in 1839 through Mr．Kitson，and not returned by Mr．Jones， e15 12s．6d．On returning，I had to leave the Peterborough road and cross through Cavan to a Village called Millbrook，where a Mr．Deyel dis－ tilled；he says，in 1841 he paid $€ 9$ ，of which he paid $£ 210$ to Mr ．Sowden，and the balance he sent by a neighbour，and can prove it．

Returned to Port Hope，and next morning pro－ ceeded up to Larlington，and called at Mr．Simp－ son＇s；he was not at home，but his clerk told me he had worked all the year 1842，and had paid Mr． Jones 毛21 7s．6d．，and would，no doubt，send the receipt as soon as he returned．

I then went to the Township of Clark to Messirs． Beavis and Brown；Mr．Beavis had worked his Distillery every year，and had paid in 1840，£21 6s．3d．，for which year Mr．Jones has no return ； he also paid andgave me hisreceipt for $1842, £ 1210 \mathrm{~s}$ ．

Proceeding next to Cobourg，I called upon Mr． Calcutt，a gentleman who carries on an extensive business in the most regular manner；I told him Mr．Jones had returned him as unpaid in 1839；he immediately showed me his License，and the entry in the Cash－book：
29th February，1830，paid Mr．Jones for License
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Fee，3s．9d．；Storc License，£7 10s．，Fee， $2 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} .=£ 3216 \mathrm{~s} .3 \mathrm{~d}$ ．
Paid by Mr．Joncs＇Account £2 19s．81d．，Check
on Bank，£29 16s． $6 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} .=£ 3216 \mathrm{~s}$ ．3d．
hn．1841，he paid Mr．Jones $\mathbf{~} 416 \mathrm{~s} .3 \mathrm{~d}$ ．；

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In 1842，he paid Mr．Jones，21st Jan．，£30 10s．；
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In 1843，he paid Mr．Jones，I1th March．£30 10s．；
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I then called on Mr．White，who had tho misfor－ tune last weck to have his valuable Mills and Dis－ tillery burnt．He paid his license in 1839，廷12 10s． which Mr．Jones has omitted．It was paid for，he says，for the present year，by a person who leased from him；he would see hins and get the license or receipt．

Called on Mr．Bently，who worked Z．Burnham＇s Distillery last year．Hy said he had not paid．Cal－ led on the the Hon．Z．Burnham，and he said he had rented it to Mr．Bently，and he should have paid． The facts are，Mr．Bently worked the Still half the year，when he failed，and then ran away，and Mr． Burnham worked it the greater part of the other half．Mr．Jones neglected to make him pay，and should be responsible frir the sum of $£ 15$ ，

Called next on J．C．Boswell，who has a Distille－ ry in full operation，one mile below Cobourg，on the main road．He is a brother－in－law of Mr．Jones． He is not returned as having paid for license since 1837，though he worked，as he states，all 1839，＇40， ＇41，＇42，and to the present day，＇ 1843 ，and has al－ ways paid Mr．Jones，with whom he has a running account，and has overpaid him，but has no license or receipts．He says his Still measures 190 gallons： that he did not work it in 1838 ．

The duties paid would be about $£ 70$ 0 0 ．
I then called on E．Barnham，Grafton．He had not worked his Still the last three years．Next visit－ Appendix ed Colborne，and saw Mr．John Steel．He paid his licensc every year rogularly，and holds Mr．Jones＇arth Oastober． receipt for，4th April，1841，£20 on account．1st April，1842，paid Mr．Joncs by Note payable at the Bank of the People，£25 00，which he has，as he paid it when due．
He says he paid for 1840，£20 $\begin{array}{r}\text { 1841，} 20 \text { on acc＇t bal．} 2500 \\ \hline 20\end{array}$ 1841， 20 on acc＇t bal． 2500
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He is now working，and will pay for 1843.
The next and last Distillery in the County is at the Trent，owned by a Mr．Cyrus Weaver，a very respectable man．He paid his license in 1838，＇40， ＇41，and＇42．


Not returned to the Government，$£ 68100$
I made out a list of the partics first visited，and called on Mr．Jones，and showed them to him．He said that $£ 15$ was all the Government had a right to get from Sculthorpe．I then asked him if he had paid him back the 5163 excess．He said he hadnot． He donied receiving the money from Gilchrist \＆ Deycl，and said＂let them prove it；＂but acknow－ ledged that Cowley \＆Smith had paid．He did not deny Cowell＇s \＆Duffy＇s，or in fact any of the others．

I have this day sent him a copy of all the cases mentioned in this Report for his information，ac－ cording to a promise made to him by me when at his house．
One of the worst things Mr．Jones has done is， that when he knew I was coming he sent out sum－ mons to Sculthorpe，Weaver，Beavis and Steel，and the three former were fined for distilling without Licenses：now it is evident these persons had no intention of defrauding the Revenue－they have paid cvery year，according to Mr．Jones＇system，at such times as he called，and suited his or their con－ venience，and they were able and willing to pay now in the same way．If the fines are confirmed by the Government，a great injustice would be done to these men，and present ruin to their Distilleries follow，as they would be prevented from working them for three years；and although I am of opinion that this would prove a blessing to themselves and the County，it would be highly unjust under the present circumstances，and therefore I trust His Excellency will remit these fines，and remove all liability．
I now bog leave to submit a summary of all the cascs in which I find him in default，amounting in all to the sum of $£ 5146$ ．
I also subjoin a list of all the Stores and Inns open in those parts of the Newcastle District that I visi－ ted，which will be of great use to the Inspector of Licenses，who should immediately，personally， visit all these places，and measure every Still in the District，as I feel assured they are all erroneously charged．
All of which is respectfully submitted．
Your obedient servant，
MALCOLM CAMERON．

## The Hon．S．B．Harrison，

Sccretary West．

Appendix


## List of Store-keepers and Inn-keepers from Port Appendix Hope to the Trent.



Store-keepers in Cobourg.

McIntosh or Lambert,
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Thompson.

Greag,
Honkey,. .
McDonald,...............
McCherncy, ..........

Cox,................. Beer-shop below Cobourg.
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Arkland, .............. } \\ \text { Patterson, .......... }\end{array}\right\}$ Inn-keepers at Grafton.
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { McKenzie, .......... } \\ \text { Traylor, . ............... }\end{array}\right\}$ Stores-no sales.

$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Yearmington, ........ } \\ \text { Wclton. ............. }\end{array}\right\}$ Inn-keepers, Colborne.

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| Russell, | Inn-kecpers at the Trent. |
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| Menian, |  |
| Weaver,. |  |
| Robertson Bull, . . . . | Store-keepers. |

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To an Admess of the Lecishative Assembly to the Governor, General, bearing date the 27th Suptember, 1842, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a Tabular Return from each Department of the Executive Government. for the year 1840, 1841, and 1842, exhibiting the names of the Heads and Subordinate persons employed in such Departments, with the designation of such persons respectively, whether Clorks, Assistants, permanent or supernumerary, Messongers, or otherwise, with the amount of Salary accorded to each, and the Fees, if any, receivable by such Heads of Departments, or their Subordinates, and if any, for what services and by whom payable, and under what authority such Salaries and Fees have respectively been established; and also the Contingent Expenses of each Department, classified under the various heads of expenditure applicable thereto.

By Command,
D. DALY, Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Kingston, 26 th October, 1843.
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## ASSESSMENT ROLLS.

Appendix Assessment Rolls of that part of the Province of Canada heretofore Upper Canada, for the Years Appendix (D. D.) 1842 and 1843, laid before the Legislative Assembly on the 27 th October, 1843, pursuant to the


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Clerk of the Peace Office.
London, 28th December, 184


I do hereby certify that the foregoing Return of the total Monies to be Collected within the Midland District, for the year 1812, has been truly taken from the original Assessment Rolls thereof, in the hands of the Clerk of the District Council of the Midland District. And I beg further to state as the reason why the items in detail of the several kinds of property assessed not being returned is, that the same has never been cast up in the said original Rolls, and that by the proceedings of the District Council, the said Rolls were not allowed to come into my custody as contemplated by Law.
(Signed in Triplicate.)

## JAMES NICKALLS,

Kingston, Feb, 9, 1843.
Clerk of the Peace, M. D.
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No. 17-Ageregate Assessment for the Talbot District, for the year 1842.


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## RETURN

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Statement of the Public Debt of Canada East, as authorized by Acts or Ordinances of the late Province Appendix of Lower Canada.

| Act or Ordinance. |  | service. | Sums raised hy Debiencure or Or . Curroncy. | Rate of. Intercst per annum. | remarks. |
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| 10 \& 11 Geo. 4, c. 28 | $\begin{gathered} \text { £ } \\ 10000 \end{gathered}$ | For enlarging and improving the IIarbour of Montreal, ... | $\begin{gathered} \text { £. } \\ 10000 \end{gathered}$ | £. <br> 2500 at 5 per cent. 4500 at 5 t per cent 1000 at 51 per cent. 1000 at 6 per cent. | To be redeemed from the Tolls \&e. whenever the procoeds may be suf ficient for that purpose. Intcrost paid by the Province in the inean time. |
| 1 Will. 4, c. 11..... | 10000 | To continue same work,.... | 10000.. | at 5 por cent.. . . . | do. do. |
| 2 Will, 4, c. 6... | 15000 | ditto........... | $15000\{$ | 6500 at 6 per cent. 4700 at $5 \frac{3}{3}$ per cent. 3810 at $5 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. | $\} \text { do. do. }$ |
| 1 Vict. c. 23.. Ord. | 22575 | ditto........... | 22575. | at 6 per cent. .... | do. do. |
| 3 Vict. c. 28....do.. | $\because 3000$ | ditto........... | 10900 | 15000 at 6 per cent. 4000 at 8 per cent. | $\} \text { do. do. }$ |
| 3 Vict. c. $28 . .$. do.. | $5000$ | For completing and working the steam dredging vessel,... |  | at 8 por cent..... | do. do. |
| 4 Vict. c. 12... ${ }^{\text {do }}$. . | 17000 | For further continuing and improving of the IIarbour of Montreal,..................... |  |  | No Loan as yet reported, but the works are pro- ceeding. |
| 4 Vict.c. 20... . do.. | $35^{0} 00$ | For completing the Chambly Canal, $\qquad$ | 35000.. | at 6 per cent. | The Province liablo for principal and intcrest, of which毛 15000 is redeemable on 1st July 1818 , and $£ 2000$ on 1st July, 1840 to be repaid nut $n$ the Public Funds from Tolls receiv- |
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Currency. Sterling.


## GrandTotal,£404464 11. 21 Currency, payable in Canada, and £ 869650 Sterling, at 5 per cent. Interest. per annum, payable in England.

Receiver General's Office,
Kingston, 26th Sept. 1843.

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# $\underset{\text { (F.F.) }}{\text { Appendix }}$ UPPER CANADA CENSUS AND STATTSTTCAL, RETURN, Appendix 30th October. <br> 1842. 

Return of the Inhabitants of the Districts constituting Upper Canada, with the other Statistical information thereof, obtained under the Act of the Parliament of the Province of Canada, for taking a periodical census. (4 \& 5 Victoria, Chap. 42.) A. D. 1842.

> Secretary's Office, Kingston, 30 th Octöber, 1843.

## D. DALY, Secretary.

Upon comparing the several Returns with an Alphabetical List obtained from the Surveyor General, the following Townships appear to be omitted in the respective Rolls from which the following Abstract is prepared.

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Statements of the Accounts and Affains of the Provincial Penitentiary, for the years 1842 and 1843, laid before the Legislative Assembly, on the 8th November, 1843, pursuant to the Statute (of Upper Canada,) 4th Will. 'IV. Cap 37.

## FOR THE YEAR 1842.

No. 1.-Report of the Board of Inspectors, dated 16th December, 1842. No. 2.--Report of the Chaplain.
No. 3.-Report of the Surgeon, dated October, 1842.
No. 4.-Report of the Warden, dated 15th October, 1842.

## FOR THE YEAR 1843.

No. 5.-Report of the Board of Inspectors. dated 31st October, 1843.
No. 6.-Report of the Chaplain.
No. 7.-Report of the Surgeon, dated 1st October, 1843.
No. 8.-Report of the Warden, dated 16th October, 1843.
No. 1.
Report of the Bourl of Inspectors.

To His Excelleney the Right Ilenorable Sir Charles Bagot,G.C.B., Governor General of British North America, \&c. \&c. \&c.
The Inspectors of the Provincial Penitentiary of Canada bave the honor of submitting their Annual Report.

The very full and detailed statements of the affairs of the Institution, and its operations during the past year, contained in the accompanying Report of the Warden, render it unmecessary for the Board again to repeat them; there are, however, some facts now in their character, to which they bog to draw the attention of' Your Excellency.

During the past year, a number of convicts have been committed to the Penitentiary for Military offences, by the sentenres of Courts Martial, for periods varying from thirty days to two years; in some of the cases a part of the judgment of the Court was that a certain and specified portion of the period should be spent by the convict in solitary confinement, and consequently without labour.
The Annual Mutiny Act authorises Courts Martial to commit offenders against the Articles of War to any Gaol or Prison in Her Majesty's dominions, with or without labour, during the period of confinement; whether the Provincial Penitentiary of Canada is a Prison within the meaning of the Act, the Board of Inspectors deem it their duty to submit for the decision of the Provincial Government: No difficulty has as yet occurred in carrying out that part of the sentence which orders solitary confinement, although a cessation from hard labour has not heretofore been permitted, in any instance, except in case of sickness, and the Province has not been put to any additional expense in consequence, as' a portion of the pay of the soldier is deducted, and paid over to the Warden for his subsistence.'
The Provincial Legislature having again altered the law relative to the period of confinement in the Penitentiary, a greater number of convicts may bo expected for the ensuing year ; but few have as yet been received for Canada East: the population of that part of the Province is greater than that of Up:per Canada, yet but twenty, out of the ninety-three convicts received into the prison during the past year, were from Lower Canada.

The Board have no moans of ascertaining the : reason of this, and only, mention it to show the uneertainty in which they are placed as to the accommodation required.

One range of Cells, in the East Wing, is nearly finished. but the number vacant in the South Wing induced the Board to suspend the completion, and direct their attention to the continuation of the outer
wall. wall.
A recent accession of a number of Military and other convicts, having nearly filled the vacant Cells, the Inspectors are, at a late period of the year, compelled to proceed with the East Wing, to provide accommodation for any further committals.
The open state of this portion of the building draws their attention to the necessity of raising the walls of the West Wing, or so much of it as will be sufficient to support the Dome, intended to connect the four Wings : until that is done, the building must remain in a very exposed and unfinished condition. The vast amount of work thus before them has prevented the completion of the Keeper's Cottages, and the Board fear that they will be unable to erect them, with Convict labour, for some time.
"The Inspectors are happy to remark, that the Institution is now completely out of debt, and its credit re-established. 'The good effects of this has been already felt, and contracts for the required supplies are-eagerly; sought after, at low prices,' where formerly there was an unwillingness to accept them unless considerably above the market rates, in consequence of the delay in the payments on the part of the Institution.
The Board of Inspectors beg herewith to submit to Your Excellency the Reports of the different Officers of the Institution, and have again to bear testimony to the efficiency and zeal with which they carry on their respective duties; and they with renewed satisfaction repeat their recommendation for the increase of the Warden's salary, which it is presumed the early prorogation of the last Session of the Legislature interrupted.
All which is most respectfully submitted.

[^25]In submitting to the President and Board the Annual Report for 1842 , the Chaplain presents a statement similar in character with his labours of previous years; cxhibiting fresh and accumulating proofs of the progress of crime, and of the conseguent necessity of such an Institution as the Penitentiary, based on principles, at once calculated to secure the community from the designs of the vicious, and to aflord to the criminal an opportunity of his retracing his steps, and of forming such habits, as will tend to his usefulness in this life, and his well being hereafter.

As regards his duties, the Chaplain has endeavoured, according to his ability, to accomplish the object. at which his office aims, and while he rejuices to say, that he hopes some undoubted good has accrued to a few, he regrots to add. that, in a great majority of cases, that sincere reformation has not folluwed, which all connected with the Institution so heartily desired.

Such a result flows naturally from the system ofliving which most of the convicts have adopted from carly yoars: it were unrensonable to expect that habits of vice which have been formed in youth, and matured by the increase of years, should, in all instances, yicld a willing obedienco to the precepts which calm reffection, suggested by conscience and induced by solitude, so forcibly inculcates. Indoed tho very circumstance, that some few have been led through the secondary operation of the l'enitentiary system, to change their principles of action, affords a reason not only for thankfulness, but for renewed exertion in the cause of philanthropy.

If we regard the Institution as a means to an end, we believe that in most cascs, a bencficial influence is exercised, and we doubt not, so long as imprisonment lasts, an intention is formed to abandon a line of conduct, which leads to loss of character and liberty here, and entails the unceasing endurance of misery, when lifé is no more. With the expiration of the sentence, commences the trial of sincerity, which but few encounter with success. What with the sudden transition from close restraint to uncontrollod frecdom; the frec access to every indulgence, the meeting of old associates, the remembrance of old secues, the fecling of disgrace impressed on thair minds, it is not strange that good resolutions and holy desires should be sacrificed. We know of but one unfailing antidote to this evil, and the administration of that is the important object of the Chaplain's office. The fuar of correction, the sensation of confinement, may compel the body to submission, but nothing except the application of the principles of the Gospel can eflect a change in the current of their minds:-until their thoughts can be diverted into a new channel, and be omployed in the acquirement of the knowledge of self, we believe that the benevolent end of the Penitentiary system will not be secured. In this duty the Chaplain has been occupied, and though the results have not beeu so favorable as might have been expected or desired, still we do not despond, but rather persevere, under the remembrance that "our sufficiency is of God."

Though crime has not incroased in quantity during the past year, if it be right to judge from the number of Convicts admitted in that period, yet it has in quality. In the investigation of the causes, Drunkenness is the most prevalent, While crimes of the grossest nature have been committed by men devoid of education, those of a refined nature, which require a certain exercise of thought, have been perpetrated by men who have received just
enough of instruction to qualify them for such acts. But a few have enjoyed the advantages of carly religious instruction at home; suffered to grow up without being subject to parental authority, and left to follow their own ways, uncontrolled, and unadvised by those, who ought to have been examples of vir:tue, instead of promoters of vice.

It has becu said that "the only way to raise the character of any people and to diminish the amount of crime, is to diffuse education throughout the lower classes." On questioning the convicts now in prison, it is found that the results have not flowed from cducation such as werc anticipated: without including the military offenders, (not few in number.) who, with the exception of one, can read; we find fifty-four who could read and write, and twen-ty-five who could ouly read: these constifute far more than half of the prisoners convicted of various offences, of which nearly all acknowledge their guilt and the justice of their punishment ; so then something clse is required beyond the elements of education :-to make man a good citizen, and a good subject, he must be a good christian ; and this can only be'gained by imparting cducation on the principles of christianity; if the two be associated, knowledge is power for good; if separated, those unhappy results must ever follow, which all men, under the influence of charity, so decply deplone.

In the exercise of his professional duties, the Chaplain has met with great attention from those to whom his ministrations are particularly directed: on the part of the convicts there appears a willing. ness to ieceive religious instruction, the propriety and advantages of which, almost all fully acknowledge. Although their lives too frequently prove the insincerity of their profession, yet we hope that the sced sown, while in prison, will bring forth fruit in after years, and before the evening of life closes. establish a well grounded assurance of forgiveness,

## W. M. HERCHMER,

Chaplain.

## To the Inspectors of the

Provincial Penitentiary, Kingston.

## No. 3.

## Report of the Surgeon.

In transmitting to the Board of Inspectors the Inspection Returns of the cases of sick and ailing which occurred in the Prison during the past year, l have nothing particular to notice. The health of the convicts has been, in general, as good as during any former annual period; and it has been, as usualt my endeavour to rostore to the working list as quickly as possible, all those who became suljects of medical treatment.

It will bo obscrved, in the Hospital Return, that one death has occurred during the year., This was produced by falling from' a gangway, while assisting to convey a large stone to masons at work on a high wall, by which accident the liver was extensively ruptured, and death produced in a few minutes.

The food of the convicts has been; in general, good and wholesome; and as soon as any deviation from furnishing the rations of proper quality was ever observed, means were taken to remedy the evil.

The ventilation and cleanliness of the Prison have been, as usual, most strictly attended to.

JAS. SAMPSON:
Surgeon.
P. Penitentiary, October, 1842

Apperidit
(G: G.)
8th Novt.


The Board having directed that all the disposable
labour of the convicts should be employed in the crection of the boundary Wall of the Prison Yard; as much of it as possible has been devoted to that purpose, and it is now nearly completed on the East side of the Building.
The number of toises of Masonry in that part of the Wall built since the month of October last, amounts to 711 ; in addition to which the Cells on the south side of the east wing, together with the centre Inspection Avenue, have been nearly finished since the month of March last. These, with the cutting of a quanity of stone for sale, have formed the principal works of the Stone-cutters and Masons dinring the year. It will be found. on reference to the Return marked D, that the total quantity of labour performed by the Convicts during the yearnow ended exceeds in amount, by nearly Five hundred pounds that of the preceding year; and when it is considered that the whole number of days' work is nearly three thousand less than thuse of the year 1841, it will readily, be granted that a great improvement has taken place in their labor. The difference in the number of days' work between the two years, arises chicfly from the short sentences of Military Prisoners sent to the Penitentiary under the Mutiny Act. a great number of whom have been received in the present year.
Notwithstanding so groat a quantity of work has been performed on the Wall, to the consequent oxclusion of other operations, the amount of labor devoted to the support of the Institution is nearly equal to that of the proceding year.

With the exception of the carnings of the Ropemakers. the daily rate of labour which has hoen disposed of, and made available towards meeting the expenses of the Prison, excceds by 20 per cent. that of the previous year ; and, although there is an apparent difference of about one penny per clay in the earnings of the Convicts employed in the Rope Walk during the present year. yet it should be known that the whole of that deficiency is nccasioned by the expense incurred in keeping the Rope Walk in proper condition.

In order that as little delay as possible might be experienced in completing the Wall, the Convicts formerly employed as Rope-makers have since the month of May last been engaged as Stone-cutters, Masons, and Laborers, and, although, for this purpose, a cessation of their former occupations necessarily took place, their daily and ycarly carnings as Rope-makers have nearly equalled those of the pre:vious year.

The Rope Walk, which for reasons already stated, has remained unoccupied since the monthof May last, is now let out by contract for a period of threc yoars, on more advantageous terms than those agrecd upon by the former contractor, so. for some time to come this branch of the Prison operations will be more profitable to the Institution than it has latterly been.

Although the work necessarily carricd on in the erection of buildings so extensive as those of the Penitentiary is ordinarily attended with more or less danger to those engaged, yct, no accident of a scrious nature occurred to any of the Convicts cm ployed, until the month of Septomber last, when one of the Prisoners fell from the gang-way, whito assisting five other to carry up to the wall a heary stone, which occasioned his death. A Coroner's Jury having been summoned to enquire into this unfortunate occurrence, a verdict of " accidental death" was the result of their investigation.

The agreement recently entered into by the present Cuntractors for the supply of Provisions for the
support of the Convicts, will cause a decrease in the expenses of the Institution of at least One, hunAppendix (G. G.) ration being five-eights of a penny, less than that paid ration heing five-eights of a
to the former Contractor.

In my last Annual Report I mentioned that the employment of the Convicts, for the ensuing year, wnuld consist principally in carrying on the building of the outcr Wall, preparing the materials for the erection of the Keeper's Cottages, and fitting up the East Wing.

The first and last of these have been done to their greatest pmssible extent, and the second named portion of work has been partially executed, but no progress has been made in putting up the intended J wellings, owing to the necessity of first completing the Wall, whereby greater security in the safe keeping of the Convicts will be acquired, and a decreaso of the annual expenditure of the Institution secured, owing to the mecessity of employing so great a number of watchmen as at present required, being done away.

The work on which the Convicts will be em. ployed during the next yoar will comprise the erection of the wall on the west side of the yard, and as much of it as possible on the front of the building, which latter has unavoidably been left to the latcst period, in the expectation that the Moad at the north ond of the Prison would be lowered for public convenience, whereby a better approach to the Penitentiary could be obtained. The excavation at the west side of the ground will be carried on during the winter. when part of the foundation of the wall can be laid. and the stone quarried and prepared for building the upper part of it. Whenever it may be practicable, from the absence of extremely severe weather, the masons will be engaged on the works at the east wing, nearly one half of the cells in which are ready for the reception of the doors and locks, and for being floored with oak plank.
A fill account of the transactions of the Penitentiary for the last yoar, is given in the several Returns and statements hereunto appended. which are rospectively endorsed as follows, and which I beg to submit to the Board of Inspectors :

Return of Convicts received into the Penitentiary in the yoar onding 1 Oct. 1812.
Return of Convicts discharged from the Pe nitentiary during the year ending 1st October, 18.42 ,
Return of Convicts remnining in confinement at the Penitentiary, 1st Oct. 1842,
Statoment shewing the value of the labor of the Convicts at the Penitentiary from the 1st Oct. 1841, to the 1st Oct. 1842, ....
Return of the Property of the Province on hand at the Penitentiary, 1st Oct. 1842,
Return showing the manner in which the Convicts were employed 1st Oct. 1842,
Gencral Account of Disbursements at the Ponitentiary, during the year ending 1st October, 1842,


General Statement of Receipts \& Disbursements at the Penitentiary, during the ycar ending 1st Oct. 1842,
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## H. SMITH,

Warden.
Provincia! Penitentiary, 15th October, 1842.
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Appendix Retuin of Convicts received into the Provinctal Pentrentiany in the Year ending 1st of October, 1842. Appendix


Appendix (G. G.)
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Retury of Convicts discharged from the Provincinl Pemitentiary in the year ending lst October, 1842.

| No. | SE. | Age. | Height | Complexion. | Eyes, | Hair. | mistrict. | crime. | When Sentenced. | 㤐 | Unexpired Term. | When Discharged. | remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 112 | Andrew Pater |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Ft} . \operatorname{In} \\ 5 . \end{gathered}$ | Black | Black | Rlack | Gore |  |  | $\underset{5}{\mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{rr}}}$ | Yr. Mo. Dys. |  |  |
| 197 | Andrew McGitty | 30 |  | Florid. | Light blue | Light brown | Ni, gara | Horse stealiug | Novernber 4, 1833 | 4 |  | November 4, " | ........... do. |
| 235 | Alired Perry | 24 |  | do. . | Uaze! . . | do. | Talbot | Larceny | May 26,1838 | ${ }_{4}^{4}$ |  | May 26, 1842 . |  |
| ${ }_{2}^{289}$ | George D | 15 |  |  | Grey | Brawn |  | Horse stcaling | October 17, " | ${ }_{3}^{3}$ |  |  | do. |
| $\stackrel{289}{29}$ | Jacob Price | 46 |  | Sallow | Dark grey | do. and \%rey, | Niaga | Larceay |  |  |  | -" ${ }^{\text {aver }}$, ". |  |
|  | Charles Wallis. | 21 | 54 | Sallew | Grey . .... | Dark brown.. | Midland | do. | May 2, " | 3 |  | May ${ }^{\text {2, }} 1842$ | do. |
| 329 | William Agar | 59 |  | Light | Lught yrey | Grey |  |  |  |  |  |  | do. |
| 349 | Eunice Whitin | 17 |  | ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Fair | Dark do.... | Brown |  | Horse stealing Uitring forged | Junc 8, <br> October 18.39 |  |  | June October |  |
| 375 | Aaran Valey. | 36 36 | 54 |  | Hazel.... | nark brown. | Johnstown | Larceng...... | ،" 8, " |  |  | " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ............ do. |
| 377 | Solomon Washin | $2{ }^{2}$ |  | B Black | Black | Black | Niagara | do. | " 1., " | 2 |  | " 15, " |  |
| 380 | Joseph Force | 4 |  | , Florid | Dark grey. | Dark brown. |  |  | Norember ${ }^{\text {5, }}$ |  |  | November ${ }^{5}$ |  |
| ${ }_{388}^{388}$ | William Read | 15 |  | Ruddy | ${ }_{\text {Grcy }}^{\text {do }}$ | ${ }^{\text {Brown }}$ Li....i |  | do. | ${ }^{\text {November }} \stackrel{\text { a }}{ }{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  | November ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ |
| ${ }_{3} 391$ | Robert Hyke. | 18 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cight }, \\ & 3 \text { Black } \end{aligned}$ | Dark hazel. | Black | do. .. | do. | December 9, " | 2 |  | December 2, |  |
|  | John Wheler | 10 |  | Freckled | do. | Dark brown |  | do. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Rupt. Parker. | 18 | 527 | Sallow | Hazel. | Brown ... | Midland | tealing | January 30 <br> 18 1840 <br> 1  | $\stackrel{9}{9}$ |  |  |  |
| 398 | Charles O'Far | 23 49 | ${ }_{5}^{5} 7$ | Licht | Light grey | Grey s brown |  | Stealing a clo | April 14, " | 2 |  |  | ... do. |
| 399 | William Edwards | 21 | 5103 | Farr | do. ... | Light brown . | do. | Larceny. |  | 2 |  |  | do. |
| 400 | William Connell | 24 | 57 | Florid | do. | Auburn |  | Misdemeanor |  |  |  |  |  |
| 401 | Hiram Flint | ${ }^{29}$ | $5{ }_{5} 514$ | do. | Hazcl ........ | Brown | London |  | "، ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $\stackrel{2}{2}$ |  | - . ${ }^{8}$, ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | do. |
| $403$ | James Norman | 4 | 510 | Ruddy | Light blue.... | do. |  |  | " " " |  |  | " " | do. |
| 405 | John Bodkin. | 22 | 40 | S.sallow | Blue ..... | do. |  | do. |  |  |  |  | do. |
| 409 | Mary Bellair. | ${ }_{23}^{23}$ |  | do. | Light blue.... |  |  |  |  |  |  | May ${ }^{3}$ | do. |
| ${ }_{411}$ | Edward LeBaz | 28 | ${ }^{5} 5$ | Sight.... | Grey Lit | Brown ....... | do. | $\xrightarrow{\text { Reeceiving stolen good }}$ do. | ، ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 2 |  | " " " |  |
| 414 | John Watts | 38 | 510 | Sallow | Laght blue.... |  | Midand | do. | 22, | 2 |  | 22, | do. |
| 415 | William White. | 13 |  | Florid | do. | Light brown |  | Larceny |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | John Brewster | 25 |  | Fair | Light hazel... |  | Home | Misdemeano |  |  |  |  |  |
| 428 | William Grayden | ${ }_{17}^{60}$ |  | doub do | Leght grey... | ${ }_{\text {Brey }}^{\text {Brack }}$ |  | Larceny |  | $\stackrel{2}{2}$ |  | 22, |  |
| 429 | John Simpson. | 21 | 551 | Light | Grey | Light hrown |  | do. | " " " | 2 |  |  |  |
| 430 | Neil Sturdefant | 25 |  |  |  | Brawn |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| -434 | Thomas Iohnston | 46 |  | Light ......... | Light blue.... |  |  | Malicious shoo |  |  | $1 \quad 2 \quad 25$ | February | Parduned |
| 438 | Matthew Turrell | 27 | $53 \pm$ | Black | Dark hazel ... | Black |  | Larceny | June - 11, |  |  |  | Expration of sentence. |
| 443 | Ezra Horner.. | 20 | 5 | Swarthy | Haze! | Dark brown. | Home | do. |  | ${ }_{9}^{13}$ |  | December 30, 8841 |  |
|  | John O'Farrell... | $15$ |  | Freekled |  |  | Midland |  | July - ${ }^{13}$ ، ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\stackrel{2}{2} \mid$ |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll} 40 & 15 \\ 4 & 1842 \\ 4 \end{array}\right.$ |  |

Return of Convicts discharged from the Pronincial Penitentiary in the year ending 1st October, 1842.-(Continued.)

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(G. G.) Return shewing the value of the Labor of the Convicts at the Phovivcial Pentrentiany, from the lst

October, 1841, to the 30th September, 1842.

| Labourdevoted towards the Building and support of the Prisoners. |  |  | Earnings of the Prisoners by Work done on hire. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| days. | mate. | amount. | days | rate. | amou | unt. |
| 3244 | 7s. 10ct. $-\frac{\square 5}{}$ |  | 198 | 4s. 5rl. 4 | ¢ <br> 43 <br> 1 | s. |
| 3446 | 1s. 10d. $2 \times 33$ | $32213 \quad 9$ | (670 | 3s, , 3d. Sn | 111 | 7 |
| 737.1 | 3s. 3d. $7 \mathrm{~T} \boldsymbol{7}$ | $1228 \quad 36$ | 248 | 5s. 7d. | 69 | 6 |
| 16993 |  | 1860 | 401 | 2s. fid. 2星 | 51 | 1 |
| 1070 |  | $\begin{array}{llll}176 & 19 & 9\end{array}$ | 704 | 2s. 50l. $\frac{437}{}$ |  | 17 |
| 18.27 | 3s |  |  | 11d. 3163 | 1641 | 18 |
| 3304 | 1 s . | 18540 |  |  |  |  |
| 312 | Qs. fid. | 3980 |  |  |  |  |
| 365 | 2s. 6 d. | 45120 |  |  |  |  |
| 17686 | 2s. 6d. | 2210150 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 5031139 |  |  | 527 | 8 |

Provincial Penitentiary, 1st October, 18.42 .
II. SMITII, Warden,
E.

Return of tho Property of the Province on hand at the Provincial Pententiary, 1st October, 1842.




## Return of the Property of the Province on hand in the Províciá Pentrentiary-(Continued.)





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Retury, shewing the manner in which the Convicts are mployed at the Provincial Penitentiary. 30th Scptember, 1842.

| Shoomakers, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6 | Tailors, ................................. 7 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Blacksmiths, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 11 | Scamstresscs, ....................... . . . . . . 9 |
| Quarrymen, ............................. 9 | Cook, .................................. 1 |
| Carpenters,.............................. 7 | Barber, .................................... 1 |
| Cooper,................. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Labourers, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 76 |
| Painter, .................................. 1 | Sick, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 9 |
| Stone Masons, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 20 | In all. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 164 |
| $\left.\begin{array}{c} \text { Provincial Penitentiary, } \\ \text { 1st October, } 1842 . \end{array}\right\}$ | II. SMITII, Warden. |

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Provincial Penitentiary, $\}$
1st October, 1842.
H. SMITH, Warden.

Henry Smitif, Warden, and Francis Biceerton, Clerk, of the Provincial Penitentiary, severally make oath, that the foregoing contains a true and correct "General Account of Disbursements at the Penitentiary, during the year ending 1st October, 1842."
H. SMITH.
F. BICKERTON.

Sworn before me, at Kingston, the 24th day of October, 1842.

JAMES SAMPSON, J.P.

## H.

General Account of Receipts and Disbursements at the Provincinl Penimentiart, in the year ending 1st October, 1842.


Honry Smith, Wardon, and Francis Bickerton, Clerk of the Provincial Ponitoptiary, beveraily make oath, that the foregoing contains a true and cortect "General Account" of receipts and disburementie at the Provincial Penitentiary, in the year onding Ist October, 1842."
H. SMITH,
F. BICKERTON

Swom before me, at Kingston, the '
24th day of Octobar, 1842, ,'

## Appendir <br> (G. G.)

Report of the Bourd of Inspectors.
Stli Norember
To Ilis Exeellency the Right IInnorable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfo, Bart., G. C. B., Governor Gencral of British North America, ©e. \&c. \&c.

The Board of Inapectnrs have the homor to submit to Your Execlency their Report of the transartions of the Provincial Penitentiary for the yom ending the 1st instant. The Board trust that the fill statements made to them by the Warden. of the aflairs of the Institution for the past yoar will bo foumd explicit and salisfactury. The Board, however, cannot refrain from expressing that their expeetations in regard to the building of the wall, and other works of the establishment, have been fully realized.

When the Union of the Prorinces was effected, the Board immediately turned their attention to the means of providing proper accommodation for the colebration of Divine Service at the Penitentiary according to the rites and ceremonics of the Roman Catholic Chuch, and for this purpose they directed the Warden to prepare a Chapel in the North wing which has been some time completed, bout has not yet bern used, as the law only authorizes the enplovment of one Chaphain who has already been appointed. Inowever desirous the Brard may have been to carry fully into effect their intentions of providing crory facility for the religions survices of the Roman Catholic Conricts, as they had no anthority to cngare a Che myman of that demmination. they have litherto been mable to make a propere classitication of the priwoners for the purposic of Divine Worship. The Beard of Inspectors therefore respectfully leave this matter in Your Excellency's hands to be lad before the Legislature, or to be dealt with in such other manner as Your Excellency may secfit.

The Inspectors entirely coincirle in opinion with the Warden that the present allowance made to Convicts to defray their travelling expenses on their dis. harge from the Penitentiny is alugether insufficient, and they respectully suggest that an increase of the sime should be allowed by Legislative enactment. The effect produced by the present very limited allowance to discharged Convicts for this purpose, oreasions many of then to remain in the vicinity of the Penitentiary, wherehy they are unable to procure employment, and some of them too frequently bocome again inmates of the 1'rison.

The Board at their last meeting directed the Warden to prepare Estimates for the support of the Penitontiary from 1st January. 1843, to the 31st December. 184t. This it appears by the Report of that Ofliece has been accordingly done, but he has since been drected to submit the Estimate for one year only: The Board beg to observe that respecting the supplies for defraying the unavoidable expenses of the Institution, they submitted their views to the Govermment in their Repont for the year 1841, to which they would respectfully refer for their opinion on this subject, which remains unchanged. For the support of the Establishment during the present year only $£ 1250$ sterling (being the estimated expenditure for three months) have been received from the Government, but the Warden has nevertheless been able to carry on the affairs of the establishment by the sale of articles manufactured at the Penitentiary, and from other sources which will appear on roference to the annual statement of recceipts and disbursements accompanying his Report.

The Board would respectfully press this matter Appendix upon Your Excellency's consideration, as they are (G. G.) drsirons of avoiding in future the personal respondibirons of avoiding in future the personat respon-
sitily under which they labored in the years 1840 eth November. and 1841.

In submitting to Your Exrellency the several Reports of the Warden, Surgeon, and Chaplair, the Board have again to record their sense of the efficiency with which their respective duties have been performed.

## All which is most respectfully submitted.

TIO. KIRKPATRICK.
President of the Board of Inspectors of the
Provincial Penitentiary of Canada.
Kingstin, 31st October, 1843.

No. 6.
Report of the Chuplain.

## Gintrimmen,

Maving only been in the discharge of the office of Claphain since June last. it will not allow me to report begond that period.

Since then the usual duties of my offie have heen attended to. Public worship at 9 cichock, A. M., each Sunday-visiting the Prisem during the week as frequentily as other dutes permited-superintending the si chool-lecturing th the assembled convicts from some part of the Bible once a weekprivate conversation, both at the door of cach cell on Sunday, and in my room as often as the Prisoners desired such an interview, or as I thought it serriccable to them. In a word, cudeavouring to exercise the Pa-toral otfice among them in every way in which their peculiar situation permited, both in scason and out of seasim, reproving, rebuking, exhorting. What measure of success has followed cannot be decided on.

Moral and religious culturc. unlike physical or natural, does not soon appear-may, often is never witnessed by man. But to suppose that this great moral machinery accomplishes nothing is to ques. tion the Divine promises.

Testimony, however, of the most unexceptionable kind is not wanting as a reward for the past, and encouragement for the future.

Many a Convict on his last interview with the Chaplain, previously to regaining his liberty, has expressed his thanks for the privileges of the Penitentiary.

I copy from the Chaplain's Journal, without looking for special cases.

One expresses himself thus:-"The first fow months of my imprisonment 1 had hard thoughts, arising from a feeling of unjust punishment. Latterly have seen the filly of such thoughts. Would rather stay than be liberated, if 1 could not enjoy more real happiness than I possessed before."

Another says:-"I have lenint to road since I I have been berc. Hope hereafter to attend a place of worship regularly, as 1 know that by being religious is the only way of keeping from this place."

A third says:-"I have learnt much since Ícame in-to work, to make rope-have read my Bible twice through-and hope to shew that I have been improved by my confinement."

It must be admitted that our fairest prospects are sometimes blasted in the re-commitment of once hopeful Convicts. Whilst this will ever be a subject of deep regret, it ought not to be one of astonishment. The difficulties which meet a liberated Convict on his return to Society are neither few nor trifling To be known, is to be shunned by the respectable portion of society 1 No one will employ a man who has been in the Penitentiary; and I believe it to be in no way improbable, that some have no alternative besides a re-commitment or starvation.

To remedy a defect of this magniturle should be the grand effort of the bencvolent. Something has been done in the United States. The Chaplgin of the IIouse of Correction at Boston, writes:-
"Those of fair, and those of even tolerable promise are sent to families in the country, on handing from the Chaplain a card of introduction, to the Secretary of the Socicty of the Friends of Virtue. Through the maternal care of this lady and the Treasurer, of kindred spirit, the women are supplied with whatever may appear deficient in their apparel; so that none pass from their hands but are decently clad." He adds-"It will be gratifying to learn, that of seventeen individuals thus highly favored, four only have within the knowledge of the ladies forfcited their solemn pledge, and returned to their former wretched course." (See Prison Discipline Society's Report, 1842.)

The Agent of the Prison at Sing Sing asks, in reference to the liberated: "Cannot something be done to better their condition and elevate their character and fit them for respectable places in the society from which they have fallen?" He replics: "Allow me to suggest the propriety of employing a suitable man to take charge of, and carry on the State Farm, for, and on account of the State; allow him to employ, at a fixed rate of wages, such discharged Convicts as arc disposed to work, and such as have no friends willing to receive them.
"Ilcre they can learn the art of husbandry and gardening, and in a well regulated family, under religious and moral instruction, may establish a character that will recommend them to such as are in want of help, and save them from the contaminating influence of their vicious associatcs.",

The Chaplain of the Prison says:-"The suggestions contained in the Agent's Report receivo my hearty approbation;" and adds-"That this should be done, or that a Society should be formod consisting of benevolent individuals, living in different parts of the States, who should, in an unostentatious manner, take the supervision of the morals and employment of such of these men as can be recommended when discharged, appears to me to be very important."-(P. D. S. Rep. 1842, pp. 164-5.)

I have already entered into correspondence with the Secretary of the Prison Discipline Society, and hope, hereafter. to report some plan for the consideration of those interested in our Schools of Moral Reform.

It must be plain, however. to all, that without removing the obstacles from the path of the reformed, to his porseverance in virtue, the Penitentiary system, must, in a great degree, fail of its end.

On the other hand, a plan, which sustained the feeble child of morality in his first efforts to walk; Appendix still held out the hand, 'till his senses, exercised by (G. G.) usc, had attained their needod vigour, and many 8 th Nov'r. would be the monuments to God's grace, honouring the Penitentiary system.

Allow me to rocommend that more time be given for the School ; be held daily, and not thrice a week, as now : this might be accomplished by trespassing a little on the hour of labor. And surcly for such an object as Education, some sacrifice should be made. Two points, however, seem to urge my pla:

First-The degraded state of the mind of the Convicts on entrance.

Second-The shortness of the opportunity for raising it to respectability-consisting of the period of their imprisonment only.

Not less than one hour, dailv, can do anything worthy of the design of the Institution.

The School is much valued by the Convicts.Within a few weeks, one, on taking leave, thanked me, again and again, for the blessing which he had gained in the Penitentiary of bcing able to read.

The relative value of the School, to the whole moral machinery, will appear at once, if it be considered, that without an acquaintance with letters, the Bible remains, in a great degree, a sealed book; and the Convict is debarred from all private means of self-improvement. And it must never be forgot-ten-" No other book, nor all other books together, can supply the place of the Bible in Prisons." ${ }^{\text {" See }}$ Pris. Dis.-Sce Rep. for 1829, pp. 66-7.

IIere I would call your attention to the Report of the Penitentiary School for the year ending 1843:

Whites. Colored. Total.
Average attendance . . .... $37 . . . . . . .11 . . . . . . . .48$
Ages from. ............. 12 to $27-18$ to 57.
Number who have learned to read . . . . . . . . 25
Do. not attending School ..............12-37
Do. reading the New Testament. . .......... 27
The result of the labour bestowed in the School, appears to be very encouraging, and the progress of the Convicts in reading is satisfactory. There have been more frequent applications, by the adult Convicts latterly, for admission into the School, which indicates an increased desire, on their part, to learn to read.

Allow me to plead most earnestly for the speedy ercetion of a Room suitable to the worship of Almighty God.
That the Dining Hall is not an eligible place, will appear to every reflecting mind. I need not specify the many points, which, from the laws of association, render the Refectory an inconvenient Chapel.

By careful and judicious arrangement. the Chapel might be used as the School Room. and thus admit of the better conducting of the School, as well as remove a hindrance to the discipline of the Prison, inseparable from the noise our mode of teaching produces.

In concluding the Report, may I be permitted to say, even at the expense of being charged with an undue respect for the office, that the Chaplaincy, sustains a most important bearing on the woll boing of the whole Institution.

The Chaplain looks, then, to the Board of Inspectors to be sustained in a fearless, upright. consciontious discharge of his dutics. Whilst subunitling to the general laws of the institution. the peculiarity of his ollice will render him tree from all contronl, save hus Ordination vows and the constant anticipation of that solemn account of his stewardship, which he will have to give, when the Great Shepherd shall appear.

## With all esteem, <br> 1 remain, yours,

## R. V. ROGERS, <br> Claplain of the P. P.

No. 7.
Report of the Surgeon.

## Gentlemin,

I herewith transmit the annual lists alphabetically arranged, of the cases of Convicts, which wero taken on the sick report, and proseribed for, in and out of Hospitals during the year, ending on the 30th ultumo.

Nothing extraordinary will appear in the various, items exhibited therein, save that of " hafluenza" which is the first epedemic of a specific character known in the prison since its establislment. It prevaited in the neighbourhood some time previously, and made its apparanee within the walls on the 5th July ; continuing to affect Convicts during the remainder of that month, and furnishing however, but one case of severity sufficient to justify admission to ILospital.
It will be seen that two deaths have occurred during the year. both from "Pumonary Consmap) tion."

I have beretufore invited the attention of the Board of Inspectors, to the state of the present temporary Iospital, and sugersted the necusity there exists for a sufficient bulding for the reception and treathent of sick. The present aparmont sot ofl for this purpose canos with propricty be used to the extent required ; as allording no moans of separating patients, and of therchy preventing in intercourse subversive of the disciphine of the Institution. For this reason, I have cencurred with the Warden, in the propricty of placing as fow as possible at any one time in such a situation.

The prison has been daily visited since my last report, and all extramerdinary calls have been attended to.

In conclusion 1 have to report in the usual forms of satisfaction. respecting the cleanliness and ventilation of the Prison, and the wholesomness of the Convicts' food; together with the prompt attention, which every suggestion made by me, in matters connected with the health of tho Prison, has met with from the Superintending Officer.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,

## JAMES SAMPSON, Surgeon, P. P.

Yearit Return of Cases treated out of Iospital in Provincial Penitentiary, to Sept. 30th 1843.
Abcess, ......... 6

Ague, . . .........
Amenorrhoa, .... 1
Anasarca, ........ 2
Anthrax.......... 1
Boil,.............. . 21
Burn, .............
Cardialgia, ....... 1
Cataract, ......... 2
Catarrh, ........... 51
Colic, . . . . ....... 6
Constipation,..... 7
Cough,........... 3
Contusion, . . . . . . . 20
Diarrhoea, . . . . . . . 36
Discased Toe,.... 1
". Fyc,.... ${ }^{2}$
Dysuria, ........ 3
$\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Eiruptions (not } \\ \text { Specific,..... }\end{array}\right\} 12$
Ear Achc,....... 3
Empetigo, . . . . . . . 2
Epilepsy, . . . ..... 1
Erysipilas, ........ 1
Fcvers, (slight) . . . 27
listula in Ano. ... . 1
Frost Bite........ 1
Gonorrhwa, ...... 3
(riping, .......... . 20
Homoptusis, ..... 1
Homorrhoias,.... 6
Head Ache,. ..... . 37
Hernia, . . . . ..... 3
Jaundicc, . . . . . . . 3
Indigestion, . ...... 17
Inllamed Anclo, .. 4
" Tyes,... 7
" Hand, .. 3
Intluenza, . . . . . . 79
Injured Back..... 7
" Jand, ... 4
" Eye. .... $\quad \underset{2}{2}$
Ischuria, ......... 1
1teh, ............ 5
Liver Alfection,.. 1
1, mabago . . . .... 4
Menorrhagra.... 1
MentalDerange- 2
ment,. ....... 7
Nausea,. ...... 7
7
Neuralyit, ....... I
I'alpitalion, ...... 1
Pains, (Various 17
Intermal)
Prormancy, ...... 1
Pregnancy....... 1
Prickily Heat, . . . . 1
Pumished Back, .. 1
Rheumatism, .... 30
Sure Leg........ 10
" Throat, .... 5
" Syphiles,... 5
Scald, ........... 2
Sciatica, ......... 1
Sprain, .......... 2
'Footh Ache.. 30
Ulcers, Various,. . 11
Vertign, . . ........ 10
Worms, . . ........ 1
Wound, ........... 3

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One Individual.
\{Not requiring Hospital
Treatment.

The number of separate individuals composing

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| （G．G．） |$}$| The number of separate individuals composin |
| :---: |
| （Signed，$)$ |$\quad$ JAMES SAMPSON，

Yeamiy Retuin of Cases treated in the Hospital of Provincial Penitentiary，to 30th Sept． 1843.

|  | Remainod laat Report． | Admitted． | Discharged | Died | Rem＇g． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fcver | ．．． | 1 | 1 | ．．．． |  |
| Pleuresy，．．．．．．．．．．．． | ．．．． | 1 | 1 | ． | ．．．．．． |
| Influenza，．．．．．．．． | ．．． | 1 | 1 | $\cdots$ | ．．．．． |
| Phthisis，．．．．．．．．．．．． | ．．． | 2 | ．．．．．． | 2 | ．．．．．． |
| Injured cyc from |  | 1 | 1 | ．．．． |  |
| Rock Blasting．．．． Injury of Aukle， |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |
| Injury of Ankle，．．． |  | 1 |  |  |  |
| （Leg amputated）$\}$ | ．．． | 1 | 1 | ． |  |
| Total．．．．．．．．． |  | 8 | 6 | 2 |  |

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Ann Galbraith，Aged 25，died 4th January． Edward Coote，Aged 40，died 14th September．
（Signed，JAMES SAMPSON，Surgeon．

No． 8.
Report of the Warden．
To the Board of Inspectors of the Provincial Penitentiary．

## Gentlemen，

I have the honour of laying before the Board my Report of the affairs of the Penitentiary for the year ending the lst instant．
At the date of my last Report，the number of Convicts then in imprisonment was．．．．．．．． 164 Since which time there have been received．．

And there have been discharged during the year－
By expiration of sentence．．．．．．．．．．．． 163
By pardon．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 5
By death ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 4
Leaving in confinement，on the lst October， 1843

The number of the above received from each District were as follows，viz：－


The following is a statement of the crimes for which the Convicts now undergoing their sentences were found guilty ：－
Larceny ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 100
Horsestealing．．．．．．．．．．．．．
Do．and Larceny．．．

Murder ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 10
Manslauhter．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 8
Felony ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 18
Burglary．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 8
Stealing Mares ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 2
Do．Sheep ．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 1
Do．an Ox ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 1

Arson ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 4
Robbery．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 7
High Treason ：a：－．．．．．．． 1
Sodomy ：a：o：－：口：口．．．． 2
Bigamy ．．．．：．．．：
House－breaking \＆Larceny．． 2
Rape ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 5
Stabbing ，．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 3
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Assault ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．} \\ \text { Assault with intent to Murder } & 1 \\ 4\end{array}$
Do．do．to Ravish Do．do．to Maim．
Conspiracy．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 5
Perjury．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 1
Killing an Ox．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 1
Do．a Cow ．．．．．．．．．．．．
Obt＇g．Goods under false pret． 1

| Do．Money do do． |
| :---: |
| Recciving Stolen Goods．．．．． |

Uttering Forged Note ．．．．．． 1
Do．Base Coin ．．．．．．．．
Breaking into and Stealing
from a Shop . . . . . . . . . . . .

Malicious Shooting．．．．．．．．．．．．． 1
Misdemeanour ．．．．．．．．．．．．．． 1
Military offences．．．．．．．．．．．．． 32
$\boxed{256}$
The proportion of crimes according to the ages of the Convicts，may be classed as follows ：


The following are the terms of confinement to which the Convicts wore severally sentenced ：－

| 3 for． | 1 year． |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2 ． | $1 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 17 | 2 |
| 115 | 3 |
| 2 | $3{ }_{3}^{\frac{1}{6} 5}$ |
| 10 | 4 |
| 19 | 5 |
| 3 | 6 |
| 1 | ${ }^{6}{ }^{\text {最 }}$ |
| 36 | 7 |
| 3 | 10 |
| 8 | 14 |
| 6 | Life． |
| 1 | 3 Lunar months． |
| 1 | 4 ${ }^{\text {＇}}$＂ |
| 12 | 6 |
| 5 | 12 |
| 1 ． | 24 |
| 1 until | 5 October， 1843 |
| 1 | 10 |
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J until............. 17 October, 1843. , .............. 26 February, 1844 ............ 21 May, :............ 12 August, ............Transported for life. $\boxed{957}$

The following are the places of nativity of th ${ }^{\mathbf{e}}$ Prisoners now in confinement, with the severa numbers of those born in each:-

| Ireland | 04 |
| :---: | :---: |
| England | 36 |
| United States | 33 |
| Canada West | 33 |
| Do. East | 32 |
| Scotland. . | 18 |
| France.. | 3 |
| Germany | 2 |
| Nova Scotia | 1 |
| Newfoundland | 1 |
| Spain | 1 |
| Wales. | 1 |
| At Sca | 1 |
|  | 256 |

It will be seen that a matcrial increase has-occurred in the number of Prisoncrs roceived during the last year, but this cannot be taken as a corresponding increase of crime, as among their numbers there were no less than 129 Soldiers, sentenced, by Courts Martial, to various periods of imprisonment, for Military offences.

During the last twelve months, the principal part of the Convicts' labour has been devoted to preparing the stonc, and building the lodge and wall on the west side of the yard-the finishing of the south side of the east wing-and building part of the foundation of the intended shops, at the southern extremity of the yard. This latter work has been discontinued for a time, in order that the labour of the gang cmployed on that part of the works might be transferred to the wall, to ensure the completion of it to a sufficient height during the presont fall, which is now ncarly accomplished.

The work proposed for the occupation of the Convicts from the end of the season for building until next spring, will he the quarrying and dressing of the stone required for the northern wall, and the lodge and towers on that line. The blacksmiths and carpenters will be employed in a great measure in fitting up the east wing, so far as their respective trades are concerned, and the tailors and shoemakers will be principally engaged in making and mending the clothing required for the use of the convicts.

As, however, by the end of the fall season many of the prisoners now employed as labourers would be without work, I have, with the view of providing sufficient labour for them during the approaching winter, purchased a quantity of hemp, under direction of the Board, for the purpose of being manafactured into rope and cordage, to be disposed of for the benefit of the Institution. Notwithstanding the amount of work which has been performed on account of the Province, at an estimate far below what it would have cost by hired labour, it will be seen that the Convicts have beem otherwiso profitably employed in work for the public, the profits of which have gone towards defraying the expences of the establishment.

A great roduction appears in the earnings of the Carpenters, when compared with those of last year, This arises from the number of Convicts who have been employed in this hranch of work during the last twelve months, within which time, agreeably to the orders of the Board, another shop has been
erected, and the additional men employed theroin having been altogether unacquainted with the trade required some time to gain sufficient knowledge whereby their labour would bocome valuable. In consequence of this, they were. for a long while, employed merely as labourers in the shops, or in such initiatory work as was necessary to give them an insight into the trade, and while so employed no credit was taken for their labour, consequently when the total amount of work in the Carpenters' shops is proportioned to every Convict employed there, the individual earnings appear to be small. For more particular information on this head, I beg to refer the Board to the statement marked D accompanying this Report.

By the Statute of Upper Canada, for the maintenance and Government of the Penitentiary, which has become the law of the United Province, I am authorized to furnish such sum of money, not exceeding one pound, as may be deemed proper and necessary, to each discharged convict, to support him, and enable him to return to the District from which he was sent. This sum is not sufficient to defray the expenses of a convict to the wosternmost Districts of Upper Canada, and still less to the farthest District of Lower Canada, a distance from the P'enitentiary of more than 1,100 miles. I therefore trust the Board will be pleased to make a representation of this to the Legislature, in order that if it may be judged proper, I should be authorized to give a larger amount for travelling expenses to those convicts who havo to go so great a distance to reach their homes. According to the present law, a convict returning to the District of Gaspé will receive less than 1s. 9d. per hundred miles, to pay his necessary expenses in travelling to the place from whence he came.

Since the enactment of the Statute 4th and 5 th Victoria, chap. 24, there have been fourteen ro-convictions, for the socond, third, and fourth times, not one of whom has been visited with the punishment intended to be inflicted on hardened offenders, by the 30th section of that Statute.

Discharged convicts, who are unreclaimed for thoir vicious courses, generally change the scene of their operations, by resorting to Districts where they are unknown, and thus escape discovery, so far as their previons crimes are concerned, whereby the law has been unoperative.

I would respectfully suggest, that in order more offectually to meet such cases, the Board of Inspectors should. if they see fit, recommend to the Legislature an altoration in the law, so that proof of former convictions of offenders should be had at the Penitentiary, whore dotection would be certain.

As the law now exists, there is no hope to the convict of a remission of his sentence, unless through the interoession of his friends, by petition to the Government, which in some cases is granted. There are, howover, many prisoners in the Penitentiary, who have no friends in the country to intercede for them in the proper quarter, whose conduct has been oqually good, and in some instances, better, than those who have been fortunate enough to meet with Executive clemency.

In a Report made by Captain Maconochie, the Superintendent of convicts at Norfolk Island, to the British Government, he recommends that the prisoners shruld be allowed to shorten their sentences by good behaviorr;' and for this purpose he is of opinion that they should receive a certain number of "marts" for praiseworthy conduct, a given quantity of which would entitle the convict to a remission of the remainder of his sentence. This recommendation has been adopted, and no evil has

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been found to arise from the system now in operation. On this subject I beg to quote from one of Capt. Maconochie's late Reports, his opinion on the shortening of punishments, by the convicts grood behaviour:-"The right medium seems to bo, to make distinction in prison, depend exclusively on conduct and disposition manifested in it. If men will be wicked, they must he confined; but if at any time they will repent and turn from their evil ways, the clfort will always compass the end." I also beg leave to mention that in the State of Tennossee a law similar in effect is in force, hut with the addition of further confinement in case of bad behaviour. In the Penitentiary of that State, punishment for offences committed within the prison, consists of solitary confinement, or spare diet, and for which five days are added to the term of the convicts' sentence for each day spent in purishment. On the other hand, as a motive for good conduct, a deduction of two days from every month is made from the term of tho sentence, to such as behave well. I therefore beg to submit, with due deference to the Buard, whether some such alteration in our Penitentiary system of punishment, as that before mentioned, might not advantageously be made, as at present the convict has nothing to incite him to good behaviour while undergoing his sentence, but the avoidance of disciplinary punishment, which too frequently is not sufficient to deter him from the conmission of offences within the prison walls.
The Annual Reports of this Institution have been but seldom published for distribution.

It is very desirable, for the advantage of the Penitentiary, that, in the words of the Statute, "a suitable number of such Reports, when printed, shall be supplied;" as I then should be enabled to cxchange Reports with similar Institutions, which are now furnished to me without my being able to make a like return. It is not to be expected that such courtesy will be longer experienced from other Penitentiaries, if they do not reccive the yearly Reports of this Institution, in which case this establishment will be deprived of the bencfit to be derived from their experience.

Owing to the uncertainty of the crops at the time the tenders for the supply of rations for the ensuing year were received, they will not be furnished at so low a rate as during the last twelve months. The advance on prices, however, is but three-sixteenths of a penny on cach day's rations which according to the present market rates may be considered equally low with the price paid last ycar.

As the room now occupied by the female convicts will soon be required to be added to the Dining IIall, of which it was originally a part, and the many respects inconvenient and uncomfortable, in regard to the health of the prisoners, I beg to suggest that the lower range of Cells to be built on the north side of the East Wing may be appropriated to their occupancy. These Cells can be commenced during the present fall, and completed before the cusuing spring, after which the remainder of them can be finished without inconvenience to the arrangement now proposed.

Agrecable to the direction of the Board, I preparcd and forwarded to the Inspector General the estimate for the support of the Penitentiary, for the years 1843 and 18.44 , which has since been returned to me, with instructions that it should be submitted for 1843 alone, which I have accordingly done.

For further information as to the transactions of the Penitenliary, during the past year, I beg to refer the Board to the following documents which are scverally marked as follows:-

Return of Convicts reccived into the Peni- ) tentiary in the year ending 1st October,
A. 1843
Return of Convicts discharged from the Penitentiary, during the year ending 1st October, 1843.
B.

Rcturn of Convicts remaining in confinement at the Penitentiary,1stOctober,1843.
Statement showing the value of the labour of the Convicts, from the 1st Octuber,
1812 , to the 1st October, $1843 . . . . . . .$. 1812, to the 1st October, 1843.
Return of the Property of the Province on hand at the Penitentiary, 1st Oct., 1843.. $\}$
Return shewing the manner in which the Convicts are cmployed, 30th Sept., 1843. General Statement of Disbursements at the Penitentiary, during the year ending 1st October, 1843
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General Account of Receipts and Disbursements during the year onding 1st Octuber, $\}$
C.
D.
E.
F.
H.

All which is most respectfully submitted.
II. SMITII,

Warden.
Provincial Penitentiary,
16th October, 1843.




Retcry of Convicts discharge．I from the Proninclal Penitentiary during the year ending 1st Octuber，1843．－（Continued．）

|  |  |  | Appendix $\overbrace{8 \mathrm{~h} \text { November. }}^{\left(\mathrm{Gr} . \mathrm{G}_{\mathrm{s}}\right)}$ |
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Appendix (G. G.)
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## Appendix (G. G.)

Return of Convicts in confinement at the Provinciá Penitentiary, 1st October, 1843.
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## D.

(G. G.) Statement showing the value of the labour of the Convicts at the Provinciar. Penitentiany, from the 8 in Novauber.

1st October, 1842, to the 30th September, 1843.

II. SMITHI,

Warden.

Provincial Penitentiary,
30th Scptember, 1843 .

## E.

Return of the Property of the Province on hand at the Provincial Pententiary, 1 st October, 1843.

| blacksmithis' shop. | purchased. | made at pentrentiary. |
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| English bar iron. 5 tons. 3 cwt . at 15 s |  | \& s. D. |
| Swedes do 2 cwt at 30s | 300 |  |
| 40 Ibs cast steel, at 1s $1 \mathrm{~d}: 30 \mathrm{lbs}$ blister, at 10 d | 384 |  |
| 100 sheets white tin, at 3d; old iron 1 ton, at 3d, £5 | 050 |  |
| Iron cut for cell doors, 1 ton 8 cwt . at 1 ¢s | 2100 |  |
| 3 iron doors, 510 lls , at 6 d | 12150 |  |
| 100 brass castings at 2 s 6 d ; 80 sheets lock paterns at |  | 1610 |
| 56 lock bolts, at 6d ; 28 newalls for gallery, 70s. |  | 418 |
| 40 screws for locks, $£ 10 ; 3$ old sheet iron doors, | 0100 | 1015 |
| 20 lbs spring steel, at 9 d ; 5 horse shoes, at 25 s . | 0150 | 15 |
| 1500 bushels stone coal, at $1 \mathrm{~s} ; 800$ bushels charcoal | 8500 |  |
| 3 pairs bollows, $£ 12$; 2 pairs do., $£ 8$. | 1200 | 800 |
| 5 auvils. $£ 14 ; 7$ anvil blocks, 25 s. | 14126 | 0126 |
| 4 viccs, £4.15s; 1 turning lathe and spindle, e6 2 s 6d. | 1050 | 0126 |
| 1 grind stone and crank, 25s; 1 punching, machinc, £4 10 | 2100 | 350 |
| 1 serew plate, 2 s 6 d ; 30 old files. $15 s$; 3 iron squares, 6 s | 0176 | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 6 & 0\end{array}$ |
| 1 pair stcel yards, $15 \mathrm{~s} ; 1$ patent beam and weights, 17 s | 0150 | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 17 & 6\end{array}$ |
| 35 turning toola, $50 \mathrm{~s} ; 3$ sots stocks and dics, $\mathrm{E}_{4} 410 \mathrm{~s}$. |  | 700 |
| 25 screw taps, £2; 2 drill stocks, 17 s 6d... |  | 2176 |
| 30 pairs tongs, 45 s ; 10 hammers, 25 s ; 5 ditto, 6s 3 |  | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 16 & 3\end{array}$ |
| 28 drills, £ 35 Ed ; 2 iron cutting shears, £4. |  | $7 \quad 50$ |
| 1 lock press machine......... |  | 0100 |
| 9) do partitions, $10 \mathrm{~s} 6 \mathrm{~d} ; 1$ do press, 17s 0 d . |  | 18 |
| 1 try square, 2 s ©d; 2 black lead pots, 10 s ; rasp, 5 s . | 0176 |  |
| 2 pairs clams, 5s ; 3 ipon stakes, 7s 6 d ; 2 pairs callipers, |  | $017 \quad 6$ |
| 20 bolt heading tools, £2; 2 drilling machines, 30 s |  | 310 |
| 6 swoulges. 30 s ; 1 brand iron, $5 \mathrm{~s} ; 4$ braces, 30 s . |  | 35 |
| 1 screw cutting machine, 20s............. |  | 100 |
| 2 sets horse shneing tools, 25s ; 30 stamps, 2.58 |  | 2100 |
| 10 ox shocing stocks, 20 s ; 30 hot iron. punches, 30 s |  | 2100 |
| 28 eye wedges, $288 ; 37$ small punches, 1886 d |  | 266 |
| 40 cold and hot iron chisels |  | 10.0 |
| Carried forward. | \&251 1510 | £86 17 \% |





Return of the Property of the Province, on hand at the Provincral. Penitentiary, 1843.--(Continued.)

stable.
5 horses, $£ 95$; 5 yoke of oxen, $£ 935 \mathrm{~s}$.
1 carriage. £20; 8 carts, $£ 32$
1 cutter, $£ 0 ; 1$ train, 12 s 6 dd

| purchased. |
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4 seta rose, 210 ; 1 strap, and 4 open bells, 14 s 9 d.
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4 sets cart harness. $£ 1510 \mathrm{~s} ; 2$ sets do. $£ 7 \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$
Steel bits, pole shaft, and martingal, £ 1,3 horse rugs, 9 s .
1 riding bridle, 10s; 1 saddle, $£ 5$
IIead-stall, sursingle, forks and buckets.


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## Warden's ofrice.

1 pair dog irons, £2 10s; 1 fender, £2.
1 walnut desk, £4 $10 \mathrm{~s} ; 1$ table, £4 10 s
1 painted cupboard, £6; 1 carpet, $£ 10$
12 chairs, at 12 s 6 d ; 6 lobby chairs, at 12 s 6 d .


## F.

Retunn shewing the manner in which the Convicts were employed at the Provincial Penitentiary, 30th September, 1843.

| Masons and Stone-cutters . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 64 | Scamstresses . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 13 |
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| Carpenters . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 17 | Tinsmith . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 |
| Coopers. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 | Cook ...................................... 1 |
| Painters................................... 1 | Barber..................................... 1 |
| Blacksmiths................................ 12 | Labourers . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 113 |
| Shoemakers .............................. 9 | Sick........... ......................... 7 |
| Tailors.................................... 0 | Solitary confinement . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |
| Quarry-men ............................... 8 | In all . .......................... 256 |
| . | H. SMITH, Warden. |
| $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Provincial Penitentiary, } \\ \text { 30th September, 1843. }\end{array}\right\}$ | - |







Provincial Penitentiary, 30th Septenber, 1813.

IIenry Smith, Warden, and Francis Bickerton, Clerk of the Provincial Penitentiary, severally make nath, that the foregoing "General account of disbursements at the Provincial Penitentiary, for the year "nding 1st October, 1813 ," is correct and true in every respect, to the best of their knowledge and belicf.

## II. SMITII. <br> F. BICKERTON.

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Appendix (G.G.) A. 1843.


## RETURN

 (1I. II.) whimo, praying that Itis Fxcellency will be pleased to canse to bo laid before the Ilouse, a Tabular (II. II.) $\overbrace{21 \text { st Novr. }}$ Return of the several Agents and other persons employed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, during $\overbrace{\text { 2lst Nover. }}$ and subsequent to 1840, and who are accountable to the Govermment for the receipt of monies in that Department : designating the name of the Agent, or other person employed, the date of his appointment, whether on the permanent cstablishment, or for a temporary necasion, the amount oustanding in the hands of such Agent on the 1st September of each year, inclusive, and the reason of the detention thereof, the salary, per centage, or other emolument receivable by such persons.

By Command,
D. DAII,

Sccretary.
Secretary's Office, Kingston, 18th November, 1843.

Letter from the Assistant Commissioner for the Sale of Crown Lands, to the Provincial Srcrelary.
Crown Land Department, Kingston, 16ih November, 1843.$\}$
Sik,
Thave the honor to enclose Tabular Returns of the several Agents of the Department of Crown lands, prepared in compliance with the Address to His Lexcellency the Governor General from the I egislative Assembly of the 27 th ultimo.

1 beg leave to observe, huwever, that at the dates required by the Address, no commission had beon crodited to the District Agents for the preceding five or eleven months, and that the balances against them on those dates appear in consequence larger than they ought to be.

I have, therefore, deemed it due to those Officers to addannther statement in explanation of the first, exhibiting the correct state of their respective accounts with the Department on the 30th September, 1840, and the 31st December, 1841 and 18.12 , the periods at which they have received credit for their commission, and other incidental charges to which they were entitled.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,
T. BOUTIIILLIER.

The Honorable
The Provincial Secretary.


Stateuent shewing the names of the District Agents rit the lepartment of Crown Lands in Canada West, the dates of their appointment, the amount outstanding in the hands of or
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A. 1843.



To an Address from the IIouse of Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before them, copies of all Papers, Documents and Communications, relating in any way to the Dismissin of Whenam Moore Kelly, Esqume, from the situation of Conlectron or Custons, at the Pont of Tononto.

By command,
D. DALY,

Secretary.
Secretary's Office, ,
Kingston, 21st.November, 1843.

## SCHEDULE.

No. 1. Letter from the Honorable S. B. Harrison to William Moore Kelly, Esq., dated 31 st July, 1843.
No. 2. Letter from W. M. Kelly, Esquire, to His Excellency the Governor Goneral, with a Statement and other inclosures, dated 20th Scptember, 1843.
No. 3. Report of the Inspector Gencral on the Statement of W: M. Kelly, Esquire, of the 26 h September, 1813, dated 2d October, 1843.
No. 4. Letter from Mr. Assistant Secretary IIopkirk, to Mr. Kclly, dated 6th October, 1813.
No. 5. Mr. Kelly's answer to the preceding Letter, dated 11 th October, 1843.
No. 6. Report of the Inspector General on Mr. Kelly's answer, dated 12th October, 1843.
No. 7. Letter from the IIonorable Dominick Daly, to Mr. Kelly, dated 16th October, 1843.
No. 8. Letter from Mr. Kelly, to the Honorable Dominick Daly, dated 23d October, 1843.
No. 9. Letter from the same to the same, dated 9 th November, 1843.
No. 10. Letter froin the Honorable Dominick Daly, to the Inspector General, dated 11 th November, 1843.
No. 11. Letter from the Inspector General. to the IIonorable Dominick Daly, dated 13th Nov., 1843.
No. 12. Letter from the Honorable Dominick Daly, to Mr. Kelly, dated 21st November, 1843.
No. 13. Letter from the same to Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, dated 21st November, 1843.
' N o. 1.
Letter from the FIonorable S. B. IIrrrison, to William Moore Kelly, Esquire.

Secretary's Office.
Kingston, 31st July, 1843.
Sin,
I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to acquaint you that Lis Excellency has had under his consideration, a Report of Muleolm Cameron, Espuire. Commissioner of Enguiry, on the manner in which the duties of your office, of Collector of Customs at the Port of 'Toronto, have been conducted, and that His Excellency regrets to find that the irrugularities havo been of so grave a character, as to reuder it incompatible with a due regard to the public intercst. to permit you to continue to bold the office:

I am therefore to acquaint you that IIis Excellency has been pleased to remove' you from the said office, and that you are discharged from hereafter performing its duties.
I havc, \&c.,

> (Signed,)
S. B. HARRISON.

Wm. M. Kelly, Esq.,
Collector of Customs, Toronto.

## No. 2.

Letter from William M. Kelly, Esquire, to His Excellency, the Governor Gencral, with inclosures.
(Copy.)
Kingston, 26th Sept. 1843. •

## May it Please Your Excelpency,

In the hope of entitling myself to the fulfiment of Your Execellency's gracious assurance of being re-instated in the oflice of Collector of H. M. Customs and Revenuc, in the Port of Toronto, in the event of my disproving the charges of grave irregularities imputed to me, and upon which thy dismissal was founded, I applied for a copy of the Reports referred to in Mr. Secretary Marrison's letter ol B1st July last; and Mr. Manahan was, with some reluctance, furnished with extracts from them.
The explanations and justification, now humbly offered to Your Excelloncy, are prepared under much disadvantage. The extracts from Mr. Cameron's Report, do not state, in a specific form, the irregularities imputed to me, comprising a mass of matter put together in a desultory and unmethodical manner, they convey by insinuation and vague surmise, rather than by direct allegation, a variety

Appendix (I. I.) ned Noy'r.
of imputations, calculated very greatly to aggravate any olficial irregularity on my part; and from the grave character they give to the alleged irregularities, irreparably to imjure me, not merely by the doprivation of office, but by the loss of character, and the firfeiture of the esteem of those to whom 1 am publicly and privately known.

The tendency of these Reports is not simply to charge me with mismangement and irregularity in the performance of the duties of the office of Col. lector of Custons at Toromo, but to impute to me a corrupt mestatement of my accounts, and an irregular and dishonest use of the public moneys.

Unon the consideration which Your Excellency's sense of fustice, will. I am persumded, induce you 10 give to the statement now ollered in vindication of my conduet, Your Larellency will be conrineed that there was no fombation for the se imputatoms; and if there were any irregularities in my oflice, they were not of so grave a character, or such as to render it inempatifle with the public interest to permit me to hold the office.

The disudrantage under which I have labored in preparing the chelosed statement, compels ane to entreat $\bar{X}$ ur Pxenllencys indulgence. in advertine to a dispateh from Lord Glenelg to Nir Frances 13 . Head, dated wh 1pril, 1, 37 , in which his Lordship stated that he was not aware of so much as a single instance in which a pulblie oflicar had been dismissed as a pemishment and on the ground of misconduct, without the most explicit disclosute to him of the cireamstances mpon which his removal was gromded.

Fom Ficellemey is aware that the first intimation which hereivedofthe esistence of any charge agranst me of inerenabity and menenduct, was the communication on Your Exeelleneys pleasmere that I should be dischar.edfrom my oflice. Mavesine been fornished with matar ts, bui not with copies, of the Repurts which hed to my dismisaal. These extracts do not state in a distinest and sperifine form. the particuar irrecrantios mputed to me. and on which my discharge fomm ofties was eromoded; but I have andeawrod, in the enclosed statement, to give a full and randul reply tuevery ease of comphant whels I would anpmatith fer fouded on the matter comained in Mr. (ameron's Roporte ; and if any thiner should remain without a satistactory answer and explantation. I womd humbly hope, that in a mater so deepIy afferime my chaterter and prospects in life, Your Exedhency will ronsider mo entilled to the benclit of the promeigic lad down in Lord Cilometres Desprath above quathed and direct mo to he informed of the parturular circumstances in whel blane is still mputed tome, mid on whirh Yuar Bxecllency may still deem me obnoxious to consure and to deprivation of oflice.

I have the homor to be.
\&c. Sc. de.
(Figned,) W. MoORE KELLY.

## His Pxcotency,

Sir Charles Th Metcalfe, Baronet,
Guvernor General.

## (Inclosure.)

Statement of William Moore Keily, Esq., late Collector of II. M. Customs and Revenue in the Port of'Turonto, Carada, in explanationof,and in reply to
the sevoral matters contained in certain extracts from the Reports of Malcolm Camernn, Esq., Commissioner of Inquiry, dated the 17 th and 28th July, 1813 furnithed to Mr. Kelly as contrinit (I. I.) the grounds upon which he was dismissed from 22 d Nov't. the oflice of Collector of Customs at Toronto.

The extracts from Mr. Cameron's Reports, above referred in, do not state, in a specific form, the charyes of misconduct or neglect of duty imputed to Mr. Kelly, it is presumed that such charges may be comprised under the following heads, viz.:-

First-Chargers supposed to he founded on Mr. Caneron's Report of the 17th July, 1842.

14t. Mr. Kelly had not closed his accounts on the 13th July.

2d. Thrre was no system of doing husiness in Mr. Kelly's Office, and no Bonded Warohmse-bonk bring kept, the only trace of the goods bonded was by deference to the bonds.

3rl. No arcount was opened in Mr. Kolly's books for harbor dues ; but the entries were made in the botter "soveral small craf" with no names, dates ne particulars.

4th. There was no acenunt for money received for auction dues or auction licenses.

5th. The plaster imported by James Brown. on the 17 th April, was not entered, and the duty thereon was not paid until the dih July.

Gith. The salt imported by Chartes Robertson, on Qoth June was not enterori on 17 h July.

7th. Carelessness and irregularity on the part of Mr. Kelly, or of those acting under him, in having, in cightyserven instances, of which a written list was firmished to Mr. Kelly. omited to make proper cutries in his books.

8th. Thaving sufered Messes, Manilton \& Wilson to remowe certain goods before entry and payment of duty, upon an understanding that the amome of dutios was to be a sett-of against a private debt due from Mr. Kelly to Messis. LIamilton \& Wilson.

9th. All the goods received since the :3th July wre entered on a few slicets of paper sewed togother.

Secont. -Charges supposed to be founded on Mr. Cameron's Report of 28 th July.

10h. 'Tlie goods inported by Doane, on the 30th Junc, were cutered since the 5th July, also the goouls that nrrived on the 5th July, and the goods imported hy Burke \& O Neill, by which the duties under the old Thariff were served.

11th. Certain sums reccived from Mr. Strange were kept back or borrowed from one period to. another.

12th. The sums credited to the Government by Mr. Kelly for the steamers "Gore," "Britannia," and "Anicrica", dn not correspond with the sums ontered in Mr. Bethune's books, as paid for these steamers.

13th. The Harbor Dues were collected in an imperfect manner.

141h. The sums paid by Robertson, Ogilvie \& Appendix Brown, for IIarbor and Tonnage Dues, cannot be traced in Mr. Kelly's Returns, and the sum of $£ 66$ s. for Tomage Dues on "The Sir F. B. Mead," was omitted to be credited to the Government.

15th. Several sums (enumerated in Mr. Cancron's Report) were not deposited at the Bank to the credit of the Receiver General, nor rendered in ac.count, but were borrowed.

It is proposed to reply to these charges in the order in which they are enumerated, and which corresponds to the order in which the paragraphs in Mr. Cameron's Reports, on which they are founded, occur.

In support of the subjoined statement, copies are hereto annexed by the following affidavits and documents, together with copies of the extracts from Mr. Cameron's Reports furnished to Mr. Kelly.

No. 1.-Extract from the Report of Malcolm Cameron, Escl., dated 17th July, 1813.

No. 2.-Extract from Report of Mr. Cameron, dated 28th July, 1843.

No. 3.-Letter from Mr. Alfred Laing to W. M. Kelly, Esq., datod Toronto, 28th August, 1843.

No. 4.-Statement of Charles Robertson respocting the salt imported by him into the Port of Toronto.

No. 5.-Affidavit of Mr. Alexander IIamilton, sworn at Toronto, 20th Mugust, 1813.

No. 6.-Afidavit of Mr. Joseph Wilson, sworn at Toronto, 11th August, 18.43.

No. 7.-Copy of Letter from Alexr. Mamilton to Malcolm Cameron, Ess!., dated Toropto, 8th Augnst, 1843.

No. 8.-Letter from Mr. Alexr. Ogilvic to Wm. Moore Kelly, dated Toronto, 2 hh August, 18 1:3, respecting IIrubor Dues said to have been paid by him to Mr. Kelly.

No. 9.-I.otter from A. Manahan, Esq.. formerly Collector of Customs at 'Lomento, to the Inspector General, dated 15th January, 1843.

No. 10.-The certificate of James M. Strange. Esq., stating that his cheque on the Bank, dated 6th April, was withheld from Mr. Kelly until some days after.

First Charge.-Mr. Kelly, had not closed his accounts of the 13th July.

The quarter ended on the 5th July. By the Provincial Statute of Upper Canala of 3rd Vic: cap. 9: sec.2, the Collectnis of II. M. Revenue are allowed 20clear days after the termination of each quarter, to make up their accounts, and to transmitcopies verifiod by a solemn declaration befnre a Magistrate to the Inspector Gencral. Mr. Kolly therefore was required, neither by Law, nor by the usage of the department to complote his accounts and transmit them to the Government until the 26th July; and it could not in fairness be a ground of complaint that his accounts had not been completed on the 13th July; besides, Mr. Cameron in his report adverts to the fact of Mr. Kelly being very ill and obliged to leave his office. If, therefore, there had been any unusual delay in the making up and transmission of Mi. Kelly's accounts to the Inspector General, Mi.

Kelly might humbly advert to this fact, and to the circumstance of Mr. Cameron's visit to Toronto, at the very time when Mr. Kelly was engaged in making up his quarterly accounts for transmission to GoAppendis
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22d Nov'r. vernment, and to Mr. Cameron's mode of examina- tion in extenuation of that delay.

But it will be found by referring to the second, paragraph of Mr. Cameron's Report of 28th Julythat Mr. Kclly's accounts were on that day in Mr. Cameron's hands and transmitted by him to the Inspector General ; so that, in point of fact, Mr. Kcl ly's accounts were delayed only one day heyond the period allowed by Laiw for their transmission to Government. notwithstanding the ill stale of Mr. Kelly's health, and the interruption and distraction occasionod by Mr: 'Cameron's mode of investigation, which, by impressing the Mcrehants and the Public of Toronto with the belief that Mr. Kclly was suspected of dishonest practices, could not fail to disturb his mind and impair his ability to attend the dutics of his office.

Second Charre.-There was no system of doing business in Mr. Kelly's office, and no Bonded Warehouse Book being kept, the only trace of the goods bonded, was by reference to the bonds.

In the paragraph in Mr. Cameron's Report which comprises this charge, it is stated that Mr. Kelly found it necessary some time agn to dismiss Mr. Laing, his B'ok-keeper, and to cmploy Mr. Graham, "a good penman, bat a young man of no expericuce, and who evidently hail no system of doing business." It is lrue that Mr. Kelly was under the necessity of dismissing Mr. Laing, his Book-keeper. Mr. Laing was dismissed from no want of ability, but in consequence of a difficulty between him and the IIon. Mr. Gage of the 83rd liggiment, which in Mr. Kolly's opinion, justified such dismiswal. It is also true that Mr. Graham, though an excellent penman, and a person of unimpeachable character and integrity, was show and wanted experience; but under Mr. Kelly's directions he pursucd precisely the same svetem of business whirh had been followed in Mr. Laing's time, and which on previous visits had been approved by Mr. Cameron. If therefore there was a want of system in the office, doubtless the responsibility for that want must demolve on Mr. Kelly and not on Mr. Graham; but Mr. Kolly respectfully denies that there was any want of system, and hambly insists, that after Mr. Laing's dismiswal, and whilst Mr. Gmhám was Mr. Kelly's Clerk, the same system was pursued in transacting the businnss of the office, anfl in keeping the Books which had boen approved of by Mr. Cameron on former nceasions, and which that Officer had enjoined Mr. Kelly to continue without clange. until an unform system should be adopted by all the Collectors of II. M. Revenue in this part of Canada, and an uniform sorics of ruled Bouks should be supplied to them.

With regard to the charge of there being no bonded Warchouse book, and that the only trace of the goonis bonded was by reference to the hondsMr. Kelly apprehends that the charge must be founded on a mistake, as there was a bonded warehouse book at the time to which Mr. Cameron refors. The bonded warchnuse book which was in use at the time referred to by Mr. Cameron, is now in the posscssion of Mr. Kelly's successor, as Collector of Customs at Toronto, and a copy of it has been furnished to Mr. Kelly since his romuval from Office, by that Gentleman. It is scarcely necessary to add that the statement that the only trace of the goods bonded was by reference to the bonds, is inaccurate and unfounded in fact.

Third Charge. - No account was opened in Mr. Kelly's Books for Harbour dues, and the entrics
were made in the bloter "several small craft," with no names, dates or particulars.

It will be found, on reference to Mr. Kelly: Books, that the sums received by him for Thathem: dues, were, as received, regulaily entered in the bloter or day-book. as all other sums recerived by him on the piblic account were ontered. It is true that there are tivo instances, and two instances only, in the Quarter to which Mr. Camaron's Roports refer-the cntry of "sundry small crali:" In all the other instances of sums receised for Iabour dues, the precise day of receipt, and the name of the party or vessel in repect of which the sums were paid, are stated. As to the two instances of payments which occur in theform stated by Mr. Cam:ron, the one occurred at the commencement of the season, before the business of the port hat regu'arly commenced, and the other was an amount collected and received by the Keeper of the Light-house on the Govermment Pier, and by him paid ower to" Mr. Kelly. In previons Quarters, the sums collected by this individual were in like manner paid oyer to Mr . Kelly, and rntered by him in his Books, in the same forin, without censure or observation by Mr. Cameron or the Inspector Gencral.

For further explanation on the subject of IIarbour du's, Mr. Kelly respectfully refers to his reply to the Fourtenth charge.

Fourth Charge.-There was no account for moneys received lor auction ducs or auction licenses.

The sums received by Mr. Kolly, from time to time, for anction ducs. were, on the day of reempt. entered in the biotter or day-book, as all nother sums received by him on the publice account were entered; ; and at the end of each quarter the sums so recoived were stated and entered in a separate account, and in that form transmitted to the Insjector Ceneral.

Fifth Charge.-The phaster imported by James Brown, on the 17th April. was not enteted, and the duty therenn was not pail until the th July. Ma. Brown is the principal Furwarder resident in the Port of Toronto.

In consequence of the Government not being provided with a warehouse for the reveption of groods imported into the Port of 'Toronto, an'l not ruterad for the payment of duts, within the period reguired by law, it has of necessity boen the custom in that Port to allow the Forvarlera, on the arrival of the steamers and other vessels resorting to Throntn, to land and deposit the corcose in the Forwarlers' own warchonses, wher they are shposeden remain in the same state ax the would have bern in had they remained on board the importing veseel. By the provisions of the Imprerial Act 3 \& 4 Wm. IV. ch. 59, importers of crowds are required. within twenty days after the arrival of the vessel in which surh grods are imported. to enter the same for pavment of duty. and in default of suchentry. the Collertore of H. M. Customs are empowered. at the expiration of the twenty days, to land the grools and secure them in proper places, at the expense of the importers, and if the goons shall not be contered within three months after such landing, the Collectors are empowered to sell the same-out of the proceeds of the sale to pay the dutirs to which such goods were liable, and after payment thereof, and of all the expense incurred in the landing, warehousing and sale, to pay over the balance of the proceeds to the importer.

The plaster referred to in Mr. Camern's Report, as imported hy Mr. Browne, arrived in Toronto on the 17 h April. as appears ly the entry in the manifest bemk, kept by Mr. Kelly in his office, as Collector of Customs at Turontn. On the 17th May, had the custom ieferred to not existed, and the vessel in which the plater was imported had still remained in the Port if Torontn, and the entry of such plaster for the payment of daty had not been made. as in fact it had mot, Mr. Kelly might, under the provisious of the Act above quoted have caused the plaster in be lauded and properly secured on that das, but under the custom which has hitherto preraited under the sametion of the Govermment, the plaster had already heen landed and secured to the satisfiction of the Collector of Customs. If, however, on the 7th of August, the day on which the three mombsexpired the plaster had still remained unentered, Mr. Kelly might then have caused the sime to be suld. But the phaster was entered, and the duty thereon paid, nin the dth July, long betore Mr. Kelly could under the provisions of the Imperinl Aet of 3 and 4, William LV., do more than in point of fact was donc. If, therefore there was in point of form, an official irregularity in this instance. it was merely in point of form, for substantially, all was done that the liw enabled Mi. Kclly to do ; and the irregularity is to be ascribed rather to the want of proper Goverument ware houses, thon to neglect or incapacity on the part of Mr. Kelly.

Sieth Charere.-The Salt importod by Charles Robertson. on the 20th June, was not entered on the 17th July.

In this case, Mr. Kelly refers to the annexed statemont (marked No. 4.) of Mr. Charles Robertson. a nust respectable merchant. at Toronto, and who fully explained all the circumstancers attendant on this charge to Mr. Cancron with which explanation (as Mr. Robertson his stated to Mr. Kelly,) Mr. Cameron appenced perfectly sutisfied and that no loss could by possibility accrue to the Revenue, by the accommodation granted to Mr. Robertson by Mr. Kclly.

Sruonth Cherge.-Carolessnass and irregularity on the part of Mr. Kelly, or of those acting under him, in having in eqghty-seven instances, of which a writuen list was furnished Mr. Kelly, omitted to make proper entrics.

In replying to this chargo, it is necossary to refer to the statencut made in reply to the first charge, which was, that Mr. Kelly had not, on the 13th July, closed his acrounts. The reply to that charge was. that Mr. Kelly was allowed by law for that purpose. twenty clear days, and that the twenty days did not expire until the e7th July. a date subsequent to that of the Report, contaning the first charge mainst Mr. Kelly, and the charge now under consideration.

It is true that in posting the books, Mr, Kelly had omitted some entries. (the gross amome of the duties on which do not excoed 玉18.) but those omissims would have been discovered by Mr. Kelly himself; had Mr. Canoron poss poned his visil until the expiration of the period allowed lyy law to Mr. Kelly for making up his books. They were, in point of fact, discovered previous to the expiration of the period allowed for making up the accounts, and were, with all the other instances, contained in Mr. Cameron's string of memoranda, axcept cight. included in the Return transmitted to the Inspector Gencral, on the 23d July, as Mr. Cameron admits himself, in his second Report.

By the annexed letter from Mr. Laing, to Mr. Kelly, dated 28th August, 1843, it will appear that
it was the practice of Mr. Kelly, after the close of the quarter, to compare the deliveries of the manifest bonk, with the entries for the past guarter, and to rectify such omissions as were then found to have occurred.

Eighth Charge,-Having suffered Mcssrs. Hamilton \& Wi'son to remove certain gnods before entry and payment of duty, upon an understanding that the amount of duties was to be a sett off against a private deht due from Mr. Kelly to Messrs. Hamilton \& Wilson.

In referring to this transaction, Mr. Cameron says " but the most unpleasint matter in the whole of these errors is in the case of [lamilton \& Wilson."

If it were true, as insinuated in Mr. Camerons Report. that the indulgence extended by Mr. Kally to Messrs. Hamilton \& Wilson proceoded from any other motive than a wish to areommodate a respectable firm, withnut loss or injury to the public: Revenue, undonbtedly this caso woild he the most unpleasant matter in the whole of the instances of misconduet imputed to Mr. Kelly. But the annexed affidavits from disinterested parties. who have no purposes to' serve by misrepresenting any of the circumstances. distinctly prove that there is not a shadow of foundation for imputing to Mr. Kully any other motive, and that Mr. Cameron lad, from misapprehension, or from some other cause. been led into a statement of erroumstances. and induced to give a colour to the transaction, wholly unsustainable. It is stated by Mr. Cumernn thit Mr. Kelly was. according to the representation of Messrs. Inamilton \& Wilson, to pay the duties leviable' on the goods in question, in dischargo of a private debt due from Mr. Kelly to Mess's. Mamilton \& Wilson.
This statement is distinetly negntived by the annexed affidavits at the,time in onestion. Mr. Kelly was indebted to Messrs. Iramilton \& Wilson, only in a small and inconsiderable amount for goods supplied since the commencement of the current yenr, and to be paid for at the close of the year. like other tradesmen's accounts. The whole of the circumstances of the case, are clearly and impartially stated in the thmexed affidavits. and to them Mr. Kelly refers as rolieving him from the henvy charge which is insinuated rather than made against him, by Mr. Cameron, in reference to thits transaction.

Nimth Charree.-All the gonds received since the 5 th of Julys were entered on a fow sheets of paper sowed togethor.
This statement, if mexplainod, would unquestionably tend to show that the business of Mr. Kolly's office was conducted in a very slovenly and irregular manner.
It is not pretended that the entries of gonds arriving previous to the 5th of July, were entered on sheets of paper sewod togethor. From the assumption of the ollice of Collocior by Mr. Kelly, up to the poriod in question, the entries had been made in proper books. and such books had been approved of by Mr. Canneron. On the 5th July, the now tariff came into aperation, and under that tarifl' the entries required a new set of forms. and rendered the old bouks useless. For a fow days' after the new duties becume loviable, and until borks ordered by Mr. Kelly to be ruled ancording to the forms required under the new tariff were obtained, Mr. Kelly was under the necessity of making the entries in a temporary book, ruled in the proper manner, and consisting of a sufficient number of sheets of paper sewed together, to reccive all the entrics likely to be requircd, until the new books reached Mr. Kelb's office. But it is respectfully submitted that in this circumstance, there was nothing irregular or improper ; and that it does not in the slightest degree sustain the charges of grave irregularity imputed to Mr. Kelly.

Tenth Charge.-The goods imported by Doane, on the 30th June, were entered since the 5th July; also the goods that arrived on the 5th July, and the goods imported by Burke \& O'Neill, by which the duties , under the old tariff were saved.

It has already been shewn that under the Imperial Act, the Collector of Customs has no power until after the expiration of twenty days from the arrival of the vessel in which the goods were imported, to take any steps to compel an importer to make entry of his goods, and that on the expiration of twenty days, he is only empowered to land and store them, and that his power to do more does not arise, until the expiration of three months from such landing and storing of the goods. Mr. Kelly therefore was not in a condition to compel the importers to make entries in the cases inquestion, at the date of Mr. Catheron's complaint that the goods were uncotered, whether the importers did or did not, by their delay to make entry, save the difference betweon the old and new dities. On these grounds it is submitted that no charge of irregu'arity can be sustained against Mr. Kelly in respect of these cases, but that the charge has resulted entirely from Mr. Cameron's misapprehension of the duties and powers of a Collector of Customs.

Eleventh Charge.-Certain sums received from Mr . Strange were kept back, or borrowed from one period to another.
Mr. Cameron states that "he called on Mr. Strange, and found that Mr. Kelly called on him (Mr. Strange) personally, and received on the 6th April $\mathbf{E 2 5}$ 2s. 10 d .; bit Mr. Kclly neglected to return it that quarter, (meaning the quarter ending on the 5th April, and returns it now." By the enclosed certificate from Mr. Strange, it will be seen that though Mr. Strange's check was dated on the Gh $\Lambda$ pril, it was not called for until some days afterwards. In point of fact it was not called for and received until the 13th April, when it was duly entered and credited to the Government in Mr. Kclly's Books.

Mr. Cameron's Report goes on to say that "Mr. Kolly omits this quarter $£ 208 \mathrm{~s}$. 8d. which he recrived from Mr. Strange for the past quarter. His reccipt is dated the 6th July."
Mr. Kelly received the sum in question on the Gth July, and on the 13th July it was paid by him ints tho Bank of Upper Canada, to the credit of the Receiver General of tho Province. Mr. Cameron's Report adds "that I find by his (Mr: Kolly's' return from the 5th October to the 5th Jannary, that he (Mr. Kelly) returned only $£ 1615 s .$, while Mr. Strange holds a roceipt dated 4th November, for £ 83.1 ld . It is possible Mr. Kelly may have returned this in the provions quarter.

By reference to Mr. Kelly's returns to the Inspector General for the Quarter ending on tho ${ }^{\circ}$ 5th Oc toher, 1842, it will be scen that the sum of $£ 83 \mathrm{~s}$. 1d., fir which Mr. Strange holds Mr. Kelly's' reccipt. was accounted for in that quarter and paid-over to the Government, although Mi. Kelly did not, as appears by the receipt to which MI. Camerori refers, obtain the money until the 4th November.

The insinuation in these statements is that Mr. Kelly obtained an irregular and unwarrantable use of the public monies. There is no foundation whatever for the imputation.

Twelth Charge.-The sums credited to the Government by Mr. Kelly for the Steamers Gore, Britannia, and America, donot correspond with the sums entered in Mr Bethune's Books as paid for those steamers.

The statement in Mr. Cameron's Report is as fol-
?d Nor'r. lows:-"I have examined the accounts of the different Steam Boat; fir harbor dues, and I find no way of reconciling the returns in these cases ; at Mr. Bethunc's office th? Boats were charged with hav- ing paid Mr. Kelly as follows:-

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& \text { The Britannia,.... } 818 \quad 0 \\
& \text { The America,..... } 3215 \text {, } 3
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"Mr. Kelly returns, 5th October, 1842 :-

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& \text { The America,..... } 32153 \\
& \text { The Britannia,.... } 611 \text { 5" }
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The imputation against Mr. Kolly conveyed by the above passare is, that Mr. Kelly received a larger sum from Mr. Bethune's Agents, for tho harbor dues on the Steamers Gore, Britannia and America, than he (Mr. Kelly) crodited to the Government. It is true that the differences are not large, amounting, on the Steamer Gore, to the sum of $\mathcal{L}_{1}$ 3s. Gad., and on the Steaner liritannia to the sum of $£ 23 \pm .6$; but the charge argainst Mr. Kolly is not diminished by the smallness of the sums, which it is the obvinus intention of this paragraph to insinuate that Mr. Kelly has not accounted for and has misappropriated.

Mr . Kelly cannot, is is submitted, be considered accountable for the entrics in Mr. Bethune's books.

To sustain a charge that Mr. Kelly had accounted to the Government for less than he actually received from Mr. Bethune's office, some evidence of the payment of the sums said to be received by him, and of the dates of payment, and of the particulars for which such payments were said to be made, ought to be adduced. But no such particulars are given, and heavy as the imputation on Mr. Kelly is, it is impossible for him to du more than to insist on investigation, it will be found to be utterly without foundation. and that he has honestly accounted to Government for every sum, however small, which has been paid to hitn on Mr. Bethunc's account.

In conclusion it may be remarked, that in regard to the Steamor "America" there is no difference between the sum said to have been paid to Mr. Kelly and the sum accounted for by him. It is difficult to understand upon what ground this Steamer is included among the Steamors in regard to which a difference is asserted to exist.

Thirteenth Charge.-The IIarbour dues were collected in an imperfect manner.

In replying to this charge, Mr. Kelly is caltedup. on to solicit attention to the manner in which the subjoct is introduced by Mr. Cameron.

Immediately after the paragraph in which Mr. Cameron attempts to shew that Mr. Kelly has accounted for less than he actually received from Mr. Bethune, he procceds to say "I am of opinion that the greatest loss to the Government, this quarter, is from the imperfect manner in which the harbour dues are collected."

In the succeeding passage to that quoted above, Mr. Cameron adds, "I have also found that many individuals pay their own dues, of which I cannot trace the accounts in Mr. Kelly's return."

If these statements were made for any purpose, it is obvious that they were made for the purpose of creating an impression that Mr. Kelly was in the
habit of receiving sums on account of harbour dues, for which he did not account to the Government, and that during the quarter to which Mr. Cameron refers, the greatest loss accruing to the Government, in the Port of Toronto resulted from the manner in which the harbour dues had been collected.

If Mr. Cameron intended merely to represent to the Grovernment that there was an imperfection in the sustem of collecting the harbour dues, for which Mr. Kolly was not responsible, either on the ground of negligence or misappropriation, the statements referred to would not have been introduced and connected in Mr. Cameron's report, with the ropresentation to Government on the subject. Mr. Cameron would have confined himself to the explanation that the "schonners only pay when sharply looked after, which, he says, cannot be done at present, when the landing niffeer is attending the arrival of foreign grools, and the Clork busy in entering them, half a dozen schooners may discharge and be off."

If, on the other hand, it was intended to charge Mr. Kelly as accessary to the loss to Governunent, either on the score of negligence or misappropriation, it would have been clearly a matter of simple justice to an officer whose character and livelihood were at stake, to have stated the charges broadly, and to have set forth cloarly and distinctly the facts upon which the charge was grounded. It is far from improbable that the harbour dues inight be more advantagenusly collected, but Mr. Cameron him. self adinits that at present, and with the means possessed by Mr. Kelly, it was impossible that he could collect them more perfectly.

This subject was distinctly brought to the notice of Government by Mr. Manahan. the immediate predecessor of Mr. Kelly, in the office of Collector, in a letter addressed to the Inspector General, and dated "Custom House, Toronto, 13th January, 1842." From that letter Mr. Kclly begs leave to transcribe the following extract:-


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"It is my duty to state, that, in the absence of any power to punish, summarily, persons who evade the payment of the harbour dues, fof wood and stone landed at this Port, the tithe of the proper charges upon those articles is not collected, and although an increased commission of five per cent. is allowed to the Collector. yet the entire commission would not sufficiently remuncrate a person for the time necessary to be bestowed upon the exact collection of this revenue, any infringement of which must, according to the law, be prosecuted in a Court of Record. I would also suggest for your consideration, whether under an order in Council I might not be justified in entering complaints before one or more Magistrates. Small vessels come to the wharves, and no power is given to prevent thein from landing their cargoes, and when landed, no power exists to enforce paymnt unless bya tedious and expensive course of prosucution in a Court of Record. On this subject, in so far as I am acguainted with the matter the best course would seem to me to appoint a Wharfinger at a small salary whose duty it would be to attend chicfly, if not exclusively, to the collction of the dies, for whose intromission I would be responsible."


"In a Port of the growing importance of Toronto, giving at present so large a sum of Revenue, a regular and respectable Custorn Iouse should be established, and the means of securing the due collection of the Revenue and efficiently conducting the preventive service, should be limited only to the actual exigencies of the scrvice."

To that letter Mr. Manahan received a reply, and if any imperfection in the mode of collecting and

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accounting for the Harbour Dues existed at the time of Mr. Kelly's dismissal, it was no other than the same imporfection which had existed with the knowledge of the Department before the appointment of Mr. Kelly, and for which the Government, though solicited to do so, had provided no remedy.

Fourteenth Charge.-The sums paid by Robertson, Ogilvic \& Brown, for Harbour and Tonnage Dues, cannot be traced, and the sum of $£ 6$ is. for Tonnage Dues on the "Sir F.B. IIcad," was omitted to be credited to Government.

Mr. Cameron's statement in the first part of this charge is as follows:--"I have also found that many individuals pay their own dues, of which I cannot trace the accounts in Mr. Kelly's return; I find that John Robertson paid £5 19s. 9d. ; Mr. Ogilvic, £ 6 12s. 9d. ; Eagle \& Richmond, per Mr. Brown, £24 7s. 2 d .

The annexed letter, from Mr. Ogilvic to Mr: Kelly, will shew that Mr. Cameron's statement, so far as regards Mr. Ogilvie, is wholly unsustainablo. Mr. Ogilvie certifies that he did not pay into Mr. Kelly's Office any "IIarbour Dues, from the 5th April to the 5th July, the Harbour Dues being always paid by the Wharfingers."

With respect to the sum of $£ 247 \mathrm{7s}$. 2d. paid by Mr . Brown, it will be found accounted for in Mr. Kelly's accounts, as follows :-

Credited to the Receiver General, 5th July
£ 716
Lodged in the Bank of Upper Canada, on the 31st July, as folluws:-

. $\left.1 \begin{array}{lll}17 & 5 & 8 \\ \hline £ 24 & 7 & 2\end{array}\right]$
Two of the sums which Mr. Cameron states that he cannot trace being accounted for, and the sum of玉66s. for the "Sir F. B. Head"" which Mr. Cameron states had not been credited to Government, under the head of "Schooners 'Issbella' and 'Lenpard' now in the possession of the lnspector General.

Fiftecnth Charre-LSeveral sums enumerated in Mr. Cameron's Report wvere not deposited at the Bank to the credit of the Receiver General, but were borrowed. Mr. Cameron's statement is as fol-lows:-
"On examining Mr. K.'s books before leaving this morning, I found the following sums received, but not deposited nor rendered to me in the accounts:

6th July-Schr. Isabella, $20^{\circ}$ tons mer-
chandize....................... 1 3
7th " J. M. Strange, Auction Dues. . 20185
Capt. Richardson, Light Moneyand Harbour Dues.... T. Reed, Auction Duties.... 4128
R. McClure, Auction Duty... 4 7. 3 Smith, Light-House money ... $\quad 210{ }^{\circ} 0$ Harbour Dues, 3 Friends and Propeller
$42 \cdot 4$
20th " Schooner Isabella, 20 tons merchandize

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Schoner Smuggler...........
R. Tinning. ...................

Toronto ….................. 11710
Carried forward

Brought forward
. $8213 \quad 9$
20th July-Kent \& Friend, 7s. 5d., Emily, 133. 4d. .......
Robertson, Harbqur Dues (see
last page)
10.9

5199
Harbour Dues and Tight-mo. ney, paid by Brown .... $24 \quad 7 \quad 2$
£120 $14 \quad 2$
24 '7 2
"These sums show the amount reccived by Mr. Kelly, which should ha e come into this quarters account, but were borrowed."

In this instance Mr. Cameron's charge is sufficiently specific and distinct ; it is, that the sums enumerated were not, on the 28th July, the date of Mr. Cameron's Report, deposited nor rendered in account, but were borrowed.
It is difficult to account for Mr. Cameron's state'ment, for, not only were the sums accounted for to the Government, at the date of Mr. Cameron's Report, but they had actually been deposited at the Bank of Upper Canada to the credit of the Receiver Gencral, and Mr. Cameron had himself checked off, in Mr. Kelly's Cash Book and Day Book, the several sums enumerated as so deposited.
The following is a statement of the sums so paid, and of the dates when received by Mr. Kelly, and when paid over by him.
Lodged to the credit of the Receiver General; on the 15th July, as follows:-


Lodged to the credit of the Receiver
General as follows, on the 22d July :-

Mr. Browne's Harbour Dues account-
ed for under the previous charge... 24 2 7
Mr. Robertson's do................... 519,2
Mr. Ogilvie's do... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6 12 9
£119 $0 \quad 1$
It is respectfully submitted that this statement, which will be corroborated by Mr. 'Kelly's' letters and accounts, in the possession of Government, fully refutes Mr . Cameron's allegation, that these sums were not deposited nor hendered in account, but were borrowed by Mr. Kelly.
(Sub-Inclosure, No. 1:)
(Copy.)
Extracis from the Report on Mr. Kelly's case.
July 17th, 1848.
"Found Mr. Kelly had not closed his quartere account; I commenced an examination of his en




































































tries, and regret to inform you that I found them very unsatisfactory (as matters were so far behind) 1 requested him io attend on Friday morning at 6 A. M., that we might get maters adjusted before closed at all; and all the goods received since are entered on a few sheets of paper sewed together.






























































I have given him notice to close his quarterly accounts immediately, and furnish me with a detailed statement of all his receipts. I have furnished him
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Bethune's office the boats are charged with having paid Mr: Kclly as follows :-

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> Britannia...................... 8182
> Amorica $3215 \quad 3$

Mr. Kelly returns, 5th Oct. 1842-

| The Gore. | 16 |
| :---: | :---: |
| America | 3215 |
| Britannia. | 611 |

For 1843 the Gore has paid $£ 8144\}^{\text {Sec Mr. K.'s }}$
" "America " 8 3 11 Relurn from
"" Britannia". $215 \quad 6\}$ 5th Ayril.
"It appears these sums were a balance due in 1842. I have also compared the accounts of the other Lake Boats with Mr. Kelly's, but not having the return from 5th January to 5 th April, cannot make any remarks upon them till I get to Kingston.
"I am of opinion that the greatest loss to the Government, this quarter, is from the imperfect manner in which the Marbour Dues are collected.
" The steam vessels keep an account themselves, and pay over quarterly to the Custom House, and the schooners only pay when sharply looked after, which cannot be done at present; when the landing officer is attending the arrival of toreign goods, and the clerks busy entering them, half a dozen schooners may discharge and be off. I have also found that many individuals pay their own ducs, of which I cannot trace the accounts in Mr. Kelly's Return.

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& \text { "I find that Mr. Robertson paid. ....£ } 5199 \\
& \text { " Mr. Ogilvie............. } \\
& \text { " Eagle \& Richmond,per Mr. } \\
& \text { Brown.................. } 2472 \\
& \text { £39 } 19.8
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"These I could only ascertain last night, on examining the accounts, and hand Mr. Kelly a memorandum for explanation of the sum received from Mr. Brown ; however it must be remarked, that £ 6 6s. is for tonnage dues on the 'Sir F. B. Head,' omitted to be credited to the Government.
"You will perceive, by reference to the returns that the steamboats and schooners are all entered without date; no account having been kept, the statement is made from memory.

On examining Mr. K.'s Books before leaving this morning. I found the following sums received, but not deposited nor rendered to me in the accounts :-

Schooner "Isabella," 20 tons merchan-

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| J. M. Strange, Auction | 2018 |
| Captain Richardson, light money and |  |
| Harbour Dues................... | 4011 |
| T. Bird, Auction Dues | 412 |
| R. M Clurc, Auction Duty. | 4.78 |
| Smith, Light IIouse-Money. | 2.10 |
| Harbour Dues "Three Friends" and <br> "Propeller" | 4 |
| Schooner " Isabella," 20 tons merchandize. | O |
| Schnoner "Smuggler,". | 020 |
| R. Tinning | 15.0 |
| Schooner "Toronto." | 11710 |

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" Kent" \& "Friend," 7s. 5ị. ;"Émily,"
13s. 4d..

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| £ 83 |  | 6 |
|  | 19 | 0 |
|  | 12 | 9 |
| 24 | 7 | 2 |

£120 14 2
"These sums shew the amounts received by Mr. Kelly whirh should have come into this quarter's account, but was borrowed."

> (Sub.Inclosure, No. 3.)

Letter from Mr. Alfred Laing to W: M. Kelly, Esq. (Copy.)

Toronto, 28th August, 1843.
Sir,
In reply to your letter of this date, I beg to state that at the expiration of each quarter the practice was to compare the deliveries of the Manifest Book with the entries for the past quarter ; while I was in your Office, such omissions as were found here, as far as I an at present able to state, were rectified before the returns were transmitted to the Inspector Gencral.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,
ALFRED LAING.
To W. M. Kelly, Esquire.
(Sub-Inclosure No. 4.)

## Statement of Mr. C7urles Robertson.

 (Copy.)Being called on to state the nature of a transaction between the Collectnr (Kelly) of this Port and myself, which occurred about the 22d June last, I have only to repeat what I stated to Mr. Cameron when called on by him for the like information a few days ago. In June, I purchased 500 bbls. salt, from Lewis \& Co., Oswego, to be delivered here, by a specified time, in one cargo; that a part ( 250 bbls.) of said 500 arrived in the schooner "Leopard," on or about the 22d June, which I reported to the Collector and his Deputy, and requested Mr . Kelly to allow me to remove part of it, being in immediate want of it, and defer making the entry until the balance came over, which I was assured would be in a few days, when the whole 500 bbls. could go into a bond.

This hel agreed to do, after some hesitation, and I got a permit accordingly; but; as salt subsequently became very scarce in Oswego, I could not get the partv there to perform their agreement within the specified time, and further requested Mr. Kelly to extend the time of cntry for a few days, which he agreed in, until Mr. Cameronarrived in town, when Mr. Kelly called on'me for the amount at once, as there was no iminediate prospect of the balance coming over.
I stated the above circumstances to Mr. Cameron, who seemed satisfied that it was a mere irregularity in Mr. Kelly's mode of doing business, and that if any blame was attached to any one it was solely at my
instance, and proceeding from the Collector's well known obliging manner.
(Signed,) CIIARLES ROBERTSON.
'Toronto, August, 1813.
(Sub-Inclusure, No. 5.)
Affilarit of Mr. Alerander Ilemiltion.
(Copy.)
Honn: Disputer, $\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Alexander Hamiton, of the }\end{array}\right.$ ro wir. $\}$ (its of ' Formon, merchant, matketh oath and saith, that he and his parther, Joseph Wilson, pur hased a quantity of grods in New tork. but ow ing to the early seting in of the womer, ail the parketges did int arriwe; on thase wheth dat, this depment and his sain prarture pard the doties, and at the same time fuenished Mr. Kerly, the (iellector'of Customs, with the orimimal muiers: not only for the goods that had, but abos fir the packia ges which had mot arrived. That on the arrival of The gronts wheh had, as this depmont has hefore stated, hern dwhyed by the closing of the nasigattion, it was not mithe powe of the sepment to declate the: coments of each of the parkigers, aod to set forth the invore prices thereof, whout an examination and comparison with the original insoice, that was, as this deponent has aheady mentioned, shewn to the Collector when the inst pareets had been reseisel in the month of Norember precedng, and that sueh ill examination was requisite in order to the furmshang copies to the Coflector of the ongrimal imoner, and this deponent farther sath meiTher at the time of the arrival of the first woens in November. ner when the remaining parkues were. for the above mentioned purgoses, thlowed by the said collecetor to be removed, was there any comversation direet or indirect, that the private neeonut of the said Collector shonld be sot ofl against the dutios that might be found to be due vil the said goods.

And this deponent further saith. that on or about the first day of July last, the said Contlector called at the shop of thes deponent, and told the deponent that as the period bad arrued at whech he had to make up his returns to the (ioverment, this depoaent must pay the dutios on the betore mentioned goods; that ihis deponcont then said that moncy was very scaree, mad that he had not as moch. by ham as the amount of the duties. (forty-sir pounits.) but that he and his partner wond call at the Custom House and arrage for the payncit. That atcordmesly this deponent and his sidid parther did call, amblanong oither things, as; thoy had not the money wherewith to pay the dutes, they proposed w'Mr. Kelly that he should allow the amomi of a private account due from him to them, to stand agramst so mueh of the duties to which Mr. Kelly objectad, statmy that ho never mixed his publice und private aceconis. That the deponent then suggested that he: and his said partucr should make lum a note for the duties, which Mr. Kelly also relused; this depment then stated that the grouds in question had not been used, on which Mr. Kolly said that as with regard to that deseription of goods. there was no difierence in the old and new tarili, they might be returned to the watchnuse to secure the payment of the daties to the Guvormment, whic: this depenent promised stould to done. That on the evenng of the thirteenth July, Mr. Kelly called and asked whether the goods had been sent down to the warehouse, to which this deponent replied that they had not, as hu lad been waiting to see it they could arrange the amount in the manner before mentionod. by sctting off Mr. Kelly's private accomt, which Mr. Kelly still objected to, and said that unless the goods were sent down that evening. he might be censured, as the Inspector of Customs
was up, and the moncy must appear on his books, or the goods in the store, remarking it was not necossary to pack them all up, if a sullicient quantity were sent down to cover the duties due; "pack up a courte of eases." were the words, as this deponent recollerts. This deponent then stated that he would do so, however incomvenient it was to deponent, rather than have any censire attach to the said Collector ; and this deponunt firther saith that he did so pack up plate glass at the New York cost price of 5719 s . tid., which is in the cases yet, (runcess taken ont witnout ihe knowhedge or consent of this depenent;) amd this deponent forther saith. that Mr. Kelly never stated to this deponent "that his head would be in has hands" if the cases were not scat down.
(Signed,
ALEXANDER ILAMLTON.
Sworn before me. at Toronto, this twenty-ninth day of August, 1843.

## (Signed) JOIF II ILABGARTY, <br> Commissioner © ©c., Queen's Bench,

 Home District.(Sub-Inclosure No. ©.)
Affulucuit of Mr. Joseph Wilson.
(Copy.)
Home Distract, \} Joseph Wilson, of the City of ro wer. Toronto, cabinet maker, partner of Alexander Ifamiltom, maketh oath and saith. that William M. Kelly. Espm at that time Collector of Customs for the Port of Toronto owed this deponent and his said parther, an accomit for various articles, anounting to E6if 17 s.' Bd., which said account was paid on the fifth day of November last : and this deponent further saith. that at the time whon the said W. M. Kolly paid his said account. that he stated to this deponcut, that, on the cevent of his purchasing any more artiches from this deponent tad his said partner, that it was to be understond that he was not to be called on for payment until the cond of this present yoar, to which this deponent assented: and this deponent further saith, that at the teme when tho said W. M. Kelly permitted the said Alexander Hanilton, to remove certain packages of ylass, there was no understanding or proposal of any kind, that any amount due on the private account of the sild W. M. Kolly. should be set off or allowed in settling for the dutips, that I am a ware of.
(Sigued, $)$
JOSEPII WILSON.
Sworn before me, at Toronto, this, eleventh August. 1813.
(Sigued,
SLIFPINGTON CONNOR. A Com'r in B. R1. for the llome Dist.
(Sub-Inclosure, No. 7.)
Letter from Mr. Mamilton to Malcolm. Cameron,
Esquirc. (Cony.)
Sin.
Yours of the 5 th came to hand, I hasten to reply.
The circumstances and conversation are these:Early on the morning of the. 15 th or 16 th , July you
came into the storo and enquired if we were not in the habit of importing from the United States; 1 said, some little. You asked what duties wo paid Jast year ; I took you up stairs and shewed you our Invoices and Receipts for the duties; you said they entresponded with the entries in Mr. Kelly's books. You then asked what we paid, or woro owing this year; I told you we had paid nothing for goods imported this year, that any duties accruing upon goorls imported this year, were still due, amounting to abiont $\& 10$. You then asked if we had any goods in the bonded warchouse; 1 said we hard 2 cases. You asked when they wore put there; I told you two or three eveniugs befire. You remarked, íLr. Kelly, R y, or spme one about the C llector"s oflise had attempted to hoodwink, humburg or deceive you, or words to that effect. You asknd me if these cases contained the goods montioned in the Invoices shewn you, and upon which dutios were due; I said not, only part, Mr. Kelly when he requested me to send them having remarked, it was not necussary to pack all up. if sufficient woro put up to securo the duties, or the Government from loss, it would do. I said I thought there was about double as much value in the cases as would do that.

At that time I had not made up the value of what was put in them, but find upon making it up my guess was nearly correct. I remarked further, when Mr, Savage was Collector, the goods were always sent up to me without even waiting for the Inyoice; when Mr. Carfrac was Collector, the Invoice was required cre a permit was granted, but the duties were not wanted sometimes for months, and that Mr. Kelly followed the course of Mr. Carfrac, only more strict.

## (Nearly a copy of the Letter to Mr. Cameron.)

> (Signed,)
A. H.

To M. Cameron, Esq.,
\&c. \&c. \&c.
(Sub-Inclosure. No. 8.)
Letter from Alexantar Oqilvie \& Co. to W. M. Kelly, Esquirc.
(Copy.)
Toronto, 2ith August, 1813.
Dear Str.
In reply to your note of this date, we beg to inform you that we have not paid into your office any harbour dues from the 5th April to the 5tli July, 1843; the harbour dues being always paid by the Wharfinger.
(Signed,) ALEXANDER OGILVIE, \& Co.
W. M. Kelly, Esq.,
(Sub-Inclosure, No. 9.)
Lettor from Anithony Mrnahm, Esquive, to the Motiorad́le John Mucaulay.
(Copy)

> Custom House,
> Toronto, 13 h January; 1842.

Sin,
1 have the horor to transmit, by Philip Graham; Esquire, R. N., the quarterly accounts of this Port.
ending on the 5 th instant, with my account current for the same quarter, showing a balance of Revenue in favor of the Provincial Government of色1144 1s. 7d., which amount I have, as accustomed, placed to the credit of the Receiver Guneral, in the Bank of Upper Canada, of which deposit' I shall duly inform the Honorable Mr. Dunn in due course of mail. I avail myself of the present occasion to remirk the great inconvenience and disadvantage I labor under, for want of a proper Custon II use and Public Stores, and I again respectfully nssert the actual necessity thore exlsts for such; and I suggest, for your consideration, the propriety of being authorized to rent some safe and $\mathfrak{c}$ mmolinus premises to answor present parposes and until a Custom IIouse and Public Stores, commensurate with the importanes of the increasing commerce of this City, shall be erected. This inereass of commerce will be ascertained by a reference to the Annual Returns of Revenue received here, the amquat this year exceoding cight thousand six hundred pounds.

Of this obvious necessity, the best evidence will be found in the facts publicly known that there is no safe place of deposit for gools seized, and that on lato occasions, and at the present moment, goods scized for illicit inportation. were, of necessity, deposited in the dwelling-house of. Mr. John Laing, the Deputy Collector, to avoid the recurrence of the burglarious taking away, upon one occasion, of forty chests of tea, deposited in the store of J. M. Strange, Etwhirs, the Aletionewr ditucted to sell thom and from whosepremises a wagon, condemnod as the vehiclo, contraband tea, was, at another time, taken under cloak of night. The urgency, therefore, is so manifest, that I hope the Guvernment will not hesitate to instruct me to rent, temporarily, a secure place for offices and stores, and to authorize such reasonable expenses as may be, from time to time, necessarily incurred in the seizure and safe custody of any merchandize or other commoditics which may ba scized for infraction of the Revenuo Laws, for which, at present, no allowance is warranted, to the entire discouragoment of any information of the illicitand contraband trade which, it is said, is carried on to great extent.

It is my duty to state, that in the absence of any person to punish summarily persons who evade the payment of the Harbour Ducs, for wood and stone landed at this port, the tythe of the proper charges upon these articles is nut collected, and although an inereased commission of five per cent. is allowed to the Collector, yet the entiro commission would not be sufficiently remunerating to a porson for the time necessary to be bestowed upon the exact collection of this revenue, any infringoment of which,' must. according to the law, be prosecuted in a Court of Record. I would also suggest, for your consideration, whether under an Order in Council, I might not be justified in contering complaints before one or more Magistrates. Smill vessels come to the wharves, and no porver is given to prevent them landing their cargoes, and when landed, no power exists to enforce payment, unless by a tedinus and expensive course of prosecution, in a Court of Record. On this subject, in so fur as I an aequainted with the matter, the best course would seem to me, to appoint a Wharfinger, at a small salary, whose duty it would be to attend Liofly, if not exclusively, to the collection of the dues, for whose intromissions I would be responsiblo.

In a port of the growing importance of Toronto, giving at prosent so large a' sum of revenie, a regular and respectable Custom IIouse should be cstablished, and the means of securing the due collection of the revenue, and efficiently conducting the pre-

Appendix (I. 1.)

At present, with no means at my disposal to compensate persons for giving information of broaches of the Revenue Laws, or to amply remunerate any services rendered in assistance of seizures, it is impracticalade for mesto provent, in any great degrce, the extensive contraband and illicit trate now carrying on; I horofore not only suggest, but strongly recommend, the propricty of asking Executive sanction to allow me to pay persons for such services as they may render frum the general revenue, deducting, of course, a corresponding share of any expenses incurred in seizures in which 1 participate. Without recurrence to this plan, I am convinced smuggling will increase, despite the utmost diligence of myself or deputy, and I think it would be unreasonable to expect that I should diminish tie small remuncration which I receive ns Collector of this port, which, after paying my Doputy, does not at most exceed ${ }^{\text {e } 350}$ per annum, by incurring the risk of paying informers and assistants to seizures, which. when even effected. I have not the means of properly securing, until disposed of by law.
(Signed,
A. MANAIIAN.

The Hon. John Macaulay, Inspector General.
(Copy,)
Extract from the Honnrable John Macaulay's Letter, in reply to A. Manahan, Esquirc.
"I concur with you in thinking that a more summary mode of punishing offenders ayainst the Harbour regulations than that prescribed by the 5th sec. of the Act $31 / \mathrm{Wm}$. IV., ch. 32, is desirable, yet until further provision was made by law, you could not prefer a complaint, as you suggest, before Magistrates, for a breach of the Regulations. By way of deterring offenders, however, I conceive that an example might be made of some one of them, possessing the means of paying any penalty which might be recovered by the mode now authorized in a Court of Record. The appointment of a Wharfinger, which you suggest, would orcasion an expense, which, without further consideration, 1 could not recommend to the Government."
(Sub-inclosure. No. 10.)

Certificate of Mr. J. M. Strange.

## (Copy.)

This is to certify that on the 6th April last, I drew out a cheque in favor of Wm. M. Kelly, Esq., for £25 2s. 10d. C'y. being amount of duties on goods sold the previous 3 months, and that the cheque remained in my office for several days before Mr. Kelly reccived it from me.

## (Signed,) J. M. STRANGE.

Toronto, 11th August, 1843.

No. 3.
Copy of the Report of the Inspector Goneral on the Statement of W. Moore Kelly, Esqu., of the 26th Septembur, 1843.

1 cannot think it advisable that any further inquiry should be made into Mr. Kelly's accounts, until he
has scnt in his returns of collections from the 6th July to the perind of his removal, which ought to havo been furnished long since, and until he has havaled over his books, cither to his successor or to $\overbrace{22 d} \underbrace{}_{\text {Nov's. }}$ this Office.

## F. HINCKS,

Inspector Gencral:
Inspector Goneral's Office, 2nd October, 1843.

No. 4.
Copy of a Letter from Mr. Aspistant Secretary Hopkirk to Mr. Kelly.

Secrotary's Office,
6th October, 1843.

## Sir,

I am commanded by the Governor General to acknowlodge the recoipt of your momorial, praying a further investigation into the charges under which you were removed from the office of Collector of Customs at Turonto.

In reply, I have the honor to acquaint you that Wis Excellency learns on inquiry that you have not as yet sent in to the Inspector Gencral, your return of collections from the Oth July ta the reitiod of your removal, which ought to have been furnished long since, and that you have not handed in your books, either to that Officer or to your successor at Toronto. 1 am thercfore to call on you to do so, withnut further delay, preliminary to His Excellency's. directing any further investigation of your casc.

I have, \&c.

## (Signed,)

JAMES IIOPKIRK.
W. Moore Kelly, Esq.

No. 5.
Copy of Mr. Kelly's answer to the foregoing.
Kingston, 11th Oct., 1843.

## Sir,

I was favored, on Saturday evening, with Mr. Hopkity's communication of the 6th instantitequiring me to send in to the Inspector General, a return of all collections I made, as Collector of Toronto, from the Gth July to the period of iny dismissal from office, observing that my return shonld have been long since furpished, an essential preliminary to the Governor General's directing any further invostigation of my casc.

In reply, I respectfully beg leave to observe, that it was not in my power to close my accounts with the Government from the 6th July up to the day of my dismissal, (nor yet can I do so, until I am furnished with a correct account by the Inspector General, of the sales of scizures sold by auction, the proceods of which that gentleman had orlered my successor to retain;-as soon as I receive an account of those sales, my accounts shall be forthwith furnished.

As regards my:books, I would have had no hesitation to deliver them to my successor, but from the
summary, harsh and unjust manner in which-I was treated in my dismissal, I decmed it proper to retain in my own hands the power of vindicating myself against secret charges, not one of which I ever heard of, and according to the rules of office, those books were and are my property, but I beg leave to observe that my detention of the books did not cause the slightest inconvenience to my successor, nor was the public business in any way retarded by it. I left with Mr. Stanton, my manifest, every entry and every official document, connected with my of: fice, from the day of my appointment to my dismissal.

I have no object to serve by retaining the books longer than is necessary for mo to vindicate my character from the insidious aspersions attempted to be cast on me-that accomplished, they are at the service of the Inspector General, or my successor.

I have, \&c.,
(Signed )

## W. MOORE KELLY.

No. 6.
Copy of the Report of the Inspector General on the foregoing.

The only remark that I feel it necessary to make on Tif. Fiolly's litar in, that he hag offered noexcuss whatever, for not rendering his account of collections, and paying up the amount to the leceiver General.

His not having furnished these accounts, rendered it necessary for me to order the Collector at Toronto not to pay over the amount of seizures to Mr. Kelly.

With regard Mr. Kelly's refusal to hand over his books, I have only to express my regret that he has determined to adopt such a course. Iegal steps may be taken to compel him to do so, but in the mean time, I have only to repeat my former opinion, that, until Mr. Kelly furnishes to this Department the fullest information regarding his accounts, it would not be expedient to take his case into further consideration.
(Signed,
F. HINCKS.

12th Oct., 1843.

No. 7.
Copy of a Letter addressed to Mr. Kelly, by Mr. Secretary Daly.

Secretary's Office, 16th Octr. 1843.

## Sir,

I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to acknowledge the reccipt of your letter of the 10 th inst., containing remarks on his Excel. lency's detgrmination relative to your case, as communicated in Mr. Assistant Secretary Hopkirk's letter of the 6 th instant.

Your letter having, by His Excellency's desire, been referred to the Inspector General of Public Accounts, for his observations, I am now to transmit to you an extract from his remarks thereon, and again to state that, until you have rendered your account of collections, and paid up the amount
to the Receiver Gencral, and handed over your hooks, His Excellency cannot order another inyes tigation of your case.
(Signed,) I have, \&xc.,
D. DALY.


No. 8.
Copy of a Letter from Mr. Kelly to the Hon. Domi-
nich Daly.
Kingston, 23d October, 1843.

## Sir,

I was duly honored with your communication of the 16 th instant, accompanied with an extract from the Inspector General's remark on my letter of the 10th instant, which was referred to him by order of His Excollency the Governor General.

I received the accounts of the sales of seizures, which enabled me to close my accounts with the Government up to the day of my dismissal, and by those accounts it will be found that there is a balance in my favor of $£ 732 \mathrm{~s}$. 7d., without including the special statement for contingencies, quarterly paid by me, amounting to $£ 3203 \mathrm{~s} .4 \mathrm{~d}$.

Although the books I retain are my vouchers, and contain the only record of the transactions, as Collector of Customa at Torontr upon which I can rely in my vindication against the charges so unjustly made against me, I had not, nor have I now any hesitation in giving them up, upon the promise that they will be forthcoming at any time 1 may require them for my justification.

I cannot conclude this letter without again earnestly entreating that His Excellency will be pleased to cause an immediate investigation of the charges against me.

I have, \&cc.,
(Signed) WM. MOORE KELLY.
The Hon. Dominick Daly, Provincial Secretary.
Note--This letter was referred to the Juspoctor Genoral, on the Quth October, for his Report as to the facts stated.

No. 9.
Copy of a Letter from Mr. Kelly to the Homorable
Dominick Daly.
Kingston, Oth 'Nov. '1843. .
Sir,
Permit me to call your attention to my letter of the 23d ult. which still remains unanswered.

Shortly after despatching that letter;' I handed my books connected with the Collectorship of Toronto, to the Inspector General, in the expectation that as their retention by me was the only ground of delay to the invostigation I solicited, that investigation would be speedily accorded.

The recent observations used in the Legislative Assembly by a Member of the Exerutive Council, attributing robbery and prculation as the reason for all the dismissals from office, renders me the more anxious for this investigation, and I hope His Excellency the Governor General will see the justice of affording me the opportunity of proving that those terms were inapplicable to me.

It certainly should be enough that 1 lost my ofAppendix fice, and that with that loss I should be permitted (I. I.) to free my charactor from any stigma attempted to 2ed Nor's. be directly or indirectly cast upon it.

I therefore request you will be pleased to urge the matter upon the notice of His Excellency at his earliest convenience, with a view that I may ascertain whether I'may have the investigation or not.

> (Signed,) WM. MOORE KELLY.

The Hon. D. Daly.

No. 10.
Copy of a Letter from the Honorable Dominick Daly to the Honorable Francis Hincks, Inspector General.

Sccretary's Ofice, Kingston, 11th November, 1843.

## Sir,

I have the honor by command of the Gnvernor General to request that you will furnish me, for Mis Excellency's information, with an carly Report on the application of Mr. Wm. Moure Kelly, late Collector of Customs for the Port of Toronto, which was referred to you for your Report by His Excollency's desire on the 24th ult.

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The Hon. Francis Hincks, Inspector General.

No. 11.
Copy of a Letter from the Honorable Francis IIncks to the Honorable Dominick Daly, in reply to the preceding Letter.

Inspector Feneral's office, Kingston, 134h Nov'r 1843.

## Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 11th inst. I have the honor to state for the information of llis Exeollency the Governor General, that I can se no reason whatever for entering into any further investigation with regard to the conduct of Mr. W. M. Kelly as Collector of Customs at the Port of Toronto. Mr. Kelly was removed from Ofire fin irregularity in the diselarge of his duty; and ho has had many opportunitics of offering such explanations in his own vindication as he thought proper. The audit of Mr. Kelly's aceounts has not yot been finally made, owing to my boing under the necessity of investigating some apparent omissions which have been discovered in the examination of his accounts, and which will require a reference to parties in Toronto.

I may observe that Mr. Kelly has rendered his accounts, and handed over his boolss to this department.

(Signed,)
Honorable D. Daly, Provincial Sccretary.

No. 12.
Copy of a Letter from the Honorable Dominick Daly to Mr. Kelly.

Sccretary's Office.
Kingston, 21st Nov. 1843.
$S_{\text {IR }}$,
I have the honour, by command of the Governor Gencral, to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 23 d October, and 9 th instant, and to acquaint you, in reply, that as it appears that you have now handed ovor your books, as Collector of Customs at Toronto to the Inspector General, and furnished a statement of your accounts, IIis Excellency will now call for a further Report, on your explanations of the circumstances which led to your removal from office.

I am to add, that your not having sooner received an answer, was in consequence of waiting a reply from the Inspector General to an official reference, relative to your having handed over the books.

I have, \&c.

## (Signed,)

D. DALY, Secretary.
Wm. Moore Kelly, Esq.

No. 13.
Copy of a Letter from the Honorable Dominick Daly to Malcolm Cancron, Esquire.

Sccretary's Office,
Kingiton, 21st Nov, 1843.
Sit,
I have the honor, by comimand of the Governor General, to transmit you a further correspondence which has taken place with Mr. Kelly, Collector of Customs at Toronto, and to desire that you will make a further investigation into the cose, as requested by Mr. Kells, and report thercon, with your eatliest convenience, for Llis Excellency's information.

## $I$ have, Sc.

(Signed,)
D. DALY,

Secretary.
To Malcolm Cameron, Esq., M.P.P.

The Select Commitree appointed to investigate and report on the Outrages alleged to have been committed at the Gencral Election in the Countics of Terrebonne, Montreal, Vaudreuil, Beauharnois, Chambly and Rouville, with power to report from time to time, havo the honor to Repors in part:-
That, in the event of an carly prorogation of this Session, they have resolved to report the Evidence taken before this time.
J. NEILSON, Chairman.

30th November, 1843.

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

## THE IIONORABLE JOIIN NEILSON, ESQUIRE, IN THE CILAIR.

Manmay opty Octoner, 1843.
John Mackenzie, Esquire, of Terrebonne, called in and examined:

1. Will you state your name, residence, and ad-ditions?-My name is John Mackenzie, of Terrebonnc. 1 ama Merchant, and a Justice of the Pcace.
2. Were you Returning Offier at the last General Election for the County of Terrobome ?-l was.
3. Where was the Election notifice to be hold?At New Glasgow in the sear of the Seigniony of Terrebonne, opposite Mr. John Lloyd's storc.
4. Was the Election opened at the time, and place notified ?-It was.
5. Who were the Candidates?-Michael McCulloch and Louis Hypolito Lafontaine, Esquires.
6. Were the Writs read, and did the Candidates rir any other persen address the electors from the Ilustings?- The Writs were read, and the two Candidates only addressed the olectors from the llustings.
7. Was there a show of hands?-There was.
8. In favor of whom was the shew of hands ? In favor of Mr. Lafontaine.
9. Was a Poll demanded. and by whom ?-The Pull was demanded by Dr. McCulloch.
10. Did you commence the polling, and when?The polling was not commenced, Mr. Lafontaine having retired protesting ayainst the Election.

The following is a copy of the Protest:

## (Translation.)

On the twerty-fourth day of March, in the year on e thousand eight hundred and forty-one, at the ins tance and request of Joseph Ovide Turgeon, Esquire, Joseph Octave Alfred 'Turgeon, Esquire,

Georgo Menasippe Prevost, Gentleman and Notary Jean Baptiste Roy, tisquire, and Messits, Antoine Dumas the Elder, Edouard Bouc, François Dugal, P. Domptail Provost, Joseph Rochon, Picrre Fortin, Charles Roy, Antoine Fortin, and Alexandre Roussel, Electors of the County of T'errebonne, in the District of Montreal, in the Province of Canada, and of Louis Mypolite Lafontainc. Lsquire, advocate, of the city of Montreal, in the said District. one of the Candidates at the Election whirh ought to have taken place on the day before yesterday; of a person to represent the said electors in the Asscmbly of the United Legislature. we the undersigned Notaries Public, for the Province of Lower Canada. residing at the village of 'Terrebonne in the said County, proceeded to the house in the said Parish of Terrebonne, occupied as a store by John Mackenzie, Esquire, the Returning Officer appointed to preside at the said Election ; and being at the house aforesaid and speaking to himself, we notified him on behalf of the parties nforesaid in their respective names and qualiti-s, that they protest against any Proclamation which the said Johm Mackenzic may have made on the day before yesterday in his said quality of Returning Officer. of the protended Eloction of any person, and among others, of Dr. McCulloch, to represent the Electors of the said County of Terrebonne in the Assembly of the Legislature of the sad Province of Canada; re-iterating, morcover, on behalf of the parties aforesaid, and more especially on behalf of the said Louis Ilypolite Lafontaine, Esquire, the protest by them and each of them made verbally on the day before yesterday at the Poll or Ilustings of the said Election, at New Glasgow, bcfore the said Proclamation was made,-and this for divers reasons which they intend to adduce in support of their contestation of tho said pretended Election, and for the following among others:
Firstly,-Because the Poll was not opened at the place announced in the Notices issued by the sail Returning Officer.
Sccondly,-Because the said Returning Officer, after reading the Writ of Election in a certain

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30th Nor'r.
place, determined to receive the votes of the Electors in a house situate at another and more distant place, which was then and there, to the knowledge of the said Returning Officer, guarded and surrounded with force and violence by several hundred men armed with clubs, sticks, and other offensive weapons, and the greater number of whom consisted of persons who were strangers in the said County, and having no right to vote thercin, and this with a viow to prevent the Electors from going (1) vote at the said Election.

Thirdly,-Because the said Returning Officer proceeded to the said pretended Election in the presence of several hundred men armed with clubs, sticks, and other offensive weapons, without his having taken any means to disperse or arrost them, or to remove thom to a distance from the Poll or Hust ings. and without his having even endeavoured to do so, he liaving then and there declared himself unable to interpos: his authority, for the purpose of obtaining for the Electors free access to the Yoll or Hustings.

Fourthly,-Because many of the Electors, while proceeding peaceably th the place of Election, were assanlted and beaten with clubs, sticks, and other offensive weapons, and this both before and after the said Returning Officer had begun to proceed to the said Election, and under the eyes and with the knowledge of the said Returning Officer, who then and there declared himself unable to keep the peace and to preserve order at the said Election.

Fifthly.-Because seenes of violence by armed force occurted during the proceedings of the said Returning Officer, the purpose of which was to prevent the peaceable Electors from exereising freely the elective franchise; and it was cvident from the threats and conduct of the large body of men, who were then and there, during the proceedings of the snid Returning Otficer and in his presence, armed with clubs, slicks, and other offensive weapons, that the peaceable Electors could not have approachod the Poll to give their votes, without inevitably occasioning other scenes of violence which must have been attended with the effusion of bhod and the murder of a great number of persons, all which was then and thereadmitted and acknowledged by the said Returning Officer who excused himself by alleging his inability to preserve peace and order:

Sixthly,-Because means of corruption have been emphyod to obtain votes at the said Election, and to prevent the Electors from giving their votes thereat; and because, at the cost and charge of the said Dr. MeCulloch (the Candidate illegally proclaimed as elected by the said Returning Officer) and as well by himself as by others on his behalf, there have been opened and maintained before and during the saill pretended Election, houses of public ontertainment within the limitg of the snid County, -the whole in contravention of the Law.

Having stated all these reasons, we the said Notarios in the namo of the parties aforesaid, are authorized to protest againat the said John MeKenzie the Retuming Olticer as aforesnid. with regard to any such Proclamation dectaring the said Dr. MoCilluch the Representative of the said County.

To which the said John Mackenzie made us answer, saying that ho had no answer to make.

And to the end that the said John Mackenzie may not plead ignorance of this Protest, we the said Notaries have loft with him and delivered into his hands a copy thereof in due form, signed by the
said parties at whose instance it was made, at the village of 'Terebonne on the day and year aforesaid. Appendix

Anil the said John Mackenzie being requested to $\overbrace{\text { ( }}$ sign, he refused so to do.

30th Nar's.
(Signed,)
L. Il. La Fontaine, Josepi Rochon,
J. O. AlfredTunaeon, Charles Roy,

Edvuan Bouc,
P. D. Prevost,

Pinire Foutin,
J. O. Turceon, G. M. Prevost,

Fis, Dovgal,
Charles Roy
J. Bte. Roy,
Antone Fortin,
Avtoine Dumas,
Alex. Roussel,
F. X. Valade, N. P., \&
L. J. Prevost, N. P.,

As appears by the minute remaining of record in the office of the undirsigned.

## J. L. PREVOST, N. P.

11. Was the polling proposed to be held at the place where the Writs ware read and where the Candidates addressed the Electors?-The polling was to have taken place about five or six acies from where the Writ was read.
12. Was the place where it was proposed to take the Poll a house, or what was it ?-It was a Schoolhouse.
13. Was there free access to the place for polling for all the Electors indifferently? There was. I did not go to the place of polling, but would have gone, had not Mr. Lafontaine retired.
14. Did you see nay acts uf yoloneo as the place of election, or in the immediate neighbourhood ?The only violence I discovered was, that there were two men running after another man, and having observed a slight movement before the hustings, as if an alfray was about to take place. I went and estored order.
15. Were there any persons present armed with offeusive or dangerous weapons?-Both parties were with sticks; a bayonet was brought to me, while the Writ was being read. as coming from one of Mr . Lafortaine's mon; and among the people assembled there, I saw siveral armed with garcettes. -what is cominonly called life-preservers.
16. Were there any threats of violence, or any evcitement indicative of a disposition to resrort to violence ?--None, except what I have described.
17. Did you retire from the place of election immediately after proclaiming Mr. M'Culloch? -I retired to my home, five leagues distant, after I hat drawn out the indunture.
18. Did you observe any appearance of acts of violence on your way home? - I did not. The two partios took different directions, and I overtook Mr. Latontaine's party and passed them.
19. Mave you got a copy of the advertisement fixing the place of the hustings? -1 here produce a copy thereof:

## county of terrebonne.

Pumac Notice is hercby given to the Electors in the County of Tericbonne, qualified to elect and constitute a Member to serve in the Assembly of this Province, and in pursuance of IIer Majesty's Writ to me directed, bearing date the nineteenth day of February last, I do require the attendance of the Electors of the said County of Terrebonne, on the place in front of John Lloyd's store, New Glas-
gow, on Monday, the twenty-second day of March, instant, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing a person to represent them in the ensuing Assembly of this Province.
And I do give further notice that I shall continue the said Election in such manner as by law direcled, of which all persons are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

## JNO. McKENZIE,

Returning Officer.
Terrebonne, 6th March, 1841.
20. What occasioned the polling place to be fixed at another place than that at which the election was to be npened ?-Having been informed by Mr. Lafontaine that Mr. M'Culloch's party had taken possession of all the houses in the place, and he having proposed the School-house, I told him that should I not be able to get a better place, I would fix upon the School-house for a polling-place.
21. Do you know where the elections for the County of 'Terrebonne were formerly held?-They were formerly held at Ste. Anne and Ste. Rose alternately.
22. Under what authority were they fixed to be held at New Glaygow ?-By the Writ, and by my Commission.
23. Can you give any idea of the prosent number of inhabitants in the County 1-I cannot.
24. In what part of the County is the most numerous population?-In the front part of the County, viz. : in the Parishes of Terrebonne, Ste. Therèse, and in the three Parishes of l'isle Jesus.
25. How far back do these Parishos extend from the River?-They extend about threc or four leagues from the River?
26. To what distances do the settlements you have mentioned extend back from the Riviere des Prairics ?-I suppose froin four loagues to four and a half.
27. At what distance is the place where the election was opened; from the Rivière des Prairies? About six leagues.
28. Of what description are the inhabitants on the front parts of the County? They are all Canadian farmers, with the exception of a very few old country people resident amongst them.
29. Of what description are those in the rear ?They are English, Scotch and Irish.
30. Are they vory numiorous ?-I cannot say exactly, but a great portion of the lands are taken up.
31. Have you any personal knowledgo of who were the most active persons in the Election, or in the County, in favor of the different candidates? For Mr. Lafontaine, Mr. Alfred Turgen, and snime others whom 1 do not recollect. On Mr. McCullock's side were Drummond Buchanan, Esquire, and John McAllister, (this latter since dead;) both of Ste. Thérêse.
32. Are yoú aware of any numerous hodies of strangers from other Countios, having made their appearance in Terrebonnc County, at or about the time of the Election?-Yes, I saw a great many persons there whom I had never seen before.
33. Did they appear to go in a body, or be armed with offensive weapons ?"I saw them arrive in a body, on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the Appendix Election, headed by their leaders, and armed with sticks and garcettes.
34. Can you tell where they put up?-They hired houses to put up at. Among others, at a Carding Mill belonging to a person of the name of _Marshall. They occupied all the houses at the village where the Election took place.
35. Can you name any person who came with strangers from other Counties, into the County of Terrebonne ?-Not having mixed with them, I cannot name any of the persons who were there.
30. Can you say of what description of people they were, and where they chiefly came from ? I knew nothing personally of what description they were.
37. What was the general rumour on the subject 7 -A general rumour prevailed that people came from Glengary and the Gore, which last place I think is in the County.
38. ILave you any knowledge of a person having been killed at or about the time of the Election?I was told after the Election, that a man had died of wounds received at about a mile from the place of Election.
39. Did you' hear of a Coroner's Inquest having been held on the body ?-I did not hear that there had been one held.
40. Has it come to your knowledge that any public house, or houses of public entertainment were opened in the County during the election 1-It has not.
41. Have you any knowledge of any extraordinary supplies of liquors and provisions having been sent into the County about the time of the election, or of any unusual payment of money?-1 under. stood, from rumour, that provisions had been brought in by Dr. M'Culloch's party, but I cannot say any thing on the subject from personal knowledge.
42. From your local knowledge of the County. do you conceive that New Glasgow was the most convenient place for the election ?-It was, in my opinion, the worst place which could have been chosen, being at the extremity of the Counly.
43. Ilave you any knowledge of a Charivari, or other unusual noises having been made at New Glasgow on the evening or night previous to the election?-I heard them hurraing at a great rate -I do not recollect whether it was on the Saturday or Sunday evening preceding the election.
44. Did you say, at the time of the election, to Mr. Lafontainc and Mr. Turgeon. that you were unable to preserve peace ?-l do not recollect having said so.
45. You stated that Mr. Lafontaine had informed you that all the houses in Now Glasgow had been occupied by Mr. McCulloch's party ; havo you a personal knowledge of their being so occupied, and at what time it occurred?-Yes, it was on Saturday, that I went to enquire for a house; and I was told that they were all occupied by Mr. McCulloch's party.
46. Did you ever serve as Returning Officer prior to the last Election: if so, say when, wherc, and how often?-I did-three timss before, for the

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County of Terrebonne. The first time I scrved as Returning Officer was when Mr. Lafontaine was first electod.

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47. In whose favor did the three elections, prior to 1841 , result, and if they were contested state so, and by whom, and what was the majority in favor of the successful candidate?-The thrce first Elections always resulted in the return of Mr. Lafontaine. Thie first Election was contested by Messrs. Bellefcuille and Lacroix, who obtained but very few votes. and on the second day retired. At the two next Elections no opposing Candidate appeared, and there was no Poll opened.
48. Did you receive any and what instructions or directions for the exccution of the Writ of Election, and if so, from whom and produce the same if in writing?-I never received any instructions but those contained in the Writ and in my Commission.
49. For what reason was the polling place altered from Mr. Lloyd's store to the School-house?-I eould get no place nearer.
50. Why did you mention Lloyd's store in your notice, if you were not ecrtain of obtaining the use of it? There was no Church there, and I thought that Lloyd's store was the most public place, and it was usual, when a loll was demanded, to adjourn to some house in the neighbourhood to take the votes.
51. Did you anticipate that the election of 1841 would be contested, and that it would be necessary to poll the votes of the County? -I did.
59. When did you first take steps to secure a polling place? What place did you select?-1 went out on the Saturday preceding the day of the election, for the purpose of securing a place for the Nection, when I selected the School-house.
53. Did you select the School-house as being the most fitting place. or had you any other, and if so, what reasun for taking it ?-1 relected that place, as I could not pet any ulher near enongh to the - place of lection.
54. Whe did you mot take steps to secure a pallmg pilace pror th the Saturday Letore the election? -I thought two days sulficient time to secure a polling place.
55. How many houses or oher places were there in the vicinity of dosd's whe caprable of serving as polling places?-Noi nume than four or five houses. The Scherlhoue was the largest.
56. Where did rou spend the Sunday previous to the clection!- -i remained at Mr. Marshall's house during all sunday. There were no persons of either party in this house, as I did not wish to mix with any bedy:
57. Were the strangers, whose arrival at Now gihagow you have mentioned as having taken place on Saturday and Sunday, on foot, or Wid they come in carriages? If in the latter way, state thi manner of their conveyance?-Some came on foot, bat the greater part cane in traines and corioles, and other carriams ; I cannot state the number of carriages, but there was a long file of them. They came ill divisions. boaring flags and sticks, and checring, 1 think, for Mr. McCulluch.
58. What was the color of the flags ; and did they bear any inscriptions or devices? -1 do not remember the colors of the flags, nor the inseriptions thereon.
59. Do you know a person of the name of Nicholas Fullam?-1 saw a person of that name during the Election.

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60. Was this Mr. Fullam a Frecholder, or Elec- 30th Nov'r. tor? Was he a resident of the County, and if so, for how long had he resided there ?-I never had seen the person before. He did not belong to the County.
61. Do you know where that individual resides now" Do you know how long he has resided in Canada; and what his occupation or business was? State all that you know respecting him and his business and occupation?-1 understood that he resided at that time in Montreal, but I was told that he is now in England. I never heard what was his business or occupation.
02. Did he take any part in the Election of Terrebrnne; if so, state what part, and specify and detail his conduct upon that occasion, in so far as it may relate to the Election?-About an hour before the Election, 1 met him as he was coming to me; he asked me if I was Returning Officer, and then desired me to show him the place of polling. IIe went with me to the polling place, where he helped me to arrange the desks.
63. How did he introduce himself to you, and what reason did he assign for calling upon you, and for interfering in your proceedings? - IIe came up and accosted me, and took him for an elector. He assigned no reasons for interfering in my proceedings.
64. Did you hear at any time either before. during, or after the Election, of a description of persons called Blach-fect, or Pied-noirs, or some other such name ?-I never did at any time.
65. Prior to the Election, did you ever hear that men were expected from Upper Canada, or some other part remote from the County, for the purpose of taking part in the Election!-l did not.
00. On the day fixed for the Election, did you hear that people from Glengary had arrived, or werc about to arrive. or were expected at New Glasgow?-On the day after the Election, I heard that a party of Glengary men had left Terrebonne for the Election at St. Laurent, but I saw nothing of them at New Glaggow.
67. Previous to the Llections, did you hear, or did you read in any of the public prints, that the 'lerreLonne Election would be carried by force, if it could not be carricd otherwisc? -I frequently met Mr. Turgeon, who mentioned to ne that his party would go to the Election armed with sticks, as he had heard that the other party would be armed also.
68. You have spoken of a Charivari the night before the election; by what description of persons was the Charivari made, and by the supporters of which of the Candidates?-The Charivari must have been madeby Dr. McCulloch's party.
60. Under whose command were the Gore peo-ple?-I can't say. There were a number of gentlemen who called themsolves leaders.
70. Were there among tho leaders any who held Commissions in the Militia, or whe were in the Commission of the l'ace !-I believe there were.
71. Be pleased to mention; by name, all the Officers of Militia and Justices of the Peace whom you saw upon the occasion T-Mr. McAllister,' who is
now dead, was a Justice of the Peace at the time; the late Mr. Lloyd was also a Magistrate, he pointed out to me the house where I was to reside. I do not recollect having seen any other Magristrate there. 30th Nov's.
72. Do you know a gentleman of the name of Barron, a Major of Militia and Justice of the Peace? -I may have seen him, but I am not acçuainted with him.
73. Before reaching the School-house where the polling was to take place, was it not necessary to pass the place appointed for the Hustings, when tho clection Writ was read?-It was.
74. When the Writ of Election was rearl, or being read, were there many persons within hearing, and state the number? While the Writ of Election was read, there were near the Hustings about two thousand of Mr. Lafontaine's supporters, among whom 1 saw a great many strangers from the other Countios. There ware about fifty or sixty of Mr. MoCulloch's supporters, and the remainder were at the School-honse.
75. Describe the situation of the Schonl-lnouse, with reference to the place where the Mustings were, and also the approach to the School-house from the llustings? - The School-house vas about four or five acres from the Hustings. The IIustings were in a hollow extending from the eminence up. on which was the School-house, and the IInstings were at the foot of another eminence, corrosponeling with that upon which the School-house was built, but higher.
70. Are the Committee to understand that electors wirhing to proceed to the School-house from the Hustinge had to asecad an eminence? Yes.
77. How many roads were there by which your. self and the Electors at the Mustings could avail yoursolves of in order to reach the School-house? There is but one road.
78. What was the breadth or width of this road!-In winter this road is not more than four or five fect broad.
70. What was the depth of snow on each side of the road at the time of the Election?-It was very deep; I cannot say exactly how deep.
80. Were any of the persons who surroundod the llustings armod, and state in what manner'? -'lhey were all armed with sticks.
81. Were the sticks used either during the reading of the Writ, or at any time after, and if so, stato at what time? -Tho sticks were crossed, but not made use of during the reading of the Writ. I went down and separated them twenty paces apart.
82. While the Writ was reading, or shortly after. did you observe what was going on at the Schonl-house?-1 could see the people there in a body hallooing and brandishing their sticks.
83. Who were those people, and what was their number?-They were Mr. MeCulloch's poople, to the number of about eight or nine hundred.
84. Are tise Committee to understand that the School-house at the time of the reading of the Writ was in the possession of the eight hundred or nine hundred armed men you have just mentioned? - Yes, they had the ground; and Mr. Lafontane's men might have kept it too had they not gone down the hill to go to the Ilustings, for they came up like an army from Desplaines.
85. Did you see any quantity of broken stones
upon the road near the School-house ?-On my return from the Election I saw stones strewn on each side of the road leading to Desplaines, which road was used by Mr. Lafontaine's people going and returning.

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80. What position did the fifty or sixty supporters of Dr. McCulloch who were at the IIustings occupy, with reference to the School-house ?-When Mr. Lafontaine's' men came up they were fatigued, and sat down upon saw logs which were in the place mentioned in the notice. The fitty or sixty supporters of Dr. McCulloch who were at tho Hustings, were between the School-house and the Hustings.
87. Werc the fifty or sixty supporters of Ur. McCulloch. who stood near the Fustings, Electors? -Those whom I saw wore Electors.
88. Did they seem to be conducted by any per-son?- There was a person at the heal of them in the same manner as there was an Irish bully at the head of Mr. Safontaino's supportors, and this bully was the cause of the trouble, as he spoke the same language as the ther party.
89. Did you observe at the time of the reading of the Writ or after, a movement from some of the people standing on the School-house hill, and state what?-I saw none except whet I have stated before.
90. Were you present at any conversation between Mr. Lafontaine and Dr. McCulloch, and state all that occurred after the reading of the Writ?Immediately aftor the shew of hands, which was in favor of Mr. Lafontaime, Mr. Lafontaine called me aside along with Dr. McCulloch and soveral of the Electors of both partics, and asked me whether I could procure military assistance in case of any effusion of blood. I told him that the distance was so great that it was impossible to send for tronps, bitt I told him that-ho conld have as many special Constables as ho ploased. He laughed at this and said it was of no use; and I am of opinion it was perfectly useless. Mr. Lafontaine told me that to prevent murder and bloodshed he would retire.
91. Was it in your power to have prevented a resort to violence by either of the parties?-It was wholly out of my power, and I told Mr. Lafontaine so at the timo.
02. What would have been the consoquence if Mr. Lafontaine had persisted in going to the Schoolhouse ?-In my opinion, and as a matter of course, there would have been a conflict between the two partics.
93. Are this Committee to understand that Mr . Lafontaine's party arrivel at the Hustings on the morning of the election, and that Dr. McCulloch's arrived on the Saturday and Sunday previous?Dr. MrCulloch's party arrived on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the election, and on the morning ol the clection ; But Mr. Lafontaine's party only arrived on the morning of the olection.
94. Do you know Mr. A. P. Hart, of Montreal, Advocate? Was he at New Glasgow during the election, and what did ho do there? - He was at the election assisting $D_{1}$. MeCulloch, I suppose, as a legal advisor.
05. Have you ever said that if the parties had come into collision many lives would have been lost ?-I have said so, and I say so still ; and my life would bave been at stuke too.

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96. Did you observe any quantity of liquors or provisions in Marshall's house ?-I saw none whatever; Marshall's house is a temperance house. Mr. Marshall was not connected with either party.
97. Had you any conversations or communications, previous to the election, with any public officer, or with Dr. McCulloch or any of his friends, upon the manner of conducting the clection, or any thing relating to it ; if so, state the same fully and in delail?-Suveral weeks before I had received notice of being appointed Returning Officer, Dr. McCulloch tuld me that there was to be an election, and that he would very likely set up for the County. I had no conversation nor communication with any other Public Officer.
98. ITas Mr. Drummond Buchanan been appointed to any office siuce the election, and state what? Is he related to Dr. MCulloch?-He is a brother-in-law of Dr. M.Culloch, and has been since appointed Registrar for the County of Terrebonne.
90. Have you had any conversation with Mr. Benjamin Delisle respecting the Electon, and state what it was ?-I might have had a conversation with him, but I' do not recollect it.
100. Did you cver make any statement to Mr . Delisle, or to any other person, in relation to the app intment of Mr. D. Buchanan to the office of Registrar ?-I do not recollect having made any.
101. When you were on the IIustings, did Dr. McCuiloch's friends call your attention to the fact that Mr. Lafontaine's party had come armed, and had you not arms in your poisession taken from then ?-Yes; I have already mentioned it in my preceding answers.

Thursdiy, 12 mh October, 1813.
Luis.Michel Lefcbure, Esquire, called in; and examined:

1. Will you state your name, residence, and addi-tions?-My name is Louis Michel Lefebyre, I reside in the l'arish of Vaudreuil, and am a merchant.
2. Were you Returning Officer at the last General Election for the County of Vaudreuil ?-I was.
3. Where was the Election notified to be held?At the Village of the Cedars, on the eighth of March, 1841.
4. Who were the Candidates? John Simpson and André Jobin, Esquires.
5. Was the Election opened at the time and place notificd !-It was.
6. Were the Writs read, and did the Candidates, or any other person, address the Electors from the Hustings ?-I road the Writ, and the Candidates addressed the Electors.
7. Was there a show of hands, and in favor of whom ?-There was a show of hands in favor of Mr. Jobin.
8. Was a Poll demanded, and by whom ?-The Poll was demanded by Mr. Simpson.
9. Did you commence the polling, and when ?-I began to take the votes at ten o'clock, A. M.
10. Did you see any acts of vinlence at the place of Election, or in the immediate neighbourhood? Not on the first day. It was agreed between the
two candidates to take a vote alternatively. The second day, the election continued with tranquillity till about two o'clock in the afternoon, when Mr. Jobin was about 50 ahead. A disturbance then took place, blows were exchanged, and pitchforks, axes and clubs were made use of. Mr. Simpson's party took possession of the Hustings, so that Mr. Jobin's clectors could not get near to give their votes. The fight lasted about three quarters of an hour. At four o'chek I closed the Poll ; Mr. Simpson had then a majority. The next morning I reopened the Poll. Mr. Jobin did not come, and I proclaimed Mr. Sinipson duly elected. I am persuaded that all the Electors had not free access to the Poll. I believe nobody was killed, but several persons were severely wounded. I was myself under the influence of fear.
11. IIave you any knowledge of places of public entertainment or Taverns bcing kept open diring the Election, where persons were treated gratui-tously?-I know nothing of this.
12. Did you perceive any extraordinary distribution of money or effects during the Election ?-I have no knowled ee of any thing of the sort.
13. Of what description generally were the persons engagod in the acts of violence at the Election; did they all seem to belong to the country? -I believe some of them were from Glengary in Upper Canada, and others were Dragoons who were stationed at the Celars. There were also some of the Voluntecrs from the Coteau-du-Lac, some of whom were engaged in the disturbance. The Dragoon: were armed with sticks, but I did not see whe ther they made use of them.
14. How many persma do you suppose were from Glengary in the late Province of Upper Canala ?-There were about 150 Glengary men.
15. Were they armed, and how?-The fight bogan with fists; they did not appear to be armed till the second day, whon they laid hold of every thing that came under their hands; and they even broke the gallery of the Poll-house to make sticks.
16. Who appeared to be the most active persons in favor of the respective Candidates?-Mr. Roebuck for Mr. Simpson, and for Mr. Jobin there were in the Poll-house two Messrs. Desjardins, influential persons, but who did not, I believe, take a very active part in the Election.
17. Do you know who conducted the Glengary men into the County?-I do not; they came in a body in sleighs.
18. What may have been the number of Voluntecrs and Cavalry present at the Election?-I saw eight or ten Voluntecrs there.
19. On the morning of the third day, did you observe whether or not Mr. Simpson's supporters came armed to the Hustings? -Yes; they did come armed, and jumped out of their carioles brandishing their sticks, and making use of very violent language.
20. Had you any means in your power to suppress the violence which occurred at the Election? -I had none whatever ; on the contrary, when I commanded silerice and peace, I was insulted by ill language.
21. Have you here the protest of Mr. Jobin?I have only a copy of Mr. Jobin's protest, which I

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$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { (Copy of the Protest.) } \\
\text { Vaudreuil, March 9th, } 1841 . \\
\text { Province of Canada, } \\
\text { and } \\
\text { District of Montreal. }\end{array}\right\}$

| To Michel Lefevre, Esquire, Returning Officer of the |
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| County of Vaudreul, in the said District, $\&$.c. |

I, André Jobin, of Ste. Geneviève, in the said District, one of the Candidates named in the Pollbook now opened for the Election of one Member to represent the said County of Vaudreuil, clo hereby protest against the continuation of the Poll now holding for the Election aforesaid, on account of the violences and ill-treatments excreised as well against me as against the Electors of the said County supporting my Election :-

Ist. Bocause several persons, excited and headed by one IIenry Roebuck, of Coteau du Lac, in the said District, about two o'clock this afternoon, assailed with sticks, shovels, and other weapons, the Electors supporting me, dispersed them, broke open the houses wherein these Electors had retreated, and assailed and did beat them with the intention of murder.

2ndly. Bccause the said Electors, as well as I, cannot appear at the Poll to continue the said Election without endangering our lives.

3dly. Because Mr. Simpson himself, the other Candidate, contending for his Election as Member for the said County, did tell me himself that my life should be exposed, should I be willing to assist tomorrow, the 10 th day of March instant, to the said Poll, for the purpose of continuing the said Election.

Wherefore, I do hereby, for and by reason of said threats, ill-treatments, exercised against me and the said Electors, and endangering our lives, protest against the continuation of the Poll now holding for the Election of one Member to represent the County of Vaudrcuil aforesaid, and against the proclamation of said Mr. Simpson, my opponent candidate, as Member duly elected for the said County of Vaudreuil, because the majority now obtained against me by said Mr. Simpson, has been obtained unlawfully and by violence; it being well testified by the votes given previous to the time when the riotors dispersed the Electors aforesaid, that I was then more than sixty votes a-head.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, at Vaudreuil aforesaid, the ninth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-one.
(Signed,) A. JOBIN.

Signed and delivered in the presence of us, the subscribers, three of the Electors for the County aforesaid of Vaudreuil.
(Signed,)
My. Cimaruebols.
Josmpir Valois.
David Dupond.
22. What was the number of sleighs used by the Glengary men to come to the Hustings?-There were about thirty sleighs, in each of which were about five or six men.
23. Did you observe the conduct pursued by Mr . Roebuck; was it peaceable and orderly, or otherwise, and state how?-His conduct was not peace-
able. He was at the Poll window obstructing the
Electors from coming to the Poll, and behaving so Electors from coming to the Poll, and behaving so Appendix
that I threatened several times to send him to Gaol. (J. J.)
24. Did either of the Candidates excite to or ${ }^{30 t h}$ Nor'r. countenance violence at the Election?-Not to my knowledge.
25. Was it in the power of the supporters of Mr. Jobin, legally qualified to vote at the Election, to exercise theire elective franchise ; if not, assign the reason, and to what extent it operated ?-They were not at liberty to give their votes, for this reason, that after the fight, Mr. Jobin's Electors could not approach the Poll, and it would have been very imprudent for them to do so.

## Friday, 13th October, 1843.

Auguste Delisle, Esquire, called in;- and examined :

1. Will you state your name, additions, and place of residence ?-Auguste Delisle, Notary Public.I reside at Boucherville.
2. Were you Returning Officer for the County of Chambly at the last General Election?-I was.
3. At what place did you notify the Election to be held, and what time?-At St. Johns, for Monday, the 22d March, 1841.
4. Do you know where the Elertion for the County of Chambly was formerly held ?-At Longueuil.
5. By what authority did you change the place? -By virtue of the Commission sent to me by His Excellency the late Lord Sydenham.
6. Did you open the Election at the time and place appointed?-I did.
7. Who were the Candidates ?-Louis Michel Viger, and John Yule, Lisquires.
8. Did they address the Electors from the IIustings ?-They did.

## 9. Was there a show of hands?-There was.

10. In favor of whom?-There appeared to be a majority in favor of Mr. Viger.
11. Was a Poll demanded, and by whom?:The Poll was demanded by several of the Electors.
12. At what o'clock did the polling commence? -It was between ten and eleven oclock in the morning.
13. Is St . Johns in the centre of the population of the County, and as equally conveniont as possible for the attendance of all the Electors ?-I believe not ; I never thought it so.
14. In what part of the County is it situated ?I believe it is at the extreme south part of the County.
15. Are the Electors of the northern and southern parts of the County of different descriptions as to their national origin?-In the northern part they are principally Canadians, in the southern part they are English, Scotch, Irish and Canadians.
16. After the Poll was opened, did the voting proceed peaceably ?-In the beginning it was pretty quiet.
17. Did any acts of violence afterwards occur, and at what time?-On the evening of the first day, at about four or five o'clock, there was a disturbance outside which was so great that I was obliged to call in the assistance of the troops.
18. Can you say who had the majority of votes at that time?-From the commencement of the polling till the disturbance began, Mr. L. M. Viger had a majority of votes.
19. After you called out the troops, did the polling continue without interruption?-I adjourned soon after, that is, at about five o'clock.
20. Did vinlence occur at any other time during the Election?-Yes; the next day there was another disturbance, and I was obliged again to ca!l in the assistance of the troops.
21. Were those who were going or coming forward to vote assaulted, or in evilent danger?-I was inside the room, but I heard complaints made that the voters were not at perfect liberty to approach the Poll.

22 . Did the Military actually attend in consequence of your requisition ?-They came the first tume; the sccond time I wrote to the Commandant, but I received a verbal answer through Mr. Marchand, the Magistrate, purporting that they were at my disposal, ready to come out as soon as they were called. I here hand in all the correspondence which took place on the subject.

Copy of a Letter from the Refurninur Offecer to Colonel Grey, 71st Recgiment.

St. Johus, 22d March, 1811.

## Sin,

As Returning Officer of the County of Chambly, I beg you would be so kind as to send to-morrow, at nine of the clock, at the opening of the Poll, a Detachment of 'Troops to maintain order and peace. and protect the Electors for the County of Chambly.

I remain, Sir,
Your most ohedient,
humble scrvant,
AUG. DELISIE.
Colonel Grey, 71st.

## Colonel Grey's Answer.

St. Johns, March 22d, 1841.
Sin.
In answer to your letter of this date, I have the honor to inform you that it is not in my power, consistently with the orders which I have recoived, to comply with your requisition, unless it shall be proved "t that the ordinary civil forco is insufficient "either to maintain the peace, or to overcone any" " manifestly illegal and forcible resistance to the due "execution of the laws;" in which case it is also necessary that the troops "employed in airl of the "civil power, should be constantly accompanied by a "Magistrate, and act under his orders only."

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

> C. GREY, Lt.-Col. 71 st Regt. Commanding at St. Johns.
A. Delisle, Esq., \&c., \&c., \&c.

Copy of a Letter from the Returning Officer to Col. Appendix Grey, 71st Regiment.
(J. J.)

St. John's, March 23 d , 1841.
Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d instant, and beg to inlorm you that the Magistrates of this place, jointly with the Returning Officer for the County of Chambly, are of opinion, after what they have seen yesterday, that the ordinary civil force is insufficient either to maintain the peace or to overcome any manifestly illegal and forcible resistance to the execution of the Laws, and that the troops in this moment is the only menns to maintain peace and prescrve order at the lolding of the Poll at this Election; therefore we require the presence of the troops this morning at nine oclock, A. s.. at the opening and invasion of the Poll, and during the subsequent days. The troops employed in aid of the civil power shall be constantly accompanied by a Magistrate, who will give them the necessary orders.

> I have, \&c.
23. Have you any knowledge of persons being stationed on any road or roads, to prevent Electors from coming forward ?-I have no personal knowledge of it, but it was the general rumour among the Canadian party.
24. Were the supporters of any one of the Candidates at any time absolute masters of the Poll ?Yes: it appeared to me, on the second day, that Mr . Yule's praty had actually taken posscssion of the Poll, and that MLr. Viger's Electors were not in consequence at liberty to poll their votes.
25. Were the Electors on cither side threatened with violence by the other side, or did they actually recoive personal injury, or were they in danger of it in coming to or attending the Poll ?-I did not see any body myself. I saw a man, I think an Irishman, who hail been struck on the head while he was coming to the l'oll. From the noise outside, 1 judged there was personal danger in coming to the Poll.
26. Did youseo many intoxicated persons at the Election?-I saw two men come to the Polldank.
27. Have you any knowledge of houses having been opened for treating the Electors?-I heard that there were, but I have no personal knowledge thercof.
28. Did you sce numbers of persons, apparently the supporturs of any partisular candidate, assembled at or about any tavern? --Iaving remained in the Ifustings, I did not obscrve any.
29. From all that fell under your view, or came to your knowledge, do you think that the Electors generally of the Comnty of Chambly had perfect frecdom of attrnding aind giving their votes at the Election?-'They had not, in my opinion.
30. Will you state th? names of any gentlemen not belonging the County, who attended at or during the Election?-I recollect having seen Mr. Porteous of St. Therecse thore, but I do not remember having seen any one else.
31. Did any of the Electors, or Mr. Viger, state to you on the first day of the Election, that the Electors had not free admission to the Poll ?-They did; and it was in consequence of that, that I applied to the Magistrates to lend their assistance to preserve order.
32. Could you natne any of the Electors who made that statement to you? -Mr. Lacasse was

Appendix one; and so was Mr. De Boucherville. I do not (J. J.)
33. Had you a meeting with any of the magistrates of the County in consequence of these statements made to you, and if so, who were they?-I spoke to Mr. MiCrae, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Louis Marchand, and asked them to lend their assistance to preserve order. Mr. M'Crae told me that his duties prevented him from interfering in the matter; but Messrs. Holmes and Marchand did all in their power to prevent disturbance, and even went into the hotels to put down the flags, \&c.
34. Did any of those magistrates shew themselves partisans of either of the Candidates ?-I did not observe any thing to induce me to think so.
35. Did any of the Electors or Mr. Viger, on the second day, intimate to you that they wished to have the assistance of troups ?-They asked me to call in the troops, but I cannot exactly state the time.
36. Did you receive a protest from Mr. Viger? -I did.
37. Did you annex the protest to your return ?I did not. I wrote to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery on the subject; and I here produce the answer which I received :-
(Copy of the Answer produced.)

Montreal, 28th April, 1841.

## Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21 st, 1 have the honor to inforin you, that as the law has not provided for the case you mention, I think it my duty to tell you that you may act as you may think best with regard to the protest in qu'stion ; and that I am not in the habit of mentioning in my returns the protests which are therewith transmitted to me.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your very obedient servant,

## THOMAS AMIOT.

## Auguste Delisle, Esquire.

38. Were you informed at any time during the Election that the roads leading to the polling place were obstructed? -I remember that Mr. Viger complained of this to me, and I told him if such were the case, the magistrates would see to it, and do what was in their power !o preserve order.
39. Was the house in which the poll was held two atories in height ?-It was.
40. Did you see sticks thrown out of the upper story for the people down below ?-I did not see them myself; but I heard after the Election that they had been thrown out and made use of.
41. You asked troops for the second day ; did any attend, and if they did not attend, can you state the reason ?-I have already stated that I received a verbal answer through Mr. Marchand, purporting that the troops were ready to come out, if required. I did not ask the magistrate to bring them out on the second day, as I trusted to him to call them out if necessary.

Hiram Washington Hitchcock, Esquire, called in; and examinea :-

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1. Will you state your name. residence, and ad- $\overbrace{-20 r}^{\text {Norrs }}$ ditinns?-Hiram Washington Hitchcock; I reside 30th Nor'r at Rouville Mountain, and am a manufacturer.
2. Were you Returning Officer at the last General Election for the County of Rouville?-I was, in 1841.
3. Where was the Election not fied to be held ?At Henryville, in the County of Rouville.
4. Was the Election held at the time and place notified?-It was on the 8th March, 1841.
5. Who were the Candidates ?-Melchior Alphonse De Salaberry, and Thimothée Franchère, Esquires.
6. Werc the Writs read, and did the Candidates address the Electors from the Hustings? -The Writs were read, and the Candidates addressed the Electors.
7. Was there a show of hands?-1 did not call for a shew of hands.
8. Was there a Poll demanded, and by whom?There was a Poll demanded, I believe, by some of Mr. De Salaberry's supporters.
9. When did you commence polling?-I commenced at one p.n., on the same day.
10. By what authority was the Election held at Henryville?-By the Writ of Election.
11. Do you know where the Elections for the County of Rouville were usually held ?-I do not; I think there had been one Election held at Ste. Marie Monnoir.
12. Is Henryville in the centre of the population of the County, or nearly so?-I should think not: it is in the extreme south part of the County.,
13. Do you think it affords equal, or nearly equal facilities for the Electors generally to attend the Hustings and give their votes?-I do not think that it is convenient for some part of them.
14. To what part do you consider it the most in-convenient?-To the northern part.
15. Are the inhabitants of the northern and southern parts of the County of a different description of people ?-I believe they are.
16. Will you describe in what consists the principal difference?-The people in the northern part are Canadians; those in the southern part are English, Scotch, Irish and Americans.
17. Have you any knowledge of acts of violence having occurred at the election near the Hustings, or in the vicinity?-There was, I believe, a man killed about fifty rods from the Poll on the third day, and a great many other acts of violence committed.
18. Wha had the majority of votes on the first day and on the second day ? I think that, on the second day, Mr. Franchère had the majority, but I would not be positive; the Poll-book will shew more fully.
19. At what time did the first acts of violenca

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occur?-On the second day, fifter I had closed the Poll, an affray took place in the Poll-house ; on the third day there was also, I heard, another affiay
30th Noy'r. while I was taking the votes.
20. 1id you observe, in the vicinity of the Hustings, any person or persons armed with bludgeons or other weapons, and using threats against any of the Electors?-I saw several individuals with pretty large sticks. but I did not hear any one threaten to strike, or any thing of that kind.
21. At what o"clock did you adjourn the Poll on the second day !-At five o'clock, P. M., till the the next day at nine. It was a general rule to close the Poll at five.
22. Did you observe a number of sleighs come to the Poll on the morning of the third day, with persons in them armed with weapons and carrying flags ?-I did not.
23. Is there a tavern in the vicinity known as "Goodenough's" ?-There is.
24. Did you observe any collection of Mr. De Salaberry's supporters there!-There was a collection of Mr. De Salaberry's supporters there.
25. Was it in that vicinity that the affray, in which you said a person was killed, occurred?-It was, as I heard, on the road, about twenty-five rods west of Goodenough's.
26. Do you recollect the name of the person kil-led?-His name was Julien Choquette. I had been acquainted with him several years.
27. Have you any knowledge of his baing a supporter of Mr. Franchère?-1 suppose that he was one.
28. Did you take any steps to prevent or suppress violence at the Election, and would you state them?-I got Special Constables appointed ; and after that, at the request of Mr. Franchere, who was fearful of more disturbance, and having told me that Mr. Duchesnay, who was Stipendiary Magistrate, would give me the necessary assistance, I wrote to Mr. Duchesnay, and on the morning of the fourth day he arrived with thirteen or fourteen Policemen. I also wrote to Mr. Burton, at St. Johns, Commissioner of Police, and received an answer from him.
29. When was it that you first applied for the assistance of the Police ?-I applied for the Police on the third day.
30. Was every thing peaceable after the arrival of the Police ?-It was.
31. Did the polling go on without interruption afterwards?-It did; the taking of votes at the Poll was never interrupted for more than a few minutes at a time.
32. Who had the majority of votes on the third day ?-I am not positive, but the Poll-book will prove it.
33. When did the Election close, and how stond the votes?-The Election closed on the fourth day; I think Mr. De Salaberry had then a majority of nine.
34. Were there no more voters to come forward, or what induced you to close at that time?-I wait-
ed an hour ; no more voters appeared, and I then, after having made a proclamation to that effect, closed the Election.
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35. Had Mr. Franchère, or his representatives, $\overbrace{30 \mathrm{th} \text { Nov'r. }}$ left the Hustings, and if so, at what time? Mr. Franchère did not come on the fourth day. I am not positive whether he had a representative or not.
36. Did he notify you that he would not come or protest, and when ?-I do not remember if he notified me in any other way than by sending me the protest, which was sent within the hour. I, however, received a letter from Mr. Franchère on the 10th. I here hand in the letter, and also one from Mr. Da Salaberry. On the morning of the fourth day, Mr. Davignon told me that if I could not assure him that there would be no more disturbance, he would adviss Mr. Franchere to retire. I told him that every thing that depended on me should be done.
[The following are the Doctments handed in by Witness:]

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\text { Henryville, 10th March, } 1841 .
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To II. Hitchenck.
Returning Officer.

## Sin,

As I have heard that great preparations are made to make trouble, by the partizans of Mr. De Salaberry, against the Canadians, and as that I now see a party of the partizans of the said Mr. De Salaberry just passed liere with sticks, and insulting the Canadians, I am very much afraid for such or more trouble than we had last night.

And inasmuch as I have sent your letters to their diffurent directions, 1 have reason to expect that we shall have some Police Magistrates here to-morrow at ten o'cluck, A.s.

Consequently, I request you to adjourn the Poll at to-morrow, ten oclock, a.m. I hope that, in the present circumstances, you will have the goodness to assent to my request ; and, also, that you will have the goodness to send me your answer by the bearer. By so doing, you will oblige,

Your most humble servant,

## THIM. FRANCHERE,

Candidate.

## P. Bertrand.

## Jos. Gariepy.

My only intention is to save blood.

Henryville, 10th March, 1841.
Hiram Hitchoock, Esq.,
Returning Officer, Henryville.

## Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I have read the letter which you have enclosed me from Mr. Franchère, and I $\because \mathrm{m}$ sorry I cannot comply with his request. My friends are here ready to give their votes, and I could not prevail on them to return to-

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 (J. J.)30 H Nor'r.
morrow. I beg you will make the circumstance known to Mr. Franchère.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

## A. DE SALABERRY, Candidate, C. R.

N.B.-I believe you are aware that the disturb. ance which trok place yesterday afternoon, oriminated with Mr. Franchère's party, one of whoin struck Mr. Miller, one of my voters, in the first instance.

A. DE SALABERRY,<br>Candidate, C. Rouville.

St. Johns, 10th March, 1841.

## Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of this day's date, and regret that indisposition, and being in the hands of the Doctor, will prevent my going to Henryville to-day, but trust to be able to go to-morrow. Henryville is in Mr. Duchesnay's district, and I am glad you have written to him. The police stationed here are not under my orders; however, I have desired the constable to go to your assistance immediately.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. BURTON, J. P.

Hiram Hitchcock, Esq.
\&c. \&c. \&c.
37. Are you aware of any cause then existing that could have prevented the Electors of the County from attending the Poll and giving their Votes?-I know of no cause to have prevented them.
38. Are you aware of any taverns or houses of public entertainment having been opened in the County during the Election?-I have no knowledge of any such houses having been opened.
39. Did you observe at the Election any number of persons apparently strangers to the County? Most of the people from the southern part of the County being strangers to me, I cannot tell whether there were any strangers to the County or not.
40. Who appeared to you to be the principal persons acting in favor of the several Candidates? - Mr. McGillivray spoke at the hustings in favor of Mr. De Salaberry, and Mr. Pierre Davignon in favor of Mr. Franchere.
41. From what you saw or know, was there perfect freedom for the Electors in favor of Mr. Franchère in coming to and going from the polling place, and voting on the afternoon of Wednesday the third day of the Election?-There was as far as I know personally. I was not in a position to see exactly what was going on outside; but I think that had I been a voter I would have tried to give my vote, and might or might not have had my head broken in doing so-but 1 speak only from report.
42. Has it come to your knowledge that any house or houses were attacked in the neighborhood of the polling place or in the adjacent village, and
that persons abandoned their houses through fear? -I heard that the houses of Mr. Darche and Mr. Gariépy had been broken in ; but I have no knowledge personally.
43. Did you observe any Magistrates, Officers of Militia, or persons holding office, present taking an active part in the Election?-I certainly saw some of them taking an active part in the Election, but nothing which may be considered illegal.
44. Will you name those that you saw ?-Mr. James McGillivray, who spoke in favor of Mr. De Salaberry ; Mr. A. Chapman ; also, Mr. G. H. Johnston, Licut. Canadian Regiment.
45. Have you ever seen men come to the Poll with bludgeons reddened with blood; and to what party did they belong?-I have not seen any one come to the Poll in that manner.
46. Have you declared that neither you nor the Magistrates were capable of preserving order at the Election?-I have no positive recollection of having said so to any one.
47. What other kind of recollection have you on that subject ?-I think I said to some one that it was impossible for me to prevent disturbance at a distance, while I was not informed of it.
48. What did you answer to Mr. Franchère when he pointed out to you a man with a bludgeon stained with blood?-I do not recollect having made any reply, but I kept my eye upon the individual in question.
49. You have stated that an individual "was killed at the last Election; were you present when he was struck?-I was not.
50. Were the Hustings closed or open, and were you enabled to see what took place around them?The windows and door were opened occasionally.
51. Do you know who were the persons around the house where the Hustings were held on the last day of the Election and the day previous?-On the last day I think they were mostly English, Scotch or Irish, and very few Canadians. On the day previous; I do not know, but I believe there were Canadians at all times.
52. Was there any difference in the attendance at the Hustings, on the part of the Canadians, on the last day of the Election and the day preceding, and all the former days?-There was a very material difference on the last day, for there were only two votes taken on that day for Mr. Franchère.
53. How do you account for this circumstance? -I believe it was from fear. The circumstances of the case shew it plainly.
54. Be pleased to state the circumstances to which you have alluded in your last answer _-TThe fact of violence having been used (as, it was report. ed to me) was the cause of the falling off.
55. By whom was the violence used, and against whom was it directed ?-I do not linow, except from report. Report said that the violence thad been committed against the Canadians, and on the part of Mr. De:Salaberryis supporters.
56. Who were the supporters of Mr. De Salaberry; that is, to what colass, of the population did
they belong?-I believe they were principally from the southern part, and a few French Canadians.

5\%. Did you sce Mr. Fullam at the Election?-I 20th Nov'r. do not know him.
58. Had you been a Canadian desirous of giving your vote to Mr. Franchère, would you have felt yourself safe in going to the Hustings the day the Election closed or the day previous?-I should not have felt myself safe. There was, no doubt, reason for a Canadian to fear.

Saturday, 14th October, 1843.
Mr. Angus McDoncll called in; and examined:

1. Will you state your name, additions, and place of residence? -Angus McDonell; I am a Carpenter and a Farmer, and I reside at Glengary.
2. Have you any knowledge of any persons from your part of the country having procceded to Lower Canada during the last General Election?-I have; I went part of the way myself.
3. What induced you to go there, and for what purpose 1-A gentleman from Montreal came to ask a number of friends to make a show to support Mr. McCulloch's Election.
4. Can you name that gentleman ?-Neil McIn-tosh,-I believe a Merchant in Montreal.
5. Were there many of you that went?-There were between 80 and 100 .
6. How did they proceed ?-They went in sleighs, from Williamstown down to Montreal, by the Coteau.
7. Who paid the expenses ?-I suppose Mr. McIntosh did.
8. How much did the men get ?-I do not know what the others got, but I received one dollar-a-day, and iny expenses were paid.
9. Was it from the time of their leaving home till their return that they were paid?-It was.
10. How long were they away?-I believe five days; they started on Saturday, and returned on Thursday.
11. Did you go into the Town of Montreal? We were one night there.
12. Where did they lodge? -Some at John Grant's, near the College. I can't tell where the others lodged.
13. Who had the management or direction of of them ?-Mr. McIntosh himself conducted them.
14. From Montreal where did you go ?-We went through St. Laurent, and from there to Ste. Thérèse.
15. Was there an election going on at St . Laurent at the time?-When we passed through it had mot begun, and when we returned it was over.
16. When did you arrive at Ste. Thérèse ?-I think it was about one o'clock on Monday afternoon.
17. Where did you go then? -When we left Ste.

Thérèse, we proceeded to a place called Paisley, about four or five miles from Ste. Thérèse, and we met a man coming from the Terrebonne Election, who told us that it was over.
18. Had you any kind of weapons? -Some of them had sticks; and I cut one in the bush on my return to St. Laurent.
19. After you left Paisley. where did you go?We returned by the same route, and passed through St. Laurent.
20. Did you go to Montreal after passing through St. Laurent?-Yes; we staid there on Tuesday right.
21. Did you leave for home the next day, and by the same road you came ?-We did, on Wednesday.
22. How many sleighs or carriages came of the party?-We were, to the best of my recollection, eighteen cutters and sleighs.
23. Can you state for what purpose the men were brought into Lower Canada at that time? We understood that it was to make a show at the Elections.
24. Were you prepared to fight if needful?-No. unless we wer attacked; we did not leave home with the intention of fighting.
25. What sort of a show did they intend; was it a show of force, and for what purpose? II cannot say; it was never intimated to me that we were to fight, but I heard since that we would have had to fight if the French had attacked us; but I must say, that I never met more civil people than they were.
20. Have you any knowledge of who furnished the money to pay for the expenses?-I have no knowledge of any other than Mr. McIntosh.
27. Who went round to get the people to go ?I was warned at an election at Williamstown.-I suppose the others were gathered at the same place.
28. Was there any person in any Public Office among the party that went to the Elections? There were two or three Captains of Militia, and some Subalterns.
29. Do you recollect the names of any of them? -Yes; Captains William Urquhart, Alexander McDougall and James McDonell.
30. Arc you an Elector of Terrebonne, and were the men with you Electors or not of that County? -l am not one; I do not think the others who came from Glengary were Electors.
31. Who paid you, and how much did you receive altogether ?-James McDonell gave me the money-it was one dollar a-day ; Donald McNicol also paid some of the people. These persons both reside near Williamstown.

## Monday, 16th October, 1843.

Mr. John Lloyd, of New Glasgow, called in'; and. examined:

1. Will you state your name, additions and residence ? - John Lloyd, New Glasgow ; I am a Merchant, a Post Master, and a Captain of Militia.
2. Were there any strangers that lodged at your House, Store, or your premises, at or about the time of the late General Election for the County of Tervebonne?-There were.
30th Nov'r.
3. Of what description were they, or were they supporters of any particular Candidate?-Therc were a number who came the evening before the Election, from Stc. Thérèss. and one from Montreal. They were friends of Dr. McCulloch.
4. Was there any gratuitous distribution of liquors or provisions among them?-I furnished them with moliquors, but I believe that some were brought in during the night withont my knowledge. I gave them their supper and breakfast, for which I was paid.
5. By whom were you paid ?-By Dr. McCulloch.
6. About what time was the payment made?A few clays after the Election, but I camot state the day preciscly.
7. Was there any quantily of liquors or provisions sent on to you from Montreal shortly before or during the Election?-There was net from Montreal. There was a quantity of provisions and liquors sent by Dr. McCulloch's supporters from Ste. Théress. They were not addressed particularly to me, but merely that I should take charge of them.
8. Did the persons who arrived at your place on the Sunday evening before the Election, come on toot or in carriages? -They came in carriages.
9. Did they come in a body, and how many carriages were there?-Those who came to my house did not cone in a body. I cannot state the number of carriages.
10. Have you had occasion to knew the name of the person whe forwarded the liguors and provisions from Ste. Therese, or from any other place?-Jas. Porteous, Esquire, of Stc. Thérese, and Drummond Buchanan, Bisquire, were, I believe. the only persons who forwarded them from Ste. Therese.
11. Were you present at the Hustings on the day of Election?-I was at my own house, at a short distance from the place; but I could not sce the Iustings from there.
12. Did you observe any persons armed with officnsive weapons about the place, before or during the Election?-Every body was armed with sticks.

13 Did you see any acts of violence committed? -I did not.
14. From what you saw and observed, do you believe that all descriptions of Electors could attend the Election without imminent danger of bodily injury? -My conviction is, that both parties came there armed and prepared for a struggle ; but I cannot say whether there would have been one or not had they come to the Poll.
15. Can you state the names of any of the persons who appeared to be the most active leaders or managers for the respective Candidates?-On the part of Mr. McCulloch, were Messrs. Jas. Portcous, Drummond Buchanan, John Morris, a Mr. Barron, from the Gore, and some others whom I did not know. On Mr. Lafontaine's part was Mr. Alfred Turgeon.
16. Where do they reside, and do any of them
hold any official situations?-Mr. Morris is Post master at Ste. Thérèse. I do not know if Mr. Buchanan has a situation. Mr. Barron being a stranger to me, I cannot either say if he has one.
17. Did you observe at the time of Election many strangers to the County? - Yes; there were on both sides during the Election persons who were strangers to the County.
18. Have you had occasion to know Mr. Fullam who resided some time at Montrcal ?-I think I saw him at my father's on the morning of the Election. I am not acquainted with the person, but I heard his name mentioned.
10. Would you state the amount, or as nearly as you can recollect, of the money paid to you as mentioned in answer to a former question?-I do not remember the amount. As 1 keep a store, I sold a number of things to Mr. M'Culloch's party. I dare say that I received about $£ 60$; but I would not be positive.
20. You have also stated in your evidence that there was a quantity of liquors and provisions forwarded to your charge from Śte. Thèrése ; can you statc the quantity?-I cannot state cxactly, but thers was a largo quantity.
21. You have said that buth parties came to the place of Election prepared to fight ; would that have been the case if strangers had not been brought to the place of the Dlection a day or two previous to the Election?-I cannot say : the Gore people carnc in on Saturday. Common report said one party would destroy the other; so that the party which was nearest to the place of Election armed themselves in expectation of a struggle.
22. Is it to your knowledge that when the Returning Officer gave notice that the votes should be taken in the School-house, it was then in possession of armed men?-There were a number of Mr. McCulloch's supporters on the road adjoining the Poll-house, which was at a little dictance from where the Writ was read; some were armed, others were not. From the position of my house from which I did not stir, 1 could not see anything that was going on at the Poll; but I know that from the advant.ugcous position which Mr. McCulloch's supporters had, six of them could have prevented a very great number of Mr. Lafontainc's friends from coming to the Poll.
23. What part did Mr. Fullam, or the person pointed out to you as Mr. Fullam, take in the Election ?--l saw him at my father's house about breakfast time. I then returned to my own house, and as I stated before, not having stirred from thence all day, I lost sight of him.
24. Can you undertake to say that your account against Dr. McCulloch for the Election expenses did not amount to $£ 150$ ?-I have already stated about $£ 60$. It might have been more ; perhaps between £60 and £70.
25. Will you describe the items of your account? -I cannot.
26. 1id the account comprise any thing but boarding, lodging, meat, provisions, tobacco, pipes, carriage hire and conveyance for the supporters of Mr. McCulloch ?-It comprised all these except carriage hire.
27. What period of time was embraced in your account ; was it more than three days; if so, be the number of days. There were some of Dr. McCulloch's supporters on Friday evening; they 30th Noy'r, were all gone by Tuesday evening.
28. Were there any other persons occupied in supplying Dr. McCulloch's supporters with provisions. and other things, besides yourself : bo pleased to state their names?-There were a number: Messrs. John Walker. Furse, and John Murray A number of other persons furnished stabling. \&c., and provisions were carried to some of their houses.
20. Do you know one John Knox, who took a part in the Election; do you know whether he was paid the sum of five dollars, and the service for which he was so paid?-I know John Knox. I do not know what part he took, except that he was employed in distributing provisions, for which scrvice he was paid. He was an Apprentice to a Blacksmith. He was a very quiet young man, and could not have taken an active part in the Election.
30. Do you know one Gilbert Smith ; did he receive any money, and for what purpose; did he make himself active during the Election?-I know him. He was a distributor of provisions.He was paid, but I do not remember how much.
31. Do you know to how much John Monteith's account amounted ; was it not $£ 20$ ?-I cannot tell.
32. Do you know one Thomas Aiken; did he supply arything during the Election, and to whom? -I do know him. He supplied hay, oats, and provisions to some people from the Gore, supporters of Mr. McCulloch.
33. Do you know how much his bill came to; who paid him?-I do not know the amount. I believe I paid him myself.
34. How much money did Dr. McCulloch send to you?-To the best of my recollection it was between $£ 160$ and $£ 180$.
35. Did you pay anything to Mr. Porteous, to John Murray, to Thomas Bennett, to John Walker, and John Monteith, and how much?-I paid nothing to Mr. Porteous. I paid John Murray about $£ 15$; to Thomas Bennctt, £2 or $£ 3$. I do not recollect what I paid to John Walker.
36. Did Dr. McCulloch ever tell you how much the Election cost him; did he ever tell you whether the expense was defrayed by himself or others? -He never did
37. What part did Major Barron take at the Election?-IIc came with the Gore people ; in what capacity I cannot tell. IIc was trying to pacify them and keep thom quict.
38. Do you know who it was that managed the Election for Dr. McCulloch; how did they manage to bring it about?-I do not know. I saw scveral strangers, among whom were a Mr. Mart, and a Mr. McAllister and James Porteous conversing about the ground apparently. Mr. McCulloch and his legal advisers then went into the Hustings, and so did Mr. Lafontaine, who after a short while retired. I heard that he had expressed as his reasons for retiring, that it was to prerent the evil consequences which might ensue, and the blood that would be spilled in the event of lis contesting the Election.
39. Who suggested to Dr. McCulloch's support-
ers to take possession of the hill where the School Ilouse is built ?-That I cannot tell.

William King McCord, Esquire, called in; and $\overbrace{\text { 30h Nou's }}^{\text {Jamined: }}$ examined:

1. Will you be pleased to state your name, additions, and residence ? - Willian King McCord, District Judge ; I reside at Aylmer.
2. Have you at any time acted as Coroner within the County of Terrelinnne ?-I have, in my capacity of Stipendiary Magistrate and Captain of Militia. $I$ then resided at Ste. Scholastique.
3. Were you called upon to act as Coroner within the said County, at any time during or subsequent to the last Gencral Election?-I was.
4. Had you any inquest ?- At the requisition of Dr. Smallwood, a gentleman who gentrally acted as Clerk to the Magistrates on those occasions, immediately on my arrival at the village of St. Martin. My motive for holding the inquest was, that I was exempt from party feeling, and I thought most of the Magistrates and Captains of Militia were not.
5. Can you state the name of the person on whom the inquest was held? -IIis name was Rose ; I do not recollect his Christian name.
6. Will you state the substance of the case as appeared in cvidence before you, and the verdict of the Jury?-It appeared in evidence before me, and the Jury assembled, that after the Election was over, the deccased was quietly walling across the road. when some person or persons unknown to the witnesses, came behind him and struck him a little above the right ear, and fractured his skull in an angular manner, about an inch and a quarter each way; which, according to the opinion of Dr. Smallwood and my own conviction, was the cause of his death. The deceased was upwards of 70 ; had a repute of being a peacenble and quict man, and had not a stick or anything of the sort in his hand. I then charged the Jury from the circumstances, to bring in a verdict of wilful marder against a person or persons unknown. That was accordingly the verdict of the Jury.
7. Did it appear in the evidence. what description of people were in company with the person who crossed over to strike the deceased?-They were said to be opponents of Mr. Lafontaine, and people speaking English.
8. Did you make a return of the verdict of the Jury, and if so, to whom did you make it?-Dr. Smallwood, acting as my Clerk, made a return to Mr. Jones, one of the acting Coroners for the District of Montreal.

## Tuesdiy, 17rin October, 1843.

## Mr. John Walker called in ; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, addition, and residence ?-John Walker, Carpenter, Ste Thérèse.
2. Are you an Elector of the County of Terre-bonne?-l am.
3. Can you say in whose favor you intended to vote at the last General Election? -In favor of Dr. McCulloch.
4. Did you attend at the place of Election?-1 did.
5. Did you notice any acts of violence committed there, or any threats of violence by persons armed with offensive weapons?-I never left my house at the time, so that I did not see any acts of violence committed.
6. Will you look at the Affidavit now handed to you, and say if the signature "John Walker" is written by you?-It is.

> (Affidavit.)

## District of Montreal.

John Walker, now of the Parish of Ste. Thérèse, in the said District, and late of New Glasgow, in the Seigniory of Terrebonne, carpenter, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith : That since last Fall up to last Thursday, this deponent resided at Now Glasgow aforesaid, during which time he occupied a house si uate at a short distance from the place appointed for taking votes at the last Election. That some ten days previous to the twenty-second day of March last. Mr. Drummond Buchanan, of Ste. Thérèse, Distiller, and Messrs. Kempton, Morris, and McAllister, also of Ste. Thérèse, called at the said dwelling-house of the deponent in New Glasgow aforesaid, and enquired of him whether or not they could rent his house from that time until the close of the Election, for the purpose of storing therein liquors and other provisions. That the deponent answered in the affirmative, upon being informed by the said Buchanan, that he, the deponent, should be paid for his trouble. About the eighteenth day of March last, the deponent received the letter hereunto annexed, and marked A. purporting to be a letter from the said Buchanan; this letter was brought by one of three carters, who at the same time deposited in deponent's house three hogsheads of beer. On the following day five or six barrels of beer were brought to the deponent's house, togct her with a middle-sized barrel of whiskey, a cask of brandy, and a cask of wine, and a quantity of bread, beef, pork and other provisions, andon the same day the deponent recaived another letter purporting to be from the said Buchanan, which is also hereunto annexed, and marked B; this letter was brought by one of the threc individuals therein named. On Saturday, the twentieth day of March, about two hundred and fifty men, from the Gore, arrived at New Glasgow, and knowing that the provisions stored in deponent's house had been forwarded for them and others, they used freely of them. On the following day (Sunday) a large party of stone-breakers from the neighbourhood of Montreal, and others from Stc. Thérese and that vicinity, also arrived. These men spent thenight atMonteith's, at my house, and at other houses in New Glasgow, and a party was cstablished in the school-house, which was the place appointed as the Polling-bouth. All these men, as well the people from Gore, as the stonebreakers and others above mentioned, arrived at New Glasgow armed with sticks and other weapons. The Gore men were provided with sticks well polished, and evidently prepared for the purpose of a contest. One man amongst the latter was armed with a bayonet, and one of the stone-breakers had brought with him a gun. The deponent is sincerely of opinion that had Mr. Lafontaine not withdrawn from the contest, a dreadful scene of slaughter would have ensued, and many lives would have been lost. Although no contest took place, a Canadian of the name of Rose was killed, from blows reccived on the hill near the school-house, on his way to the place where the Writ was read. On the day after the Election, Tuesday, the 23d day of March last; John Lloyd, junior, came to the deponent's, and intimated to the deponent that he, Lloyd, wished to take away the barrels and other things remaining
out of the provisions placed under deponent's care. The deponent said that he was responsible for them to Mr. Buchanan, having received from that gentleman orders to keep the things until he, Mr. Buchanan, should send for them. Soon after, several other persons, amongst whom was one Thomas Aikens, came to deponent's house, and threatened to carry away the barrels and other things by force; but not having succeeded, a search warrant was brought to deponent's house by one Bryan Goodman, who took away the remains of the provisions sent under Mr. Buchanan's orders to deponent's house as aforesaid. And further the deponent saith that for the storage of the above mentioned liquors and provisions, and for his trouble in distributing the same, he received from the said John Lloyd, Junior, the sum of ten pounds currency; and further the deponent saith not, and hath signed.

## JOHN WALKER.

Sworn before me, at Montreal, this 21st day of April, 1841.

## E. M. LEPROHON, J. P.

7. Are you aware of the statements made therein ; are they true ?-They are.
8. Will you look at these three notes marked (A), (B), (C), now shewn to you, signed "D. Buchanan," and "Hugh McAdam." and will you state if you received them, and by whom ?-1 received them from the carters who brought the provisions mentioned in my Affidavit.
(A.)

Mr. Walker.

## Dear Sir,

You will please to receive three hogsheads of Beer, which it would be well to place in such a manner as the Beer may be drawn off, and give it time to settle; the rest of the things will be sent to-morrow or next day.

## I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

## D. BUCHANAN.

Please send ine a receipt of what you receive from these Carters.
(B.)
(B.) 19th March, 1841 .

Mr. Walker.

## Dear Sir,

The bearers, Messrs. John Bishop, James Orr. and William Wright, will assist you in the charge of the Beer, Whiskey, \&uc.

I am, dear Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D. BUCHANAN.
(C.)

New Glasgow, '21st March,
Sunday morning, 6 o'clock.

## My Dear Sir,

I have just time to inform you that the Gore peo-
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Your ob
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## 30th Nor'r

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pie arrived here last night, about seven o'clock, their number is about 135.

I am, my dear Sir, yours,

## IIUGH McADAM.

P. S.-We are afraid that there are spies out to observe if thry can see any thing.

## II. McA.

1 will endeavour to meet you in Laplaine, say about four o'clock, afternoon.
9. Have you stated, in your Affidarit, ali you know about the Terrebume Election; if not, will you state any thing further you know of acts of violence, treating. and corruption ?-Every thing that 1 know is stited thercin.
10. Did you observe any strangers from other parts of the country conspicurns in interfering in the Election; will you name them?-Yes, there were a great many; but I camot name them.
11. Do you know if there is any connection between any one of the Candidates and Mr. 1). Buchanan, and do you know of any comertion between Mr. Buchanan and any person of note in Montreal?-Mr. Buchanan is a brothor-in-law of Dr. McCullinch: I do not know of any other connection of Mr. Buchanan in Montreal, except it be Dr. Campbell. with whom Dr. McCinlloch resided.
12. Since the Election, have you hat any conversation or communication with Dr. MeCulloch respecting the expense of the Election, or any other mater comected with; if so. state the same?-I had none.
13. Do you know Major Barron; did you sce hiim at the Election, and what part, if any, cide he take in it?-I do not know him.
14. When were you first made aware that the stone-breakers would come to the Election; from whom and in what manner dinl you obtain your information? - I never knew anything of them till they came to my housc.
15. On what day did the stonc-breakers come to your house: how long did they remain; and in what manner did they employ the time while there? -They came on Sunday; and left on Monday. They spent their time in cating and drinking, and talking. I heard them say that they were sent there by Mr. Rigncy, their Oversecr.

Josequ Ovide Turgeon, Esquire, called in; and ex-amined:-

1. Will you state your name, additions, and residence? - Joseph Ovide Turgeon; I am a Proprictor; and $I$ reside at the village of Terrebonne.
2. Were you present at the time and place notified for holding the Elcction for the County of Terrebonne at the last General Election?-I was; it was held at New Glasgow on the 22d March, 1841.
3. Did you witness any acts of viulence committed there or in the vicinity; or threats of violence by mon armed with offensive weapons; and will you state what on these subjects is within your nown knowledge?-On the Saurday preceding the Election. I went to Ste. Thérèse. I saw, at about five in the afternoon, about fifteen or sixteen carriages or sleighs, in which were men armed with sticks,
and who were crying out and threatening the inhabitants of the village. They appeared to me partizans of Dr: MeCulloch. On the Monday morning, we Appendir (J. J.) saw, on a hill alout a mile from the Poll-housc, an assemblage of men who were armed with sticks and crying oit. The party of Mr. Safuntaine, among whichi I was, passed them at about seven or cight feet distance. We were threatened: and after the main body of our party had passed, hase remaining behind wore attarked by Mr. McCulloch's party. and several blows were exchanged; our party was driven into the snow on the lower side of the road. Mr. McCulloch's supporters appeated to me to have prepared the ground, and trodden down the snow on their side so as to secure their fonting. I asked Mr. MeCulloch if he coull n't preserve tho peace: he said, that was none of his business. On Saturday, as our party had heard that the othor had come in prepared to fight, wo took up sticks in our defence. After the Writ had been real, the Relurning Officer told us that wo were to go up a hill; where he would take the votes. We thought this very difficult, as Mr. McCulloch's party was in posscssion of the hill ; and as, from its position, it was impossible to approach the Poll-house withont effusion of blood, soveral uthers with myselfadvised Mr. Lafontaine to retire, to prevent the evil consequences which might ensue in the event of his contesting the Election.
4. As a friend of Mr. Lafontaine's, and an Elecfor of the County, did you apply to the Returning Officer to protect the freedom of Dilection, or have you any kurwledre of such application having been made by others?-Mr. Lafmitaine and several of the Rlecturs, with myself, asked the Returning Ofiiece if it was possible to preserve the peace. He aiid it was impossible; that the only means he had was to appoint Special Constables, a step which would be difficult to take, as they would have to bo chosen from the different parties, which would be a subject of great inconvenience. I am persuaded myself that it was impossible for him to preserve order.
5. ITave you a personal knowledge of any person peaceatly attending the Election, having been beaten, or otherwise ill-treated?-I saw an old man named Rose, who had received several blows on the head at the time of the Election. I was informed afterwards that he had died in consequence of thuse blows. I also saw two other Canadians who had been beaten.
6. Mave you any personal knowledge of houses having becn operied after the nutification of the Election, where persons were gratuitously treated with liquors and provisions?-I do not know. All the houses were shut to us. After having walked a long while through the snow, and being very tired, I asked Mr. Lloyd, whom I knew very well, for a glass of wator, but he refused to let me into his housc.
7. Do you know any of the persons who were concerned in bringing the party you saw armed at Ste. Therèse, into the Cuunty? -James Porleous was at the head of the party of sleighs that I saw : he had a flag in his hand. and was crying out. IIe is, I believe, a Major of Militia. He was a supporter of Dr. McCulloch.
8. Do you know of any provisions and liquors having been sent inte the County after the notification of, or during the Election, for gratuitous distribution; and if so, have you any knowledge of who paid for them, and who furnished the money?-I did not see any myself. It was a gencral rumour that provisions had been brought in. Some carters

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9. Did you see any persons not resident in the County, at or during the Election, taking an active part in support of cither of the Candidates; and will you state the names of the most conspicuous, and their additions and usual residences?-The principal supporters of Mr. Lafontaine were residents in the County. On Mr. McCulloch's side, I saw a person called Major Barron, who appeared to be the leader of the Gore party. All the strangers who were there appeared to me to be Mr. MeCulloch's supporters. I also saw a person there who was pointed out to me as a Mr. Fullam.
10. Do you know at what time prior to the Election Mr. Lafontaine arrived at New Glasgow; and how do you know this?-Mr. Lafontaine arrived with me at New Glasgow on the morning of the Election, at about ten. He had slept at Ste. Anne Desplaines the night previous, having left my house at Terrebonne the day before.
11. The Committee understand that you represented the County of Terrebonne in the Parliament of Jower Canada ; if this be the case, be pleased to state how long and when you represented the County, and who was your Colleaguc ?-I represented the County during three Parliaments ; my Colleague in the first Parliament was Mr. Tétard de Montigny ; in the second, Mr. Andrè Papincat, and in the third, Mr. Lafontaine.
12. Who was the Returning Officer at your last Election ; were you acquainted with him ; if so, for how long?-Mr. McKenzic was ; he was always opposed to Mr. Louis Joseph Papineau and the majority of the Parliament in Lower Canada.
13. Can you say if it was to the knowledge of the Returning Officer that the School House where the Candidates and Electors had to go to poll thoir votes, immediately after the reading of the Writ, was in the possession of Dr. McCulloch's party? It could not be otherwise. Only a few of the persons who werc in the School House came to hoar the Writs read; the romainder kept possession of the hill upon which the School IIouse was situated.

## Mr. William Furse called in ; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, addition, and residenco ?- William Furse, I am a tailor by trade, and I reside at New Glasgow.
2. Are you an Elector of the County of Terre-bonne?-I ain.
3. In whose favor did you intend to vote? -I intended to vote for Mr. Lafontaine.
4. Were you present at the place where the Election was notified to be "held, when it was opened ?-I was.
5. Have you any knowledge of acts of violence committed at the Election, and will you state the particulars?-I know of but one that I could give any particulars of. I saw several blows given to a man who died in consequence. It was about six acres from my house. This man's name was, $I$ heard, Davis or Davidson; I heard also that he died ten days after. It was at the time that they were opening the Election at Mr. Lloyd's house.
6. Did you let a house to the friends of any Candidate during the Election?-Yes; I let two.

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7. To what party ?-To Dr. McCulloch, through 30th Nov'r. Mr. Buchanan, who hired them, and gave me a note for the payment of them.
8. To what uses were these houses applied ?For men to sleep in them.
9. What description of persons slept in them ?They were called stone-breakers.
10. Can you say how many there were of them, and by whom they were conducted? --There were, I suppose, about 50 or 60 , I cannot state exactly : I do not know who conducted them.
11. Do you know if they were supplied gratuiiously with liquor and provisions, and by whom? Yes, they were supplied with provisions and liquors taken from Mr. Walker's house, and issued by Mr. Lloyd.
12. Are thore many stone-breakers usually employed at New Glasgow ?-There are none that I know of.
13. When did they come there, and have you heard where from ?-They came on Sunday about ninc or ten o'clock. They told me they had come from Montreal, and were employed by Dr. McCulloch.
14. Did you get paid for the rent of your houses, how much, and by whom were you paid ?-I received $£ 10$ from Mr. Lloyd on presenting the note which Mr. Buchanan had given me when he rented the houses ; I received also about $£ 3$ for damages done to the houses.
15. Did you see the Gore men arrive, and what time, and by whom did they appear to be conducted? -I saw them arrive on the day before the Lelection; I cannot state at what hour. They were conducted by a person whom they called Captain; I did not hear his name. I do not remember which, of the stone-breakers or the Gore men, arrived first; they occupied both of my houses.
16. Did you observe any persons in a state of intoxication on the day before the Election, or on the day it was notified to be held ?-I saw a great many both on Sunday and Monday. They were constantly coming and going from one of my houses to the other.
17. Did they appear well disposed for a fight?Yes; they were well armed too.
18. When was it that you leased your houses, to whom did you lease them, and were you told the purpose for which they were wanted?-About a week 1 think before the Election; Mr. Buchanan leased them personally, and told me they were intended for men to sleep in.
19. When did you first hear that the stonebreakers were expected ?-They came unexpected.

Wednesday, 18th October, 1843.
William Bowron, Esquire, called in; and examined:

1. Will you state your name, addition, and residence ?-William Bowron, Proprictor and Justice of the Peace; I reside at Hinchinbrook.
2. Were you Returning Officer for the County of Appendix Beauharnois at the last General Election?-I was (J. J.)

30th Nov'r.
3. Where was the Election notified to be held?At Durham, in Ormstown; I believe on the 19th March, 1841.
4. Do you know where the Elections for the County werc formerly held ?-At St. Clement, in Bcauharnois, and at Huntingdon.
i. Br what authority was it held at Ormstown? -By the authority of the Writ.
6. How far is Durham, in Ormstown, back from the $\mathbf{S t}$. Lawrence? -About 18 miles by the road.
7. Are the Inlabitants of the Parishes on the St. Lawrence and the Townships in the rear, of different national origins?-Those in the front are of French origin: those in the rear are principally Irish and Scotel, and a fow from the United States.
8. What do you suppose is the most numerous? --The Finglish, Irish and Scotch are the most numerous. There are a fow Americans.
9. In what part of the Townships is the most numerous population?-IIinchinbrook, IIcmmingford. Godmanchester end Dundec.
10. Which are the most populous of the Parishes? -I believe St. Martin, St. Clement and St. Timothee are.
11. Was the Election opencd at the time and place notified?-It was. A Poll was demanded and held.
12. Who were the Candidates?-John Win. Dunscomb and Jacob De Witt, Estquires.
13. Were there any disturbances at or near the place of Election?-There was a great deal of disturbance outside, and a great deal of confusion inside of the IInstings.
14. Have you any knowledge of many strangers to the County having attended at the place of Elec-tion?-1 saw some strangers there; there were some from the United States.
15. Were there any of them that you recognized? -Mr. Chesley from Cornwall was there.
16. Was Mr. Fillam there? -There was a person of that name there.
17. Who appeared to be the leading active supporters of the several Candidates, and did any of them hold any public Office 2-For Mr. Dunscomb, was Mr. John Macdonald, of Chateauguay, then a Justice of the Peace, Mossrs. James and Alexanden idavidson, John White two Messrs. Somerville, - Gairdner, Captain of Dragoons, and many others.
18. Did you observe if any persons came armed with offensive weapons of any kind?-Through the windows I saw people armed with clubs.
10. Do you understand the French language? Very little.
20. Did you at any time before you were appointed Returning Officer, canvass for Mr. Dunscomb, and invite him to become a Candidate? -I called upon him personally, at the request of a meeting,

## and invited him to become a Candidate; but I did

 not take any part in canvassing.21. You were a Candidate at a former Election? $\overbrace{30 \text { in Nor'r }}$ _I was.
22. How long did the Election last, and who was returned?-The Election continued about eight days, and resulted in the return of Mr. De Witt.
23. Did you see any one wearing the uniform of Volunteers at or near the place of Election at the last General Election? -I saw some straggling Volunteers in uniform ; there were several Officers and Privates there not in uniform.
24. Did you sec any of them with their side arms, or otherwise armed?--1 do not recollect having seen any with their side arms.
25. Were there a large number of people lodging in and resorting to a Mill and Miller's house, near the Poll?-There wore a great many; I went there only at the close of the Eluction.
26. Ilow long did the Election hold ?-The day upon which the Poll was opencd, and the greater part of the following day.
27. Have you any knowledge of any Electors having bren obstruct ed on their way to the Poll, or going from the Poll, in any part of the County, by men armed with offensive weapons?-1 have no personal knowledge thereof, but I understood that it was the casc. It was pretty notorious that one or two affrays had taken place within a few miles of the Poll.
28. Have you heard of any threats or preparations to resort to force and violence against any portion of the Electors, before or daring the Elec-tion?-I did not hear of any threats, nor do I know of any preparations to resort to force.
29. Did you, at any time on the seernd day, adjourn the Poll for a short time, and if so, for what rcason?-I did not. There was great confusion. pushing and shoving, so that I threatened to adjourn the loll if it were not more quiet, and that I would not go on while the confusion lasted. In about five minutes every thing was quiet, and Mr. Dunscomb requested me to continue the polling, but Mr. De Witt wishod me to adjourn. Mr. Do Witt retired shorily after, and left Mr. Patrick Bronnan, of Montreal, to represent him.
30. Did you observe many persons, at or about the Poll, in a state of intoxication, or excited by li-quor?-There was a great number.
31. Have you any reason to believe that liquor and provisions ware gratuitously distributed ?-I have reason to believe sn.
32. Can you say where and by whom?-I believe both at the Public House and at the Grist Mill, but more particalarly at the latter place; the Miller told me that a great deal of liquor had been drank.
33. Did the Miller state that he had received any money for lodging and treating, and if sa, from whom?-He did not tell me that he had.
34. Was there liquor sent to the Mill, and have you understood where it came from and by whom it was sent?-I could only give my opinion on the subject. I understood that carters had brought up the liquor from Montreal.

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 (J. J.)35. Are you aware of any money having been distributed among voters during or immediately after the Election ?-I am not.

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36. Are you of opinion that the Electors disposed to vote in favor of the several Candidates had perfect and equal freedom of attending the Poll and giving their votes, without imminent danger of personal injury ?-I think there was danger of personal injury ; in the early part of the Election, Mr. De Witt had the greater nunber of supporters, and towards the close, Mr. Dunscomb. I think that had the Election continued another day, the donger would have been very great.
37. You have stated that there was great strife and violence at the Poll, and that you declared you would adjourn the Poll if order was not restored; will you say that you did not, about eleven o'clock on the second day of the Election, proclaim the Poll to be adjourned for an hour, and. after a few moments delay, at the request of Mr. Dunscomb, and contrary to the remonstrance of Mr. De Witt, immediately go on polling or receiving the votes for Mr. Dunscomb; and after that time, is it not true that no more votes were given for Mr. De Witt?I have stated already that I did not adjourn the Poll. After eleven, a number of votes were given to Mr. De Witt.
38. Did you not see persons coming to the Poll with clubs. striking and beating penple on the first as well as on the second day of the Election?-I saw but one person with a club, whether on the first or second day I do not recollect ; I called out immediately, and the club disappeared. I could not learn who it was that had the club.
39. Can you say that there were no other acts of violence committed than what you have stated?-I do not know that there was anything but pushing and shoving ; I heard no threats, nor did I see a blow struck.
40. Were there any Magistrates in the Polling Hnuse on either of those two days, and who were they?-I saw James Reid there. and Jancs Davidson, John McDonell and Thomas Gairdner. I do not know if Mr. Gairdner was acting as a Magistrate at the time; the others were acting as Magistrates.
41. Wure there not any other Magistrates, Mr. Brown and Mr. Norval for instance ?-They were both there; they were Magistrates.
42. Is it not to your knowledge that all these Magistrates were partizans and supporters of Mr. Dunscomb against Mr. De Witt?-I believe they were.
43. Did you not, scveral times previous to the late general Election for United Canada, call at your house, and elscwhere attend, mectings of persons who were opposed to Mr. De Witt, for the purpose of conferring with them on the best mode of opposing Mr. De Witt at the then ensuing election?-I do not know that 1 ever had any persons coming to my house for that purpose. I only attended one mecting, and that was to confer upon who should be invited to come furward, as already mentioned.
44. Did you not write letters to gentlemen in the different Townships and Parishes in the County of Bcauharnois, previous to the Election for a member to represent that County in the United Parliament of Canada, requesting them to assemble together for the purpose of inducing some person to become
a Candidate to oppose Mr. De Witt at the approaching Election?-I did.
45. Did you attend a meeting, called by your $\overbrace{-}$ circular letters, at Durham, about fifteen days bsfore 30th Nov'r the Election, when John Davidson, Esquire, then of Quebec, and J. W. Dunscomb of Montreal, were proposed as Candidates, and that the majority werc in favor of inviting Mr. Dunscomb to become a Candidate ; and were you, at the said meeting, appointed a delegate to go to Montreal, with authority to invite Mr. Dunscomb to come forward as a Candidate to oppose Mr. De Witt?-Yes; I wrote some circulars at the request of the Electors, to convene a meeting. I was desired by the meeting to go to Montreal, to invite Mr. Dunscomb to come forward.
46. Is it not true that the Volunteer Cavalry were employed to carry messages, to call meetings, and other sorvices to favor the election of Mr. Duns-comb?-I believe that it was the casc, from what I hearcl.
47. Was it come to your knowledge that Volunteers, both Cavalry and Infantry, werc to be employed in different parts of the County, and at the Poll, to prevent the Electors favorable to Mr. De Witt from voting, or that they werc employed for that purpose?-I have no knowledge that they were cmployed for that purposc. I heard that some of the Officers of Infantry were employed in taking an active part in the Election in different parts of the County.
48. Is it not truc that at a meeting of the supporters of Mr. Dunscomb, in your village of Huntingdon, or elsewhere, it was agreed or admitted that if the Canadian Electors were permitted to vote at the Election, Mr. Dunscomb had no chance of being elected by the Electors?-I do not recollect hoaring anything of the kind.
49. Did you make an application to the Governor to be appointed Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois? -There was an application written, I think, by Mr. Lighthall, the Registrar of the County; whether I signed it or not, I do not recollect. The application was in my favour. I cannot positively say who presented it; but I think Mr, Lighthall forwarded it.
50. Was there not some understanding between you and some agent on the part of the Executive Government, with reference to your appointment as Returning Officer; was not your appointment contingent upon the fact of standing yourself as a Candidate, or some other fact, and state what? There was, to my recollection, no understanding on the subject between myself and any person whatever.
51. Was there no understanding of a similar description between you and some person or per sons, whether avowedly an agent or not?-I have stated in my proceding answer that there was not.
52. When were you first made aware of the intention of the Government to appoint you Returning Officer; from what person, and in what manner did you obtain the information ?-I was in Montreal, and I made inquiry at the Government Offices. This was the day bofore I received the Commission. It was, 1 believe, Mr: Daly, or some Clerk in his office, who informed me, upon my going into the office, that I had been appointed.
53. Previously to this, had not the appointment
been promised to you?-There had been no promise (J. J.)

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54. What induced you to go to the Public Offices if no promise had been made to you l-Bccause 1 knew the application had been made, and I went to see if it had succeeded.
55. Who were the parties who originated this application !-I cannot tell who they were.
56. Was not the application suggested to Lighthall and the others by yourself, or by some person with your knowledge nad concurrence? -It might have been, but I cannot say if 1 suggested it myself, or if any one else did.
57. At the commencement of the Election, did not Mr . Junscombenjoy a free and uninterrupted hearing, while Mr. De Witt was interrupted by noise and disturbance on the part of some of the bystanders?-There was a great deal of confusion in the beginning. I do not think that Mr. Dunscomb enjoyed entirely, a free and uninterrupted hearing, but much more so than Mr. De Witt.
58. How many Clerks were employed to write in the Poll-book at the Election?-I employed only one. Mr. Norval was there ; he occasionally relieved him. I think the Clerk's name was either Robinson or Menderson. IIe was a Clerk of a Mr. Bogue of Beauharnois.
59. Were they sworn as Clerks?-The Clerk of Mr. Bogue was sworn ; I do not recollect that Mr. Norval was. He acted nevertheless with the consent of both Candidates.
60. Who was that Mr. Brown of whom you have spoken as being a Magistrate at the Poll ?-He was an Agent of Mr. Ellice, who was then proprictor of the seigniory of Benuharnois.
61. Was Mr. Norval the person employed as Clerk of the Poll the same person as Mr. Norval the magistrate? - He was the same person.
62. Was there not a Committec formed for the purpose of forwarding Mr. Dunscomb's Election; who composed this Committec?-I have no knowledge of such a Committec having been formed.
63. Was not one of the Candidates designated as the Government Candidate, and state which ?-I have no recollection that such a designation had been given to any of the Candidates.
64. Who were the Voluntecr Officers whom you saw at the Election; and who was the officer in command of the whole; where were they stationed? -Lt. John Miller was the most active and stirring one, probably. I saw there also Captain Alexander Davidson, and Captain Gairdner of the Cavalry, and Ensign Foster : there were others whom 1 do not recollect. Colonel Campbell, one of the officers on particular service, was in command of the whole; they were stationed at IIuntingron, 10 miles from Durham, where the Election was held. There were two companies of Cavalry and two of Infantry in the County.
65. Was Colonel Campell present at the Elec-tion?-I could not say positively if he was there.
66. Were not the privates in the Volunteer companies who were present at the Election, and out of uniform, armed with sticks, or in some other, and state what, manner?-I do not recollect having seen any of them armed in any way.
67. Were these man qualified Electors?-Some of them were, and some of them were not.

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68. IIad you any conversation with Mr. Fullam during the Election!-I had none whatever at any

30th Nov'r. time.
69. What was Mr. Fullam's business at the Election, and what part did he take in it ?-I cannot say what his buciness" was. Ile was pretty much cugaged with the Electors outside.
70. Did your duty inside of the Hustings enable you to sec all that was going on outside? -Not at all.
71. Is it to your knowledre that money was expended at the Election for the purpose of securing Mr. Dunscomb's return?-I only heard that the teamsters had becn paid who had conveyed Mr. Dunscomb's Electors to the Poll.
72. Do you know anything respecting the presence at the Election of a detachment of persons from Glengary, in Upper Canada? - I do not.
73. Not having secn what was passing outside of the IIustings. are you nevertheless enabled to say that the Election was a free one, and that all the Electors had a full opportunity of giving their votes without fear or apprehension of violence-or the reverse ?-I do not hink that the voters had all free access to the Poll. I should have sworn in Special Constables, hat I nut been afraid that, owing to the excitement which prevailed at the time, they would have fought among themselves.
74. Could you with safety have called upon the Military to assist you in kecping the Peaco?-I do not think that I could with safety have called in the assistance of the Volunteers which were in the County.
75. What made you distrust the assistance of the Volunteer Corps?-I conceived that they were taking an activo part in the Election.

Andrè Benjamin Papineau, Esquire, called in ; and examined:

1. Will you state your name, additions and residence ?-André Bonjamin Papincau, Notary, residing at St. Martin, Isle Jesus, District of Montreal.
2. Are you an Elector of the County of Terre-bonnc?-I am.
3. Did you attend at the time and place notified for holding the Election at the last general Election ?-I did.
4. Did you observe any acts of violence that occurred at the place or in the vicinity of the Election ; and will you state what is within your own knowledge? -About thrce days before the Election, about three humdrod strangers arrived at St . Martin, partly on font and partly in sleighs; they were all armod with sticks, and lad a supply of sticks in their sleighs; they remained there about an hour. I went up to ono of them, and asked him where they were going; he told me they were going to New Glasgow. I asked him what they were going to do with their sticks, and what brought them to New Glasgow; another from among them, who was listening, made signs to him and told him not to say a word. Thereupon I told the people of the Parish where I lived, and who were rather frightened, that inasmuch as the law and the authorities called us to
fulfil our duty, that they should go to the place of Election, and that they were to act very prudently, and not to provoke any body, and that none of them were to drink. I gave the same advice to the people of Ste. Therese; I however told them that as our adversaries were armed with sticks, it would be well to use the same precaution, to defend ourselves in case of an attack. After we had started for the Election, and before we arrived at the Hustings, we went down by a road which had been made along a hill upon which were a great many of Mr. McCulloch's supporters, who were flourishing their sticks over our heads, and screaming in all sorts of ways. When I had arrived at the bottom of the hill. I perceived that a great many of our people had remained behind on the road. I returned to them, to make them come down and join the body of our party. While I was coming down with them, two or three of McCulloch's supporters (among whom was a man naned Masson), who were near the Poll, came up to us and told us that we could go down, and that they would not harm us; and told us join our party, which had gone done. They then left us, and returned to their party. I said to some of those who ware round me, that we were not to trust to that advice. About five minutes after, about ton of McCulloch's supporters came up to us, threatening, with oaths and curses, to strike us with their sticks if we did not go down the hill ; and telling us, at the same time, that they had something better than sticks, and that in a short time a great number of Mr. Lafontaine's supporters would he killed, and that Mr Lafontaine himself would not return alive. They then left us. I said to our people that there was no doubt that it was a net into whirh they wanted to draw us. that they only waited till we got to the bottom of the hill to fall on us; and that we were to stay where we were, so as to be ready to help our friends: Then came about fifteen of McCullorh's party, who got among us and began to search us and to take away our sticks. I trold our poople to keep their sticks, as it would be shameful to allow themselves to be disarmed. At the same time five of them surrounded tne and took away my stick. When I turned round,'I saw a man, named St. Aubin, stuck in the snow up to the waist, whose head and face were covered with blood, and five of Mr. McCulloch's supporters who were striking him with sticks. This occurred during the npening of the Election. I called out for help. Nobody came. I then went up to strike one of them, so as to turn their blows upon myself, and to save the man's life. Two men, named Desjardins and Simon, were also struck and covered with blood. It was immediately after this that a couple of men procceded from McCulloch's party and went after a man named Rose, who was returning from the Hustings, slowly and bent over his stick, and crossing a field about an arpent and a half from where I was. They went behind him, lifted the hood of his coat, looked him in the face, and struck him with a club behind the head. The man fell from the blow. and never recovered, but died eight days after. I attended as a witness at the Inquest which took place at Rose's house. He was an old peacable man, above seventy, and was walking quietly when he was struck.
5. Did you know any of those who conducted the party of strangers that you saw arrive at St. Mar-in?-No.
6. Do you know where they came from 1-They came from Montreal.
7. Did you visit the Parishes in the County before the Election, and become acquainted with the sentiments of the Electors generally, in favor of any Candidate?-1 visited several Parishes, where I
found that the general sentiment was in favor of Mr. Lafontaine.
8. How many voters might there have been in ${ }_{30 \text { No }}$ Noyr. the party that went to the place of Election with yon?-A bout eight hundred, who were in the hopes of roting for Mr. Lafontaine.
9. Were there any other parties proceeding to the place of the Election, from the parishes in the south of the County?-No; all the Electors of the different parishes had met at Ste. Anne des P!aines, and we all proceeded together to the Hustings.
10. From what part of the County, and of what description of persons were those who were drawn up on the road, and who threatened and attacked your party?-Those who attacked us appeared to be strangers to the County, and were said to be stone-breakers from Montreal.
11. Are you of opinion that you and the supporters of Mr. Lafontaine could have got to the place where the polling was to be held, without danger to your lives?-I consider that my own life. and the lives of those who were with me, were in danger.
12. Are you aware of any person having applicd to the Returning Officer for protection to ensure a frec Election ?-I am not.
13. Was it necessary to pass through a wood to get at the place of Election?-Yes, a wood of more than one league in length.
14. Do you know if a great many Electors were prevented, through fear, from going to the Poll? Yes, a great number were. I am of opinion that more than 2000 persons would have voted for Mr. Lafontainc, had they not been prevented through fear.

Edward Martial Leprohon, Esquire, called in: and examined:-

1. Will you state your name, additions. and residence ?-Edouard Martial Leprohon, of the City of Montreal, Inspector of Potash, and Justice of the Peace.
2. Were you Returning Officer at the last General Election for the County of Montreal ?-I was.
3. Where was the Election held?-At St. Laurent.
4. Can you state where it has usually been held ! -It has usually been held there.
5. Did you' open the Election at the time and place notified by you?-Idid.
6. Who were the Candidates?-Alexandre Maurice Delisle, and James Leslie, Esquires.
7. Did they address the Electors from the Hust-ings?-They did.
8. Was there a shew of hands?-There was.
9. In whose favor?-The shew of hands was in favor of Mr. Leslie.
10. Was a Poll demanded, and by whom?-The Poll was demanded by the friends of Mr. Delisle, P. E. Leclerc, Esquire, formerly Stipendiary Magisrate, and other friends of Mr. Delisle.
11. Did a riot, or any act of violence, occur after the Poll was opened?-Yes; there was a riot about thirty minutes after the Poll was openod, and 30th Noy'r. when I had only taken about sixteen yotes.
12. Who had the majority of votes at the time? -Mr. Leslie had, I believe, eight votes more than Mr. Delisle.
13. Will you describe the nature of the riot, or acts of violence that occurred, and any other procoedings and circumstances connected with the Election?-If the Committec will allow, I will read out a memorandum that I took down shortly after the Election.
14. How mary times have you been appointed and acted as Returning Officer for the County of Montreal?-I have been three times Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.
15. When were the papers you have read, drawn up by you?-They were, as I have already stated, written on the 2lih March.
16. Are you willing to give them in with the documents therein referred to?-I have no objection. I here hand them in, with the documents concerning then.

## (Translution.)

Memorandum of what tonk place at the Election at St. Laurent. on the 2ed and 23d of March, 1841.

> Monday, e2d March.

1 repaired to St. Laurent for the purpose of proreeding to the dection of a Member to represent the Comenty of Montreal in the Provincial Parlia. ment: and after having read the Writ of Election. and sundry Clauses of the Law relating to Elections, andi white Messes. Delisle and Cherrice were alternately delivering their speeches, I porceived a crowd of persme, armed with chabs, congregated at about two arpent; distanes from the llustings, who appeared to ine to be drilling, brandishing their rlubs on the gallery of the House. I then looked behind mo to ascertian who were on the IIustings, and there saw Mr. B"njanin Dolisle, the High Con.table of the District of Montreal; I imparted to him the result of iny observation, pointing out to him. at the same time, the individuals armed with clubs. His answer was as follows: "It is very truc: I see them myself."

Question biy me.-Do you know whether they are Electors, mb bullies hired to commit excesses during the Election?

Ausurer My Mr: Drlisle.-I cannot say, Sir; I do not know why thoue parsons are thacre. I know nothing about them.
Quextion.-Will you, Mr. Delisle, do me the favor to go there and repprt to me what may be thoir intention in thus remaining apart and flourishing their elubs. If I knew that they wished to disturb the peace. I might possibly put a stop to it before opening the Poll, which willdoubtless be demanded, and thereby avoid trouble and accidents. Favor me by going, I beg of you. Moreover, (I observed to him) as a Public Officer, I do not see why you should not.

Answer:-I must say. Mr. Leprohon, that I should not like to do so, as it might possibly prejudice the

Election of Alexandre, my nephew. I replied that he ought not to refuse me.

I then withdrew, and took the place I had orcupied while reading the Writ of Election. A mo30th Nor't. ment after, whilo Mr. Delisle was addressing the Electors, I perceived a man (apparently an Irishman) armed with a large club. I pointed him out to Mr. Leclerc, who immediately ordered him to withdraw, telling him that he ought not to come with a club; and at the same instant I saw Mr. Stanley Barg and Capt. Gabriel Roy, of St. Laurent, who came forward and appeared to me to intimate to him that he was not where he ought to be, and pointed towards the yollow house, where I had seen about fifteen men armed with sticks. I did not hear what passed between them, but only saw the signs made by Mr. Roy and Mr. Bagg to the Irishman with the large stick. I did not remark what direction he afterwards took.

At a quarter past one in the afternoon 1 opened the Poll and proceeded to take votes. After about a half an hour employed in taking the votes, Mr. Robert Weir, proprictor of the Montreal Herald. entered the room; it was at the precise moment when the question was raised whether I should continue to take the votes in the room, or whetber it. would not be more expedient to take them at the window. It was decided, by consent of the Candidates, that it would be more proper to take them at a window which opened on the road. Mr. Woir was higldy ploaser with thiy arrangement; and as soon as I had announced to the Electors that I should poll no more votes in the bouse, hut at a window which I shewed them, Hobert Weir left the room. It took aionat ten minutes before I could commence polling. After having taken four rotes at the window, and while the fifth jerson, whose name was Joan Lemay, was abrut to vote. I saw through a glass door which led into the room. but which was locked, two or three Irishmen who attempted to force open the door of the Poll, saying at the same time. "we want the Poll room." I mureover perceived in the room where I had lately been taking the votes, several persons unknown to me, and armed with clubs, who had effected an entranec through a wintow at the back of the house. Finding that thoy wore forcing the door, I opened it, and to my astonishment,perceived outside from 100 to 150 inen, appareutly lrishmen, all armed with clubs, and vociferating, ". clear the Poll, we want to clear the Poll." I remarked among them Messrs. John Molson. Stanley Bagg, Dr. Arnoldi, senr. and his son, It: Danicl Arnoldi; I also saw Mr. Brodie, Justice of the Peace, from Lachine, who kept himself at some distance behind the frishmen who pressed forward to commence an attack, with their clabs, on Mr . Laslie's supporters. On my right there were a still greator number of Canadians, armed with clubs. who said the Canadians were butchered every whore, and that they would have revenge that day. I called out to both parties in linglish and in French, and declared if they resorted to violence I would adjoum the Poll, and cautioned them against coming into contact. At that moment I was struck with a club on the right side of the neck by an Irishman, but the force of the blow was broken by the hilt of my sword, which I held in my right. hand. At the same moment a man fell at my feet bleeding profuscly at the nose, ears, and head ; he appeared to be senseless. I could not ascertain whother he was an Englishman or a Canadian. I then withdrew to the Poll-house, and adjourned the Poll till the next morning at nine o'clock. Mr. Cherrier, as Mr. Lcslie's friend, approved of this step. I took with me my papers and portfolio, and took refuge at Captain Augustin Richer's house, situated at about ten arpents from the scene of the

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conflict. After remaining about three quarters of an hour at Capt. Richer's, I ordered my servant to prepare my carriage for my return to Montreal. $\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{n}} \mathrm{my}$ arrival in Montreal, I hastoned to the Government House, where I knew Mr. Ogden kept his office, but not finding him there, I proceeded to the Governor's, where I was stopped by Major Campbell, one of the Aides-de-Camp, who requested me to go in and relate to him all that had passed at that day's election. I told him all that had taken place, and expressed a wish that he would obtain an order from the Governor for two companies of regular troops to proceed with me to St. Laurent for the next day's election. Mr. Campbell replied, that it was not in the Governor's power to grant me the assistance of troops, but that I ought 'o apply to the Commander of the Garrison. I then withdrew, and prepared a requisition which I myself carried to Gencral Clitherow's, (it was then half. past six, p.s.) After reading over my requisition, he replied that he was not the Commander of the Forces, and that Sir Richard Jackson alone could order me the two companies, and advised me to apply to him. I procceded to General Jackson's at hallf-past seven, and gave my letter to one of the servants, with directions to state to the Gencral that it was on business of importance, and that I awaited an answer. In a few minutes the same servant made his appearance, and requested me to be seated, statiug that the General was unwell, but would send me down an answer in a very short timc. After waiting about ten minutes longer, Captain Taylor entered the room and informed me that, in an hour, an answer to my requisition would be sent to me. I gave him my address, and returned home. At a quarter past eight, Mr. Peter McGill called on me to ascertain what had taken place at St. Laurent, saying that he was certain to learn the truth from me, as different reports were current in town. I related to him all that I knew and all that I had secn. I told him that I had sent a requisition to the Commander of the Forccs for two companies of regular troops to accompany me to St. Laurent the next day, for the maintenance of order during the Election, for that I was certain 1 could not proceed with the Election without their assistance ; that both partics werc equally exasperated, and that $I$ had in my possession an Affilavil, which urged upon me the necessity of getting troops; that I knew that preparations were malking, even in town, to take revenge fior the defeat of Mr. Delisise's supporters, of whoin many had received deadly wounds. Mr. McGill appeared to approve of my determination, and enquired whether I could not, instcad of bringing out soldiers, procure a certain number of Speciil Constahles. I replied that I could place no confidence in the inhabitants as Special Constables ; that the greater number of them had taken an active part in the fight at st. Laurent ; that almost all present werc armed with sticks and could by no means be depended on. Mr. McGill agreed that it was indeed a difficult matter, and, after a few minutes conversation, wilhdrew. It was then halfpast ciglit oclock. About this time 1 had a right to expect the General's answor to my requisition, as Captain Taylor had promised; but no answer came till about eleven o'clock, when Colonel Gore and Captain Taylor entored the room, and the fol. lowing conversation occurred between me and Colonel Gore:-"Mr. Leprohon, you have made a requisition for troops to be present at the Election to-morrow at St. Lauront, do you not think it would be more proper to have a Civil Force in the country for the maintenance of peace and order?" I made the same reply as I had previously made to Mr. McGill, viz. :-that I could place no confidence in men who had that day stained their hands with the blood of their fellow-subjects, \&c. \&c.. "But,

Sir, (rejoined Colonel Gore,) you have no power as Returning Officer, to make any demand for troops ; the requisition ought to have been signed by a ma.

Appendix gistrate of the district, whose duty it would be to head the troops, who would, in that case, be subject 30 Noth to his commands ; that is the law." I replied that I was a magistrate, and that it would be easy for me to sign another requisition in that capacity. 1 do not think, said Colonel Gore, that you can exercise both functions at once ; at least, that is my opinion. After a moment's reflection, I replied as near as I can recollect in these terms :-"It is very true that I may be mistaken, and that the requisition should have been signed by a magistrate of the district, but on similar occasions, when deprived of the right of the Law Officers of the Crown, and of all other protection, it is very possible to mistake the Law." The two gentlemen were then about to retire, when I added, "that I should wish to have a written reply to my requisition, for, under similar circumstances, a verbal answer was not always correctly recollected by persons who, like myself, had an im. portant duty to fulfil, and more especially in a situation so critical as that in which I was placed. The conversation there terminated, and we said "good night, and they withdrew at eleven o'clock, p.m. About midnight I heard a knock at my door, on opening which, I found that it was Col. Gore who had brought me a written answer to my requsition. Nothing then remained for me to do, but to seek out, at that late hour of the night, a mayistrate who would take the trouble to make a requisition, and would consent to head the troops to the Poli. I resolved to apply to Mr. Pierre Edouard Leclerc, magistrate, and accordingly went to his rooms at Orr's Hotel ; it was then about two in the morning. On my way up stairs to his apartment, Mr. Orr. who accompanied me, addressed me as follows:"You had a good deal of trouble this day, at the Election;" "yes," said I. "I think," replied Mr. Orr, " that thre will be still more trouble to-morrow, for the 'Dorics' have had a mecting, and they will muster more than six hundred mon at the Poll; I am afraid that blood will be spilt." I said, "I hope not." He then knocked at Mr. Leeclerc's sloor. who immediatly arose. I related to him all that hard occurred between the military authorities and myself. and requested him to make a requisition himself; and to lead the two companies oftroops to thePoll,it being impossible to proceed without their assistancc. Mr. Leclere declined, on the ground that he could not with propriety place himsolf at the head of the troops, when it was well known to the public that he was a warm supporter of his friend Delisle's election. I considered the reason ho gave a good one, and returned home as it was striking three. On Tuestay morning. the 23d, at about half-past six o'clock, My Henri Desrivières called on me to ascertain whether 1 had obtained troops. iHe appeared surprized when I answered that I had not, and said that he understood Mr. Leslie was about to resign. but he did not state this officially; that his resignation would put an ond to all difficuits and that he had been advisod to that step by lis frierds. He then withdrew, at a quarter past sceven ocloch. Mr. Joseph Bourret, advocate, then came in, also to inquire whether I had obtained troops; ; upon my: answering in the negative, he asked mo what I thought about it. I replied, that if either he, Mr: Doncgani, or Mr. Cherrier, should be seen at the Poll, P would not answer for their lives. He said that he believed there would be a fierce struggle, for that all the "Dorics" has had' a meeting the night before, and that if the.parties met, no doubt many lives would be sacrificed. I was quite of his opinion. Ho went on to say, that Mr. Leslie's friends had come to the determination that, in order to avoid bloodshed, it would be better for him to resign, without, however, waiving his right to contest the
legality of Mr. Dclisle's election; and that Mr. Leslic was then getting his protest drawn out. and that in about an hour I should receive official notice that he had resigned. I waited for about a quarter of an hour ; but not receiving any such oficial notification, I took my departure for St. Laurent, as only sufficient time remained to take me there. When arrived at the corner of Sherbrooke and Lamontague Streets, I was met by Mr. Breault, N.P., who formally handed me a protest in Mr. Leslie's name. I then continued my route to St . Laurent, for the purpose of opening the Poll, which I had adjourned till nine o'clock. When near the Poll-house, 1 was not a little surprized to find there about one hundred and fifty men, almost all armed with clubs, yelling ferociously, brandishing their clubs. jumping and howling ; it was a frightfül sight. I considered myself really in danger of my life, and therefore did not often appear at the Poll door. I knew that if I omitted to open the Poll at nine o'elock, the hour adjourned to the day before, I should expose myself to the violence of the mob; I therefore considered it more prudent to do so. At nine o'clock, thereforc. I opened the Poll amidst crics and yells proceeding not from the Electors, but from the crowd of persons armed with clubs; and after having polled about eight votes, to give a majority to Mr. Delisle, I proclaimed that in one hour I should declare the Candidate elected who should then have the greater number of votes. I knew that it was impossible that a single vote could be polled for Mr. Lestic: for any person who might be unfortunate enough to present himself for that purpose, would undoubtedly be attacked and beaten. 1 observed among the people but one Canadian ( Mr . J. B. Masson's son). he addressed me, saying that he had come from Glasgow with all those persons; 1 pretended to take no notice of him nor to listen 10 what ho said, and I withdrew into the inner room, where I remained during the hour which the law requires previous to declaring a Candidate elected. In the meantime the populace were occupied in breaking the windows and doors of the houses in the village. It was a terrible affair. I observed also among them Mr. Aaron P. Hart. advocate, of Montreal, who addressed them several times; on one occasion I heard these words-"My "good friends, you are all well aware that I have "never disappointed you; 1 told you that we would "gain the Election at Glasgow, and it is so. Mr. "I eslie has resigned, and Mr. Delisle will be elected. " Huzza," \&c. Mr. Hart requested them several times not to damage the houses, but they went on doing s3. I rerceived, also, Dr. McCulloch, but for a moment only; he kept among the crowd, as far as I could discover, for the purpose of preventing the destruction of property. During that painful hour, I perceived a considerable nymber of vehicles full of men coming from Montreal; at their head was Mr. Driscoll, advocate, on horseback, with a bow of green ribbon on his hat and other barlges on his coat. John Molson and the younger Maitland were also there, and many others who appeared to be the leaders of all these men who were armed with sticks. During this interval, a gentleman (whom I did not know, but whom Mr. Leslie informed me was Mr. Fullam) declared in the Pollroom, that I ought not to allow an hour to elapse before proclaiming Mr. Delisle elected. I replied that he was mistaken, and that my duty in that respect was strictly marked out by the Statute, which I presented to him and desired him to read, at the same time remarking that it was very unbecoming in him to make any such observation. After he had read the clause in reference to the subject, he exclaimed "that is all right." 1 was subsequently informed that he was a spy sent to Elections for the purpose of supporting the Government Candidates, and giving information of all that
occurred. At a quarter past ten o'clock, I went to the Poll door and proclaimed Mr. Delisle elected. Seeing around me a collection of about eight hundred men, with flags and other signs of triumph, I returned into the room, gathered up my papers and Poll-book, and went back to Montreal.

This Memorandum was made the 24th and 25th of March, 1843. in case it should be necessary for me to recollect all these occurrences, in the event of an enquiry being instituted relative to the said Electin.
E. M. LEPROHON.

Montreal, 25th March. 1843.

Requisition of the Returning Officer for the assis-
tunce of the Military.
(Translation.)
Montreal, 22d March, 1841.
Sip,
In the performance of my duty as Returning Officer at the Election for the County of Montreal, I find myself, to my regret, compelled to call for the assistance of a sufficient body of troops to prevent a renewal of the disturbances and scenes of violence which took place in the village of St. Laurent. Without the assistance of two companies of Infantry, under my orders, I cannot procced to-morrow to record the votes of the Electors who have not yet expressed their opinion, without exposing the lives of a great number of Her Majesty's subjects.

I have the honor to be, With the highest consideration, Sir, Your very obedient servant,
E. M. LEPROHON.

Major-Gencral Clitherow, Cominanding the Garrison of Montreal.

## Reply thereto.

Montreal, March $22 \mathrm{~d}, 1841$.
Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that a body of troops will be in readiness to leave Montreal, on a written requisition signed by a Magistrate, should any disturbance be apprehended at St. Laurent tomorrow, but the troops must be accompanied by a Magistrate of the District in which the disturbance is apprehended.

## I have the honor to be, Sir, <br> Your obedient servant,

CHARLES GORE,
Dy. Q. M. Gen.
-Leprohon, Esq.

Deposition of Henry Starnes.

## Province of Canada.

Henry Starnes of Montreal, of the District of Montreal, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith,

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that this day there has been a considerable affray, tumult, and fighting, at the Election for the return of a Member for the County of Montreal, to the United Legislature,' now holding at St. Laurent in the said County, "The tumult was so great, and the fighting was so violent, that Edward M. Leprohon, Esquirc, the Returning Officer, shut and adjourned the Poll. The deponent further saith, that the facts above stated are to his personal knowledge, having been present the whole time; to the best of deponent's knowledge, there may have been engaged in the said fight about three or four hundred men. On his return from St. Laurent this afternoon, being in company with one Mr. Ilackett, in Notre Dame street, in the City of Montreal, the said deponent hrard IIenry Driscoll, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Queen Counsel, addressing himself to the said Mr. Halkett, in the following words :-An Irishman has been killed at the Election, (meaning the Election now holding at St. Laurent) to-morrow I shall go and head them, and we must not only be armed with sticks, but with pistols;-and then the conversation ended. The words above stated as having lieen used by Henry Driscoll, Esquire, were either those above mentioned expressly, or others to the same purpose : and further this deponent saith not, and hath signed.

HY. STARNES.
Sworn to and acknowledged
at Montreal, this 22d of March, 1841,
before me,

> JULES QUESNEL, J. P.

## Protest of Mr. Leslic, one of the Candidates.

## (Translation.)

In the forenoon of the twenty-third day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, at the instance of James Leslie, Esquirc, of the City of Montreal, Merchant, we, the undersigned, Notaries Public for thic Province of Canada, proceeded expressly to the donicile of Edward Martial Leprohon, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the present Election for the County of Montreal, which said Election commenced yesterday, and at which the said James Leslie, and Alexandre Maurico Delisle, Esquires, are the Candidates.

We have, on behalf of the said James Leslie, intimated and notified to the said E.M. Leprohon, in his quality aforesaid, that in consequence of the acts of violence committed yesterday at the Poll for the said Election, and the aggression and attack made upon the Electors of the said James Leslie, by hired bullies, with the intention of disturbing the public peace, and of preventing the Electors of the said James Leslie from excrising freely their elective franchise, at a time when they were quietly and peaceably voting for the Candidate of their choice'; which said acts of violence, were attended with the effusion of blood, and rose to such a pitch that the said Returning Officer thought it his duty to adjourn the Poll; and in consequence of the threats since made to divers of the partizans of the said James Leslie, and the information which he has received that fresh acts of violence and attacks would be committed against his partizans if they appeared at the Poll, and of the refusal (as the said James Leslie is informed) made by the authorities to the said Returning Officer to place at his disposal a sufficient body of troops to repress the said acts of violence; and to prevent the effusion of blood which must necessarily and inevitably follow.'

For these reasons, we, the said Notaries, declare, on behalf of the said James Lélie, to the said E. M. Leprohon, in his said quality of Returning Officer
that under the circumstances aforesaid, the said Poll cannot be continued; and, therefore, we hereby protest on behalf of the said James Leslie, against whater (J. J.) whatever may be dune at the said Poll contrary to
the interests of the said James Leslie, and against ${ }^{30 \text { th }}$ Now'r. the interests of the said James Leslie, and against any return which may be made by the said Returning Officer of any other Candidate, and especially of the said Delisle as the Member for the County of Montreal; the said James Leslie hereby requiring the said E. M.Leprohonsto return him as the Member duly elected for the said County of Montreal; becausc, at the adjournment of the Poll yesterday, the said James Leslie had the majority of the votes which had been then given.

In witness whereof, we have signed these presents with the said James Leslie, and have left an authentic copy thereof with the said E. M. Leprohon, to the end that he may not plead ignorance thereof, and to serve such purposes as to law may appertain; of all which we have granted act at Montreal, on the day, month, and year aforesaid.

Signed, "J. Leslie,"," G. Peltier, Ne."" "C. A. Braver, N.P.," as appears by the minute of these presents remaining in the office of the undersigned Notary.

## C. A. BRAULT, N.P.

17. You say in the paper you have given in, that you proclaimed Mr. Delisle duly elected. From all that you have stated, can you say that the Electors of the County enjoyed full freedom and security in giving their votes ?-On the second day of the Election, the 23d March, 1841, the Electors of Mr. Delisle had perfect liberty. I did not see any of Mr. Leslie's voters, but they could not have approached the Poll without fighting their way against about eight hundred men armed with sticks, and who surrounded the Poll.
18. Have you any personal knowledge of any person having been killed at the Election?-I have no personal knowledge thereof, but I was told, the next day, that a man had died at Lachine in consequence of blows received at the Election. I have already stated that I saw a man knocked down senseless.
19. IIave you any knowledge of the persons you spoke of as bullies, having been paid, and by whom? -I met four Irishmen, with sticks in their hands, on the 23d March, in the afternoon, in St. Paul Street. Montreal, who asked me where Mr. Ogden resided. I asked them why they wanted to see Mr. Ogden, and they told me that they'wanted to be paid, and that they had been hired at three shillings per diem. They told me that they found it very hard to get paid for their services at the Elections; that they had been engaged for the Elections at New Glasgow and at St. Laurent, and that they had not yet been paid. They then left me.
20. Have you any knowledge of persons having been brought to the Election from a distant County, or to any place in the vicinity of the Election?-I saw agreat many persons there whom I am convinced could not be Electors.
21. Do you know of what description of persons they were, or where and by whom they or any of them were enployed ?-Several of them told me they were employed in stone-breaking on the Sault-au-Recollet road.
22. Was there much destruction of property by violence at the village where the Election was

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held ?-On the morning of the 23d March, between ten and eleven o'clock, almost all the windows and doors of several of the houses where Mr. Leslie's Electors had lodged, were broken and destroyed.
23. Had any of the Inhabitants of the Village abandoned their houses ?-I believe that on the niight of the 23d March, about seven or cight familics left their houses on hearing that a great body of men was coming from Montreal, such as the Doric Club, \&c.
24. Had you any conversation, previous to the Election, with any public Officer respecting violence apprehended at the Election, and did you make any other application for assistance other than you have mentioned?-Yes: I applied to Mr. Coffin for five or six Policemen to help me to keep order at the place of Election at St. Laurent. Ie told me that such a thing could not be granted, as the number of Policemen in Montreal was too small, and that they could not be allowed to leave the town. I asked for two of the Rural Police of St. Martin. He told ine that they could not leave their post at St. Martin to come to the Election at St. Laurcnt. I made the same request to Mr. Ogden the then Attorney General, and asked his advice as to my conduct in case of troubles occurring at the Election. He positively refused to give me any advice, telling me that he had no right to do so.
25. Was there any deposition put in your hands previous to or during the Election, or public declaration made by any person or persons, of proceeding to the Election with arms for the purpose of vio-lence?-Yes, I have given in, with the papers annexed to my statement, the deposition of Mr. Henry Starnes, of Montrcal.
26. Did you communicate that deposition to any person in authority ?-I did not.
27. Were you under any approhensions of danger to your own life at any time during the Elec-tion?-I think that had I not left on the second day, I would have been killed, as if I were one of Mr. Leslie's party.
28. Was there a public rumour in the City of Montreal, previous to the Election, that there would be a resort to violence at the Election, and did that influence you in applying for the assistance of the Police ?- There was a rumour of that sort in the City, and it was in consequence thereof that I applied for the assistance of the Police.
29. Who is this Captain Roy or Gabriel Roy, to whom you have referred in your evidence ; where docs he reside now, and what is his rank and sta-tion?-He is a rich proprietor of St. Laurent, and is the person who was made a Legislative Councillor since the Election of 1841.
30. Are you acquainted with Mr . Nicolas Fullam, and did you observe that he took any active part in the Election other than what you have mentioned?-I only saw Mr. Fullam on the second day of the Election. I had not seen him before. I was told that he was a Government agent, who was employed to get the Government Members returned for Parliamont. I was convinced from his conduct in the Poll room that he was greatly in favor of Mr. Delisle, as he wanted me to return him before the hour had expired.
31. Do you know where he resided at Montreal, or what were his connections in this country?
know nothing at all of this.
32. Who appeared to be the leaders of the persons who were armed with sticks, and who committed the riots and excesses of which you have spoken as having occurred at the Election on Tuesday ?-Messieurs Robert Weir, Aaron Hart, Ga- 30h Nop'r. bricl Roy, Stanley Bagg. Somerville, Driscoll, and Drs. Arnoldi, Senior and Junior, who are already mentioned in the paper I have handed in. I saw a Mr. Ferrie there, but I do not think that he took a very active part in the Election.
33. Were any of these apparent leaders in the Commission of the Peace, and name them?Méssieurs Molson, Gabricl Roy, and Somerville were Justices of the Peace. I am not sure if Mr. Driscoll was one. Dr. Arnoldi. Senior, is a Magistrate also.
34. Previously to the Election, did you anticipate any resort to vinlence by the supporters of either or both of the Candidates ; if you did, what was your reason for so doing? -I knew that asscmblies had been held in Montreal to support the Elcetion of Mr. Delisle ; and that it was decided that if Mr. Delisle had not a majority of votes, the Election would be carried by violence. I was told so by some persons who had attended these assemblies.
35. Mr. Leslic, who was a Candidate at the last Election for the County of Montreal, is he the member now representing the County of Verchères? 1 believe he is.
36. Did Mr. Leslie, at any time, occupy a seat in the Legislature of Lower Canada; if so, how long did he hold such seat; and if such seat were in the Housc of Assembly, state the County, City, Town. or Borough which Mr. Loslie represented?-I believe Mr. Leslie had once been returned, either for the Eastern or the Western quarter of Montreal.
37. Do you know if Mr. Delisle ever represented a constituency in Lower Canada prior to the Union; if so, state the constituency? -He had never been elected before.
38. Did Mr. Delisle, at the time of the last'Election, hold any office ; and if so, state what office under the Government?-Mr. Deliste was then Clerk of the Crown, and joint Clerk of the Peace for the District of Montreal.
39. Of what description of persons is the majority of the constituency in the County of Montreal composed; and of what national origin? - The majority of the Electors of the County of Montreal are Canadians of French origin.
40. Have you ever been present at any conversation at which any member elected to serve in the present Parliament said anything in refation to the expenses attending any Election or Elections, or at which anything was said in the hearing of such member upon the said subject?-I do not remember any conversation with any meinber on the subject. I know that onc day when 1 was present at the Police Office, a brother of Mr. Delisle, who was' in the office, had in his hand a cheque (the amount of which I do not recolleat.) He remarked at the time that it was a pretty sum, and would do to pay the expenses of his brother Alexandre's Election.

Thursday, 19 ini October, 1843.
Drummond Buchanan, Esquire, called in ; and examined:

1. Will you state your name, residence, and ad-ditions!-Drummond Buchanan, of Ste. Thérèse, Registrar for the Inferior District of Terrebonne.
2. When were you appointod Registrar?-In January 1842.
3. Are you an Elector of Terrobonne ?-I am ;

304 Nuv 's. I have resided there twenty-one years.
4. Did you attend at the place and time notified for holding the Elections 1-Yes.
5. Of what description of Electors were chiefly the supporters of Mr. Lafontaine and Dr. Mc-Culloch?-The principal part of Dr. McCulloch's Electors were the men from the Gore, the old Country people throughout the County, and a few Canadians.
6. Did the different parties who came to the place of Election, come armed with offensive wea-pons?-Yes, on both siaes; Dr. McCulloch's party had shillelaghs, and Mr. Lafontaine's, good large sticks.
7. Did you observe any strangers to the County whon came in a body to the County, or to the place of Election?-I did.
8. Of what deseription were they, and were from?-As far as I know, they were from Montreal.
9. Did they come on foot or in carriages?-I did not see them arrive.
10. Did any of them come up to the place of Election?-Yes.
11. In whose favor did they appear to be ?-In favor of Dr. McCulloch.
12. Were they stationed in any particular place on the day of Election?-There were a number of them at the place where the l'oll was expected to be held, the others were scattered among the crowd.
13. Did you observe any acts of violence at the place of Election, or when the people were going to or coming from there?-I saw no fighting there, nor did I see a blow struck that day. There was a great deal of excitement, as is usual at Elections.
14. Whereabouts were you principally stationed at the time the Election was opened?-I was between the houses of the two Messis. Lloyd the whole morning.
15. Were there threats of violence, or much apparent danger of violenceamong the armed parties? - There was a great deal of flourishing of sticks.
16. Did you see many persons intoxicated or excited by the use of liquor? -There were a few the day before, but none on the day of the Election, to my knowledge.
17. When did the people you have mentioned as being from Montreal arrive at the place of Election? -They arrived on Sunday.
18. Where did they lodge ? Some of them todged with a Mr. Furse, others at Mr. Monteith's, and in different other houses.
19. Did they occupy most of the houses in the village ?-Yes, I believe they did:
20. Who seemed to have conducted the persons you have mentioned who came from Montreal ?There were two there who seemed to conduct
them; I was told that they were Messrs. Rigney Appendix
and Shanley.
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21. Did you see Mr. Fullam there, and what part - Now Nowr. did he take in the E
ing Dr. McCulloch.
22. When did he come to the place of Election? -I do not recollect.
23. Have you any knowledge that the persons mentioned who came from Montreal were paid?I have no direct knowledge, but I heard they were.
24. Have you any knowledge of provisions and liquors having been forwarded to the place of Election, and by whom ?-I have; I believe that they werc bought by Mr. McAllister at Montreal ; they were forwarded to Ste. Thérèse, and sent on by me to the place of Election, with some whiskey from my own distillery. It was nevertholess contrary to Dr. McCulloch's wishes.
25. Are you related to Dr . McCulloch?-I am his brother-in-law.
26. Did you pay any accounts to the persons who received and distributed the articles sent forward by you?-Not at New Glasgow' but I paid about $£ 50$ or $£ 60$ to tavern-keepers and others at Ste. Thérèse.
27. According to your observation of the state of things at the Election and the vicinity, was it perfectly free and safe for all the Electors to attend and give their votes?-I did not see any thing to prevent them. Perhaps individuals might have been interrupted in going and coming. I saw no one struck or insulted in the least.
28. Of what description were the persons who came into the County from Montreal?-They had the appearance of laboring men, and were said to be stone-breakers.
29. If you had been a conspicuous supporter of Mr. Lafontaine, do you think it would have been perfectly safe for you at all times to go and give your vote and return from the place of Election? It is possible that some of the Irishmen might have given me a thrashing.
30. What quantity of whiskey did you send from your distillery? -About onc hundred and eighty gallons, of which about sixty or seventy were returned.
31. For what purpose did you send this whiskey, and at whose suggestion was it sent?-I sent it at no one's suggestion'; I thought it was expected by a certain class, and I therefore sent it.
32. Who paid you for the whiskey you furnished? -I never charged it. Since then I have arranged my accounts with Dr' McCulloch, and am yet his debtor." This was not included in my charge.
33. Has not your claim been satisfied in some other manner than by payment in money or payment on account ?-It has not.
34. Since the Election, have you not been appointed to some office, and state what?-Yes, I have been appointed Registrar of the District of Terrebonne.
35. Is it to your knowledge that that office was promised to some other person?-I; never heard that it had been.
36. By whose interest, and in what manner, did you obtain your office, and when?-Abrut two or three months after the Election, I applied for that situation to Mr. McCulloch for my nophew Dr. Campbell. Dr. McCulloch said that my nephew was too young. but that he would recommend me for the situation myself, if I wished.
37. How old is Dr. Campbell, and where, and with whom does he reside ?-I think he was about six and twenty at that time. I do not know with whom he rosides.
38. When did you first become acquainted with Mr. Fullam, and where ?-A few days before the Election Dr. Campboll brought him to my house, and introduced him to me.
39. What statements did he make to you, and what reason did he assign for calling upon you ?He told me that it was for the purpose of assisting Dr. McCulloch at the Election.
40. Was Mr. Fullam a resident in the County of Torrcbonne; was he an Elector; was he a resident of the Province ; if so, where was bis residence then, and where is it now? -He was not a resident in the County, nor an Elector. I understood that he boarded at Rasco's, in Montreal. I do not know where he is now ; I heard that he has left the country.
41. How long did he remain in Canada; did he toll you what was his object in coming to Canada; what was his trade, calling, business, or occupation? -I cannot say how long he remained in Canada; he did not toll me what his object was in coming to Canada. I do not know either what was his trade, business, or occupation.
42. Was he not employed by Government in some capacity, and state what ?-I know nothing of the kind.
43. Have you never beard of an investigation into the riots at the Election for the City of Toronto ; have you never heard of a Mr. Fullam as a Commissioner for the investigation; was this the Mr. Fullam in question?-I heard of an investigation of the sort, and that he had been a Commissioner for that purpose. In my preceding answer it had entirely escaped my recollection that he had been employed as such.
44. By whom was he employed as Commis-sioner?-By the Government, I suppose.
45. Was Mr, Fullam an intimate friend of Dr. McCulloch, and how long had they been acquainted before the Election?-I do not know how long he had been acquainted with Dr. McCulloch.
46. What reason did Mr. Fullam assign for taking an interest in the Terrebonne Election ?-IIe did not assign any other reason to me than that he was Dr. McCulloch's friend.
47. Be pleased to state the conversation which took place between you and Mr. Fullam and 1r. Campbell at your house, when they called upon you? -After the usual salutations, Mr. Fullam said that he came down to assist Dr: McCulloch. I said to him, that it was reported that the other party were going to take possession of the Poll; and he said that he would see to that, or words to that effect, by which I understand that he intended to take possession of it himself, or prevent the other party from duing so.
48. How long did he remain in your house, and how long before the Election was it that he called Appendix (J. J.)

30th Nav'r. night immediately preceding the Election, and left on the next morning.
49. How long did your conversation with him last ?-It did not last long. It was about eight or nine in the evening when he came in. He went to bed at about ten, saying that he was fatigued.
50. Was either of the Candidates at the Terrebonne Election known or reputed to be the Government Candidate. and state which?-Dr. McCulloch was reputed to be the Government Candidate.
51. Did Mr. Fullam, in ennversation or otherwise, give you to understand that his support of Dr. McCulloch was due to the circumstance of his being such Candidate ?-He did not.
52. Did Mr. Fullam say anything to you as to the wishes, the views, and the hopes of the Government in relation to this Election?-IIc did not.
53. Did he make any allusion to the Governor personally ?-He did not make any allusion whatever to the Governor.
54. When did you meet Mr. Fullam next, and where ?-I met him the next time, on the morning of the Election, at Mr. Lloyd's house, and had no conversation with him except asking him how he was.
55. What part did Mr. Fullam take that day?He took no part to my knowledge, except pacifying the people after the Election.
56. Did Mr. Fullam appear to possess any influence over the perple? -He seemed to have great influence in keeping the pcople quiet after the Election.
57. How many houses are there in that part of New Glasgow where the Election took place, and by whom were they occupied ?-I do not know how many houses there are; I believe the greater part was occupied by Dr. McCulloch's party.
58. What party was in possession of the hill upon which the School-house was built, and which was designed to scrve as the Polling booth?-I understand that it was in possession of the people from the Gore, who belonged to Dr. McCultoch's party.
59. What was their numerical strength ?--There were from two hundred to two hundred and fifty.
60. Were they armed, and how ?-They were armed with sticks.
61. You have been in the Army; did the position of the men stationed on the hill give them any and what advantage, in a military point of view, over those who were below? -The advantage which the men on the height had was very great in a military point of view.
62. Was the approach to the hill by a broad and easy road, or by a narrow one, and state the breadth of the road and how it was bordered on each side? -It was a common sleigh-road, on which perhaps six or eight men could go abreast, but I would not be positive, ; as far as I can rocollect, on one side is the sloping of the hill, and on the other, paritly the river.
63. What was the depth of snow on the lower side of the road ?-I do not recollect.
64. As a Military man, will you state whether the carrying of the School-house hifl must have been attended with loss if attempted from below? Yes, cer'ainly, if there had been resistance. :To the left'it' was all deep snow, as I had sunk in it up to the waist myself at one time.
65. Which party was the more numerous, that of Dr. McCullnch, or that of Mr. Lafontaine? Mr. Lafontaine's was the more numerous by a great deal.
66. What reason was assigned for the abandonment by Mr. Lafontainc's party of the contest for his return, if they outnombered their opponents 3-I heard that Mr. Lafontaine had resigned to prevent bloodshed.
67. Was there not an old man of the name of Toussaint Rose, murdered at the Election ?-1 heard of a man having been killed, but I do not know his name.
68. For what purpose were the stone-breakers Srought from Muntreal to New Glasgow?-It was snid, and I suppose it mysolf, that it was to get Dr. MoCulloch elected.
69. What support was intended; by their votes or by violence? -They had no votes as far as I know, so that it may he inferred that they intended to carry the Election by violence.
70. Has Dr. McCulloch stated to you how much money the Election cost him ?-He has not.
71. Do ynu know of the outlay of money by Dr. McCulloch for the purposes of his Election ?-I do not.
72. Have you had any conversation with Dr. McCulloch respecting the Election and the manner in which it was carried ?-None that I can recollect, except that he told me once that he was out of pocket, but he did not say to what amount.
73. Did not Dr. McCulloch state that it would have been out of his power to control his supporters and to prevent bloodshed, if the Election had continued ?-1 do nat recollect of his having made any statement of the kind.
74. Were not the great majority of qualified Electors of Terrebonne in favor of Mr. Lafontaine? -Yes. I believe the greater part would have voted for him.
75. What prevented them from exercising their elective franchise to return $\mathbf{M r}$, Lafontaine ?-I have no doubt that it was from fear of those opposed to them.
76. Was Dr. McCulloch ignorant of the fact that the majority of elector's was in favor of Mr: Lafon-taine?-He oould not have been ignorant of the fact, if numbers were to decide the Election.
77. Upon what did Mr. McCulloch and his supporters rely, to obtain his return, the majority of votes being against him?-I suppose that these men were brought forward as a manouvre to prevent the Canadians from coming to the Election, and to induce some of them to remain at home.
78. Did not Mr. Fullam súggest and contrive that manceivere not who did Th cannot say who did.



79. What was the inducement on the part of Dr. McCulloch to stand for Terrebonne? 1 suppose it was to sapport the Government.

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80. Has Dr. McCilloch told you at whose request he had proposed himself as a Candidate?He said that several influential people in Town had requested him to come forward.
81. Do you know that there was a Committee in Montrcal for the purpose of conduciing the Election, and defraying the expense of it ?-I was told that there was a Committee; my name was put down upon it, but I was not there at the time, I was also told that funds had been raised by subsciption by several gentlemen in Town to defray the expenses of the Election.
82. Mention the names of those gentlemen.-I do not know the names of any one of them.
83. Be pleased to look at the two documents now shown to you (Papers A. \& B., annexed to the evidence of John Walker), are thcy in' your handwritirg; are they not letters which were sent by you to John Walker previous to the Election?They are.
84. Where was the Beer obtained. and who paid for it? -I believe it was obtained at Mr. Phillips' in Montreal ; I do not know who paid for it.
85. Had you made any arrangement with Walker respecting the disposal of this Beer, and what was the arrangement ?-I do not recollect, but the letters which are in possession of the Committee will show.
86. Before the Election, is it to your knowledge that there was a rumor that the Election would be carried by force; was there not a statement made to that effect in print in one of the Public Papers? -I know nothing about that.
87. Do you know one Hugh McAdam, and what part did he take in the Election 3-I do not know him.
88. Whose money was it that you paid to the Tavern Keepers and others at Ste. Thérèse ?-I received it from Mr. John McAllister; I believe it was part of the money which was subscribed by the Committee I have before mentioned.
89. Who informed you that you were appointed a member of Dr. McCulloch's Committee? -It was merely reported; I was in the Country about twen-ty-one miles from Montreal at the time. Ste. Thérese, my residence, is nearly equally distant from New Glasgow and Montreal.
00. Did you attend any meeting of the Committee, or of members of it ?-I did not.
91. The Committee understand that you are a Justice of the Peace; will you be pleased to state if such be the fact, and if any other the gentiemen of the Commission were present at the Terrebonne Election, and mention their names?-My name was on the list a long time betore I'accepted office. I am not one now, nor do I recollect being one at the time of the Election: I think that Mr. Kimpton of Ste. Thérese was there; I do not know if he Was Magistrate Major Barron was there, whether he was a Magistrate or not, I cannot say I didnot see him take riny active part in the Election. Mr Morris was thére also, but he was not at Magistrate at the time.

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92. Was. Dr. Campbell at the Election; if so, when did he reach New.Glasgow; and when did you arrive there yourself?-Dr. Campbell was not at theElection to my knowledge. I went to New Glasgow on Sunday. I do not know if Dr. Campbell wert. to New Glasgow before or after the Election.
93. On what day did Mr. Fullam ge to New Glasgow, and in what company?-I cannot say ; when he left my house, I do not where he went, and did not see him till the day of the Election.
34. Where did you sleep on the night of your arr rival at New, Glasgow ; did any disturbance occur ir: the vicinity: that night ?-I slept at the house of Mr. Inhn Lloyd. I heard a disturbance during the night, wet I did not know the cause of it; I do not think it was any thing very extraordinary.
95. Where did the stone-breakers and the Gore people spend their Sanday night?-I suppose in the houses round about New Glasgow; there were perhaps also some of them at the School-house.
96. Did you hear of the arrival of a party of men from Glengary in Upper Canada ?-I did not hear of their arrival, I heard that they were expected. They did not arrive, in fact, as I'met them on my way home about five or six miles from the place of Election.
97. How many were they; were they on foot or in vehicles, and what kind of vehicles?-When we saw them thoy were stopping at a house. They were said to be about seventy or eighty men. There were very few sloighs, but they werc large.
98. Under whose command were they ?-I cannot say.
99. Under whose command were the men from Gore ?-Mi. McAllister went up to bring them out, but I do not know. under whose command they; were.
100. What preparations, if any, were made to receive the men from Glengary, and were any and what quarters assigned to them?-No sepanate quarters were assigned to them, to my knowledge.
101. At what place did the men from Glengary halt ?-I think it was at Paisley.
102. When they learned the Election was over, what became of them.? -They went back again to Ste. Thérese, and from theve they left for their home.
103. Did they go straight home, or did they, take a circuitous route? -I was told that they went by Montreal.
104. Did you go to the school-louse ?-No, I'did not go into it.
105. Are you aware that stones were collected there, or that istones were sent there ?-I know nothing of it, except by hearsay ; I heard that Mr. Lafontaine's party had brought in some stones, and that the road along which they had come was strewan with stoncs; but I know, nothing of it personally.
106. When were you first informed of Dr. McCulloch's intention to stand as a Candidate for the Representation of Terrebonne; who gave you the information? $-I$ cannot say the time that I heard it, nor the person that mentioned it.
107. Had, you any conference with Dr. McCulloch upon the subject prior to the Election.?-None Appendix: that I recollect; except that he told!me that he was (J. J.) going to stand for the County...
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108. Be pleased to state whatDr. McCullobeh said to you upon that orcasion?-I. do not yecollect that he said anything else but what L. have just stated.

Saturday, 21st October; 1843 .
Charles Larocque, Esquire, calledıin; and exam, ined :
r. Will you state your name, residence and addi-tions?-Charles Larocque, I ama Magistrate, also amorchant; my residence is Rochville, in the County of Beauharnois.
2. Arc you an Elector of the County of Beauhar-nois?-I am.
3. Did you attend at the time and place fixed for the Election at the last General Election?-I did.

4: Did you vote at the Election, and for whom? -I did not.
5. Did you go with an intention of ivoting? -I did.
6. What hindered you? -I was prevented by force.
7. What kind of foree do you understand ?-Ot the first day Iscould have voted ; but as I was considered at the head of a party, I sent in people to vote, and reserved my vote till the end." Oin the second day, when we wanted to go to the P3H1, we were prevented by violence.
8. Were there many of your panty who were hindred from voting by violence or force? When I went to vote, we were about sixty at the Poll, but there were a great many of our party, in the neighbourhood.
0. Have you any personal knowledge of any other voters from any other parts of the County having been prevented by force, from coming to the place of Election?-None,except what I have already stated.
10. Do you know of any money or provisions having been distributed during the Election, and by whom? - I knownothing of this.
11. Do you know if there were any open houses where Electors or others had liquors or provisions given to them without their paying for the same? -Mr. D8 Witt's party lodged in a house together; I.do not know if they all paid their expenses, but I paid myself for what I received.
12. Will you detail the circumstances of actual violence which fell under your personat observation? Nothing extraovdinary happened, to my knowledge, on the first däy; but, on the second day, I saw a file of about two hundred men arined with sticks, about one half of whom went to the Poll, and the other half remained about half a mile behind. We could see those who were behind brandishing their sticks. As soon as these men had arrived at the Poll, we saw them clear it, and a short time after we saw Mr. Da Witt returning from the Poll. Mr. De Witt's party were rushing out of the Poll-house, and were flying in all directions. I saw a man named Parant, who had been struck, and who was coming out of the Poll-house covered with blood. Some days after, I'saw ano-
ther man named Leduc, who showed' me a large gash on his head, which he told me was occasioned by a blow he had received.
13. Of what description were the persons who came in sleighs on the second day, armed with sticks? -They appeared to me to be'sleighs full of English, Irishand Ecotch.
14. Were they supporters of Mr. De Witt or Mr. Dunscomb ?-They were Mr. De. Witt's supporters.

Solomon $Y_{5}$ Chesley, Esquire,' a Member of the House, called in ; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, residence, and ad-ditions?-Solomon Youmans Chosley, residence Curnwall. I am a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and am Resident and Agent of the Indian Department. I resided three years agorat St. Régis in L'ower Canada.
2. Werc you an Elector of the County of Beauharnois at the time of the last Gencral Election?I was not:
3. Did you'attend at the time and place fixed for the Election ? - I did.
4. Did you observe at the place of the Election, or in the vicinity, a number of persons not usually resident in the County?-I saw perhaps a dozen of gentlemen whom I knew to be from Nomereal.
5. Did you see any number of persons at the place of Election, or in the County carrying dan. gerous and offensive weapons? -I saw persons armed, with clubs.
6. Were they numerous?-The first day I saw but two, one of whom struck severali blows with his. The second day I saw about eight. Two of them were using their clubs very actively for a short time. .
7. Whose supporters did they profess to be? On the firstuday they were Mr.De Witt's supportess ; on the second, Mr. Dunscomb's.
8. Was there any body much hurt? -I saw some blood on the snow:" On the first day I saw a man whose nose was bleeding from a blow which he had received from an Irishman in Mr. De Witt's interest. On the second day Isaw a Canadian going down to the River to wash his head which was covered with blood.. I stopped him, and upon looking at his head, I found that it was cut.

9: Were you present on the second day at the time the polling was adjourned or interrupted for some time'?-I was; I sat within two feet behind the Returning Officer.
10. Was it really announced as an adjournment, or merely an interruption in consequence. of violence? The announcement that I heard Mr. Bowron make was that he would not take another vote till the riot stopped.
11. IIow long did it last?-The blows lasted about six minutes, but it was an hour before any more votes were taken, as the noise and confusion outside were very great.
12. Of what description, and whose supporters were those who had recourse to violence at that thme ?-1 did not know: them; bitutas they were
driving out from the room some persons who had just voted for Mr. De Witt," I'infer that they were Mr. Dunscomb's supporters.
13. Were Mr. De Witt's supporters 'armed, or 30 th N op's using violence at the time they were attacked?They were not armed, nor were they using any violence.
14. Do you recollect who had the majority of votes at the time ?-Mr. Dunscomb, I think, had then the majority of votes.

15: Of what description were the persons who proceeded to acts of violence, in the polling booth; at the time mentioned ?-They were people of the lower order; from their language they appcared to be Irish.
16. Did you observe any volunteers, in pay at the time, interfering in the Election ?-I did not. I saw about half a dozen there at the time, with Colonel Campleill, their Commander. They took no part in the proceedings. Two of that number were bearers of dispatches.
17. Were there' any open houses or places in the neighbourhood?-Yes, there was a Mill in which ${ }^{2}$ were Mr. Dunscomb's people. Mr. De Witt's pcople were in a tavern.
18. Did you see any intoxicated persons at or during the Election ?-A great many.
10. Were any of those persons engaged in the violence that occurred ?-Not to my knowledge; those whom I saw engaged in the violence were sobier.
20. Were there any votes taken after the interruption on the second day ?-Yes, there were.
21. When did the Election close?-About two o'clock on the second day. Mr. De Witt left the Poll immediately after the interruption, and Mr. Brennan remained to represent Kim. Mr, Brennan left shortly after, as the menaces against him from out. side, were very violent, and streh as to put him in bodily torror.
22.. From all that ybu observed during the Election; were the Electors of the County free to vote for whom they pleased without danger of personal injury? ${ }^{\text {m }}$ do not:think that they were.
23. Are you aware of any money having been
spent, at or during the Election, to spent, at or during the Election, to forward the election of any one of the Candidates, and by whom ?-There was money spent on both sides. I saw: money paid to some of the teamsters who had brought Mr. Dunscomb's voters, and I have every reason to bolieve that money was paid by Mr. Charles De Witt to the teamsters who had brought his brother's voters ; but I have no personal knowledge the reof. I'saw Mr. Fullam, at the quarters where he and Mr. Dunscomb lodged, hold up a note for ten dollars, and I heard bim say, " there "is the last'of ten hundreed dollars that have been "spent since yesterday morning."

24 Had you any particular conversation with Mr. Fullam on the subject of the Election?-No, I had none.
25. Do you know where Mr. Fallam resided at the time, and what was his business or employ-ment?-I did not understand that he had any particular residence in the country. I heard that he, had been a very usefulimat at Eleotions in Ireland,..
and that he had come here with similar purposes, as he possessed great influence over the Irish.
26. Have you any occasion to know by whom he was employed as such agent ?-I believe he was employed by Mr. Dunscomb. Mr. Dunscomb introduced him to me at Dundee, and told me that he was an agent employed to conduct his Election.
27. Did you sec any magistrate or public officer taking a very active part in support of any one of the Candidates?-Yes; Dr. MeGibhon, Messrs. John McDonali, John and James Davidson, who were in favor of Mr. Dunscomb. I may have seen some on the part of Mr. De Witt, but I did not know any one of them.
28. Wasit given out that any nne of the Candidates was the Government Candidate?-It was generally said that Mr. Dunscomb was.
20. Have you had occasion to know that the Government, or any high officers of the Government, took any active part in the Election?-I have not.
30. Did you observe any party coming to the placc of Election stoppod and driven back, and will you state the circumstances as they appeared to you ?-I saw from fifteen to twenty carioles coming up about the close of the Election; they were filled with Canadians. l saw six men with clubs go up to them, and strike their horses, and turn them out of the road. The carioles then turned back, and these men returned towards the place of Election, boasting of their exploits.
31. Will you be pleased to state generally in what manner the Beauharnois Election was conducted ?-I consider the conduct that I witnessed there on the part of the Electors disgraceful and outragenus. and much more so than I had ever seen at any other Election. The first day I was there when Mr. De Witt was addressing the Electors; he had then about eight hundred on the ground, and Mr. Dunscomb's did not exceed three hundred. Some of Mr. DeWitt's Irish Electors were excessively insolent, and two of them were armed with clubs, one of whom struck some blows which drew blood. The disparity of numbers was occasioned by circulars which were sent round to the different Committees on the part of Mr. Dunscomb, advising his Electors not to come in too great number to the Election on the first day, as the few houses in the neighborhood were all taken up, and it would occasion unnecessary expense. I do not believe that there was any intention whatever of fighting on the first day.

## Wednesday, 25th October, 1843.

Joln Fraser, Esquire, called in; and examined:

1. Will you state your name, residence and additions ?-John Fraser, Terrebonne, Notary, Magistrate, and am also a Mcrchant.
2. Are you an Elector of the County of Terrebonne? - lam.
3. Did you attend at the time and place fixed for holding the Election in 1841 ?-I did not.
4. Did you take any interest or act in support of any of the Candidates, and if so, in favor of whom? -I did. in favor of Mr. McCulloch.
5. Would you state any particular steps taken by you, or any conversation you had with persons in
authority on the subject of the Election?-On the 24 th Decemher 1841, I met Mr. John McKenzie, Returning Officer, and after informing him of the nomination of Drummend Buchanan as Registrar for the District of Terrebonne, Mr. McKenzie re-

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304h Nov'r. plicd that he (Mr. McK.) had been promised that situation by Dr. McCulloch, and it was on these conditions he had been elceted; that if he chonse to speak, the Election would be null ; that the Dr. could not keep his seat one minute if he were called at the bar of the llouse; that the Dr. had treated treated him (Mr. MeK.) ill, and he would like to see him exposed. On the 111h March 1841, in reply to a lettur read to me by Lord Sydenham himself, as an answer to a Petition I had presented to him the same day, I told him that 1 was afraid the answer was not sufficiently explicit, and that my constituents would likely vote against Dr. McCulloch; he replied that whether they voted for him or not, he would be elected.
6. Did Lord Sydenham intimate upon which grounds he entertained that opinion?-IIe did not.
7. Did he appear to take any interest in the Election in favor or against anv one of the Candidates? -Yes. he expressed himself decidedly in favor of Dr. McCulloch. IIe mentioned that the Dr. had called upon him several times, and said that it was better to vote for him than the other Candidate. IIe alss told me, after I had said to him that I would very likely not vote for IIr. McCulloch, that I was a young man and that I had better take care how I voted.
8. Will you state what was the nature and object of the Petition you have mentioned, and on the subject of which you waited on the Governor General ?-It was a Petition calling the attention of the Governor in favor of Terrebonne as a District Town.
9. Have you got the answer to the Petition, and will you hand it in to the Committee ?-I here hand in a copy thereof. Lord Sydenham wrote the answer in my presence, and read it to me before he sent it to his Sccretary.
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> Government IIouse, Montreal, 11th March, 1841.

## Gentlemen,

I have had the honor to receive and lay before the Governor-General, the Address signed by yourselves and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Terrebonne, praying that the village of that name may be constituted the chief place of tho District, to be established hereafter in that part of the country, under the provisions of the Judicature Ordinance.

His Excellency directs me to inform you that he shall have great pleasure in giving to your representations his best and most favourable consideration, whenever the time shall arrive for proclaiming the District.

At present nothing is determined upon, and his wish is to fix upon those places as chief towns which may be generally most acceptable to the Inhabitants of the District, and which afford the greatest facilities for the easy transaction of business.

## I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,
(Signed,)
T. W. C. MURDOCII, Chicf Secretary.
Hon. R. McKenzie, and Hon. J: Massoñ"

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10. Had the Village of Terrebonne formerly been Appendix the place where the Courts in the County were (J. J.) held ?-Yes it had.
11. Where was the District Town finally fixed? -It was finally fixed at Ste. Thérèse.
12. Which is the place in the County the most central to the population?-Terrebonne is, without doubt.
13. Have you heard on what grounds it was fixed at Ste. Thérèse ?-Because Dr. McCulloch had represented it as being the fittest place to Lord Sydenham, who informed me of it himself. It was in consequence of knowing that the people of Ste. Therèse had presented a Petition in favor of their Parish, that the people of Terrebonne presented one also. I waited upon Lord Sydenham with the Petition, having previously asked Dr. McCulloch to accompany me, which he refused, saying that he would not interfere. IIs Excellency, however, told me that Dr. McCulloch had recommended Ste. Therèse.
14. Have you any documents relating to the interference of any person in authority with the Election, and will you deliver them in?-I here deliver in a letter from Dr. McCulloch, dated 10th February, 1841:

Montreal, 10th February, 1841.

## Dear Sir,

I have just now received your letter of yesterday, and regret that the feeling in favor of Lafontaine is becoming stronger at St. Martin, where I expected the people would have remained neutral. We must, however, not be discouraged, for there is reason to expect that my strength will be great at the north.

Mr. McC. is still in town, and has mentioned to me that he has had, this morning, some conversation with S., and that he has reason to think that he will willingly retire, if he can do so with some advantage to himself; this may, perhaps, turn out a littie in my favor, but 1 am not aware that he has great influence.

They are so much occupied at Head Quarters at present, that McC has not yet been able to see Mr. Murdoch ; but as soon as I ascertain any thing regarding him, I shall write you.

> I am, dear Sir, Yours truly,

## M. McCULLOCH.

15. Where have the Elections for the County of Terrebonne been usually held, and are you aware of the grounds or reasons upon which it was changed to New Glasgow ?-The Elections were alternately held at Ste. Rose and Ste. Anne des Plaines, but I believe it was changed to New Glasgow at a suggestion of my own. I wrote a letter to Dr. McCulloch, on the 26th January, 1841, stating to him that New Glasgow would be the most favour. able place for his Election, as I expected the French population would not attend there.
16. Have you any knowledge of bodies of strangers having been brought into the County about the time fixed for the Election, and if so, will you state
where they came from, how conveyed, and by whom they were required to attend, and by whom conducted ?-Having been absent from Terrebonne from the 19th to the 27th March, I have no personal knowledge on those heads.
17. Have you any knowledge of provisions, liquors, or money having been employed by Dr. McCulloch, or those in his interest and favor, to forward the Election?-I suggested Mr. Aikins to Dr. McCulloch himself, as a proper person to be em'ployed in his favor, and to board the men at his house during their stay at the poll. He answered that he would be well paid; and Mr. Aikins told me since that he had been paid, I think he said $£ 86$. Mr. Aikins is a farmer at New Glasgow, and was a very active person in favor of Dr . McCulloch at the Election.
18. Has Dr. McCulloch any particular interest at the Village of Ste. Thérèse, and if so, would you state in what it consists?-He has a tract of land which is of little value, but great extent. It is in the Village of Ste. Thérèse, and is I suppose about ten acres in front, by, I think, thirty acres in depth, this being the usual extent of the concessions.
19. Had you any conversation with Lord Sydenham, or other persons in office, on the subject of the Terrebonne Election, other than what you have stated ?-On the 11th March, 1841, I met Mr. Ogden in Notre Dame Street, in Montreal, when I told him that unless the chief Town was chosen to be at Terrebonne, the Electors would vote against Dr. McCulloch. He replied that the place would not be appointed except by a Proclamation. but he had no doubt it would be at Terrebonne; and if Mr. Lafontaine was elected he would not be afraid to mect him in the House, and that nothing else could be done to satisfy the people of Terrebonne at that time.
20. In the letter directed to you by Mr. McCulloch, and which you have given in to the Committee, initial letters, apparently of names, occur, such as "McC." and "S."; to whom do these initials apply respectively? -From the letters I had written previous to the date of this letter, in which Major McCord was mentioned, I understood that "McC." referred to Major McCord, and "S." to Lord Sydenham.
21. What connection had Major McCord with the Terrebonne Election at the time you wrote the letter or letters to which that of $\mathrm{Dr}, \mathrm{McCulloch}$ is an answer?-He was reported to have been requested to come forward as a Candidate in opposition to Mr. Lafontaine.
22. Is this Major McCord the same gentleman who held the Inquest upon the body of Toussaint Rose ?-He is the present District Judge, and was at that time Stipendiary Magistrate.
23. Have you any knowledge of the existence of a Committee formed at Montreal for the purpose of managing the several Elections in the District of Montreal, in 1841 ; if so, name the persons who composed such Committee ?-I have no knowledge of these facts.
24. Did you hear previously to the Election of Terrebonne, that men were expected from beyond the limits of the County, Glengary for instance. or stone-breakers from Montreal, to take a part in that Election?-I heard of it on the 19th of March. The Election took place on the 21st of the same month : I heard so when I passed through St. Thérèse.

Appendix
(J. J.) Benjamin Holmes, Esquire, a Member of the $\overbrace{304}$ Nor'r House, called in ; and examined:
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1. Will you state your name, residence, and ad-ditions?-Benjamin IIolmes, Montreal, Cashier of the Montreal Bank, and a Menber of the Legislative Assmbly for the City of Montreal.

2 . Did you supply any money to Mr. Rigney or Mr. Shanley, at the time of the General Election II 1841 ?-Yes; I did.
3. Can you state the amount ?-It was, I think, about £200.
4. Can you state who furnished the funds?They were furnished by a gencral subscription of persons resident in Montreal.
5. Can you state the amount sulscribed and put into your hands?-There was no money put into my hands beyond that which I paid to Mr. Rigney for the Terrebonnc Election.
6. Who were the principal persons who had the disposal of the money placed in your hands?-No person but myself had the disposal of the moncy put into my hands. The money was collected by various persons who had an interest in the Elections. I was asked to ascertain what expenditure Rigney had been put to for provisions, \&c., in accompanying the men to Terrebonne. I think that the sum anounted to one hundred and nincty and some pounds. I do not exactly remember, but 1 think that Dr. McCulloch gave me a cheque for the amount. Mr. Fullam was the individual with whom I had the most intercourse touching the Election.
7. Can you tell who was this Mr. Fullam, how long he had been in the Provinces, and where he resided?-He is an Itish gentleman, brought up to the Bar; had been in the Province only a few months prior to the Elections, and from the circumstance of his having conducted Elections in England and Ireland, he was pointed out as the most proper person for securing the return of the Candidate in whose favor he acted.
8. Jad ho any connection with any person in the Provincial Administration, or holding any high office under it?-I do not think that at that time he had any communication with the Administration. He appeared to be intimate with several members of the Government. He stated to me on one ocrasion, that he had no connection whatever with the Administration. 1 know that he had the entrée to all the Public Offices, and that he was an intimate friend of Mr. Dowling.
9. Did you pay out any money to persons connected with the rither Elections going on about the same time? -I collected a considerable sum of $m$ )ney myself for Election purposes.
10. Can you state the amount?-I cannot state state the precise amount, but I think I collected five or six hundred pounds.
11. In paying out these monies, did you act in your individual capanity, or as Cashier of the Montreal Bank?-Entirely in my own individual capacity, and unconnected with the Bank.
12. Did youpay any money to Mr. Neil Macintosh ?-No, I do not think I paid him anything.

I was not a member of Dr. McCulloch's Committee, nor do I know anything of his arrangements beyond what I have alrcady stated.
13. Were you Treasurer of any Committee for ${ }^{30 \text { th }}$ Now'r. Eloction purpinses? -I was not Treasurer of any Committec, but I was the person who tuok the most pains in collecting the money for the Beauharnnis Election. The monies which 1 collected, amounting to about five or six hundred pounds. for the Beauharnois Election, I paid over to Mr. Dunscomb.
14. Ifave you been able to ascertain to what sort of Election expenses the funds were applied ?-I have no knowledge on that head, as I never inquired.
15. Were you present at any Election meeting for the County of Montreal ?-Yes, I was present at a moeting connected with the County of Montreal, at Rasco's IIotel. It was on the evening of the first day of the Election. I endeavonred to exhort all those who were there to go to the Election next morning, and carry the Poll at all events.
16. Did Mr. Fullam appear to have anything ts do with the County of Montreal Election ?-I do not think he had anything to do with that Election.
17. Can you state who appeared to be the leading men of the party who went from Montreal to St. Laurent on the sccond day of the Election? -It is difficult tor me to say who were the leading men, as the whole population seemed to tako an interest in it. I did not go out ; nor did I see the procession.
18. Was there a Committee at Montreal for the general superintendence of the Elections generally, and can you state when and where it met?-There was a permanent Committec sitting at the rooms ahove the warehouse of R. F. Mailland and Co., at Montreal, for the purpose generally of carrying out the Elections. I do not know of any other Committee.
19. Had they a permanent President, Treasurer. and Secretary; and if so. can you name them ? believe they had, but I cannot name them.
20. Youstate that Mr. Fullam was pointed out as a fit person to conduct Elections; can you state who pointed him out, and to whom?-I cannot say who pointed him out, but several individuals who knew him told me so.
21. Were you a member of the General Committee yourself; if so, by whom were you elected or appointed, and when ?-I was not a member of the Cominittce. As I was one of the Candidates, I had the cutrée $t$, all the Committec R'oums. I do not think I attended more than twice.
22. Be pleased to state the names of the individuals present upon the two occasions. when you attended meetings of the Committee :-I saw Messrs. John Molson, Thomas Wilson, R. F. Maitland Lewis Moffatt, of Toronto, and a man of the name of Isaacson. There were a number of others, but $I$ do not recollect them.
23. Were the funds in your hands subject to the control of this Committee? -They were not,
24. Had the Conmittee funds of their own?-1 cannot say positively, but I believe they had.

## 25. What induces you to entertain this belief ?-

 Because there was a great deal more money ex-pended for Election purposes than that which passed through my hands.
26. Were you informed by any member of the Committec of the amount raised by them, or placed at their disposal ?-Not to my recollection.
27. Is it not in your power, from information which you possess, to make an estimate of the amount cxpended by this Committec?-I could not make any estimate whatever.
28. What conversation took place between you and Dr. McCulloch, when that gentleman gave you the cheque which you have mentioned in your examination ; did he state to you to what purposes the amount was to be applied ?-It is impossible for me to recollect the conversation, but it amounted to this, that Rigncy had been put to considerable expense in attending the Election. Dr. McCulloch geve the cheque to me to hand it over to Rigney to rover his expenses, which amounted to, I think, about £100.
29. Did Dr. MoCulloch ever state to you or give y ou to understand whether the money was paid out of his own mrans, or was supplied or refunded to him by others?-I have understond from Dr. McCulloch that his Election had cost him a considerable sum of money, and that his friends had contribu ted greatly towards assisting him.
30. Did Dr. McCulloch mention the names of any of these friends? -He did not mention the naines of any of the partics. A very general interest was taken by the British party in favor of all Candidates who supported the Union.
31. When and where did you first become acquainted with Mr. Fullam?-I became acquainted with him one or two months prior to the Elections. I met him frequently.
32. Was this Mr. Fullam one of the persons who were appointed by Lord Sydenham to investigate a charge especting certain alleged outrages, accompanicd with loss of life, at the Election for the City of Toronto in 1841 ?-He was subsequently appointed for that purpose.
33. Is it to your knowledge that Mr. Fullam was paid for his services at the Lower Canada Elections? $\rightarrow$ To the bost of my knowledge he nover was. IIe lodged with me several hundred pounds, being the amount of annuitios which he had on different Government Stocks in England, and obtained money for his expenses in this way.
34. What was understood to be Mr. Fullam's business in Canada, and what was his occupation or calling while in the country?-I do not know that he had any particular occupation in this country. I considered him rather as an Agent from England to remark on the political state of the country. He corresponded with several persons of note in the United Kingdom, such as Mr. Daniel $O^{\prime}$ Connell, \&c.
35. What was Mr. Fullam's inducement to take, a part in the Canadian Elections?-Mr. Fullam had been introduced to several gentlemen who had taken an interest in the Election; and as he had been kindly treated by them, he imbibed their principles.
36. In your interviews with Mr. Fullam had you any conversation with him respecting the Elections, and the mode in which they were to be carried or
were carried ?-I have heard Mr. Fullam describe how the Election of Terrebonne was carried. I have heard him also describe his plan of carrying the Election of Beauharnois. He said the Terrebonne Election had been carried by stratagem, that is, by choosing his position and evincing his ability (shyuld it come to blows) of discomfiting his adversaries.
37. You have stated that you advised the meeting at Rasco's Hotel " to carry the Poll at all events," be pleased to cxplain what were the means to which you intended to allude? -The object was to send out every Elector who had a vote to go to the Election and poll their votes, take possession of the Hustings, and drive of all the opposite party when they came to the Poll, if necessary.
38. What description of expenses was the subscription raised by you intended to defray ; be pleased to state the same?-The subscriptions raised by me were raised to aid in the Election at Beauharnois, leaving it entirely to Mr. Fullam or Mr. Dunscomb to apply it to the usage they might think fit.
39. Werey you a Trustee or a Commissioner for the management of the Roads under the Montreal 'Turnpike Trust Ordinance ?-I was, and I am one still.
40. Is it to your knowlodge that a number of persons employed by the Trust in breaking stones were marched to the Terrebonne Election?-Yes, I believe a great many were.
41. Was this fact known to the other Commissioners or Trustees?-It never was mentioned at any meeting of the Trustees at which I attended. They might have known it from common report.
42. Was the conduct of Mi . Shanley or Mr . Rigney, at the Terrebonne Election, censured by the Board?-Their conduct never was called in question ; the subject was never discussed at all. They were not servants of tho Trust, but worked by the job.
43. Was any part of the public money applied to the payment of the stone-breakers, or of Messrs. Shanley or Rigney, while engaged in the Terrebonne Election?-I am quite certain there was not; it would not have been tolerated for an instant.
44. Ilad you any conversation or correspondence with any Public Officer or Officers respecting the conduct of the Elections or the proceedings'at the same?-I never had.

James Brown, Esquire, called in ; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, place of residence, and additions?-James Brown, Montreal, Justice of the Peace.
2. Are you an Elector of the County of Mon-treal?-No; I am an Elector of the City.
3. Did you attend at the Election held at St. Laurent at the last General Election?-I did not,"
4. Have you any knowledge of the manner in which the said Election was conducted, and will you communicate it?-I have. A few days previous to the Election; being a Magistrate, and acting as Police Magistrate in the absence of Mr:Gugy, I
attended a meeting for the purpose of re-examin(J. J.)

304 Novir . ing an Ordinance relating to Tavern-keepers. The Magistrates went up to the Roon to consider about those who were to receive licenses. Seventy-six licenses were granted, because some of the Magis- trates said that the persons to whom they were granted were very influential men, and would be very useful at the ensuing Elections. I here hand in a minule of the Meeting.

## Montreal.

Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Saturday, 13th March, 1841.

Present: Henry Corse, John Molson, James Brown,
Benjamin Holmes, Joseph T. Barrett, Sydney Bellingham, Charles Tait, John Dyde, Esquires, Justires of the Peace.

## Mr. Corse is called to the Chair.

This meeting was called in pursuance of an order of the Magistrates of the 11th instant, to grant Certificates of qualification for keeping Houses of PubJic Entertainment to all to whom they were induced, by insufficient information, to refuse such Certificates at the Special Session held in the month of January of the present year.

The application of the following persons to obtain Licenses, were granted.

76 granted, 2 rejected.
5. Do you know that any of these persons attended the Election with offensive weapons?-I know they attended there, for one of them was nearly killed.
6. At what time of the Election did they attend? -On the first day.
7. Do you know that any persons were hired to attend as bullies, and if so for what party and by whom they were hired ?-I have no particular knowledge, excepting that a man named Malo received his license because he was considered particularly useful as a bully.
8. Have you any knowledge of any strangers from other parts of the Province having come to Montreal to interfere in Elections?-None, except that I saw people about twelve hundred in number returning from St. Laurent, amongst whom were the people of Glengary.
9. Have you any knowledge of any arrangement made for taking possession of the Polling place at St. Laurent, and if so, will you state the particulars and the principal persons concerned?-A few days before the Election, Lord Sydenham sent for Mr. Delisle and requested him to offer his services for the County; Mr. Delisle returned to the Office, stated the fact to me, and appeared to be very much agitated; he asked my opinion as to what I would advise him to do, saying that he would rather give $£ 500$ than set up. I told him there was no alternative if he wished to hold his office, for if he did not set up, he might expect to be turned out. He showed me then a card of invitation for himsolf and his lady to dine with Lord Sydenham. He agreed with me that he must either offer himself as a Candidate, or give up the Office. A day or two afterwards, on returning to the Police Office, - I found the private room locked ; I requested one of the Clerks to open it; he did so, and I there found the Honorable Charles Grant, the present Honora-
ble Gabriel Roy, Mr. Bagg, and Mr. Delisle. There were several other gentlemen going out and in, among whom was the Ionorable John Molson. Whilst in conversation with Baron Grant, Mr. Gabricl Roy was giving his opinion on the manner of carrying the Election to the greatest advantage in favor of the supporters of Mr. Delisle. He (Mr. Roy) said, "Gentlemen, if you take my advice, as you have brought me here to give my opinion, you must bring out all your force on the first day; come very strong, and we will take possession of the Poll, keep back the other party, and get Mr. Delisle duly elected on the first day, for the Canadians are very numerous. and if we do not take possession on the first day, it will cost a great deal of trouble to get Mr. Dclisle elected." They all appeared to agree with him, and then dispersed. Mr. Lcslie being an old friend of mine, I immediately went down and gave him the information, that he might advise with his friends and be prepared for the worst. as I did not think that any interference of mine, as a Magistrate, would be of any effect.
10. Had Mr. Roy been announced as a Canclidate, or publicly spoken of as such before Mr. Delisle came forward ?-I believe he had, and that he had refused.
11. Did you see the supporters of Mr. Delisle proceed to the Election on the second day $1-1$ did.
12. Were they numerous, and were they armed with offensive weapons?-They were in number from eight to twelve hundred, and were armed with offensive weapons.
13. Were you able to distinguish any person or persons who were at the head of them, and acted as leaders; and will you name and describe them?Mr. Driscoll, Queen's Counsel, who was afterwards Police Magistrate, was riding on horseback with a large bunch of green ribbons attached to his breast or his cap, and armed with a shillelagh. He was at the head of the sleighs, and was marshalling them. Alderman Adam Ferrie, the present Legislative Councillor, was in a double sleigh with a dozen of persons who appeared to be laborers, and who had sticks in their hands as well as himself, and he appeared to have about one hundred men under his command.
14. Have you any personal knowledge of the arrangements made on the conducting of any other Elections in the District of Montreal at the time ?I have no personal knowledge thereof. 1 saw the stone-breakers going out to the Terrebonne Election with their bagpipes. I met Mr. Driscoll at the office some days after the Election; he asked me how many I thought he had with him, saying at the same time time that he had upwards of eight hundred. I replied that I thought he had upwards of twelve hundred. He then said, "if the Canadians had stood we would have done a great deal of execution with our shillelaghs." I told him 1 thought they would, for the men had been well treated before they left town, and seemed to be in a very fighting humor. I'saw the procession when they returned from St. Laurent with the Glengarys.
15. Have you any knowledge of any bullies having been hired or taken out on the first day by the supporters of Mr. Leslie ?-I have not.
16. Will you state who is the Mr. Malo you have mentioned, and what is his business and situation? -He was and is Crier of the Court of Quarter Sessionss. He has also a license as a tavern-keeper. He is a stout, able man, and is generally employed by the Magistrates as a Conistahle.

Appendix -
(J. J.) Joseph Boumel, Esquires Mayor of the City of 30 Lh Noy'r Montreal, called in; and examined:

1. You are the Mayor of the City of Montreal ? -I am
2. Are you an Elector of the County of Montreal ?-I am.
3. Did you attend at the Election for that County at the time of the General Election in 1841 ?I did.
4. Will you state any knowledge you may have of acts of violence or corruption at the said Elec-tion?-I was present the first day of the Election before the Candidates had addressed the Electors. After the Returning Officer had read the Writs, and while Mr. Doclisle was addressing the Electors, I saw a great number' of persons making a great noise ; I also' saw a great number of persons ncar the Hustings armed with sticks. When the Returning Officer saw them he begged of them to retire and put away their sticks. These persons disappeared for a time. When the Candidates had addressed the Electors, and a shew of hands had been made, the Poll was adjourned for an hour to a'small house in the vicinity. There was an understanding between the Candidates and their friends that the Electors would give their voies through a window, The votes were taken during about an hour, and immediatcly after, several sleighs arrived from Montreal containing a great number of persons armed with sticks and life-preservers (garcettes), and at the head of whom were flags and music; they passed lefore the Poll house and went into a tavern kept by a man named McDonald. Among those persons was Robert Weir, then Proprietor of the Montreal Merald, D. Arnoldi, jun., and scveral other persons of note from Montreal, and who wore said to belong to a society called the Doric Club. A'short time after their arrival, they came to the Poll House and began there to create a disturbance, saying that they were not at liberty to vote, and that Mr. Leslie's voters entirely surrounded the Poll. I heard Mr. Weir say to some one, "now is the time, we must clear the Poll." Mr. Stanley Bagg, said to him, "it is not the time," by which I understood What they did not consider themselves in sufficient number to begin the disturbance. Notwithstanding, Dr. Arnoldi, senior, went up and tried to take possession of the Poll. I then saw Mr: Weir striking Mr. Leslis's voters with his garcette: I also saw several blows struck by a man named Malo, who was Crier of the Court' of Quarter Sessions, and was also cmployed by the magistrates as a constable, and by another conatable in the police-office. : Benjamin Delisle, the high constable, was also present, 'and acted with them. They then sent persons to warn the rest of their people who were in the tavern, to come up and help them to take the Poll. As soon as they had come, they ruslied upon the persons who were near the Poll, and cleared it. At the head of these persons were Messrs. John Molson, Maitland, Bagg, and several othors, I said to them; that they took upon themselves great responsibility, and that they might beware of the consequences, that notwithstanding Mr. Leslie's Electors were not armed, they were nevertheless more numerous.-They pretended not to listen to what I said to them, and immediately the row began, by an Irish: man in the interest of Mr. Dellisle striking one of Mr. Leslie's voters, 1 myself received a blow on the ghoulders and several stones Were thrown at me while trying "to preserve order. The voters of Mr. Delisle twere crying out whill them tre must clear the Poll." $\mathbf{M r}$ Lestle eupporters"we obliged
to draw backiafter two or three of them had been beaten and ill-treated Mr. Coursolles, a lawyer, a partizan of Mr Leslie, was one of those who were struck, and who feceived several blows on the head. I then rallied MríLeslie's Electors; and we managed 30th "Novtr. to drive off Mr. Delisle's supporters "with what arms we could find, such as sticks; 'stones;" \&c. "ty In driving them off, I think, one of Mr Delisle's supporters,' a man from Lachine, was so severely hurt that he died of his wounds. In consequence of the rioting the Poll was adjourned till the next morning:
5. Were the supporters of Mr. Leslie, who werc at the window for receiving the votes, previous to the time they were attacked; armed with offensive weapons, hindering by any act of violence Mr. Delisle's voters from coming up to give their votes?-They were not armed with any kind of weapons, and resorted to no act of violence, to prevent any one from coming to the Poll; on the contrary, they were very affable and polite. The Poll was open and free to all Electors. There were very few of Mr. Delisle's voters at the beginning of the Election, but the Returning Officer was taking votes for both parties at the time.
6. Did you see any persons who are commonly known as bullies present, shortly after the opening of the Election?-I did.
7. What was their number, and who seemed to you to have the direction of them I-I could not exactly state the number which was very great ; there were present a number of Irishmen who were working on the Road, and who seemed to be led by a man named Turner of St. Laurent. There were others who came from Montreal who were under the direction of Malo whom I have aleady mentioned, and these latter appeared to be under the direction also of the late Mr. Robert Weir.
8. Did you observe any person present shortly after the opening of the Poll, excited by liquor?Several of the Irishmen appeared to me to be so.
9. Do you know of any houses for the gratuitous distribution of liquors and provisions being opened for the supporters of any one of the Candidates? Yes, there was a house open to Mr. Delisle's partizans, where they reccived bread, pork, rum, whiskey, and beer. I know it from the fact of Mr. Leslie's voters having taken possession of the depot: ,
10. At what time was it publicly known that Mr. Delisle and Mr. Leslie were Candidates? - Mr. Leslie was announced as a Candidate a few weeks before the Election, and Mr. Delisle a few days only before.
11. Had you any conversation with Mr. Delisle relating to the person or persons by whom he was yequested to come forward ?-About eight days before the Election, I heard Mr. Delisle say to a person' who wias near me, that he had been requested by some of the Officers of Government to set up for the County; and that he had refused:
12. Do you know of any funds having been furnished to forward the Election "of Mr. Delisle;' and if so, will you state by whom ?-I have no personal knowledge on that head.
18 Did you attend at the Election on that day'? -I did not in consequence of meetings which had taken place on the preceding evening and of infor mation which we received from the Returning Officer hat it had been decided at hibselmeetings that if we went to the Poll we wouldibe miumered wThe

Returning Officer told us also that if we insisted on going to the Poll, he would not go, as he considered his life, as well as ours, in danger.
14. Have you any knowledge of any Public Offcers of distinction having taken an active part as supporters of Mr. Delisle ?-I recollect only one, that is Mr. Henry Driscoll, Queen's Counsel. On the second day he seemed to be the leader of a number of people who were armed with sticks and fire-arnss ; he was riding a horse, and was armed with a pistol and sword.
15. Have you had an opportunity of observingany injury done to the houses of the Inhabitants of St . Laurent on the second day of the Election, or of any of them having been driven from their houses on that day ?-I have no personal knowledge of it, but I understood it was the case.
16. Did you vote at the Election, and for whom? -I did not.
17. Do you know a person, whose usual residence was at Montreal about the time of the Election, called Mr. Nicolas Fullam ? I have heard him spoken of, but I never met with him.

Mr. Charles Thompson called in; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, residenco and addi-tions?-Charles Thompson, Montreal, laborer.
2. Have you resided long at Montreal 1-.Yes, about four years.
3. Where did you reside before?-I was a private Soldier in the 66th Regt before that time.
4. Were you hired by any person to attend at any Election in 1841, and will you state by whom, and at what places you attended? -I was employed by Mr. Rigney who was Overseer of Roads. I went to New Glasgow, and arrived at St. Laurent about the end of the Election at that place.
5. Were you employed on the roads at the time you wers hired?-Not at the time, but I had been previous.
6. Wero you to be paid and fed during the time of your attendance?-Yes, we were to be paid and. fed.
7. How much were you to get ?-Malf-a-dollar a-day, besides being fed.
8. Was there any liquor provided ${ }^{1}$-Ycs. we received liquor and refreshments of every kind at every place we halted..
9. Was it used freely ?-Yes, it was given to us very liberally.
10. Were you an Elector in cither of the Counties of Terrebonne or Montreal ?-No, I was not.
11. Do you know if there were others hired to attend the Elections, and if so, will you state what number and of what description they were?-There were about five hundred who went from: Montreal and its vicinity with us to Terrebonne, and who were chiefly employed on the road and in stonebreaking.
12. What was it stated that you were to do ?-It was not stated what we were to do, but we were well armed with clubs and sticks:
13. Did you have any occasion to make use of them?-We had not, as Mr. Lafontaine, the opposing Candidate, retired before we had occasion to do so.
 30th Novir,
14. Did you sec any blows struck at the Election. by any other person? -Not from where 1 was.' I heard there had been blows struck, but I saw none struck myself.
15. IKow many days pay did you get ?-I received four days pay, that is, ten shillings, currency.
16. You say that you had no idea, at the time of your departure, of the business you were to be employed in ?-I had no idea of where we were going, and I think that many others werc as ignorant on. that point as myself.
17. What did you suppose was the use to be made of the clubs and other weapons you were to carry? -In case, I suppose, of an assault from the opposite party.
18. You had no other business in the County of Terrebonne, but to carn your pay; nor had any quarrel with any body there? - l had no other business there, nor any other business whatever.
19. Did you accompany - Dr. McCulloch and Mr. Delisle in the procossion after the close of the $\mathbf{S t}$. Laurent Election ?-Yes, I did.
20. Through what Streets did you pass ?-We came in by St. Antoine Strect, went up Great St. James Strect, round Notre Dame Street, through Sit Paul Street, and round MicGill Street, where I left them: We had flags with us, and were cheering.
21. What were the weapons with which you were supplied, and by whom; when and where were you supplied with them?-At Ste. Thérèse we received Shoemakers' knives, which were distributed to all of us; we used them to cut up our cheese and other food, and they were given to us. This was at Mr. Porteous's housc, on our way to the Election.
22. You have stated that on your return from Terrebonne you arrived at St. Laurent at the close of the Election for the County of Montreal, will you state how: long you remained in the village before going into the City with the Members elect for Terrebonne and the County of Montreal ?-We were there about two hoursi
23. How were you cmployed, and those with whom you had been at Terrebonne, during the time youremained at St. Laurent ?-On our return from Terrebonne Election, we heard at Ste. Thérèse that St . Laurent was all destroyed; and when we went to this latter place, we found that the house of a man named McDonald had been destroyed; Mr. Rigney thereupon told us that we were to revenge ourselves in consequence. Mr. McDonald, who was Postmaster, pointed out several houses which belonged to loyalists, and which were not to bedestroyed, and' we broke the windows, doors, knocked down the stove pipes,' partitions, and 'smashed' everything wo found in the houses of the Canadians: There were, I suppose, about twenty-five houses which were treated in that manner:

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The Honorable George Moffatt, a Member of the House, called in"; and examined ;'

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1. Maye you any knowledge of a subscription or contribution for money to be apphed to forward any Election or Elections in the:District of Montreal at the time of the General Election in 1841 ?-Yes; I 30 How's believe there were such subscriptions made.
2. Can you state the amount, and who had the keeping and disposal of the money ?-I cannot state the amount, nor have I any personal knowledge of who had the distribution thereof. I understood that a Committee had been formed, and that they had the disposal of the monies.
3. Did you attend at any of the Elections in the country parts of the District of Montreal in 1841 ?I did not.

Monday, Gth November, 1843.
Joseph Frederic Allard, Esquire, called in ; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, residence, and additions ?-Joseph Frederic Allard, Chambly, Justice of the Peace, and Captain of Militia.
2. Are you an Elector of the County of Chambly? -I am.
3. Did yous attend at the last General Election and give your vote, and for whom ?-I did, and woted for Mr. L. M. Viger.
4. While you were present did you observe any acts of violence committed, and will you describe what occurred?-On the 22d March 1841, I went to St. Johr's to find a place for Mr. Viger, which I succeeded in getting only at three o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, as all the IIotels of the place were retained for Mr. Yule's Electors. At the opening of the Poll, after a show of hands had been called for by the Returning Officer, there were about fifteen hundred of 'Mr. Viger's Electors, and about one hundred of Mr. Yule's. From the Hüstings we went to the Poll-house, and the votes: were taken till three oclock with some difficulty for Mr . Viger's Electors, the Captain of Police' and his men being at the door of the Poll-house, and preventing the Canadians from going to the Poll, and favoring Mr. Yule's supporters. At three 'o'clock, about fifty of Mr. Yule's supporters arrived intox: icated, and coming out of the taverns which had been hired for them. They then tried by pushing and shoving to prevent the Canadians, going into the Poll. At about four o'clock a shower' of sticks were thrown down from the second story of the Poll-house for Mr. Yule'sthupporters, whb, having armed themselves therewith, rushed on the Canadians and struck several of them. On the requisition of the Electors the Raturning, Officer then called in the assistance of the troops, and order was immediately re-established, and the Poll was closed for that day. 'On the same nvening all Mr: Viger's Electors who were in St.. Johns, fearing that they would be assailed during the night, crossed the bridge to go and sleep at St. Athanase. I asked the Returning Officer if we would have troops at the Poll-house to protect us on the next day, which he promised me, and renewed his promise the next morning, on the opening of the Poll.' Blt he did nothing of the sort, althoughs several men were continually passing before the House where he lodged, armed with sticks and axe hatides, and parading the streets. At the opening of the Poll on that day, which was the second, there were only a few of Mr. Wien's Electors who were ablento appooch the Poll, to give in their wotess the openings of all the principal roads through which the Electorstod

Mruviger could pass-the bridge, for instance, over the Richelicu being barricaded and guarded by Mr. Yule's partizans to prevent those who had gone over on the precering night; from returning to St. John's. Itwas impossible for Mr: Yiger's'Electors to come into. St. John's, so that at eleven o'clock I could not find three of them so as to get the Pol adjourned: The Election was then closed, and Mr. Yule was declared duly elected.
5. Were the persons you say who barricaded the bridge and roads leading to St. John's, armed and in what manner? -They were armed with sticks and axe handles.
6. Were they threatening to use them, and did they strike any person?-Yes, I saw several persons struck, and"I assisted a man, named Nicolas Proteau, to my lodgings who had received a blow which had split his head,
7. Did you observe any public officers taking any part with the persons who were committing acts of violence? At four, when the noise began, the Captain of Police did not do anything to prevent the disturbance. Mr. Macrae was making signs to the Electors of Mr. Yule with his cane, and encouraging them to come on; and I took nyself from Dr. Roe, a Magistrate, a bar which he had' taken from a window,
8. What was the name of the Captain of Police you have mentioned as being at the Poll preventing Mr. Viger's supporters from coming forward ?Captain Lelievie of the Police stationed at Chambly.
9. Have you any knowledge of money having been paid to the persons who kept open houses for the supporters of Mr. Yule?-I have no personal knowledge thereof, but the general rumor was that a man named Lefebvre, a tavern-keeper and mailcarrier, had received $£ 35$ from Mr. Yule, and that Mr: "Nott; the Hotel keeper, had received" $£ 66$, a person named Kinnean £ $\mathbf{~ 3 0}$, a man named' Esinhart £45; and George"Macdonald; of St Johns; £70, from Mr. Yule.
10. It appears by the poll book, that there were four persons who woted for Mr. Wiger on the 28 rd March, can you account for their getting in to the Poll ?-I have no knowledge excepting of Mr. Soupras, of St. Mathias, who said he had not been stopped from crossing the bridge, although he had seen there men armed with bludgeons and axe handles.
11. Were yout and the supporters generally of Mr. Viger under appreherisions of personal danger during the Election?-Yes; during the whole time I was there.

12: It is stated in the Poll book of the 22d March, that it had been agreed to require the assistance of troons', did any actually come - They did on the first dayibutnoton the second as I have'already stated.
18. How many open houses were there for Mr. Yule's supporters ?-There were, I believe, five.

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15. Do you know whathappened H Mr, Yiger carter, a man hamed sithtion the secha day the Eletion? While arosing the bridge saw a mannamed NoDonald hoding the horse of Mr.

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Viger's carter by the bridle, so as to prevent his going to the Election.
16. Have you ever had any correspondence with Lord Sydenham, or conversation with him concerning the Election; and if so, describe the particulars ?-At the latter end of February, 1841, I saw Lord Sydenham, and had a conversation with him respecting the situation of Registrar for the County of Chambly, which I wished to have. IIe told me that he had a hundred places to give to Canadians, but that he would like that those who wanted places would support his Government. He then advised me to set up for the County, but I told him that I did not desire to become a Candidate. I told him that I had shewn myself a partizan of Mr. Viger, and that I would not accept of any situation under any such conditions, and that moreover I could not get elected; he said "you can get elected if you likc."
17. What is the proportion of Electors in the County of Chambly resident north and south of St. John's ?-I do not believe that there can bo more than one-eighth of the Electors south of $\mathbf{S}$ t, John's.

## Dr. Pierrc Davignon called in ; and examined :

1. Will you state your name. residence, and ad-ditions?-Pierre Davignon, Physician and Magistrate, Stc. Maric Monnoir.
2. Were you an Elector of the County of Rouville at the last General Election?-I was.
3. Did you attend at the Election and give your vote, and if so, for whom?-I attended at the Election on the first day, but I did not vote. I intended to poll my vote for Mr. Franchere on the third day of the Election.
4. Was there any interruption of entire freedom for the Electors in favor of both Candidates to give their votes, and if so, will you state the circumstances that occurred. as they fell under your own observa-tion?-On Wednosday, the 10th of March, 1841, the third day of the Election, whilst I was going to the Poll at IUen yville, I found the Canadian Village quite deserted by its inhabitants, who were flying in all directions. On the public road there were a number of men, whom we recognized as supporters of Mr. De Salaberry; armed with sticks. There was an Interruption on the Wednestay while Mr. Franchère's Electors were going quictly to the Poll ; a horde of men. armed with sticks, rushed on them, crying out "kill, kill, the d-d rascally Canadians." and struck them. Among those who were thus illtreated, was Julien Choquet, one of Mr. Franchère's Clectors, who died the next morning of his wounds. Amongst many others, his father, François Choquet, J. Bte. Benjamin, and David Bachame were dangerously wounded, and these two latter were rendered infirm for the rest of thicir lives. From the Wednesday till the Thursday morning I was employed in helping the wounded, with the Parish Priest ; but it was with great difficulty, as the other party, who vere armed with sticks, were doing all in their power to prevent us from doing so. I also attended on two persons named Xr. Besset and J. Bte. Massé, who had been, as they told me, wounded in the Poll-house on the second day. During the night between the Wednesday and Thursday, we entreated Mr. Elzear Duchesnay, who wa Police Magistrate at Ste. Marie Monnoir, tocome and give us his assistance, as we were in danger of our lives. He came immediately; with six Policemen ; and the
next morning we saw surrounding the Poll-house the same men whom we had seen the precedin's day, and who were "still armed with sticks, which they were brandishing and crying out "Furrah for De Salaberry." On scoing the Poll thus surrounded, I returned to tho Canadian Village to teil Mr. Franchere's Electors not to come to the Poll just then. My reasons for doing so werc, that after having addressed myself to Mr. De Salaberry, and to Mr. James McGillivray, who had theen specially appointed by the Returning Officer to proscrve peace in the Poll. and having asked them if they could do nothing to prevent a recurrence of the secnes which had already taken place, he (Mr. James McGillivray) told me that it was impossible for him to stop that horde of furions men, and that he could not foresee the consequences that might ensue, were Mr. Franchère's Electors to persist in approaching the Poll. I must here remark that this Mr. McGillivray had, on the first morning of the E'ection. made a most violent speech in favor of Mr. De Salaberry, and well calculated toexcite his party against Mr. Franchère's, and that two hours after he was appointed Magistrate to proserve peace and order in the Poll-house. It was then impossible for us, without danger of losing our lives, to approach the Poll, so that we retired with Mr. Franchere protesting against the Election. There were at that time two hundred of Mr. Franchere's Electors at the Canadian Village ready to come to the Poll if they had had protection,
5. Hare you any knowledge of any application having been made to the Returning Officer to protcet the freedom of Election?-Pierre Monat and Noel Benjàmin, Electors of the County, assured me that on Tuesday, the second day of the Poll, and during the polling hours, he, Pierre Monat. had demanded protection of the Returning Officer, and that the Returning Officer had told them that if they did not keep silence, ho would send them to Gaol.
6. Irave you any knowledge of there having been open houses where provisions and liquirs were gratuitously distributed to the Electors?-Yes, at Goodenough's tavern, in the next house to the Poll house, all of Mr. De Salaberry's Eloctorshad liquors gratis.
7. Do you know who paid the expenses of tho house ?-1 do not.
8. Have you any knowledge of promises having been made, or gifts of money offered to Elec. tors by Mr . De Salaberry, or those in his interest and favor, to promote his Election, and of such offers and gifts having been accepted?-I have no personal knowledge thereof, but the genera! rumor in the County was that money had been offered and accepted ; one man particularly, named Joscph Prairie, acknowledged to another man named Jean Baptiste Benjamin, that he had received ten dollars for furnishing liquor to Mr. De Salaberry's Electors.
9. Did you see any porson or persons intoxicated at the Election ?-Yes, all those whom I saw armed with clubs, were excited by liquor.
10. Of what description were the persons you saw on the third and fourth day of the Election armed with offensive weapons and committing acts of violence; were they generally Electors; and do you know where they resided? They wore persons whom 1 had never seen before, and appeared to be Americans who lived on the frontier.
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 (JiJi)11. Did you see any Volunteers or persons holding public offices, acting with any of those who were committing acts of violence ?-I' cannot say', but the general report was that most of them were 304 Novir. Volunteers.
12. Was the Election ever held before at Henryville ?-Yes, they had been held at Ste: Marie Mon: noir, and Henryville, alternately, but at the latter place it was always held at the Church in'that' part called the Canadian Village.
13. IIad Mr. Duchesnay, the Stipendiary Magistrate in that County, reccived any orders relative to the Election, and if so'; from whom didhe receive them?-Mr. Duchesnay's jurisdiction had extended over that part of the County, but it had been taken from him a month beforc the Election.
14. Did Mr. Duchesnay possess the general confidence of the people among whom he acted as Stipendiary Magistrate ?-Yes, he enjoyed the confidence of all the people.

## Tuesday, 7 til No: mber, 1843.

Mr. Neil McIntosh; of Montrcal, Merchant,"called in ; and examined:

1. Will you state your name, residence and additions ?-Neil McIntosh. Merchant, Montreal.
2. Were you an Elector of the County of Terrebonne at the last General Election 1-I was not.
3. Did you hold any public office at the time, or do you hold any at present?-1 held no public office at the time, nor do I at present.
4. Did you proceed to the County of Glengary in the late Province of Upper Canada, at any time after the Writs of Election for Lower Canada were issued, and before the time of the Terreb:nne Elec-tion?-I proceeded to the Glengary Election, where I had a vote, a few days previous to the Terrcbonne idection:
5. Had you any business, anything to do with the pending Elections in Lower Canada; and if so, will you state the time of your departure from Monitreal and your subsequent proccedings in regard to the said Elections? -I went with a party of countrymen to the Terrebonne Election.
6. How many of the people from Glengary accompanied you to Montreal and afterwards to Terrebonne ?-1 believe from ninety-eight to one hundred.
7. How were they conveyed from Glengary to Montreal and Terrebonne ?-In double Sleighs.
8. Who paid the expenses ?-I furnished the money to Mr. Donald McNicol; who paid the men.
9. Were the men paid, and how much; were they paid per diem? Some of them were paid by the day, others had only their expenses paid.
10. How much money went through your hands for the expenses of these people? it was to the best of my recollection about two houdred pounds.
11. Who furnished you with the money? Dr McCulloch gave me ácheque on the Montreal Bank, which was paide:
12. Were these people Electors of the County of

Terrebonne 1 I am not aware that any of them were, but I understod since that one or two of them were.
13. What was the object of their visit to Terre- ${ }^{30 t h}$ Novit. bonne County?-It was notorious that there was a party who wished to assault Dr. McCulloch's party, and we went there to keep the peace.
14. Had any of them authority or been sworn in as Special Constables?-Not that'I am aware of.
15. How far did you accompany them ?-To New Paisley.
16. And where did they proceed afterwards? When within two miles of Terrebonne, we understood that the Election at that place was over, so that we returned to Ste. Therèse on the night of the Election. Next morning we went to St. Laurent, where the Election for the County of Montreal was going on. We then went to Montreal in procession with the successful Candidates, Mr. Delisle and Dr. McCulloch, and returned from thence to Glengary.
17. Didyou witness any act of violence or blows struck in the County of Terrebonne? None whatever.
18. Did you witness anything of the kind at St. Laurent where the Montreal County Election was held ?-Just as our party wore coming in to the village of St. Laurent, we saw a number of men breaking the windows of a house.
19. Were the Glengary people armed with any offensive weapons?-When, we came within a few miles of Paisley, we were told that the Canadians were armed, so that our people took sticks, but were told not to use them otherwise than in self defence. Some of them may have brought their sticks to St. Laurent, but I am not aware of their having done so.
20. How were the men mustered or called out, and by whom? -During the Election at Glengary, I proposed to some of them to accompany me down to Terrebonne. "Those to whom I spoke eventually accompanied me.
21. Were there any persons holding Commissions under the Government who accompanied the party?-Yes, there weie persons holding such Offices, viz: :-Captain James McDonald, of the Glengary's, and several others whom I do not remember.
22. When did the Glengary Election take place, and how many days after did the Terrebonne Election occur?-In the month of March, a few days previous to the Terrebonne Election. I think it was on the Thursday of the week previous to that in which the Terrebonne Election was held.
23. Are the Committee to understand that your visit to Glengary was solely for the purpose of voting at the Election ? cannot say that it was solely for that purpose. It was notorious at that time that the friends of Bri McCulloch were to be opposed by MrI Lafontaire's party, and I went pop pantly to bring down people to take the part of Dr: McCullochi:

24. Was it spontaneously that you went to Glengary g or at the sutgestioho othersg end iffor state at whose sugestron min w wen theret to recordithy vote, and besides t wem at the derggestion of atet

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of Dr. McCulloch's friends. Knowing that I was going up there, they requested me to iry and bring down a few Electors and friends from there, if I could get them, to come and support Dr. McCulloch. The late Mr. McAllister called upon me, and requested me do so, and I am not sure if Mr. Hettrick of Ste. Thérèse did not also.
25 . Was the number of persons to be brought down from Glengary stated, or agreed upon botween you and yoir friends before your departure from Montreal ? -It was not ; it might have meant to bring down a hundred or more.
26. Did you anticipate that the travelling fron Glengary to Terrebonne of a hundred men and upwards would entail expense, and did you make any provision to defray such expense ?-I knew that it would cntail expenses, but I was assured they would be reimburscd to me.
27. Out of what fund did the money proceed which you paid tn the Glengary people ; was it your own money, or moncy received from some others for the purpose ?-I received some money before I gat Dr: MuCulloch's cheque of which I have already spoken.
28. Be pleased to state the amount, and from whom you received it, when and where?-The money was place:t in my brother's hands, and ho handed it to me when I started; I cannot recollect the sum at this moment. There was a fund raised for the purphse of defraying the expenses. It was contributed to by the Morchants, and by mysolf arnong the rest.
29. Was this sum included in the amount of Dr. McCulloch's cheque, or was it over and above that amount ?-lt was over and avove that amount.
30. Werr you a member of the Election Committee at Montreal which held its meetings in Messss. Maitland's store ?-1 was not a member, nor was 1 ever individually present at any of the moetings.
31. Proviously to the Election, had you any comaunication with Dr. McCulloch upon the subject ? -I think the Doctor did speak to me on the subject previously to the Election, but I do not recollect what he said.
33. Was not Dr. McCulloch aware of the objects which you had in view in going to Glengary, and that your journey was calculated to procure him support at his Election?-There is no doubt that hes was aware of it.
33. Since the Election lave you had any communication with Dr. McCulloch on the subject ?Not until very recently. Having met the Doctor about a month ago, he told me not to be surprised if I were called up with regard to the Elcetion.
34. Do you knowhw the constituency of Terrebonne is composed ?-I cannot say, never having been at Terrebonne until the time of the Election.
35. In whose favor was the inajority of the qualified Electors of Terrebonne ; was it in favor of Dr . McCulloch or his opponent ?-I presume Dr. McCulloch had the majority, from the fact of his having been returned.
36. Were you consulted as to the manner of carrying the Terrebonne Election, and were you made aware of the means which had been prepared for
the occasion ?- It was notorious that there was a majority against his friends to prevent him from coming forward ; so that our intention was to use force, if force were used against us, but we were not to be the aggressors.

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> 37. By Dr. McCulloch's friends, do you mean his political and personal frie nds, or whom do you mean? -Both his perrosonal and poilital) fricns, , having no reference to their being qualified Electors or not.
38. Did you see Colonel Carmichael, the Commandant of the Fort at Coteau du Lac, either upon your journey to Glengary, or your return?-I saw him on my journey up, and on my return. As he was a friend of mine, I always called upnn him when I passed.
39. ILad you any conversation with him respecting the accommotation of your men, their march, or other wise ?-I told him my intention. I believe as a military man, he disapproved of it. I think he dissuaded one of our friends (Captain John McBean) from accompanying us.
40.' Did not Colonel Carmichael give you support and countenance in your efforts to procure friends for Dr. McCullioch ?-IIe gave me no sup. port; in fact as a military man he could give me nonc. I do not know what his private feelings on the subject may have been.
41. When you saw the Glengary mon at Montreal, who coinmanded them, or was at their head? -l accompanied them always; they were also accompanied by Donald McNicol, Payinastor to the 1st Reginnent Glengary Militia, and Captain James McDonald, of the same Regiment, who had been in the Voluntecrs, but lad been disbanded a year before.
42. Under whose command had these Volunteers boen the year previous?-Under the command; I think, of Colonel Carmichael, who accompanied them to Beauharnois in 1838.
43. Were you present at the Beauharnois Elec-tion?-I was not.

Mr. James Riguey, of Cornwall, called in ; and
examined: examined:

1. Will you state your name, residence, and addi-tions?-James Rigncy, Cornwall, Superintendent of the Cornwall Canal.
2. Were you present in the County of Terrebonne at the time of the late General Election?-1 was.
3. Were you an Elector of that County 1-I was not.
4. Had you any particular business there at that time ?-No very particular business, except with the Election.

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 or persons, and will you state the time and place of your departure, the time of your arrival at different places in the County, and when you left the several places on your return? I went in company ' with about two or three hundred persons I left Montreal myself, I think on Saturday, and took some men at Cote des Neiges; and some at St. Laurent. I think I arrived on Saturday evening at Stef Thé: rese. I arrived at New Glasgow the day before the Election. I staid there till the evening after the Election, and then: left for Montreal.6. Of what description were the persons who ac-
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7. Do you know who paid for their conveyance? -I did, partly.
8. Was it out of your own pocket?-No, it was not.
9. Out of what money was the payment made 1It was out of the money put into my hands by Mr. Fullam, and Mr. Benjamin Holmes, cashier of the Montreal Bank.
10. Were the men paid, and how much ?-They were paid for the time they were absent at the rate of wages in the country at the time, that is, from about 2s. 6d. to 3s. per diem.
11. Did they bear their own expenses for lodging and provisions ?-No, they did not.
12. Do you know that any of them were Electors of Terrebonne?-I believe not.
13. By whom and in what work had they been employed in Montreal and the vicinity? -They were employed on the road, and in stone-breaking, quarrying, and other work.
14. On what kind of work were they employed in the County of Terrebonne?-They came to see the Efection.
15. Did they carry with them any sticks or other offensive weapons ?-Yes, they had sticks.
16. What position did they occupy at the time the Election was opened?-Part of them were on the road, and part of them were between the Hustings and the School-house.
17. Did they seem to move by any particular di-rection?-Yes, I had the direction of the whole, and Mr. Shanloy commanded under me.
18. Did you see any fighting or blows given at the time or about the time of the Election?-I did not see a single blow struck.
19. Did you receive directions from any person present at the Election, and if so, from whom ?-1 cannot say if I received any, but if I did, they were from Mr. Fullam.
20. Did you feel any particular interest for the success of any one of the Candidates, and if so, in fávor of whom?-I was in favor of Dr. McCulloch.
21. Had you any particular conversation with Mr. Fullam during the Election?-None that 1 recollect of any consequence.
22. How much noney did you pay out on account of the Terrebonne Election? -1 think I paid about $\boldsymbol{E}_{180}$.
23. In what employ were you at the time?-I was then Superintendent of Roads.
24. Under whose orders were you as Superin. tendent of the Roads wan employed by the Montreal Road Trustees.
25. Did you got any order or permission from
them, or persons under their authority; to attend at the Terrebonne Election?-I believe Mr. Holmes, one of the Trustees, was aware of my going there. I think I had his sanction.
26. Was there any complain after yo of the men having been absent from their work? None that I heard. Part of the men were:employed by contractors, and part by contract themselves in task-work.
27. Were you told why the men were to attend at the Terrebonne Election?-It was to see that the old-country people would be allowed to vote, as it had been reported that they would not be allowed to do so.
28. Did you, so accompanied, visit any other Counties where Elections "were notified, or were going on ?-I arrived at St. Laurent on the day the Election was going on. I believe that the great body of the men attended there also.
29. Did you witness any fighting or blows at the St. Laurent Election?-I did not; but I saw the windows and doors of a house broken in.
'30. Do you believe that' if the old-country people, as you call them, had all voted at the Terrebonne Election, they were numerous enough to carry the Election "against Mr. Lafontaine T-If I may judge from the number of persons on both sides, I think Mr. McCulloch would have been defeated.
30. Wore you informed that men from Glengary were expected to attend the Terrebonne Election, and if so, who informed you ?-I understood that they were to attend at the Election; it was Dr. Campbell who told me so.
31. Did he inform you that these men were voters, and for what purpose they were to attend? -I understood from him that they were not voters.
32. Did they attend the Election, and did you see them there on your return? -They did not attend the Election, but I saw them at Ste. Therere on my return.
33. Had you any conversation with them or any of them, and did they state to you for what purpose. they had been brought from their home; had they. any offensive weapons?-I had no conversation with them; I think they had sticks, but I, cannot say positivoly.
34. When and by whom were you appoint ed Superintendent of the Cornwall Canal 3 -T was appointed in January, 1842, by the Board of Works.
35. Shortly after the Montreal County Election, was there a procession in the Clity of Montreal. what was its object and who were the principal persons in that procession ?-Yes, there was a procession of Dr McCulloch's and Mr Deligle's sup: porters.
36. Did the procession stop before the house of the Governor General, and cheer 1 - 1 did .
37. Did you go to the Terrebonne Election of your own free will,por were you hired to go theres: and if so, state byt whom \% My first impulse was to go there, and was asked afterwands either by Mr Fullamor Mry Holmesom:

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Mr. Alexander McDonald, of Glengary, called in; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, residence aind additions ?-Alexander McDonald, Gentleman, Glengary.
2. Where did you reside at the time of the Election for the County of Vaudreuil, in 1841 ?-I was Lieutenant in the Glengary Light Infantry Company in the Fort of Coteau-du-Lac.
3. Were you an Elector of the County of Vaudreuil at the time ?-1 was not.
4. Did you attend at the Election ?-I did not.
5. How many men were stationed at the Fort at the Coteau, at the time ?-There were eighty of one Company, and, I believe, two or three Artillery-men at the time.
6. Have you any knowledge of any of them having attended or taken any part in the Election ; if so, will you state the circumstances?-Yes; on the afternoon of the first day of the Election, Colonol Carmichael, who commanded at the post, told me to choose out four of the most sober and steady Scotchmen of the Company, and to send them to the Election, and to come back and tell us what was going on there. They returned at the time they promised. I said to them, you have not been long, to which they replied that they had only just given in their votes, and that they had come away. I remarked to them that they had no votes, and they said that it was no matter, that they had seen the Colonel's servant vote, and they thought they might as well vote ton. I went and reported the fact to Colonel Carmichael. He told me to give each of them a glass of grog and send them to their barracks, Mr. Simpson came up after that, from the Cedars, where the Poll was held, and called upon Colonel Carmichael. The Colonel sent for me after Mr. Simpson had left, and told me to go and warn twentyfive or thirty of the smartest and most sober men of the Company, who were to go in plain rlothes the next day; that there would, no doubt, be a row, and that if Mr. Simpson was not well supported he would lose his Election. IIe then told me that they must stick together with Mr. Simpson's party, that in the event of a disturbance, and the Company being called out to proserve order, we were to take the arms and accoutrements of those men with us. I then went and warned the men, and told them to get all the plain clothes in the Company. The Colonel then told me to send the Sergeant-Major with them. I did so, and procurer sleighs to convey them down. They went down. I heard that there had been fighting at the Election. I saw several gentlemen and persons returning from the Election with black cycs and bruised noses. One of them, a Captain Foote, had a blow across the nose, which blow, he said, had been given with a stick. The men had all gone there armed with bludgcons and prepared to fight. When Mr. Simpson returned, after he had been elected, he called at the Colonels, where the Highlanders who had been at the Election were getting treated. Our men then came into that part where I resided, and so did Mr. Simpson. I do not think that he know that these soldiers had voted for him, from the surprise which he expressed at seeing them there.
7. You have stated that Mr. Simpson, on his return the first day; called at Col. Carmichael's quarters : was Mr. Simpson alone any time with the Colonel, or was there any conversation between them in your presence? -1 am not positive that he "was
alone, I was present when Mr: Simpson came in, but I did not remain any time. What he said in Appendir my presence was that he was behind on that day, but that he hoped he would be ahead the nest day.

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8. Can you give the names of any of the men of the Company who stated to you that they had voted at the Election?-Yes; Alexander McDonald and Donald Mr Donald. I do not recollect the names of the other two.
9. Who pain for the sleighs that took the men down to the Election?-Nobody; they were sleighs which passed us, and which belonged to Mr. Simpson's supporters, and whom we requested to take our men down. One was a Mr. Alexander Perry, residing at the Coteau, a farmer and beef contractor, who took down a load of them.
10. How long were you stationed at Cotcau du Lac as a Licutenant under the command of Col . Carmichael?-I was under his command from the 1st Noveinber 1838, till the 1st May, 1843, when we were disbanded.
11. Had you any misunderstanding at any time with Col Carmichacl, and will you state on what subject ?-I had a misunderstanding with Col. Carmichacl ; it arose cither in Junc or July 1842, and was on account of a shot that had been fired by my servant. and which had alarmed the family of Mr. Bell the Barrack Sergeant and Post Master of the place. Col. Carmichael refused to receive my explanation, so that I kept myself at a distance with him, as I considered myself aggrieved.
12. Did you ascribe the disbanding of your Company, to the representations of Col. Carmichael to the Commander of the Forces?-I thought that he had something to do with it, from the fact of our Company having been Gazetted after the ordor for the disbanding of the other Companies had been issued, and also that in order had been sent by the Quarter Master Gencral stating that we were to be kept up and stationed at Coteau du Lac.
13. Were all the Volunteer Companies disbanded abont the same time ?-There was an order to disband all the Companics in Upper Canada except ours and the Black Company.
14. IIave you any knowledge of any interference of any person in the part of the country were you werc stationed, or in Glongary County, with the Wlection for the County of Terrebonne? -I have; I saw the Glengary-men going to the Terrebonne Election. The principal men whom I saw with thom were Captain Jaines McDonald, 1st Regiment Glengary Militia; Captain John McBean, of the same Regimont, and a Magistrate ; Captain Laughlin McDougall,' 4th Regiment Glengary Militia; Captain or Lieutenant Angus McGillivray, 3d Regiment Glengary Militia, and two brothers of J. S. Macdonald, Esquire, M.P.P., one of whom was a Post Master at the time. The day before they arrived Colonel Carmichael told me to go to the Cedars, where he expected they would all stop the first night on their way down, and to tell Mr. Waters, the Innkecper thore, that some sleighs were coming from Glengary, and that he was to have hay and oats for twenty-five or thirty pairs of horses. Mr. Waters not being at home, I asked the people of the house if they had hay and oats, to which they answered they had. I was also directed by Colonel Carmichael to send a Sergeant to meet them on their return to tell them to come up in a body so that we might give them three hearty cheers. I was also ordered to get the Union Jack of the Fort hoisted, and to form the men in a line, with the Colours of
the Company, that $I$ was to place myself at their right, and that our piper was to play when the Glengary men came up, and that we wore to give them three cheers.
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15. Did they make any stay at the Coteau, and upon whom did they call ?-A tew called at Colonel Carmichael's on their way down.
16. What number may they number in all ?-I could not tell, but I suw them in sleighs, with flags, pipers, and hurraing.
17. Have you had any conversation on the subject of the Terrebonne Election with any who were of the party; and will you state it?-Yes, some of them told mesince, that they were very sorry that they had ever been therc. That they expected by their appearance to drive off the Canadians, and to fight if they were attacked.

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Mr. Welter Shanley called in ; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, residence, and addi-tions?-Walter Shanley, residence St. Clément, in the County of Beauharnois. I am an Assistant Engincer on the Beauharnois Canal.
2. Were you in the County of Terrebonne at or about the time of the Election for the County in 1841 ?-I was.
3. Where did you reside at that time, and low were you employed?-I resided in the neighbourhood of Montreal, and was employed as Inspector of Roads by the Trustees of the Montreal Roads.
(The evidence of Mr. Rigncy being read, Mr. Shanley concurred in it, except in so far as is hereafter explained.)
4. Had you any conversation with Mr. Fullam on the subject of the Terrebonne Election, or any other Elections in 1841 ; and would you state the substance ?-Ycs; at Terrebonne he gave me various dircctions as to what was to be donc, viz. : taking possession of the Poll-house, and the Hustings. He afterwards sent me with a detachment of seventy strong to cut off the supplies of voters who were coming to vote for Mr. Lafontainc. Me (Mr. Fullam ) seemed to act as Commander-in-Chief.
5. Was there any person that expressed a desire to you that you should proceed to the Terrebonne Election, and will you state who ?-I met Mr. Rigney going, and went with him of my own free will.
6. Will you state any conversation which you had with any leaders of the Glengarys whom you met in the County?-I spoke to some of them who lodged in the same house with me. They told me that Neil McIntosh had come to get them, and that their object was to get Dr. McCulloch elected.
7. When were you appointed Assistant Enginecr at the Beauharnois Canal, and by whom? was appointed in July, 1842, by the Board of Works.
8. You have stated that you were not in the procession which proceeded to Montreal after the St. Laurent Election ?-I was not.
9. You have stated that Mr. Fullam had ordered you to take possession of the Hustings and of the School-house, what would you have done had Mr ;

## Lafontaine's Electors persisted ingiving their votes? -We would have fought.

 (J. J.)10. Do you know how it came to be determined 30 th Nov?r. that the opening of the Election should be at one place, and the polling at another ?-I believe Mr. Fullam gave orders to that effect.
11. Can you say where Mr. Fullam resided at the time, and what was his employment or occupation? -He resided at Rasco's at the time. I have seen him in company with Mr. Dowling, Registrar of Montreal, and Mr. Simpson, of Cotcau du Lac.
12. Be ploased to state the names of the gentlemen who acted at the time of the Terrebonne Election as Commissioners for superintending the Public Roads in the County of Montreal ?-Mr. Iolmes, the present Mcmber for Montreal, Messrs. R. D. Handyside, Stanley Barg, of Montreal, Killaly, and Charles Penner, of Lachine. The Secretary and Treasurer was Mr. James Moir Ferres.
13. Have you ever had any conversation with the Commissioners or the Secretary, or either of them, relating to the Election at Terrebonne, or the other Elections in Montreal ?-Yes; I met some of the Commissioners at St. Laurent, Messrs. Bagg and Handyside, I believe. I had, subsequently, some conversation respecting the Election, with Mr. Killaly, a Member of the Board.
14. Be pleased to state the substance of such con-versations?-I was returning from the Election at St. Laurent, when I met Messrs. IIandyside and Bagg who were in a procession formed after the close of the Election. I saw them at Côtos des Neiges. The conversation was very short; the purport of it was to congratulate me on the successful result of the Election, and to make inquirios into the conduct of the men at the Election. Mr. Killaly sulsequently expressed to me his disapprobation of the proceedings in the strongest manner.
15. In reply to Mr. Killaly's observations, did you assign any reasons to excuse or justify the part you had taken in the Elections?-I did not.
16. But for the support and countenance given to you by the Commissioners. would you have taken any part in the Election?-They gave me no support whatever prior to my going. I have already stated that I went quite voluntarily.
17. Where did your men halt on the night of the Saturday previous to the Election, was Mr. Fulthere l-At Stc. Thérèse ; Mr. Fullam was there.
18. What conversation took place between you, Mr. Rigney and Mr. Fullam, respecting the proceedings at New Glasgow? Little conversation took place on the Saturday, as it was late when we got therc. The next evening, at New Glasgow, he told me what his plan of operation was, and showed me where be intended to have the Hustings and the Polling-booth. There is a hill at New Glasgov, on the top of which was a School-house; he pointed out this place to me as the Poll-house, and the IIustings which were down below, He explained that Mr . Lafontaine's men would naturally go down the hill to the IIustings, and that he intended to retain possession, with his men, of the higher ground. This is exactly what was done the next day. He did not speak in express terms, of a resort to violence, nor was it necessary to do so ; it was easily understood, and was sufficiently obvious from the nature of the ground.
19. Had you any conversation with Mr. Fullam during the Election, or subsequently to it, respecting the carrying out of the Election ; be pleased to state what such conversation was?-Yes, he al-
20th Nov'r. ways spoke of it as a well done thing, and as a good joke ; he gave himself a good deal of credit for his generalship on that occasion.
20. At the Election and before, did Mr. Fullam act in point of fact as Commander, in stationing the men, giving orders, or otherwise ?-He decidedly acted as Commander ; he gave few directions to the men himself, but got me to do so.
21. Did Mr. Fullam ever state to you what was his inducement for taking a part in the Election, and whether he was connected with any party or parties in Montreal ?-Yes, he gave me to understand that there was a Committee named in Montreal for that purpose. I inferred from his conversation that he was a supporter of the Government.
22. Did not the Glengary-men go with your party to the Election at St. Laurent : did they join in the procession to Montreal after the Counly Election? -Yes, they went to St. Laurent, and followed us to Montreal.
23. Did you receive any compensation for your services, if so, from whom?-None whatever ; I would not have any. My salary, which was an annual one, continued of course while I was away.
24. Were your men informed, before they left the Island of Montreal, of the place of their destination, and the nbject for which their services were required ?-Yes, they were informed by Mr. Rigney.
25. Were you on the School-house bill when Mr. Lafontainc's party came up ; did you observe whether they followed the road or whether they made any attempt to take the fiold adjoining it ?-I was in front of the School-house, on the road, when Mr. Iafontaine's party passed; the great body passed by us, but a few stragglers wont into the fields.
26. Did any conversation take place, or was any movement made by your party, when some of Mr. Lafontaine's party took the field arljining the road? -No consultation took place, because we still hat the highost ground; we were betwixt the River on mo side, and on the other the hill descending to lloyd's house.
27. Did you observe that there was a quantity of broken stones upon the School-house hill?-I saw none.
28. Do you know Major Barron ; what part, if any, did he take in the Election?-I saw him with Mr. Fullam, at his house, the evening previous to the Election, and subsequently at the Election. Mr. Fullam lodged with him the night before the Election. IIe took the same part that others did; I think I heard that he was in command of the enen of Gore, but I saw very little of him.

Angus D. McDonald, Esquire, called in ; and examined:

1. Will you state your name, residence and ad-ditions?-Angus D. McDonald, Merchant, Cornwall.
2. Have you any knowledge of a party of people from Glengary County having proceeded to Lower

Canada at the time of the last General Election, and if so, will you state what is within your knowledge, or communicated to you by any of the parties con-
cerned ?-1)uring that period I was on duty at Co.

Appendix cerned ?- During that period I was on duty at Co-
teau du Lac as Pay-Scrgcant of the Glengary Light teau du Lac as Pay-Scrgcant of the Glengary Light
Infantry Company. A few days previous to the Terrobonne Election, Col. Carmichacl sent for me to his own quarters. and requested of me to give him the names of twelve of the most steedy and confidential men of our Company, and put myself at the hearl of them. I told him I would give him the names as soon as I had seen the Roll of the Company. Having procured the Roll, I pointed out to him the names of such as I thought would suit him. He then desired me to return to the Fort and warn them to have plain clothes ready ; that I was not to tell them where I was going to take them; that a number of sleighs would arrive shortly from Glengary, and that they were to embark in one of them; that I was to have my own party in connection with the Glengary party to prevent Mr. Lafontaine from being clected; that our expenses were to be paid, and that I was not to let any of my Officers or any body else know where I was proceeding to. Shorily before the sleighs arrived the Colonel countermanded the order. On ascertaining that this party was returning from the Terrobonne Election, the Colonel issued orders that the Company was to be drawn up in line with their pipes, and the Colors of the Coinpany, so as to cheer the party as thoy passed by; we turned out accord ingly and cheered them as they came up. On the arrival of the party, Capt. James McDonald, 1st Regiment Glengary Militia, came into the Fort. and 1 had somo conversation with him. He told me of the great success that they had in carrying their desires into effect with respect to the Election.
3. Have you any knowledge of any person in Garrison at he Coteau, having interfered with the Vaudreuil Election?-Mr. Bell, who was acting Fort Adjutant and Post Master at the Cotcan, and with whom I was boarding, told me that Col. Carmichacl hod sent him up to Riviere Beaudet, to send down the people firm there to come and vote for Mr. Simpsin. I do not know if they came ; I did not go near the Election myself.
4. Were thre any strangers who made their appearance at the Cotean, and scemed to be intimate vith Col. Carmichacl about the time of the Ceneral Election?-I do not recollect having seen any.
5. Were the men from Glengary, on their return. accompanied with any nther persons when they passed the Coteau? - I did not sce any body else with them.
6. Was it usual to parade the Garrison on the appearance of any bory of men passing on the high-way?-It was not; I had never seen it done before.
7. Did any of the party come into the Garvison? -I do not recollect having seen any one come in, except Captain McDonald whom I have mentioned.
8. Have you any knowledge of Col. Carmichael having asked any person to vote at the Vaudreuil Election, or employed any person for a similar pur-pnse?-Mr. Bell told me that he had been sent to Mr. Benudet, a merchant at the Coteau, requesting his attendance at the Election, and to use his interest with his friends to vote for Mr. Simpson; and that if he would not do so, if his house took fire, he (Col. Carmichael) would not allow his soldiers to help him to extinguish it. Mr. Bell actually left for that purpose, as he durst' not refuse' to obey Col. Carmichael's order.

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Mr. Alexandre Comeau called in ; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, residence and additions ?-Alexandre Comeau, Chicf of Police, Montreal.
2. Are you an Elector of the County of Montreal ? -I am not, but I am an Elector in the City of Montreal.
3. Did you attend at the Election for the County of Montreal in 1842 ? I I did not, I had nothing whatever to do with it.
4. Were you called upon to act in any way in regard to the said Election?-I was not.
5. Was there part of the Police employed or required to keep the peace in consequence of the said Election? -They received no instructions whatever concerning the Election.
6. Have you any knowledge of any money having been employed or paid by any one to forward the Election of either of the Candidates?-I have no personal knowledge of anything of the sort.
7. Have you had any conversation with any of the Candidates, or their active supporters, on the subject of the said Election. and if so, would you slate the substance thereof?-I never had any conversation whatever with any of the Candidates, or any one else, with respect to any Election whatever, as I always kept aloof from any thing political, execpt when called upon by my superiors.
8. Irave you had occasion to know that bodies of strangers from Upper Canala, came to Montreal about the time of the Election? -I did see at a distance a great number of vehicks containing men who I was told were from Glengary.
9. Were they armed with any description of weapons ?-They appeared to have sticks.
10. Had they flags, or were they doing anything to indicate their taking any part in the Elections?They had alse flags, green badges, and bagpipes, and were said to be Mr. Delisle's supporters.
11. Did you see the procession of people who went out to St. Laurent on the second day of the Election? - No; I saw a few assembling on the square of Notre Dame Street, as I was passing the place early, I think, on the second day of the Election.
12. Had they any decorations or arms?-They had green ribbons, and some had sticks.
13. What party did they appear to belong to ?They appeared to belong to Mr. Delisle's party.
14. Have you any knowledge of any subsciptions to contribute funds for conducting the Elections ?I have no knowledge whatever on that head, except from common report.
15. Have you had occasion to know a person who resided some time at Montreal, of the name of Mr. Nicolas Fullam ? - have heard of him, but to my knowledge I never saw him.
16. Were you Inspector of Police at the time of the County of Montreal Election in 1841?-I was.

Tugsday, 14th Novrmber, 1843.
Mr. Lubin Leblanc called in; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, residence and addi-tions?-Lubin Leblanc, of Henryville, Merchant.
2. Are you an Elector of the County of Rouville? -l am.
3. Did you attend and vote at the Election for that County in 1841 ?-I attended at the Election, but I did not vote, as I was not an Elector at the time.
4. During what time of the Election did you attend ?-I was there during the whole time of the Election.
5. Did you observe any acts of violence, treating and corruption at the said Election, and will you state what occurred within your own knowledge?There was a great deal of violence committed. A party of Electors from Caldwell's Manor were coming to the Poll, armed with sticks; they occupied all the roads leading to the Poll, in order to prevent the Electors of Mr. Franchère from coming to the Poll. On the second day they acted in the same way; and in the afternoon, at the close of the Poll, there were three persons armed with sticks and whip handles. who were striking the Electors'; after doing so, they called out to "founder the French," they struck about on all sides, and several of Mr. Franchère's Electors, and Mr. Franchère himself, were obliged to jump through the windows of the Poll-house, as the door was obstructed by men armed with sticks. Thnse who rushed out of the Poll-house were followed a little distance on the road and struck by the persons who had attacked them before. On the next day (being the third day of the Election), after dinner, whilst Mr. Franchère's Elcctors were going to the Poll, a horde of men, with their heads bound with handkerchiefs, and some of them disguised, came from behind a barn belonging to Mr. Morgan, the Hotel-keeper, rushed on them and struck them repeatedly with their sticks. Several were badly wounded, so much so that the Priest of the Parish was obliged to adininister the last Sacrament to them. As they were passing my house, I saw a man whom I did not know, with his coat off and a large stick in his hand, go behind another man named Choquette, and strik? him a blow which folled him to the ground. I went out then, and was told by these men that if I did not go away they would strike me, at the same timo menacing mo with their sticks; 1 told them I was not going to oppose them, but that I wanted to lift up Choquette. They allowed me to take him. I called to a man who was near, and bo helped me to bring Choquette into my house. As he was not able to sit down, I laid him on a bed; after examining him, we found that his scull had been fractured; he could not speak; he was covered with blood, and his brains were partly protiuding through the fracturn. Two Physicians came in, and on their touching his hoad, he sprung up and screamed aloud. IIe died the next day, between ten and eleven o'clock in the morning. After the armed men had knocked this person down, they continued on their way striking every body who came within their reach. Whilst I was bringing in Choquette through the front door of my house, his father came in by the back door : his hat had been knocked off, he was covered with blood, and his head was wounded in five different places. " went to the Village some time after, and found tho windows and doors of several of the houses smashed and broken. During the disturbance, Ductor Uriah Laflin, a Ma-
gistrate, had the Riot Act in his hand, and followed the people to read it, but could not come up to them. He has since been struck off the list of Magistrates. He was an Elector residing at the Parish of St. Mathias. I heard that he had voted.
6. Was Choquette an Elector, and do you know if he had voted and where he usually resided ?-He was an Elector, residing at the Parish of St. Mathias; I heard that he had voted.
7. Did you see any of Mr. Franchère's supporters armed with sticks, or other offensive weapons, in the neighbourhood of the IIustings ?-They were not armed at the Poll; but when they were pursued, a few 'were obliged to take up sticks in their defence.
8. ITad the persons who came from Caldwoll's manor on the second day, any thing to distinguish them as Mr. De Salaberry's supporiers?-They had flags in their sleighs, and sticks which they were brandishing over thoir heads.
9. Who appeared to be the leaters of the persons you have mentioned as using threats, and resorting to the acts of violence you have described? -There were persons named David, Robert, and Henry Miller, who appeared to be the most violent. A person named Barber, who was practising as a Doctor, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Derrick, magistrates, were there. Barber and Derrick had both sword sticks in their hands. A man, named Thomas Jones, a Captain of Militia and Tavern-keeper, appeared to be very busy also amongst them.
10. Did you perceive among the persons ongaged in committing violence, any Volunteers or other persons in public pay?-There were a large number of soldiers whom I recognized by the stripe on their pantaloons. Some of Captain Jones' Dragoons were there also; I recognized them by their moustache. The officers were in the village. Captain Hallowell and Licutenant Sprowles were stationed in the village, but his Company was not allowed to go out of barracks. Captain Gunlack and Licutenant Philippe Duchesnay were present about the place at different times. I saw Captain Jones there several times, with his Lieutenant, Mr. Shea.
11. Did you sec any of the Volunteers or Dragoor s actually using violence in the presence of any of the officers you have mentioned ?-I cannot say whether they saw any violence committed, but they were standing on the steps of Goodenough's hotel, while the men were pursuing the Electors with their clubs in their hands.
12. IIave you any knowledge of any sleps having been taken by Mr. Franchere, or his supporters, to claim the protection of the Returning Officer in favor of the freedom of Election?-I heard Mr. Franchère claim the protection of the Returning Officer a number of times.
13. Was there at any time after the violence committed, perfect security for the Electors freely to give their votes according to the best of their judg-ment?-They were not even able to approach the Poll.
14. Did that state of things continue till Mr. De Salaberry was proclaimed elected?-Yes, after they had turned every body away from the Poll, the Election continued a short time so as to give Mr. De Salaberry the majority, and he was declared duly elected.
15. Have you any knowledge of houses having
heen opened at the Election to treat the Electors, and if Electors were really treated there with liquors, provisions, or otherwise, without their paying for what they reccived?-Goodenough's hotel and Morgan's hotel were opened all the while to Mr. 30th Morr:: De Salaberry's supporters, who had liquors and provisions given to them all the while.
16. Did you see many persons intoxicated or excited by liquor?-A great number.
17. Of what party were they ?-They belonged to Mr. De Salabery's party.
18. Do you know of any money or other advantages being offored by Mr. De Salaberry, or those in his intcrest or favor, to forward his Election?-I have no personal knowledge of it, but the general rumour was that many were paid, and particularly that the Millers had four dollars per diem. Morgan came to me some time after the Election, with a note from Mr. De Salaberry, stating that he wished ${ }^{\text {to }}$, sell it to me; 1 refused to buy it. He said that Mr. De Salaberry had paid him partly, and had given him a note for the remainder. He shewed me an account of Robert Miller's expenses at his housc, and stated that Miller would not pay it, stating that Mr. De Salaberry was to pay his expenses; but Morgan said that Mr. De Salaberry told him that he had given Miller money for that purpose. Miller said "he only gave me ten pounds, does he think that I an going to take such trouble, and pay the expenses with only ten pounds."
19. What character do the Millers you have mentinned bear in their neighbourhood?-They are strong men, very quarrelsome, and of ten engaged in acts of violence against the people, who are afraid of them.

Mr. Alcxander Perry, of Coteau du Lac, called in ; and examined:

1. Will you state your name, residence, and additions? -Alexander Perry, Coteau du Lac, trader at that place.
2. Did you convey any men from Glengary, procecding to the Terrebonne Election ?-I did not; I had nothing to do with the Terrebonne Election.
3. Did you convey any person to the Vaudrouil Election which was held at the Cedars? -I took to the Cedars several of my friends, and sume of the Vaudrcuil Electors whose horses were fatigued from the distance they had come.
4. Did any one solicit you to take an active part in favor of any of the Candidates for the County of Vaudreuil ?-No one did; 1 acted entiroly on my own part.
5. Had you any contract at the time for supplying the Garrison at the Cotcau?-Yes; I was Beef Contractor to the Garrison.
6. Did you attend at the Election, and vote?-I did, and voted for Mr. Simpson.
7. Were you present at the Election each day that the Election was going on ?-I was present part of each day.
8. Did you see any persons there armed with bludgeons or other dangerous weapons?-Yes, I saw a very few who had sticks in their honds.
9. Did jou see any belonging to the Garrison of
the Coteau present at the Election ?-Yes; I think there were some present.
10. Were they Electors? -I could not say.
11. Have you any knowledge of what occurred at the Garrison of the Coteau, when a party from Glengary returned from Lower Canada ?-I saw some of the Glongary men in sleighs, and whom I heard had been at the Terrebonne Election. I merely saw them pass my house.
12. IIow far do you live from the Garrison ?-I then lived about a mile from it.
13. IIad you any conversation with Colonel Carmichacl, or other military person, on the subject of the Vaudrouil Election?-None whatever.
14. Whe compose the majority of qualified Elec.tors for the County of Vaudrcuil ?-The French Canadians.
15. Did the majority of the Canadians support Mr. Simpson at the last Election?-Yes, in our neighbourhood.
16. Will you state the number, and will you state whether Mr. Simpson had the same majority in other parts of the County? - I could not state the number, I do not know exactly, but the majority might have been in favor of Mr. Simpson.
17. Did you not come up to the polling place shortly after the fighting had ceased, and did you see which party had succeeded?-When I came up I saw Mr. Jobin's party running away; a few of Mr. Simpson's party followed them through the village and then turned back. Those of Mr. Jobin's party whom I saw might have amounted to about one hundred, to the best'of my knowledge.

Mr. John Bell, of Coteau du Lac, called in ; and examined:

1. Will you state your name, residence, and addi-tions?-John Bell, Coteau du Lac, acting Fort Adjutant, Post Master, and in charge of the Government Buildings and Stores at that place.
2. Were you under Col. Carmichael's orders, at the Coteau, during the Vaudreuil Election, in 1831? -I was.
3. In what capacity ? -In the same capacity as at present.
4. What number of men were stationed at the Coteau at the time of the Election?-I think about cighty-four, but I an not positive.
5. Who were the Officers ?-_Captain Alexander McDonald commanded the company, his subalterns were Lieutenant Alexander McDonald and Ensign Eneas McDonald; Colonel Carmichael was the Officer, on Particular Scrvice, in command of the District.
6. Did he reside in the Fort or in the vicinity at the time?-He resided in the vicinity of the Fort, in hired lodgings.
7. Are you aware of any persons belonging to the Garrison being gone to the Cedars at the time of the Vaudreuil Election ?-I do ; on the evening prior to the Election, Colonel Carmichael sent over for me, and requested to know if I wished to go
down to the Hustings, that he was going down next morning himself, in the capacity of a Magistrate,

Appendix and that he had no objection to my going down with him. The next morning I went with him to $r$ the Cedars, where the Hustings were. The Election had not then yet begun. The Colonel remained there about three quarters of an hour, when a Mr. William Robinson, a Magistrate, of Vaudreuil, arrived, and the Colonel told me it was no use his remaining there, as another Magistrate had arrived, that he would now leave, and that I was to return to him at about two in the afternoon, to let him know how things were going on. I remained till twelve o'clock, when all, as it appeared to me, was going on very regular. On the second day, in the morning, I saw a number of the men of the Company drossed in plain clothes. The fact rathor surprised mo, and having ascertained from them that they were going to the Election, I went and reported the circunstance to Colonel Carmichael. He seemed to be surprised, and asked me if I had not heard him, the night before. order them to remain at home, and not to go to the IIustings. He then told me to go to the Cedars. and send them all back, and that the Officers would be put under arrest on their return. Agreeably to his orders, I went to the Cedars, but found no Officer there. I saw four or five of the men, and immediately ordered them home. I enquired of the men by whose orders they came there, and they told me that Captain McDonald had ordered them, through Lieutenant McDonald, to go to the Election. I then told them that Colonel Carmichael's orders were that they should return home, and that in the event of their failing to do so, I would make them prisoners. Those whom I spole to returned immediately, but, I believe, some few others remained till about four w'clock, P. M. On making my report to Colonel Carmichacl, he ordered me to attend the Hustings daily, at ten o'clock, in order to send home any man I might see there. He also issued orders that no Officer should go upon any pretence.
8. Were the men provided with sticks or any other sort of arms or weapons ? - Not to my knowledge.
9. Were any of the men that returned from the Election confined?-Two were confined for being intoxicated.
10. When you were at the Hustings on the different days, did you observe any fighting or blows struck ?-I saw nothing of the kind myself; all I know is hearsay. A Captain Foote of the Coteau shewed me a scar on his face, which he said was caused by a blow received at the Election.
11. Did Angus D. McDonald be with you at the time of the Election ?-He did.
12. Had you any conversation with this Mr. McDonald on the subject of your asking people to go forward to vote for any of the Candidates?-Yes; Mr. Simpson, Mr. Mathicson and myself were proposed as Candidates for the Election. Col. Carmichacl told me that he had waited upon His Excellency in Montreal, and that he had told him the names of the Candidates for the County of Vaudreuil, that Capt. Mathieson was on half-pay, and that I was actually employed in a Military capacity. He said that His Excellency prefered that no Military Officers should come forward as Candidates. He told me also that I had better give my interest to Mr. Simpson, which I did accordingly, although I was not inclined to do so from personal motives. I have no doubt that I could have brought 1500 persons from Glengary to vote for me, had I come for-
ward as a Candidate. It was upon that strength that I intended to oppose Mr. Simpson, as Mr. Jobin, liad not then been mentioned.

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13. Did you call upon a Mr. Beaudet to ask him to vote for Mr. Simpson and will you state any conversation you had with him?-Yes, I called upon Mr. Beaudet, and asked him if he was going to vote for Mr. Jobin, a man who had been in arms against us, and I exhorted him to vote for Mr. Simpson.
14. Was there any threat used towards Mr. Beaudet in the case of his not supporting Mr. Simpsin? -No threats, or any thing amounting to such, were made to Mr. Beaudet.
15. Have you any knowlerige of Mr. Simpson having called on Col. Carmichael at the cluse or during the Election?-To my knowledge, on tho seconid day of the Election he called at the Colonel's on his way to the Hustings, but I do not know if he called on his way back.
16. Have you any knowledge of any of the men having voted at the Election?-Not the least knowledge except from hearsay.
17. Do you recollect the name of Col. Carmichacl's servant?-I think it was Charles Chaffers.
18. Ilave you any knowledge of a number of persons from Glengary having passed the Coteau on their way to the Terrebonne or other Election?I saw Sleighs coming from Lancaster; 1 heard they were going down to the Elections.
19. Did you know any of the persons who appeared to have the conducting of them?-I did not.
20. Did you see them, on their return?-I saw part of them returning, they did not come in a body, but in two or three sleighs at a time.
21. Was the Garrison paraded at the time any of them passed ?-I do not know that the Garrison was paraded, there might have been a few men in the Fort cheering them as they passed.
22. Was there any flag or music ?-None that 1 saw.
28. Did you perceive that any of the Glengary men were treated to liquor or otherwise at the Garrison?-I saw nothing of the kind.
24. Was the Union Jack hoisted when the Glengaries passed the Fort?-Not to my knowledge; it could not havo been hoisted without my knowledge as 1 had charge of it.
25. IIad you any misunderstanding with Lieut. Alexander McDonald, in which Colonel Carmichaol interfered, and will you state the circumstances?Yes, I had. There was a servant kept by Captain and Lieutenant McDonald, named McDermot. Colonel Carmichael had issued an order that no fire arms should be discharged within the Fort ; this servant went out with a fusil, in disobedience to the order into a field of mine, and fired at some wild pigeons which were near the Fort. The shot very nearly killed my grand-daughter, it having grazed her neck so as to take the skin off. I immediately ordered the guard to confine the man. Lieut. McDonald ordered the Sergeant and file of men back and would not allow them to take the man prisoner. He also sent back the sergeant to tell me that he would not allow the man to be confined, and that if I had anything to say, I was to report it to the Colonel on his return. I reported
the circumstance to Colonel Carmichael on his return. He inquired if my grand-daughter had been much hurt ; I snid that she had not, and I begged of him not to confinc the man. A few days afterwards Lieutenant McDonald, who had received a severo Fimand from the Colonel on account of his interference, got Ensign McDonald to play me a trick, which it is needless to mention, but which was very hard, as my wife was on her death-bed at the time, I applied to Captain McDonald to get the nuisance removed. He ordered his servant to do so, but it was repeated. Ensign Encas McDonald was scverely reprimanded by the Colonel, who was about to report him, and get him cashiered. I went at 12 o'clock at night to beg of the Colonel not to take any further steps on the subject. He granted my request, and made the Einsign beg my pardon before him.
26. IIave you any knowledge of any misunderstanding between Licutenant McDonald and Colonel Carmichael ; if so, will you state the circumstances within your personal knowledge ?-All the quarrel I know of was for neglect of duty. They used to neglect paying their companies for two or three months at a time, and after having spent the money given to them for that purpose, they were obliged to borrow money to enable them to pay their men. I can attest to these facts myself.
27. Were the Glengary men upon whom you relied when you intended to offer yourself as a Candidate, persons qualified to vote at the Vaudreuil Election?-Every one of them were qualified voters to the best of my knowledge; it was understood that since the Union a landed Proprietor could vote any where. I was requested to come forward as a Candidate to oppose Mr•McDonald at Glengary.
28. Did you communicate your intention of offoring as a Candidate for Vaudreuil to Colonel Carmichacl, and what answer did he give you ?-I did, and he advised mo to be cantinus, as I might injure my family and my slender income. I told him that I would oppose Mr. Simpson at any hazard. It was in conseguence of the orders of IIis Excollency that I gave up the contest, as I would not by any means disobey my superior officer. Colonel Carmichael told me that IIis Excellency preferred that a military man should have nothing to do with the Elections, as he was well aware that a military man would carry the Election, At that time we were almost all military.

## Monday, 20 tir November, 1843.

John McGibbon, Esquire, called in ; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, residence, and addi-tions?-John McGibbon, of Dundee, in the County of Bcauharnois, Physician.
2. Do you hold any office under the Government ?-None, except that of Justice of the Peace.

## 3. Are you an Elector of the County of Beauharnois ?-II am.

4. Did you vote at the Election in 1841, and if so, for whom?-I did not vote.
5. Did you attend at the place of Election ?-I did.
6. What prevented you from voting ? -I arrived there on the second day, at the hour of one or two in the afternoon, and no votes were taken after my arrival.
7. Who did you intend to vote for ?-Mr. Dunscombe.
8. Were you witness of any acts of violence committed at or near the place of Election by men armed with any description of offensive or dingeous weapons?-I was not.
9. Did you see any persons armed with clubs, bludgeons, or other dangerous weapons?-I saw some at the place of Election armed with clubs.
10. Were they threatening or preventing any Electors from freely attending the place of Election? -I did not see any thing of the kind. I remained only about an hour, and as there was such an uproar inside of the Poll, I did not go in.
11. Have you any knowledge of the Returning Officer having canvassed in favor of any of the Candidates after he was appointed ?-I have not.
12. Did you sce any persons in the uniform of Volunterers at the place of Election?-I saw several of the Volunteers there ; but I do not remember if they had their uniforms.
13. Are there any of them that you could name ? -l think I saw a Mr. Miller there, an Ensign in one of the Corps. He was not, however, in uniform.
14. Were there any open houses where Electors were treated to provisions or liquors, at or near the place of Election, without their paying for the articles?-There were some provisions in a Mill. into which the men were invited; but who paid for them I cannot say.
15. Whose supporters invited people into the mill, and to what party dirl the persons so invited appear to belong?-They were of Mr. Dunscombe's party; but I could not say who invited them in.
16. Did you sec any persons intoxicated, or apparently excited by liquor?-I could not say that I did.
17. Were there any persons in the County, holding the Commission of Magistrates, canvassing for votes; and, if so, will you name them?-I do not know any of them.
18. IIave you had occasion to meet with Mr. Nicholas Fullam ?-I have.
19. IIad you any conversation or communication with him respecting the Election?-Not particularly.
20. Will you state what occurred in regard to him, within your own knowledge?-He and Mr. Dunscombe came to my house, and solicited my vote and influence, as it is usual to do in canvassing.
21. Are you aware of any disbursements of money by persons in the interest and favor of any one of the Candidates to forward the Election of such Candidate? -There was at Huntington a Committee of Mr. Dunscombe's supporters, who notified me that the teamsters who brought voters to the place of Election would be paid. They received, I believe, two dollars per diem.
22. Who were the leading men of that Commit-tee?-Several of the village of Muntingdon. It was a general thing.
23. Do you think that at or about the time of the close of the Poll, the Electors in favor of each of the Candidates had perfect freedom of attending and voting according to the best of their judgment? -As it was solate when I arrived there $\overline{1}$ could not say whether all voters had full liberty to approach the Poll.
24. IIave you met with any persons who were wounded or hurt during the Election?-I saw none.

Elzear Duchesnay, Esquire, of Quebec, called in ; and examined :

1. Will you state your name, residence, and additions ?-Elzéar Duchesnay of Quebec, Advocate.
2. Have you any situation under Government? -None, at present.
3. Were you a Stipendiary Magistrate in the District of Montreal during the General Election in 1841 ?-I was.
4. What were the local limits of your jurisdiction ?-It comprised, at the time of the General Election in 1841, part of the County of Rouville, the Parish of Ste. Cctsaire, in the County of St. Hyacinthe.
5. Was there any change in the limits of your jurisdiction about the time of the General Elec-tion?-Shortly before, there was a change; I believe it was in January or February, 1841, but am not positive. It had comprised before, to the best of my recollection, the whole of the County of Rouville.
6. Under what authority was the change made? -By order of the Governor, through the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Coffin.
7. Had you any correspondence with any person in authority on the subject ?-I had not.
8. Was Henryville, where the Election was held within your Jurisdiction before and at the time of the Election? At the time it was not, but I do not remember if it was before.
9. Did you attend at the place of Election while the Election was going on?-I did on the last day.
10. Were you called upon by any person to attend, and if so, state by whom?-I was called upon by the Returning Officer. I here produce his letter.

## E. Duchesnay, Esq., Police Magistrate.

Sir,
I beg and require that you will come to our assistance during this Election, in order to assist in keeping the Peace.

## I have the honor to remain

Your most obedient servant,

## Hiram Hytchcock, Heturning Officer.

Henryville, 10th March, 1841.
P. S.-I have also written to Mr. Kennear to come and assist.

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13. Did you succeed in keeping the Peace?There was no breach of the Peacr: while I was there.
14. How long did you remain there?-l remained there from about 5 or 6 in the morning till 2 in the afternoon.
15. Have you any personal knowledge of acts of violence having been resorted to, so as to prevent any of the Electors from freely attending at the place of the Election, and voting according to the lest of their judgment?-I have no personal knowledge of any thing of the kind.
16. Did you see any men carrying dangerous wapons at or in the vicinity of the Election ?-I saw some men with sticks in their hands.
17. Did you observe any persons apparently excited by liquor ?-Yes, 1 saw several.
18. Did you sce any Militia Voluntcers in pay there ?-I saw Officers there, and from what one of them told me, there were several privates also; Licut. Col. Reid and Lieut. Colonel Taylor, who were Magistrates, were there.
19. Can you mention the names of the Officers? -Captain Holwcll was there, Lieutenant Philippe Duchesnay and Licutenant Sprowles; Captain Jones, of the Cavalry, was there also.
20. Did they appear to be taking an active part in the Election, and in favor of whom?-I cannot say that they were taking an active part ; some of them appeared to be interesting themsclves in favor of Mr. De Salaberry.
21. Did you perceive that there were any open houses where people were treated to provisions and liquor without their paying for the same ?-There was one Hotel where the people seemed to be drinking a great deal.
22. Whose supporters generally frequented the House ?-I believe Colonel De Salaberry's did generally.
23. Were you called upon to attend the Election at any other time? -I was not.
24. Do you know if a Coroner's Inquest was held on one Choquette, whodied of wounds received at the Election?-I was told that a Coroner's Inquest was hold on the man, but I do not know by whom.
25. Did you observe any persons from Montreal, or persons not usually resident in the County, present at the Election ?-Yes, I saw several strangers, but I do not know who they were.
26. Did you report your proceedings at Henryville to any superior Officer, or had you any corres. pondence with the Government on the subject ?-I had not.
27. Have you any knowledge of the circumstances attending the death of Julion Choquette ?-None, except that I saw him lying on his bed on the morning that I arrived. His head was very much fractured, and his brains were protruding through
the fracture. His father, who was sitting near the bed, had several wounds on his head.
28. Did you visit any other wounded persons in the Village, and will you state the circumstances? 30th Nov'r. -Yes, on leaving Choquette's, I went into the Canadian Village, and there saw a man delirious from some wounds that he had received on his head. I saw another at Ste. Athanase, who had one or two of his ribs broken.

## Tursdiy, 21st November, 1843.

The Honorable Dominick Daly, a Member of the IIouse, and Provincial Secretary, called in ; and examined:

1. You were Provincial Secrotary at the time of the General Election in 1841 ?-I was.
2. Have you any knowlodge of any funds provided for forwarding any Elections at that time?-I have not. 1 left Montreal on the 22d or 23d of February to attend to my own Election for the County of Megantic, and did not return till the evening of the 22d March, the day on which the Election at T'errebonne closed.
3. Was there any proposal made to you to contribute to any funds for promoting certain Elec-tions?-Never; I was not paid so bad a compliment.
4. Had ynu any correspondence with Mr. Dunscomb, Dr. McCulloch, Major Campbell and Mr. Jowling, on the subject of the manner in which the Beauharnois, Terrebonne or other Electionshad been conducted? I Ihave seen some letters published in Frazer's Magazine, which were addressed to me in sup. port of an application made by Mr. Fullam to Sir Charles Bagot for an appointment to Office in this Provincc. After communicating with Sir Charles Bagot on the subject of his application, I was instructed to inform Mr. Fullam that it was wholly out of IIis Excelloncy's power to confer any Office upon him. Mr. Fullain then requested that the letters alluded to might be returned to him, as it was his intention to bring his claims under the notice of the Secretary of State, and with the permission of Sir Charles Bagot, the letters were returned to him. They were not considered official documents, and were not registered in my office. I cannot therefore speak to the accuracy with which they have been published. The extracts, nos. $1 \& 2$, now shown to me in the Quebec Gazotte of the 1st September, 1843, are however, to the best of my recollection substantially correct.

## Extract, No. 1.

"With this object in view, we will make some "extracts from letters, the originals of which are " now before us. The Beauharnois Election'passed "off quietly. The successful candidate thus writes " to the Hon. Mr. Daly, the Provincial Secretary:-

- With referencc to the assistance I received, I ' attribute the successful termination of my Election ' to Mr. Fullam ; and it is unnecessary to remind ' you, that my Electinn was the first decided in favor ' of our party, and that it operated' as a powerful ' stimulus on the subsequent Elections, which ena' bled the Government to carry on their measures ' in the House of Assembly.


## (Signed) (J. W: DUNSCOMBE.

'Hon. D. Daly, Kingston.'

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 (J. J.)30th Nov'r.
"We will next appeal to the testimony of Mr. "McCulloch, the opponent of the discomfitted Mr.
"Lafontaine :-

- You must be aware that it was owing to his - (Mr, Fullam's) courage, discretion; and humanity, - that, during a time of the greatest excitement. - hundreds of lives were not lost at some of the late - Elections ; and with reference to my own County, - I must frankly confess, that my success is entirely - to be attributed to his prudence and good manage-- ment.
(Signed,) ‘M. McCULLOCH.
' IIon. D. Daly.'"


## Extract, No, 2.

"Mr. Dosvling, the legal adviser of the Governor " General, says to the Provincial Sccretary, Mr. " Daly:-

- I cannot allow him (Mr. Fullam) to depart ' without adding my testimony to that which he ' will carry with him from other persons, of the - importance of his services to the Government, at a 'great crisis, and of the high approbation with which "the late Governor General always regarded them.'"
" Major Campbell, (7th IHussars,) Military Sc"cretary to Lord Sydenham, writes to Mr. Secre-
" tary Daly :-
- An anxious desire, in which I am sure you join - me, to see the intentions of our lamented friend - fulfilled and justice done to an individual, induces - mo, at this early period, to call your attention to ' the case of Mr. Fullam. You are aware that this ' gentleman rendered most important services to the - Government at a very critical moment, (to my - knowledge, at considerable expense to himself.) 'I wish to bear testimony to the fact, that the late
- Lord Sydenham fully appreciated his, sérvices, and ' was determined to reward them in the best man' ner in his power; and I am certain he would have 'done so had life been spared to him.'"

5. Is the Mr. Fullam mentioned in these letters the same who was appointed with Mr. Coffin to inquire into the outraves at the Toronto Election?IIe is.
6. During the Elections of 1841 , did Mr. Fullam appear to have any intimate intercourse with any person in high Government Offices?-I am not aware that he had with any one, excepting it be with Mr. Dowling; with whom I understood him to have been intimately acquainted, prior to his arri val in this country.
7. Did you sec him frequently about the Public Offices, after your return to Montreal ?-II saw him there occasionally, but I cannot say frequently.
8. Have you seen him with Mr. Dowling?-I have occasionally.
9. Did they live together? -They did not live in the same house.
10. When did Mr: Fullam come to Canada, and at what time did ho leave?-I do not know when he arrived. I met him for the first time in Montreal, in the winter of 1840 . He must have left some time in 1842 , but I have no recollection of the date of his departure.
11. Have you any knowledge of the nature of the services rendered to the Government by Mr. Fullam, referred to in the extract of Mr. Dowling's Letter to you?-T havo no knowledge whatever of the services alluded to in the Letters, further than that the general impression was, that his services had been rendered at the Elections, and as a Commissioncr to investigate into the Toronto Riots.

## APPENDIX.


#### Abstract

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to the Governor General, bearing date the 31st ultimo, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, copies of any Correspondence between the Provincial Government and Mr. Nicholas Fullam, or between the Provincial Government and any Public Officer or Officers, Member or Members of the Legislature, or other person or persons, during the period of the late General Election in the late Province of Lower Canada, concerning the manner in which the said Election was conducted, and the fixing of the places of Election.


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## D. DALY, Secretary

Secretary's Office,

## Appendix

 (J. J.) $\overbrace{30 \text { th Nox'r. }}$ (Copy.)Stanbridge, 14th February. 1841.

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I herewith have the honor of transmitting to you for the information of His Excellency the Governor General, a Petitionfiom a few of the Inhabitants of the County of Missisquoi (which has been drawn up and circulated only amongst a few respectable Inhabitants praying for the removal of the place of Election from Frelighsburg to Bedford) which would have been numerously signed har' there been time, but supposing that the Writs for the Election' would soon issue, I send the one numerously signed in 1835, praying for the removal to Stanbridge Village East, and also one other one numerously signed praying to have it moved to Bedfurd Village, the place now prayed for, which place you will find will accommodate all the North and West Electors better than they are at present; and as regards the East they will be better or as well accommodated by going to Dunham as to Frelighsburg, and in fact better, for many of the Electors coming from the Eastern cxtremity of Sutton at some seasons of the year will have to travel through a corner of the United States, in order to come to the Poll-all of which will be fully explained by reference to Bouchette's Map; you will by examination find that the Eastern parts of Sutton are not scttled, and a great part of it never canbe, and by that means the greatest part of the population lics far West of Dunham Flat and Frelighsburg.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient and humble servant,

## (Signed,) CALEB G. MARTINDALE.

To T. W. C. Murdoch, Esquire, Chief Secretary, Montreal.
(First Enclosure.)
(Copy.)
To the Monorable, the Monse of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants, in the County of Missisquoi and Province of Lower Canada, His Majesty's Loyal subjects,

## Most mumbly Sheweth:

That your Petitioners conceive it a just cause of complaint that they should, in order to record their votes for Members to represont them in Provincial Parliament, be obliged to travel to the Village of Frelighshurgh, inasmuch as the same is situated within about two miles of the United States' Line, and, consequently, at the Southern extremity of the County, which does, therefore, subject your 1 1 etitioners, and a majority of the Electors of said County, to much unnecessary inconvenience and useless expense.

That the subjoct of complaint may be removed by changing the place of holding the Poll, from Irelighsburgh to some place in said County better adapted to the convenience of the Freeholders thereof.

That the local position of the East Village in Stanbridge makes it a place well calculated to accommodate the Electors in the North Western, Western, and South Western sections of the County, and, in fact, a majority of the Electors of the 30th Nov'r. whole County, being situated about an equal distance from the North and South extremities thereof, and about seven miles from its Western Boundary, with grood roads leading therefrom to every quarter of the County.
Your Petitioners. therefore, pray that your Ho norable Body will bo ploased to take the matters herein complained of into scrious consideration, and grant the prayer of this Pctition, by passing an Act authorizing the Poll hercafter to be opened and held one-half of the time in the aforesaid East Village of Stanbridge, instead of being one-half' of the time hold in the Village of Frelighsburgh-being held the rest part of the time, as usual, at the Viilage in Dunham, usually denominated Dunham Flat.

And as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray.
(Signed:) JOIIN CHANDLER, Capt., and 155 others.

County of Missisquoi, Feb. 26, 1835.

## (Second Enclosure.)

(Copy.)
To the Honorable the IIruse of Assembly of the Province of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants in the County of Missisquoi and Province of Lower Canada, IIIis Majesty's Loyal Subjocts,

## Most Ilumbly Siewemit.

That Your Petitioners conceive it a just cause of complaint, that they should, in order to record their votes for Members to represent them in Provincial Parliament, he obliged to travel to the village of Frelighsburgh, inasinuch as the sime is situated within about two miles of the United States Line, and consequently at the southern extremity of the County, which does therefore subject your Petitioners and a majority of the Electors of said County to much unnecessary inconvenience and useless expense. That the subject of complaint may be removed by changing the place of holding the Poll. from Frelighsburgh to some place in said County better adapled to the convenience of the Freeholders thereof.
That the local position of Bedford Village, in Stanbridge, makes it a place well calculated to accommodate the Electors of the North Western, Western, South Western, and Southern sections of the County, and in fact a majority of the Electors of the whole County, being situated about an cqual distance from the Northern and Southern extremities thereof, with good roads leading therefrom to every quarter of the County.

Your Petitioners therefore pray, that Your Honorable body will please to take the matters herein complained of into serious consideration, and grant the prayer of this Petition, by passing an Act authoriztng the Poll heveafter to be opened and held one half of the time in the aforesaid Village of Bed-
time held in the Village of Frelighsburgh, being in Dunham, usually denominated Dunham Flat.

And as in duty bound Your Petitioners will ever pray.
(Signed,) NATHANIEL S. BROWN, And Seventy others.
County of Missisquoi, August, 1835.
(Third Enclosure.)
(Copy.)
To the Right Honorable Charles, Baron Sydenham of Sydenham, Governor General, \&c. £́c. \&c.

The Petition of the undersigned, Inhabitants of the County of Missisquoi,

## Most IIumbly Silewetin,

That in the opinion of Your Excellency's Petitioners, the good of the County aforesaid actually requires, that the Poll shonld be removed from Frelighsburgh, in St. Armand, to Bedford, in the Township of Stanbridge, which Your Excellency will readily see, by referring to the Diagram of said County, as it will be more central, and much better accommodate the inhabitants.

Your Excellency will permit us to state, that in consequence of Petitions to that effect, the late House of Assombly actually passed a Bill to remove the Poll to Bedford, but it did not pass the Council.

Your Excellency's Petitioners most humbly beseech Your Excellency to take this subject into consideration, and should you in your wisdom deem it mect, grant our request, and Your Excellency's Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dunham, Feb. 13th, 1841.
(Signed,)
CHS. E. COTTON, M.D.
(and twenty-two others.)

Letter from Mr. Chief Secretary Murdoch to C. G: Martindle, Esq.
(Copy.)
Government House,
Montreal, 22d Feb., 1841.
Sin,
I am commanded by the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14 th instant, accompanied by a Memorial from certain inhabitants of the County of Missisquoi, praying that the Election for that County may be held at Bedford.

* Mi : I haye, \&c.
(Signed.) . Th: W. C. MURDOCH, Chief Secretary.
C. G. Martindale, Essq, Stanbridge.

Letter received from Mr. Hart, enclosing a Petition fron Mr. McGory-cannot be found.

Letter from Mr. Chief Secretary Murdoch to A. P. Hart, Esquire:
(Copy,)
Government House,
Montreal, 25th Pebuary, 1835.
Sir,
I received late last night your letter, enclosing a Petition to the Governor General from Mr. McGory, praying to be struck off the list of the Grand Jury for the present Torm of the Court of King's Bench, in order that he may be at liberty to pursue his canvass of the County of Ottawa. In reply, I am to inform you, that the Executive Government has no power or authority to interfere with the selection of Grand Jurors, or the proceedings of the Court of Kings Bench, in respect to them.

I have, \&c.

> (Signed,) T. W. C. MURDOCH,
A. P. Hart, Esquire, \&c. \&c.

Letter from Edward Cox, Esquire, to Mr. Chief Secretary Murdoch.

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\text { Kingston, March 1st, } 1841 .
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Sir,
A Petition from this Township was submitted to His Excellency the Governor-General, in November, 1840 , praying that a place of polling at the Election for a Member for the County of Drummond might be fixed in the Township of Kingsey ; to which the answer was received, "that at the proper time the Petition would be favorably considered."

Should His Excellency the Governor General now grant the prayer of the Petition; and thus rolieve a considerable body of the constituency of the County of Drummond of the expense, loss of time, and oftentimes difficulty, attending recording their votes at the Village of Drummondville, by appointing a place of Poll for the County east of the River St. Francis, in this Township; I would beg permission to suggest, that Lot 16 , in the 4 th and 5th ranges of Lots, being centrically sitnated, and upon the cross-rodds, and the site of the Village of Sydenham; might be named as the place of poll.

> I have, dec
(Signed) EDWARD COX, J.P.
T. W. C. Murdoch, Esquire; oryef Secretary, \&c. \&c. Montreal.

## Appendix (J. J.)

## 301th Now'r.

Letter from Mr. Chief Secretary Murdock to Captain Cox.<br>Government House,<br>Montreal, 5th March, 1841.

## Sir,

I an commanded by the Governor General to acknowledge the reccipt of your letter of the lst inst. suggesting a place for holding a Poll in the Comity of Drimmond. In reply 1 am to inform you that previously to the reccipt of your letter, the Commission had issued to the Returning Officer directing him to hold the Poll at Drummondville.

I have, ©c.
(Signed,

## T. W. C. MURDOCII. <br> Chief Secretary.

Capt. Cox. \&c. ©c. \&c.
Kingston.

Mcmorial of Inhabitants of the County of Sherbrooke.
To IIis Excellency the Right Honorable Charles, Baron Sydenham, of Sydenham in the County of Kent and Toronto in Canada, Governor General of British North America, \&c. \&cc. \&c.

The Memorial of the undersigned Inhabitants of the County of Sharbrooke,

## Respectfulay Sheweth :-

That under the late laws regulating the Elections for the former Province of Lower Canada, the suffrages of the Electors of the County of Sherbrooke were taken and received at Sherbrooke and at Shipton.

That under the Writ of Election recontly issued for the return of a Member for the said County, the Returning Officer, Charles Whitcher, Esquire, has announced to the Electors of the said County that the ensuing Election is to be held at the Village of Lennoxville, which has never hitherto been a place for holding the Elections.

That this change so far from being of any benefit or advantage to the community will prove the direct reverse, for while it approaches to some Electors at one end of the County, the place of polling, it equally removes those of the other extremity, reducing some Electors to a travel of some twelve or thitteen miles, and leaving others to come some forty or fifty miles without any commensurate advantage.

That this injustice to the Town of Sherbrooke, the District Town, and the Capital of the Eastern Townships is so manifest that Your Excellency's Petitioncrs can scarcely suppose for an instant that it can have been offeeted through design, but that it has arisen from oversight or evil influence or advicc.

Wherefore Your Pctitioners and Memorialists humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to take these circumstances into your gracious consideration, and to direct that the place of Election be restored to Sherbrooke, the principal Town in the County of Sherbrooke.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, \&c. \&c. \&c.

## 1st March, 1841.

(Signed,)
H. RICE, and sixty-two others.

Letter from Mr. Chief Secretary Murdoch to HT. Rice, Esf., acknowledging the 'veceipt of the pre-

Government House,
30th Nours.
Montreal, 5th March, 1841.

## Sir,

I am commanded by the Governor General to acknowledge the reccipt of the Memorial signed by yourself and other Inhabitants of Sherbrooke, remonstrating against the removal of the Poll, for the Combty Election, to Lennoxville. In reply, I am to inform you, that in fixing on the lattor place, His Excollency was influenced by a desire to avoid the comfusion of two Elections for Members of Parliament going on at the same moment in the same place, and the Writ having issued and the Summons been sent out, it is not in his power to alter it.

1 have, \&c.,
(Signed,)
T. W. C. MURDOCI,

Chief Secretary.
II. Rice, Esq.,

Sherbrooke.

Lefter from the Returning Officer for Shefford to Mr. Chief Secretury Murdoch, with an Enclosure.
(Copy.)

West Shefford, 3d March, 1841.

## Sin.

I have the honor to enclose to you certain Queries upon which I wish to obtain a legal opinion as early as possible.

In these Townships heretofore, persons have been admitted to vote at Elections under all the circumstances set forth in these Queries, as also Squatters, who had no color of title to the lands upon which they claimed to vote. In fact, Elections in these Counties have been heretofore so conducted that the Elective Franchise amounted in truth to universal suffrage.
As, no dount, I shall be called upon to decide in most of the points submitted, it is very desirable that I should be assisted by a logal opinion, in order to the better and more satisfactory discharge of my duties.

I have thercfore to beg that you will cause me to be furnished with such opinion at the earliest possible moment.

## I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

## (Signed, <br> JAS. BOTHAM, <br> Returning Officer for Shefford.

T. W. C. Murdoch, Esq., Civil Secretary,

Montreal.

Questions upon which an opinion is desired.

1. Are the holders of Crown Lands under Quit Rent entitled to vote at Elections, secing that the License of occupation granted to them contains the following clause :-"That no right of property what"ever shall be acquired by the said John Jones in " the said Iand, nor shall it be competent to him to - make any transfer of his interest therein, until all "the said instalments shall have been paid, and a "grant of the said land obtained as hereinafter "inentioned?"
2. If such License does give the right to vote to the original holder thereof, can he transfer such an interest to another as to entitle that other person to vote?
3. Does the purchaser, holding a License in the form herewith sent, derive such an interest in the premises as to qualify him to vote before the whole of the purchase moncy is paid, and a Patent obtained from the Crown?
4. If it does give such right, can such holder convey to another person such an interest in the land as to entitle that other person to vote before Patent obtained?
5. Is a purchaser of real estate, whose only title is a Bond for a Deed, and who has paid the whole purchase money, entitled to vote?
6. Is such a person entitled to vote, when the whole of the purchase money is not paid up?
7. Is it lawful to keep the Poll open on a Holiday, such Holiday not being a Sunday ?
8. Is it requisite that the Clerk of the Poll be an Elector, secing that in case of the death or illness of the Returning Officer, the Clerk is required to continue the Poll, taking the same Oath of Office as the Returning Officer?
9. Under what circumstances mayan Alien-born be admitted to vote?

## Copy of License referred to in the 3rd Question.

By the Honorable William Bowman Felton, commissioned for the sale and management of Crown Lands in the Province of Lower Canada.

Whereas, John Thomas has paid into the hands of the Treasurer of this Department the sum of £9 12s. 1d. C'y, being the deposit money, or first instalment on £ 388 s . 6 d . C'y, the value of 73 acres of land contained in the East end of Clergy lot No. 15, in the 6th Range of the Township of Shefford, sold to the said John Thomas under certain conditions on the 30th day of June, 1832.

I do hereby authorize the said John Thomas to occupy the said East end of Clergy lot No. 15, in the 6th Range of the Township of Stanbridge, containing 73 acres, more or less, with the usual allowance for highways; and to hold the same, subject to the conditions expressed in the terms of sale, viz :

First.-That he shall pay into my office at Quebec, or to the Treasurer or Receiver of Rents at Shefford the sum of $£ 28$ 16s. 4d. C'y, in three equal annual instalments, without interest, commencing on the first day of July, 1838.

Secondly.-That no right of property whatever shall be acquired by the said John Thomas in the Appendix - (J. J.) any lransfer of his it be competent to him to make any transfer of his interest therein, until all the said instalments shall have been entirely paid and satisfied, and a grant of the said land obtained as hereinafter mentioned.

Thirdly.-That if the instalments are not regularly paid'the deposit money shall be forfeited, and the land again referred to sale.

Fourthly.-That whenever the whole of the purchase money shall be paid, the purchaser shall be entitled to a grant of the land by Patent under the Great Scal of the Province, free of any expense, except the fees on making out the Patent, and unincumbered with any further conditions of improvement or settloment.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the City of Quebec, this 10th day of Scptember, 1832.
L. 8.
(Bigned.)
W. B. FELTON.

Letter from Mr. Chief Secretary Murdoch to the Returning Officer for Shefford.

Government House,
Montreal, 5th March, 1843.
Sir,
Having laid before the Governor General your letter of the 3rd Instant proposing certain questions in regard to the performance of your duties as Returning Officer for the County of Shefford, I am directed to express to you in reply His Exeellency's regret that it is not in his power to afford you any assistance in the matter. To express an opinion as to the mode of Polling, or the qualification of Individuals as Electors, would on the part of the Execu. tive Government be an interference with the freedom of Elections and the privileges of the Legis. lative Assembly, which would be justly open to animadversion.

His Excellency must therefore on these points leave you to follow your own discretion, assisted by the provisions of the Law and the information you may derive from other sources.

I have, \&c.
(Signed,)

## T. W. C. MURDOCH, <br> Chief Secretary.

Letter from James Hallowell, Esquire, (appointed Returning Officer for the County of Sherbrooke,) to Mr. Chief Secretary Murdoch.

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\text { Sherbrooke, 4th March, } 1841 .
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I was honored by the last Post with a Com. mission, appointing me Returning Officer of and for the Town of Sherbrooke, bearing date the nineteenth February last; but find, on looking into the oath required to be taken by the person appointed to that office, previous to the execution of the Writ of Election, that it will unfortunately be impossible for me to execute it, as I have no property in this Town sufficient to qualify me as an Elector, which
it is requisite, as you will perceive, that the Re . it is requisite, as you will perceive, that the Rc-
turning Oficer should himself possess. The fact is, that the land which I occupy in Sherbrooke is the property of my brother, Mr. Robert IIallowell, of Montreal : and, though I have some real property in other parts of the Province, I have none of my own within the limits of the Town which would, as you are aware, be nucessary, in order to give me the qualification of an Elector for this place.
On considering the circumstances of the case, it has appeared to me that it might probably tènd to save some trouble to His Excellency, if I should look around for the names of such persons as might be found in this community, who would be capable of executing the duties of a Returning Officer, and who would be likely to possess a sufficient degree of impartiality to qualify them for that purpose:-at the present crisis; and it appears to me, as might be expected, there are but very few who would be. in all respects, sufficiently eligible for such duties. There are three gentlemen, however, resident in this Town and its vicinity, cither of whom might, as I think, be appointed, with a certain degree of confidence, with regard to the mode in which it would probably be executed : Thomas Austin, Esquire, late a member of the Special Council, John Felton, Esq., Receiver of the Rents of the Crown Lands, and William Lloyd, Esquire, a Licutonant in the Royal Navy, and a gentleman standing high in the community here.
I perceive, on looking into the documents trans. mitted to me, that the Writ of Election being directed to "the Returning Officer of the Town of Sherbrooke," without mentioning his name, need not be renewed but will answer the purpose as woll on my handing it over to any other gentleman whom His Excollency may be ploased to appoint as a Returning Officer by a new Commission, as if it had boen executed by myself, so that the Commission is the only document which it will be necessary to renew, but which ought to bo dated on the same day as the present one addressed to myself, viz., the 19th February; which is also the day of the teste of the Writ

I would beg leave to remark, however, that it appears to me that it will be necessary to postpone the Election, which is now directed by the Instructions contained in the Comenission to be holden on the 2:2nd March, for three or four days longer in order that there may be time to give the necessary notice of eight days for that purpose.

You will oblige me by respectfully communicating to His Excellency my grateful acknowledgements for the honor which he has done me, and the confidence which he appears to have reposed in me by an appointment of so much importance to the J'ublic welfare at the present critical period, as that which he has been graciously pleased to confer on me; and I hope that he will accept my assurance that any favorable opinion which he may at any time evince by charging me with any public dutics which it may be in my power to execute, will not be found to be misplaced.

I have only to add that I shall immediately hand over the Writ of Election which now remains in my hands, to any gentleman His Excellency may please to appoint a Returning, Officer for the Town of Sherbrooke, on receiving a letter from you containing instructions to that effect.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

JAS. HALLOWELL.

Note accompanying the Document which follows it.
New Glasgow

## Dear Sir,

We have sent the accompanying suggostion to His Excellency, and beg you will have tho goodness to direct the bearer to the proper Officer for its delivery. If you approve of it, you would do well to second its prayer.

We arc,
Wishing you evory sucosss, lours truly,

## Document accompanying the preceding Note.

At Now Glasgow, this eighteenth day of March 1841, We, the Subscribers, humbly beg leave to approach your Excellency, reprosenting that, in anticipation of the approaching Election, evil and seducing machinations have been set on foot by a disloyal faction amongst us. The apostles of seduction have travelled throughnut the County encouraging and exciting the disalfected Canadians (who are not few in number) to corme en masse to control the Election, and take summary vengeance on the Loyal portion of the people who oppose their robellious schemes.
In this state of things, as the inhabitants of New Glasgow and Now Paislcy. by their manly, daring and loyal demeanor, operated as a check during the late troubles; they have, therefore, becone obnoxious to the rebellions and disaffected. Therefore, we dread tumult and the probable loss of life and property. Even if the loyal portion of the Electors should prevail, the Canadians and the disaffected amongst us would take refuge in the Tannery which has been notable for infidelity and disaffection to Government since it existed. for which cause, its destruction would be inovitable; and, on the other hand, should our brave and loyal firiends be overpowered by numerical force, unsparing vengeance would $I$, the consequence.
Submitting these considerations to Your Excellency, we humbly beg leave to suggest, that as it is easier to prevent an evil than to cure it, that it would be advisable to send a party of Military to this place, to be stationed at the honses of Wm. Furze and James Monteith, which are situated ncarly three niles from the place where the Poll is to be held.

The passage of the military through the County would damp rebellious ardor, and make J. Baptiste shrug his shoulders, and after passing to the Poll, would tend to overawe them, as the places mentioned above are on the road side leading to and from the Poll.
We beg. Your Excellency to excuse our interference in the above case, as we beg to assure Your Excellency that it is dictated by an earnest desire to preserve life and property, and the furtherance of Your Excellency's judicious administration.

We have the homor to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient and humble servants,


Letter from Mr. Chief Secretary Murdoch to Hoyes Lloyd, Espuire, Now Glasgow.

(J. J.)

30th Nov'r. (Copy.)

Government House, Montreal, 20th March, 1841.

## Sir,

I am commanded by the Governor General to arknowledge the receipt of the Meinnrial, signed by yourself and two other gentlomen, inhabitants of Now Glasgow, praying that. Troops may be sent into tho vicinity of the Poll for the County of Terrebome to prevent disturbance during the Election.

In reply I am to observe, that at the approaching Election it will be the duty of the Magistrates-a duty which IIis Excellency cannot doubt thicy will perform-to use all the powers with which the Law has invested them for the preservation of the Public Peace, and with this view should there, unfortunately, be reason to expect disturbances, to swear in Special Constables to assist in preventing them. But His Excellency cannot consent, in anticipation of the possibility of disturbances, to move a body of Troops into the immediate ncighborhood of the Election.

> I have, \&c.,
(Signed,)
T. W. C. MURDOCII,

Chief Sccretary.
IIoyes Lloyd, Esq.,
New Glasgow.

Letter from the Returning Officer for the County of Stanstead to Mr. Chief Secretary Murdoch.

Stanstcad, 11th March, 1841.
Sir,
I beg most respectfully to obtain the advice of His Excellency the Governor General on the following points for my guidance during the approaching Election, viz. :

1st. Will a person, on being required to take the oath of allogiance at the IIustings, refuse, and horetofore having refused, have a right to vote ?

2nd. Can a person declare himself a candidate at any period of the Election in opposition to those who may have come forward on the first day?

3d. The Township of Bolton, in this County, having been granted as Tenants in common, and no division since laving been made, can the proprietors of such lands be objectod to, as to their right of voting, and if so, do thoy come under the Act of 4 Will. IV. cap. 28 ?

I have no doubt the foregoing points will come up during the approaching Election, and as they are not clearly defined by the Election Law, I wish to be prepared to meet them; the Election taking place on the $22 d$ instant, I carnestly request an answer at your earliest convenience.

## I have, \&c.,

(Signed)
JOHN CHAMBERLIN,
Returning Officer.

Letter from Mr. Ohief Secretary Murdoch to the Returning Officer for the County of Stanstead.

## Government House,

Montreal, 15th March, 1843.

## Sir,

Having laid before the Governor General your letter of the 11 th instant, $I$ am directed to acquaint you, in reply, that to express an opinion as to the course to be pursued by Returning Officers,'might be considered as an interference by the Executive Government with the freedom of Elections and the privileges of the Legislative Assembly, which would be open to animadversion, and that His Excellency must, therefore, leave you to exercise your own discretion in discharging the duties of Returning Offcer for the County of Stanstead, assisted by the provisions of the law, and the information and advice you may derive from other sources.
(Signed,)

## T. W. C. MURDOCF, <br> 1. W. C. Mhief Sccretary.

J. Chamberlin, Esq., \&c. \&c. \&c.,

Stanstead.

Letter from T. A. Young, Esquire, to the Honorable D. Daly, Secretary of the Province, with four Enclosures.
(Copy,) Quebec, 22nd March, 1841.

## Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a communication I received from the Brigade Major, Lord Frederick Fsulet, transmitting an extract from a General Order of the 8th instant, with copies of letters I addressed to the Returning Officer, the High Constable, and Inspector Russell, of the Police; which I request you will submit to His Excellency the Gov-. ernor General.

I trust His Excellency will approve of the measures I have adopted, as, although I do not consider there is any danger of a scrious disturbance, yet when religious distinctions are appealed to, as they have lately been, it is difficult to say what may be the result, and I therefore thought it advisable to be prepared for the worst.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble servt.,
(Signed,)
T. A. YOUNG.

Hon. D. Daly,
Seeretary of the Province, \&c. \&c. \&c.

> (First Enclosure.)

## My Dear Sir,

I enclose you, by the General's desire, a copy of an extract* from the G. O. of the 8th instant, and to inform you that should an application for Troops be found necessary, it will be made to the Officer commanding the Battalion occupying the Jesuit Barracks.

> Believereme
> Yours truly,
(Signed, $)$
FRED. PAULET.
March:20; 1841.



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T. W. C. Murdoch, Esq.,

Chief Secretary, Montreal.'

## Appendix

30th Nov'r Sir,
(Second Enclosure.)
Court House, Quebec, 20th March, 1841.

In the event of your requiring the assistance of a Justice of the Peace during the ensuing Election for the City of Quebec, which is to commence on Monday, the 22 nd inst., I beg to inform you that I shall remain in my oflice, at the Court House, every day, until the Poll be closed; and shall be ready to attend to any requisition, which by Law the Returning Officer is authorized to make.

I have required the High Constable to be prepared with a list of the names of such persons (without reference to party, as may be fit to act as Special Constables; should any lie required, and on your application I shall, without delay, call upon them to serve, and swear them in according to Law.

I have the honor to be. Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,

> (Signed,)

Archibald Campbell, Esq,
Returning Officer,
For the City of Quebec.
(Third Enclosure.)

> Court Housc, Quebec, 20th March, 1841. Sir,

Deeming it advisable to be prepared in the event of any disturbance occurring during the ensuing Election, which is to commence on Monday, the 22 nd inst.-I am to request you will be so grod as to let me know where I may communicate with you with the least possible delay, and also that you will furnish me with a list of the names of such persons as you may consider fit to act as Special Constables, should any be required, and this without reference to party.

1 shall, during the continuance of the Election, remain in my office at the Court House every day until the Poll be closed, and for any further length of time that may be required.

1 have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant,
(Signed,)
T. A. YOUNG. Police Magistrate,

> W. Downes, Esq.,
> High Constable,
> \&c. \&c. \&c.
(Fourth Enclosure.)
Court House,
Quebec, 20th March, 1841.
(Copy.)
(Confidential.)

## Sir,

1 am not of opinion that there will be any serious disturbance at the Election which is to commence on Monday, the $22 d$ instant, but as a matter of preeaution, I have considered it my duty to apprize the

Returning Officer that I shall remain at the Court House in readiness to act upon his requisition, should he require the assistance of a Justice of the Pcace.
I have also called upon the High Constable for a list of the names of such persons as he may consider fit to act as Special Constables, in the event of any being applied for ; and I have communicated with Major General Sir James Macdonnell, from whom I have reccived cvery assurance of support, should, unfortunately, the assistance of the Troops be necded.

If, thercfore, you require the interference of a Justicc of the Pcace, or have any information of a contemplated riot, I am to request you will immediately apply to me as Police Magistrate, that I may adopt such measures as the Law points out, and as from the arrangements I have made, can be at once carried into effect.

The printed opinion of the late Chief Justice of Montreal, of which 1 delivered you a copy, will point out the nature of the affidavits required in some instances, and in making any application you will be cautious to be prepared with the necessary evidence.

I shall remain at my office until the close of the Poll each day, and for any longer time which from your reports of the state of the City, or from other information it may appear to me to be necessary, for the despatch of public business. Any prisoners you may make, can at once be brought to the Court House where I shall be ready to examine into their cases. Should you require the assistance of a Justice of the Peace at any time during the night, or after I have left the Court House, you will always find me at home; and I am to request you will not hesitate to send for me whenever you may deem it necessary.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,
(Signed,
T. A. YOUNG, Police Magistrate.

Inspector R. M. Russell, Quebec City Police.

Letter from Mr. Chief Secretary Murdoch to T. A.
(Copy.)

> Government House,
> Montreal, 26th March, 1841.

## Sir,

Having laid before the Governor General your letter of the 22 d inst., with its enclosures, I am directed to signify to you in reply, His Excellency's approval of the precautionary steps which you report having adopted with reference to the Quebec Election.

## I have, \&c.

(Signed, T. W. C. MURDDOCH, Chief Secretary.

## T. A. Young, <br> Police Magistrate, Quebec.

The Spectar Commitme, to which was referred the Potition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the City of Montreal, praying for the revision and amendment of the Ordinances incorporating the said City, and for the addition of certain other provisions thereto ; have the honour to Repont-
That, after a full consideration of the Petition referred to them, they have come to the conclusion, that it would be inexpedient to recommend a compliance with any isolated portion of the prayer thereof; as, in their opinion, it would be more consistent with propriety to delay further proccedings until such time as the whole subject embraced in the Petition should be fully and maturely weighed, with a view either to repeal, in toto, the cxisting Ordinances incorporating the City of Montreal, and affording time to prepare a now. Bill, embracing such changes and such of the amendments prayed for, as would best mect the subject in all its bearings.

BENJ. HOLMES,
1st December, 1843.
Chairman.

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

PRESENT :-Mr. Holmes, Mr. Leslic, Mr. De Witt, and Mr. Quesnel.
Benjamin Ilolaes, Esquire, in the Chair.
Joseph Bourret, Esquire, Mayor of the City of Montreal, called in ; and cxamined :-

1. Are yoll of opinion that, by the present division of wards in the City of Montrcal, the citizens are equally reprosented in the Council?-They are not.
2. Could you suggest a more equal distribution of the Town into wards, with reference to population? -I would leave the division of the Town in three wards, as it now stands. The suburbs I would divide into six wards, making nine wards in all. My reason for leaving the City divided into three wards, is more in reference to property than population. The nine wards I would have represented by only two Councillors cach, in licu of three Councillors for each ward, as at present. The composition of the Council, as to its total number, would consequently remain as at present, viz.eighteen. The six suburban wards, to be formed out of the present Queen's, St. Latwrence, and St. Mary's Wards, I would have named and bounded as follôws, viz. :-
No. 1.-The St.Aune's Ward.-On the northcast, by the centre of Grey Nuns'street, commencing at the River St. Jawrence and continuing to William-strect ; thence eastwardly, along the centre of William-strect, till it intersects the centre of McGill-street; thence north, along the centre of McGill-strect, to its junction with the centre of St. Joscph-strect; Hence, along the centre of St. Joseph-street, to the City boundary ; thence, along the said boundary line in a south-casterly direction, to the River St. Lawrence; and thence to the place of beginning.
No. 2.-The St. Antoine Ward.-On the northeast, by the centre of McGill-street, and continuing to Commissioners'square, and by the middle of Commissioners'-square to Fortification-lane; thence westerly, to where Fortification-lane joins the middle of Ste. Radegonde-street; thence, by the middle of Stc. Radegonde street, to Lagauchetierestreet; thence, the north-west side of the centre of Lagauchetierc-street, until intersecting the centre of Alexander-street; thence the south-west side of the centre of Alexander-street to the centre of St. Catherine-strect ; thence the north-west side' of the centre of St. Catherine-street to City Coun-cillors-'street; thence the south-west side of CityCouncillors'street to Sherbrooke-street ; thence the north-west side of the centre of Sherbrooke-street to Durocher-street; thence the south-west side of the centre of Durocher-street, and the extension of
the same to the City boundary line; thence along the same line, so far as it may extend towards the south-west ; thence along the said line, in a southcast dircction, to the centre of St. Joseph-street; thence to the north-west of the centre of St. Josephstreet till intersecting the centre of McGill-strectthe point of commencement.
No. 3.-The St. Lawrenee Ward.-On the northwest side of the centre of Craig-street, commencing at St. Lawrence main-street and continuing to Ste. Radegonde-strect; thence the north-east side of the centre of Ste. Radegonde-street to Lagauchetièrestreet ; thence tho south-cast side of the centre of Lagauchetière-strcet to Alexander-street ; therce the north-cast side of the centre of Alexanderstrect to St. Chatherine-strect ; thence to the northwest side of the centre of $\mathbf{S t}$. Catherinc-street to City Councillors'-street; thence the north-cast side of the contre of City Councillors'street to Sher-brooke-street; thence the south-east side of the centre of Sherbrooke-strect to Durocher-street; thence the noth-oast side of the centre of Durocherstreet to the City boundary line; thence along the said line, towards the north-east, until the same joins the centre of St. Lawrence main street; thence the south-west side of the centre of St. Lawrence main street to Craig street, or the place of beginning.

No. 4.-The St. Louis Ward.-Commencing at the centre of St. Louis and St. Denis-streets, continuing south-west, along the centre of St. Louisstrect; to Sanguinet-street; thence along the centre of Sanguinet-street until intersecting the centre of Craig-strect ; thence to the north-west of the centre line of Craig-street until it arrives at the middle of St. Lawrence main street ; thence the north-east side of the centre af St. Lawrence main-street to the City boundary linc ; thence along the said line, towards the north-cast, until intersecting the centre of St. Denis-street ; thence, to the southwest of the centre of $S$. Denis-street, to the middle of St. Louis-street-the point of commencement.

No. 5.-The St. James' Ward.-The North-East side of the contre of Lacroix Street, commencing at the River St. Lawrence, and continuing to St. Lewis strcet, from thence, the North-West side of the centre of St. Lowis street to St. Denis street, from thence, the North-East side of the centre of St. Denis street, with the extension thereof to the City boundary, thence along the City boundary line towards the North-east, until it intersects the continuation of the centre of Panet-street, thence continuing the said line of the centre of Panet street. in a South-east direction, until the same shall reach the River St. Lawrence, and thence along the said River to the place of beginning.

No. 6.-The St. Mary's Ward.-The Northeast side of the centre of Panet-street, commencing at the River St. Lawrence, and continuing to the City boundary line, thence along the said line towards the North-east, so far as the same may be found to extend, thence continuing the said line in a South-easterly direction, until the same shall reach the River St. Lawrence, and thence along the said River to the place of commencement.
3. What is the amount of the Revenue of the City, distinguishing from what sources arising ?The whole amount of the revenue of the City is £26278 16s. 3d., as will be seen by the statement now handed in.-(Sce Appendix No. 1.)
4. What is the population of each ward, and the amount of taxes levied in each?-The population of each ward of the City of Montreal, according to the Census taken in 1842, is as follows :-

The East Ward, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,052
The Centre Ward, . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1,909
The West Ward, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2,202
The Queen's Ward,................ 12,764
The St. Lawrence Ward, . ........ 11,390
The St. Mary's Ward, . . . . . . . . . . 10,074
40,201
making the population of the City to be Forty thousand two hundred and ninety-one.

The amount of taxes levied this year, in the said several wards, is as follows, viz :-


Making a total of nineteen thousand, five hundred and fifty-one pounds, fifteen shillings and threepence, levied in the whole City. The difference in the above amount, and the sum of $£ 2627816 \mathrm{~s}$. 3d, stated in my answer to question 3 , as the revenue of the City ; is composed of the rerenues of the Markets, Chimney-swecping, Fees from Carters, \&ce., for Registration, Auctioneers, Pawnbrokers, \&c., as detailed in the statement filed with my answer to the said question 3. With this answer I produce a statement of assessments and taxes.(See Appendix No. 2.)
5. What is the amount of the annual permanent expenses of the Corporation, exclusive of interest on the debt ?-The amount of the annual permanent expenses of the Corporation, exclusive of interest on the debt, is $£ 10280 \mathrm{ls} .8 \mathrm{~d}$., as appears by the statement herewith produced.-(Sce Appendix No. 3.)
6. What is the amount of debt due by the Cor-poration?-For the purchase of St. Anne's Market, and property adjacent, (coming due in 1852 and 1862
On Deeds of purchase for opening
streets, and on bonds for specific
and for general purposes
$48,553 \quad 2 \quad 4$
£01,138 010
7. What is the rate of interest payable on the debt?-Six per cent.
8. Do non-resident Proprietors of property in the City, possess the right to vote thercon, for members of the Corporation?-They do not.
9. Is there any objection to giving such persons the right to vote within the ward for which they may be assessed?-I do not see that there is any objection
10. Has the Corporation of Montreal any, and what real Property ?-The Corporation holds the following real estate viz. :-St. Anne's Market : the New Market : Fish Market : Hay Market, and a lot of ground purchased from tho heirs LeGrand, Appendix (K. K.) with two or three small strips of land of no great value, acquired for the purpose of opening strects.
11.-Can you furnish a detailed statement of the sum of 485532 s . 4 d ., forming part of the debt due by the Corporation?-I now produce a statement of the same.-(Sce Appendix No. 4.)
12.-IIas the Corporation adopted any means to ascertain what encroachments have been made by individuals on the public property belonging to the City ?-Yus : I have, in my official capacity, undertaken an investigation into all encroachments made in the City.
13.-What is your reason for desiring that three Assessors should be provided, instead of one ?-I consider it necessary for the purpose of arriving at 3 more correct valuation of property, and also for dividing the labor.
14.- Are there not several trades, the persons engaged in which, are exempted from taxation by the Ordinance establishing the Corporation; if so, state those which the Council have not the power to tax 3-The Corporation Act does not give authority to levy a tax upon Distillers, Brewers, Founders, Banks, Gas Light and Insurance Companics, Tanners, Ropemakers, Potash, Soap and Candle Manufacturers, or Bricknakers, and probably some others. The Brickmakers, it is proper to remark, are doing no inconsiderable injury to the portions of the City where such works are carried on, by excavating deep holes, where the water lodges and stagnates. Insurance Companies are also, in my opinion, fit bodies to be taxed.
15.-Do you conceive they should be exempted, and if so, for what reasons ?-I see no reason why, generally, those trades and occupations should not be taxed, more particularly Insurance Companies, which are materially advantaged by the arrangements of the Corporation. Banks, I conceive, should not be assessed beyond the ordinary taxes levied on their houses and real properties, as their Capital has already been taxed by the Legislature, and a City tax would, in my opinion, be improper and unjust, and have a tendency to prevent Capital from flowing into the City.
16.-IIas the Corporation excused any individual from taxation; if so, for what reasons, and who are the persons so excused ?-No exemptions have been provided for; but in some cases, for instance, extreme poverty, the Council have considered applications, and given up the City claim.
17.-What are the reasons you urge for desiring the Corporation to be empowered to mortgage the revenues of the City arising from taxation ?-For the purpose of enabling the City"to borrow, in one large amount, and at a lower rate of interest, a sufficient loan to enable the Corporation to pay off various small and local debts; and it is very desirable that in the authority to borrow, a specific sum should be stated, instead of limiting it (as now is the case) to five times the amount of the City rovenues.
18. -What in your opinion, should be the amount the Corporation should be allowed to borrow upon the credit of its revenues; and would you intend the revenucs to mean the full receiptsderivable from all sources, which you have stated, amounts to $£ 26278$ 10s. 3d.?-In the state of the Corporation
funds, and with a view to future arrangements, I conceive the City should be authorized to borrow £ 150,000 ,--first, to be applied to the liquidation of the existing debts, next, to carry out the absolutely requisite improvements, such as draining the marshes in rear of the City, opening out Craig Street to Victoria Square, building a City Hall upon the plan now under contemplation, and widening one or two main cross streets in the St. Lawrence Ward, which would serve as a "coupe fen" in the event of a conflagration, which, from the combustible material of which that quarter is built, is much to be dreaded.
19._What are the reasons for which the Corporation desire to have judicial powers ?-For the reason that it is very difficult to get Magistrates to sit upon causes connected with the City revenues; and, besides, as a means of lessening the expenses attendant upon all such prosecutions, as by giving to the Corporation, judicial power, nearly all the expenses would be saved to the parties prosecuted, as well as the necessity for the Corporation employing an Attorney.
20.-Will you inform the Committee what was the total expense of blocking each of the Streets, and whether any donations have been given for that purpose, the amount of the same, and the Street or Streets for which such donations have been given ?-The total expense of blocking the several Streets, paved in that manner, was as follows, viz :

| 1841. St. François. Xavier, Street | ¢354 4 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Notro-Dame Street, (West Ward) | 4993 |
| 1842. Notre-Dame Street, including Dalhousie |  |
| Square (East Ward) | 153317103 |
| Notre-Dame Street (Centre Ward).............. | 10010 |
| St. Paul Street (East Ward).. | 1304 |
| St. Paul Street (Centre Ward) | 773 |
| St. Paul Street (West Ward) | 64699 |
| Little St. James Street (Centre Ward)......... | 3176101 |
| St. Francois-Xavier Street...................... | 1120112 |
| St. Lambert Street. | 1191011 |
| St. Jamies Street (Weat). | 17191810 |
|  | 381 |

Making a total of eight thousand, three hundred and eighty one pounds, four shillings and one penny.
The amount of donations made towards the blocking of the Streets, was, three hundred and fifty five pounds, which was contributed as follows, viz :

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\begin{array}{rrr}
\text { Towards Little St. James } & \text { Street. ..... } & \text { £ } 100 \\
\text { Great St. James } & \text { Street...... } & 150 \\
\text { St. Paul Street. ........... } & 5 \\
\text { St. Francois-Xavier Strect. } & 100 \\
& & \\
& & £ 355
\end{array}
$$

21.-Will you inform the Committee what may be the annual expense of repairs in the City, without making any improvements? -Between £1500 and $£ 1700$ currency.
22.-Are you of opinion that it would be advantageous to include the whole of the Parish of Montreal in the City ?-I am not of that opinion, at all cevents not until the inhabitants ask to be so included. The iuhabitants of St. Mary's Current have requested to bo so included, which was refused, (the Corporation having no authority' to do so,) as it would involve the City in immense exponse for keeping the roads in order, without any adequate return, as the taxes in those quarters would be but insignificant.

APPENDIX No. 1.
Revenues of the City of Montreal, from 1st May, 1843, to 1st May, 1844.

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## ARTHUR ROSS,

Treasurer.

## APPENDIX No. 2.

Assessment and Taxes in the several Wards of the City of Montreal, for the year 1843.

| Eagt $^{\text {Ward, }}$ [2805 09. | $\pm$ s. ${ }^{\text {d }}$. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Assessment on property | 1598189 |
| Tax on horses, carriages, \&c. | 16350 |
| Duty on wholesalo Merchants. | 4300 |
| Do on retail Merchants. | 431120 |
| Do on Innkeepers.. | 50315 |
| Do on Grocers.. | 64100 |
| Centre Ward, $\mathbf{E} 3176146$. |  |
| Assessment on property. | 1841 |
| Tax on horses, carriages, \& | 9600 |
| Duty on wholesale Merchants | 2660 |
| Do on retail Merchants.. | 68012 |
| Do on Innkeepers. | 2395 |
| Do on Grocers..... | 53100 |
| West Ward, £3590 130. |  |
| Assesmment on property. | 2085150 |
| Tax on horses, carriages, \&e. | 11610 0 |
| Duty on wholesale Merchants. | 63540 |
| Do on retail Morchante. | 38940 |
| Do on Innkeepera. | 26010 |
| Do on Grocers.. | 103100 |

St. Lamrenot Ward, fitib 140.

| Assessment on property. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Tax on horsee, carriagees, |  |
| Duty on retail Merchants... | 16 |
| Do on Innkeepers... | 390 |
| Do on Grocera.. | 22 |
| Sr. Mary's Ward, ¢2546 79. |  |
| Assessment on property | 1631 |
| Tax on horses, carriages, |  |
| Duty on retail Merchants. | 25 |
| Da on Innkeepera. | 430 |
| Do un Grocers. | 16 |
| Quarn'a Ward, eftis 53. |  |
| Asscossment on property |  |
| Tax on horses, carriages, | 55715 |
| Duty on wholesale Merchants | 256 |
| Do on retail Merchants. | 89 |
| Do on Innitepers. | 46815 |
| Do on Grocers... | 98 |
|  |  |

N. B.-The difference between the above and the sum of $£ 26,27816 \mathrm{~s}$. 3d. is composed of the revenucs of the Markets, Chimney-sweeping, fees from Cartors, \&c. for registration, Auctioneers, Pawnbrokers, Drain Account, \&c. as detailed in a statement alrady filed.

APPENDIX No. 3.

| APPENDIX No. 3. <br> Permanent Annual Expenses of the Corporation of the City of Montreal. |  |  |  | $=\overbrace{\text { Ist December. }}^{\substack{\text { Appendix } \\ \text { (K.K.) }}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| balarieg. | A Mount. | sajartes. | asount. |  |
| Ilis Worship the Mayor | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { ¢ } & \text { 8. } & \text { n. } \\ \\ 300 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | Brought forward ........................... $\boldsymbol{f}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}  \pm \\ \hline & \& & D_{0} \end{array}$ |  |
| The City Surveyor | 50000 |  |  |  |
| The City Clerk .. | 400 | One year, including clothing, rent, \&c.............. | 350480 |  |
| The City Trcasurcr.: | 30000 | One year, incluuing clothing, rent, \&c.............. | 350480 | 0 |
| Superintendent of Fire Dopartment | 300 | fine derartarnt : |  |  |
| Assistant T'rcasurer's Department | $\begin{array}{llll}150 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | Pay Lists at fires, rent, repairs, \&ce ................... | 125000 | 0 |
| Assistant City Clerk's do | $\begin{array}{llll}150 \\ 100 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | Paid gas ligit company: |  |  |
| Translator do do Clerk in Treasurer's office .. | $\begin{array}{lll}100 & 0 & 0 \\ 100 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | Paid the Compmy for 12 months ..................... | 1930138 | 8 |
| Clark of tho New Market | 20000 | CITY MuLL: |  |  |
| Clerk of the Inay Markel. | 12500 | Rent, firewood, and light .............................. | 27500 | 0 |
| Assistant ditto | 7500 | uetined allowasces: |  |  |
| Clirk, Place Viger Market. | 1000 | Jacques Viger ................ | 10000 | 0 |
| Overscer of Works .......... | 1000 | P. De 1 Boucherville. | 20000 | 0 |
| Messenger.................. | 8500 | M. Ribaud. | 3500 | 0 |
| Carried forward.................. $x$ | 298500 | $\boldsymbol{f}$ | 1028018 | 8 |

APPENDIX No. 4.
Debts duc by the Corporation of Montreal, 25th November, 1843.


ARTHUR ROSS, Treasurer.
$\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Cisy Hall, } \\ \text { Montreal, } \\ \text { 25th November, } 1843 .\end{array}\right\}$

The Speciǎ Committee to which were referred the Entries in the Journals of the Legislative Assembly, of the 5th October, 1842, relating to the Salmon Fisurries in the Inferior District of Gaspe', with an Instruction to continue the inquiry relative to the said Fisheries, have the honor to Rerort:-

Trist after a full and complete invosstigation of the subject referred to them by your Honorable House, with regard to which they have carefully oxamned and weighed the Evidence, given on many occasions, before Committees of the Assembly of Lower Carrada, to whom the same subject had been referred, and after having heard and exanined Evidence producod before your Committee, they have come to the following conclusions:--

That the Salmon Fisheries of the District of Gaspe were, at one time, a source of considerable wealth to the Province of Lower Canada, and to the District of Gaspé in particular.

That, at one time, 7000 tierces of Salmon were annually exported from the said District; but that, at the present day, the utmost quantity of Salmon taken within the said District did not amount to more than 500 barrels yearly.

That this decrease is solely nwing to the want of proper regulations which should be common to this Province and to the Province of New Brunswick, without the co-operation of the Legislature whereof, the regulations adopted by this Province for preventing practices utterly destructive of the Saimon Fishery, must always be unavailing, in consequence of the local position of the rivers and waters in which the said Fishery is carried on.

That it is therefore expedient, that an humble Address should be presented to the Governor General, praying His Excellency to appoint onc or more Commissioners to proceed to the River Ristigouche, and other places at which the said Fishories are carried on, in the said District of Gaspé, and there to obtain such information as may be requisite to enable the Legislature of this Province to frame proper enactments for preventing the destruction of the said Fisheries, and praying, also, that His Excellency will be pleased to communicate with the Government of New Brunswick, to the end that a Commissioner or Commissiuners may be appointed on behalf of that Province, to meet those appointed on behalf of this Province, so that the regulations which the said Commissioners shall find necessary, may be enacted by the Legislatures of New Brunswick and this Province, in their next Sessions, respectively, and thus become common to the two Provinces.

In all which your Connmittee respectfully desire the concurrence of your Honorable House.

jNO. R. HAMILTON,<br>Chairman.

1st December, 1843.

## Minutes of evidence.

Joun Rodinson Hamilton, Esquirc, in the Chair. Saturday, 28th October, 1813.

James McCracken, Esquire, called in; and examined;

1. What is your name, profession, and place of residence? -Jaines McCracken, Merchant, Cornwall, formerly Member for the County of Bonaventure.
2. Have you ever been engaged in the Salmon Fisheries?-1 resided for 16 or 17 years in Bonaventure, near the river Bonaventure, and am acquainted with the Salmon Fisheries in the District of Gaspé, and have been engaged in them.
3. Do you know how those Fisheries are carried on in the District of Gaspe?-The Fisheries on the Bonaventure river are carried on by means of stake nete, sewing nets, and various other ways. The indians follow them up the river and spear them-the Lumberers go up the rivers and draw with nets the several pools formed in the river, to which the Sal-,
mon resort until the time of spawning arrives. Another way which is practised, is by means of a net stretched completely across the stream, one canoe being at each end for the purpose of keeping the position, and allowing the net to drift down the river until it arrives at a convenient place, at which they draw it to shore and by that means sweep the river.
4. Can you state who are the principal persons engaged in the Salmon Tisheries in the Bay of Chaleurs and Ristigouche?-The persons who principally engaged in the Fisheries were Messrs. Ferguson, Thomas Busteed, Robert and John Adams, Robert Christie, Esq., M. P. P., Edward J. Mann before Mr. Christie. Adam Duncan, James and John D. Gerrard, Dr. Labillois, Pierre and Paul Poirrier, John Crooker, Samuel Gilker, Joseph Marr, Hyppolite Landry and $I$ also used to fish in the river Bo. naventure. When I say that Mr. Christie was en-gaged in the Salmon Pisheries, 1 mean that there is a. Fishery opposite the property he owned when I lived in the District, but whether carried on by his servants, or leased, I have no knowledge.
5. State whether the Fisheries in the Bay of Chaleurs and Ristigouche have decreased. The Eishe-
rics in the Bay of Challeur and Ristigouche have considerably decreased; firmerly there were as many as 5000 tierees of Salmon anmually exported, as 1 understood from Captain Pritchard, one of the most extencive deaters in his time. There are now about 4 or 500 Barrels annually taken in those places.
6. Can you assign a reason for such decrease ? One of the reasons I have assigned in my answor to the third Question. Another reason is, that when the old haw was in force'it was quite inoperative from the want of some person apprinted by law to edo it executed; prosons engraed in Salnon Fishories havine an immediate interest in dealing in them, forer their true interests and did not protect them. Another reason is, the Indians principally spear the Salmon at night with flambeaux, and frighten them from their spawning haunts. I do not mon to say that it is injurimes to the Fisheries to spear them in proper seatom, hat I moan that it is so to disturb them when they lawe rosorted to the rivers to anawn; and alse, another reamen is, that the Fishomen seine with small cuplin wets. at tho ${ }^{2}$ nouthe of the rivers, both for hait and manume for the hand, ame take an immense quantity of small Salmon which feed therc.
7. Can yon stato what quantity of Salmon was formery exprted fom the Jistruet of Gaspe, and what piantity is now exported! -I have already answered this question in my fifth answer.
8. Ino you comsiler that regulations properly enforced, would contribute to the increase of the Salmon Pisherios in the Jistrict of Gaspé?-I do most certainly.
9. Will you state what regulations would be ne-cessary?-i look upon the old law as a very gnod one if properly enforced. I consider that it would be useless to pass any regulations unless some person were appointed to see them enforeed; the ruvers are so far aptar that it would be inpossible for one ferson to attend to it; and I think it would be agood phan to have ati lnapector whose sole daty would be to see the requlations for the Fisheries rigidly erforced. with prower to appoint deputies at the several rivers.
10. Have you soen a Bill introduced info the House during the Susion of 1312 , intituled "An Act to regulate the Salmon Fisheries in the District of Graspe'? ${ }^{2}$ No.
11. Will you state your opinion on the several clauses of the said Bill, and assign the reasons on which rou fund such opinion?-Not having seen the Bili I can give no opinion.
12. Sheuld the clauses in the said Bill not be sufficient, will you state what other clanses you consider necesing for the protection and proservation of the Salmon lisheries?-I have alroady answered this question.
13. What size of net is used for killing Salmon in the rivers in the District, and what size do you consider onght to be used ? I am not prepared to answer this question, from the circumstance that the Fish resorting to the several rivers vary in size.
14. Is it common to catch Salmon when they are foul, that is in spawning season?-When I resided in the District it was contrary to law to do so, and as I was a Justice of the Peace they took care to conceal from me any violation of the law in that respect; but I am certain, and it was notorious in the Dist rict, that it was a common practice to catch and kill Salmon in the spawning season, and in fact at all times; they spear them also through the ice in
the Bonaventure, I understood, but I have never seen it mysclf, I speak only of the river Bonaventure.
15. Where do the Salmon resorting to the rivers ot the District spawn ?- Whey spawn generally on shallows in the rapids. "
16. Are there any weirs or dams that impede or present the ascent of the Salmon?-Not to my knowledge.
17. Are there any Saw Mills on the rivers, and are you of opinion that the sate-dust or slabs have any eflect in diminishing the quantity of fish? There is one Saw Mill on the Bonaventure ; one on the Ristigouche and one on the Matapediac; I cannot say whether the saw-dust or slabs diminish the quantity of fish.
18. Are the Merchants and Traders in tho habit of purehnsing foul fish, that is, fish killed during the spawning season, from the Indians, and what quantities are so purchased each soason?-I do not positively know, of nyy own knowledge, of the morehants dealing in fisis of that description, but 1 have no doubt in my own mind, and it was generally known in that part of the country that it was a common practicc.
19. If the punishment were fines, was any part of them giren to the informers? -I cannot possibly slate so, but I rather think that one-half went to the informer. [The Act having been consulted by the Committee, it was found that the moiety went to the informer.]
20. Which is the principal river for Salmon Fishorics in the Gaspó District? THe Ristigouche River.
21. How far was the place of your residence in Bonavonture from the Ristigouche, or the principal Salmon Fisheries in the same? - Fifty or sixty miles from the mouth of the Ristigrouche.
2.. Have you any particular knowledge of the mannor in which the Salmon fisheries are carried on in the Ristigrouche, and the extent of the same? -I have already answered that question in the 3d and 5th interrogatorics.
22. Is not the River Ristigouche conterminous common to the two Provincos of Canarla and New Brunswick?-Yes.
23. Do you know what are the regulations in force on the New Brunswick side of the Ristigouche relating to the Salmon Fisheries ?-I do not.
24. But there are regulations, however, on that subject ?-I understood that there were regulations.
25. Would any system of regulation, by the Legislature of Canada, affecting the Salmon Fisheries in that river, he oftective, unless corresponding regulations were also provided by New Brunswick?-I do not think they, would, and I believe it would be necessary to have an understanding between the two Provinces.
26. Is it not a subject of complaint, on both sides of the River, that no laws regulating the Salmon Fisheries thercin have been hitherto provided, in a manner corresponding to each other ?-I believe it has been a complaint that there have been no corresponding lawis between this Province and that of New Brunswick.
27. How far from Magoacha that is the mouth of the river Ristigouche do the scttlements extend up that river?-I have never been farther up the Ristigouche than the Matapediac river, about 30 miles from the Magoacha, it is partially settled for that distance, but I cannot say how far beyond that.
28. On which side is the Ristigouche most thickly settled. on the Canada or New Brunswick ?-It is most thickly settled on the New Bronswick; there are two towns on that side, Dalhousie and Campbell town.
29. Can you enumerate the several rivers in the Gaspé District begiming at Ristigouche and proceeding downwards to Gaspé Basin inclusively, and the dietanee between them? - First, Wist Nouvelle, the distance from the month of the Ristigourhe to which is two or three miles. Secont, tho Grand Cascapedia. distant twenty-five miles from the Nouvelle river. Thirel, the Little Cascapedia, distant from the Grand Cascapedia ahnut two miles. Fourlh. the Grand Bonaventure, distant from the Littlo Cascapedia abont twenty miles. Fifilh, East Nouvelle, distant from the Grand Bonaventure aboat sixteen miles. Sixth, Port Daniel, distant from Fast Nouvelle about twolve miles. Sevouth, Pab is, distant from Port Danielabouteighteen miles. Eighth Grand River, distant from Pahos nine miles. Ninhth, Malbaie, distant from Grand River twenty-five miles or thereabouts. Tenth, St. John near Douglasstnwn, distant from Malbaic River sixteen or cirgheen miles. There are two other rivers at the head of the Gaspé Bay, called the North-west and South-weşt branches, with which I am not acquainted ; as, also, several small rivers which I have not mentioned, the above are the principal ones.
30. All those are rivers up which the Salmon frcquenting those coasts, ascond during the fishing sea-son?-Yes.
31. Can yon also enumerate the principal rivers in that part of the Caspe District, extenting along the S. Lawrence, from Gaspe Bay to Cape Chat, or the Westernmest boundary of the District? First. Fox River, Grand Etang, Great Valley, Magdalen, Three Rivers, at Les Montes Louis, St. Anne, and the Cape Chat Rivers.
32. There are then besides the Ristigouche at least twenty considerable rivers discharging themselves into the Sea, along the coast of the Gaspe District ?-Yes, but with the eight last mentioned I am imperfectly acquainted.
33. Then your principal knowledge of those streams is confined to the Bonaventure upon which you say you resirled?-I an aequainted with the Bonavetfigre, the Cascapedia and Port Daniel Rivers.
34. Do you think the appointment of a Superintendent or Supervisor of Salmon Fisheries in that District would be conducive th the preservation of those Fisheries ?-I think it would be beneficial to the Salmon Fishing if some person were appointed whose duty it would be to protect the fisheries.
35. His duty would, probably, be considerable ? -Yes.
36. Do you think it would be necessary to authorize such an Officer. if appointed by law, to name Deputies for the different rivers you have enumerated ?-Yes.
37. How would you propose defraying the salaries or remuneration to that Officer and his Depa-ties?-I am not prepared to answer this question.
38. Where would you locate the Superintendant or Supervisor of Salinon Fisheries?-I would locate him at New Carlisle, because that will be the principal fishing station in the course of a fow years.

40, Is there any Salmon Fishery of any importance there or thereabout ?-No.
41. What then would he have to do at those places ?-I think, ultimately, the principal Salmon fishing will be carried on at the points on the coast, and not in the rivers; and that the loints of New Carlisle, Paspeliac and Maroacha appear to me to be the best stations, and besides Now Carlisle is the most central place between the main rivers.
42. That is to say at some future period; but there are no Salmon Fisheries of importance along the tract you mantion, at the present period requiring the suparision of such an officer? -There-are no Salmon Fisheries of any importance at peesent; but I am speaking of what I think will be in course of time.
43. Unrer what supervision then would you in the mean time place the Salmon Fisheries in the Ristigouche and other streasas you have mentioned? by consider I have already answered that question hy the deputics.
44. Is thare any such Officer in the Province of New lhrunswick or Nova Scotia?-I do not know; I have never heard of any.
45. Is thera any such Officer, to your knowledge, on the New Brunswick side of the Ristigouche? No, not to my linowlodge.
46. Do jou think the appointment of such an Oficer. on the Canada side of the Ristigouche, would be effective, unless there were also, on the Now Brunswick side, another such Officer, with corresponding powers -I think not; the same answer, with respect to the law, so far as regards Ilistigouche River.
47. But on the other rivers one Deputy-Supervisor, you think, would do ?-I think so.
43. What, in your estimation, would be a fair allowance or silary to such Supervisor, and to each of his deputies ?-I cannot say; the Custom House Offeer at New Cartisle has $£ 120$ a yoar, and I think the duties of Supervisor could be done for much less, and the deputics paid according to the importance of the river as a fishing station upon which they might be placed.
49. They must however be paid from some source or other-zithor from the Treasury of the Province or by local assessment?-Yos.
50. It is understood that much injury is done the Salmon Fisheries by Indians asconding the rivers and spearing at night by means of flambeaux; do you think that more deputies than one to each river would not be necessary to put down this evil? -One deputy to each river would suffice, except for the Ristigouche.
51. It is also said that much injury is done the Salmon Fisheries by the up river Settlers, by barring the rivers, sweeping the still waters and drifting; do you think Inspectors could remedy this?To a great extent on all the rivers, except the Ristigouche, with the upper part of which river I am not sufficiently acquainted to offer an opinion.


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52. Would it not be better to leave the suppres. sion of those and the like abuses to the Magistracy and local authorities interested in the preservation of the Salmon Fisheries?-That has been tried and has already failed.
53. To what do you attribute the failure?-1 think that no more interest is taken in the suppression of illegal modes resorted to for kitiling salimon than that taken by Merchants against smuggling; and it is better that some person should be appointed to protect the trade.
54. Look at the names on the paper now shewn ynu, and say how many of them are inthahitants of Canada and how many of New Brunswick ?-Two of these, Messrs. Busteed and Fraser, live on the Canada side, the others I believe live on the New Brunswick side of the Ristigroucle. But I do not know that they fishon the Canada sile.
55. Have not several persons at prevent Salom Fisheries in the Bay Chelems, and are not their Fisherics more prodictive every year. and do yon not consider that by regulations protecting th: Salmon when they resort to the rivers fire spawning, that these Fisheries would considerably invease and become a source of wealth to the bintriet of Gaspe? -I know that there are several Fitheries in the Bay Chaleurs; I cannot say, whe ther they are more productive now or not, having left the District Cor two years. I think that these Fishreries will hecome more considerable, and that there will berme killed than ever were killed in the rivers ly protecting the Salmon when they resort to the rivers for spawning, and ernsequently becone a source of walth to the listrict.
56. What is the breadth of the Ristigouche river opposite Bathousic and Campbellown, and do you consider that the river fishing on the Ristigouche commencel above those places, and that the Salmon could be destroyed in the manner you stated, bolow Dallousie and Campbelltown?-About two miles opposite ballomsin, and about half a mile opprosite Camphellown. Whe Salmon could not be destroyed in the manner 1 have stated below Dalhousie If the Sal mon can be protected when they resort to their spawning ground, and not be prevented from going there nurdisturbed when there, the Fisheries on the coast would considerally inerease.
57. Are you nt aware that the chicf remens why persons living in the upper part of the Ristigouche recorted to improper means for destroying Falmon, was. that those living below obstructed the river and harred it with their netts. and was wot that a general complaint in the Distriet of Gaspé I am not aware that that is the reason why perplo living above resorted to illegal modes of killing the fish ; but 1 have frequently beard of the complaint. against those that fivthed in the tode-way, of their barring the river or setting the netts too far into the channel.
58. Are there not many rivers that empty themselves into the Ristigouclio on the Canada side, and do not Salmon resort to the same during the spawning seasons? - Yes, there are several, but I only know the Matapodiac.
59. In the several answers you have given to the previous questions respeeting the Ristigouche, do you include all the rivers emptying themsolves into the Ristigouche, that is to say, do you menn by Ristignuche, the Ristigouche and its tributary rivers?-Yes.

Robert Christic, Esquire, a member of the Committec, and representing the County of Gaspe, being interrogated, answercd:-The Salmon Fisheries generally throughout Gaspé, may be considered as nearly destroyed, notwithstanding that the greatest attention has from time to time been given to the subject by the I egislature of Lower Canadn. No provisions hitherto made, have been found efficient, and none, he helieves, that can be devised will be found more stringent than those enacted in 1824, ( 1 Ceo. 4. C. 1.) which however proved a perfect frilure, and although amended by an $\Lambda$ ct in 1825 , (5 (i, , JV. c, 15.) and to which he refers the Committee, were unavailing. 'The Ristigouche, which is the prineipal river in the Gaspe Bistrict, and in whech, formerly. Salmon were abundant, runs between Lower Camada and New Brunswick, and being common to two Provinces is, with respect to the Sal. mon Fisherics carricd on in it, suhject in two different codes of Laws.- the one, on this side, affecting the fisheries and Inhabitants of Canada-the other those of New Brunswick; and, until there be an uniformity in this respect, the Laws of neither side can be effectually enforced. By the former of the Acts above mentioned, anthority was given to the Exccutive Governmeut to appoint Commissioners from Lover Canada to meet other Commissioners from New Brunswick, with a view of agreeing upon some uniform rules and regulations for the Salmon Fishories in the Ristigourhe, which being submitted to the respective Legislatures. might bo passed into Laws common to both Provinces. 'This, however, was never acted upon. but from what reason he dnes not know. I think the plan then proposed, a good onc. and an still of opinion that before LegisTating on the sulyect, something. of the kind ought to be adopted. There are several very intelligent and well edncated persons residing on cither side of the Ristigonche, who might with advantage to the public interests, and who, indeed. from the great interests which in this mator they have at stake, ought to be consulted before any Legislative enactment affecting them, is adopted. There is not on the table of the Assembly a single Petition on this subject. from any inhabitant of the District of Gaspe, athough the matter has been now agitated during threc Sessions surecessively, and athough a series of questions prepared last Session, was, by order of the House, forwarded during the recess, by the Clerk of the House, to a multitude of individuals residing in the listrict of Gaspis, concerned, or supposed to be concerned in the Gispe Salmon Fisherics. requesting information on this head,-not four answers have heren received. 'Two individuals,"and they not residines on the Ristigoudle but many leagues off. have semt unsatisfactory rephies to these guerics and although there is a paper: purporting to bo the proceodings of a public mecting of some eight or ten individuals residing on the Ristigouche. nuly two of them inhatitants of this Proomee. it does not throw sufficient light on the subject to guide the Cecrislature. The falling of in the Salmon Fitheries. in the Ristigonche and other rivers in the District of Gaspu, is attributable, chicfly I believe, to the Indians who ascend the rivers, and at improper scasons, destroy, by spearing, the Salmon in thoir spawning places, and in the noxt place, to the Lumberers up these rivers, and scattering settlors who have spuatted in remote points thercon, where the country is a wilderness, and who contribute, by improper practices, to the destruction of the Salinon. It is to be feared that no guards which it is in the power of the Legislature to set against those evils will be effectual. The miseliof to the Fisherics. by stationing stands of nets along than rivers in the fide wry, (i. c. the limits within which, in the Ristigouche and other civers, the tide flows and ebbs,) - is compratively nothing to the mischief allladed to. Ther'inhabitants and noighbours in the
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former case, are a chock upon each other, and public opinion gocs a great way to prevent abuscs. But not so up the rivers above the tide waters, and towards the sources of those streams. There a perfect license and disregard of all public opinion prevails, and all, heedliss of the result, join in the destruction of the Fish in order to gratify the necessity or the avarice of the mument. The appointment of a Superintendent or Supervisor of Salnon Pisheries, as contemplated by the Bill under consideration, I am of opinion, would, besides entailing upon the inhabitants or upon the 'Treasury of the Province an unnecessary burden for a salary and allowances to that officer, andhis deputies, be wholly unavailing. A Superintendent, in case of a dispute bet weenneighbor andncighbour, on the tide-way, couldindeed, with advantage, be appoaled to occasionally; but the number of cases in which such appenls would be likely to be made, would. in all probability, be so few and unimportant, as not to justify an outlay of public money for a salary to an officer of this description; and the inhabitants are too poor to be taxed for such a charge. But with respect to the abuses alluded to, carried on up the several rivers throughout the District. they woud absolutely be beyond the reach of any Superintendent or Superintendents that might be named. for the purpose, however vigilant they might be. It would be necessary to have a Superintendent at every settler's door, night and day, and upon every Indian or laphand canoe passing up and down the rivers. Theste are, it is true, the abuses which most of all interfore with, and in fact destroy the Salmon Fisheries, and therefore the most desirable to be put down; yet the most difficult of all to be remedied, if not absolutely irremediable, which I fear they are. I an, however, willing to give the matter the fullest consideration, but as the first and indispensable step towards the devising of a remedy for those evils. I am of opinion that the more intelligent inhabitants of the District, particularly of the Ristigouche, should have an opportunity of giving their views on the subject, and for that purpose to be consulted on the spot. I would therefore recommend, that, for the present, all legislation with respect to the Salmon Fisheries be suspended. That His Excellency the Governor General be requested, by an humble address. to communicate with the Government of New Brunswick, in order that three or more persons, residing on the Ristigouche, be appointed on the part of cither Province, to meet and devise measures, common to the inhabitants of both sides of the river, to prevent those abuses in future. The result of their enquiries and deliberations to be laid before the Legislature. 'This might be done at very trifling expense, and, being done by those most interested in those Fisheries, and in preventing the alouses by which they are destroyed, would no roubt be satisfactory to all concerned. But to legislate at prosent, with the little information there is before the House would be to legislate in the dark. The eleventh clause of the Act 4 and 5 Viet., Ch. 30, regulating the Fisheries on the District of Gaspe, enacis that all main chamels and water-courses, in the several rivers in that District, be left open and unobstructed to Salmon ascending the same. This has been the law for years past. and is all that can be done for the prescnt. There is mother abuse that ought to be romedied whonever the Legislature shall again take up the subject. The inhabitants who reside on the tide way, and havo the privilege of setting their Salmon nets or stands opposite their respective lots in the Ristigouche, frequently sustain very serious injury and losses by the lumberers or raftsmen wantonly passing through thoir fishing stands and nets, carrying away and destroying the sameSome summary redress ought in this case to be afforded.

Mr. Pierre Poirrier, Farmer, residing at Bonaventure, having been interrogated, answered':For thirty years past I have been engaged in fishing for Salmon, with standing nets, in the river Bonaventure. I do not know how this Fishery is conducted in the District of Quebec. I cannot name the persons who are engaged in this Fishery in the Ristigouche. There are several who keep nets stretched, and a great number of Indians who fish with harpoons and spears; it is the same at Cascapediac. When I commenced fishing for Salmon in the river, I took from twenty-five to thirty barrels each season. and at present, with the same extent of nets, I take from one to two barrels; and it is the same at Cascapediac and at Ristigouche. I cannot nssign to you the cause of such a diminution. I cannot tell you what quantity of Salmon was formerly exported from the District of Gaspé, but there was much more exported than at present. I believe that ly establishing proner regulations, the Salmon lishory in the District of Gaspe might be increased. It would be necessary that after the 15th July, no one should he allowed to stretch Salmon nets, nor to purchase Salnon from the Indians; and to prevent that, there should be a fiue. I have not seen any Bill which has passed the House; wo farmers do not see any; it is the lawyers, and such like, who receive them, I suppose. It would be necessary. also, that no one should be allowed to fish with seines in the harbours or in the rivers of the snid District, under a penalty; bocause it is proveable that this practice destroys a great quantity of Trout and small Salmon. The size of the nets is from st to 7 inches, the mosh. I know of no weirs or dams which could prevent Salmon from ascending the river. The Indians say that they have found dead Trout, and that there was sawdust in their bellics.

Mr. IIcnry O'Hurc, of Gaspé Basin, examined :-

1. Have you evecr been engaged in the Salmon Fishorics?-I have never been engaged in the Salmon Fisherics to any considerable extent.
2. Do you know how those Fisheries are carried on in the District of Gaspe?-I know that Salmon Fisheries in the rivers in Gaspé Bay, are carried on in a most destructive manner, by barring the rivors in many places, so as to prevent the Salmon from renchurg their spawning places, and pursuing the few that reach theso places, with flambeaux and spear.
3. Can you state who are the principal persons engaged in the Salmon Fisheries in the Bay of Chateurs and Ristigouche? -I believe Robert Fergusou and Thomas Busteed. Esquires, are the principal Salmon Fishers in Ristigouche; many others are engaged thercin, but less extensively.
4. State whether the Fisheries in the Bay of Chilcurs and Ristigouche have decreased?-The Salmon Fishories have of late years decreased in the Ristigouche, and "also in the smaller rivers in the District, at least two-thirds.
5. Can you assign a reason for such decrease ? I consider the cause of the decrease to be owing, in part, to the improper mode of fishing, by barring the principal channel with nets, and partly to the Indians killing the salmon in their spawning reccsses.
6. Can you state what quantity of salmon was formerly exported from the District of Gaspe, and what quantity is now exported?-I cannot say, the principal part of the salmon caught in the Ristigouche being exported from the New Brunswick side of that river.

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7. Do you consider that regulations properly enforced would contribute to the increase of the Sahon Pisheries in the District of Gaspé ?-I think it more than prohable that it would.
8. Will you state what regulations would be necessary ? - l would propose thint half the channels, or doepest water, be left open and frec from obsstruction in every river throughout the District. edly, That no nets be allowed to be set above the tide-way in each river. 3dly, That the several stands of nets be not less than two hundred and fifty yards apart, whether in the rivers or along the seashore. thlily, That the fishery end on the 15 th day of July of each yoar, and all nets to be taken up immediately after, under a penalty. othly, After that period, in persion to purchase salmon from the Indians, under a severe penalty. I consider that such regulations, duly enforeed, would tend greaty10 restore the Samon Fishory in this District. . I would also recommend the prohibiting the setting of nets or hanling of scines. for taking of trout in the several rivers in the District, the former from the lst day of August to the list day of November. and the later al all times. The practice of netting and scining this useful winter fish, has nearly annihilated the breed.
9. Have you sern a Bill introduced into the Ilouse durinis the Sussion of 1842 , intituled, "An Act to requlate the Salinon Fisheries in the District of Gaspe"? -I have not seen the bill alluded to in this guestion'
10. What size of net is used for killing salmon in the rivers in the bistritt and what size do you consider ought to be used - The nots in general use fir taking salum are it? inch meah, which I consider rube a proper mesh for that purpose.
11. Is it common to catel salmon when they are foul, that is in the spawning season?-lt is too com. mon for both Whites and Indians to do so, to the dentruction of the Fishery.
12. Where do the Salmon resorting to the rivers of the District spawn?-The Salmon's spawning places are deep holes in the sevemal rivers. but not sufficiently deep to preserve them from either net or spear, mad are in most rivers at a great distance from the Sea.
13. Are there any weirs or dams that impede or prevent the aseent of the Salmon?-There are neither weirs nor dams, nor any other obstruction (nets cscepted, to impede the Salmon in their ascending the sereral rivers in the County of Gaspe, nor do 1 hnow of any on the Ristigouche.
14. Are there any Saw-Mills on the rivers; and are you of opinion that the saw-dust or slals have; any effect in diminishing the quantity of Fish?There are Saw-Mills on several small streams which discharge their waters into the Ristigouche and Matapediac. The Saw-Mills in this County are, crected on strcams discharging into Gaspé Bay. I am of opinion that saw-dust tends to prevent the Salmon from ascendicg the rivers to their spawning recesses ; but not in so great a degree as do the rafts of timber, which from their extreme whiteness, and the depth of water they occupy, frighten the Salmon and turns them back.
15. Arc the Morchants and Traders in the habit of purchasing foul fish, that is; fish killed during the spawning season, from the Indians, and what quanities are so purchased each season?-The Merchants and Traders are in the praetice of purchasing Salmon from both whites and Indians as
long as their colour admits of their being salcable, to the destruction of the fishery. Another pernicious practice is the catching, in the spring, the fow Salmon that have remained in the rivers during the winter, whilc on their way to the sea.

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The Chairman laid before the Committee the following letters reccived by him :-

Ristigouche, 6th October, 1843.
Sir,
I am requested by the persons chicfly interested in the Salmon Fisheries on the Ristigouche, to forward to you, as their Representative, herewith a copy of the Salmon Fishery Bill, introduced by you last Scssion of the House, with their remarks on the margin, adopted at a meeting hold at l'oint a Bourdeaux, on the 5 th ins tant, to which 1 an requested to call your particular attention, and to request that you would use your influence to have the same adopted in the place of those parts of said bill scored out.

In addition to said Bill, the meeting rocommend that a clause be introduced to authorize the Magistrates in Quarter Sossions to make regalations for the Fisheries, tho same as in New Brunswick; and also that a section be introduced to make ralts of timber liable for damages done by the same to Salmon uets. It is a very common thing for lunbermen to leave rafts on the Islands at the head of the tide waters of the Ristigouche, from whence they float down the river wihhout any person on them, and do great damage to the nets. The meeting is decidedly of opinion that no person should be allowed to kill Salmon during the spawning season or close time, let him be Indian, or any other person.

The liver being the division line between the Provinces of New Brunswick and Canada, it is most desirable, for the protection and preservation of the Salmon, that the laws regulating the same should be similar in both Provinces, so far as regards the River, and the penalties should also be alike.

It is anticipated that much good will result from the appointment of an Inspector of Fishories on the Ristigouchic, as proposed in the first clause of your Bill.

With these remarks on the subject, I beg to leave the matter in your hands, and subscribe myself, Sir,

Your most obed. Scrvant,

## A. FURNSON.

J. R. IIamilton, Esquirc, M. P. P., Kingston, Canada.

At a mecting of the persons chiefly interested in the Salmon Fisheri ' on the Ristigouche, held at Point it Buardon, on Thursday tho Eth day of October, 1843, for the purpose of taking into consideration the Bill, introduced into the House of Assembly, last Session, by Mr. Haniilton, for regulating the Salmon Fisherics in the District of Gaspé.

## Thomas Busmed, Esquire, in the Chair.

A. Furnson, Esquire, acted as Socretary,

The phove named Bill for regulating the Salmon Fisheries in the District of Gaspé, having been read,

Appendix and being maturely considered, it was Resolved (L. L.) unanimously,-That a copy of the said Bill be forwarded to J. R. Hamilton and R. Christic, Esquires, Members of the Districts of Bonaventure and Gaspé, respectively, with remarks written on the
margin; and that they be requested to use their influence to have the said remarks adopted as part and parcel of the Bill.

## THOMAS BUSTEED, Chairman.

Ristigouche, 13th October, 1843.
Sik,
I had the honor of adderessing yout. last week, on the sulject of the Salmon Fishery in this River, with a copy of the Bill introduced by you last year, as also copics of the Resolutions adopted at a mecting held on the 5 th instant, suggesting some few alterations, by way of amendment, to the said Bill; and now beg to hand you herewith copies of the questions, pit ly the Clerk of the $\Lambda$ ssembly. to such persons as were engaged in the Salmon Fisherics, in which are subjined the answers to the said queries by the Fishermen on the Ristigouche, which I trust, may assist in framing such laws as may be necessary for the protection and preservation of so valuable a fish as the Salmon, the take of which has sn materially fallon off, of late years.

> With rospect, I am, Sir,
> Your obedient servant,

## A FURNSON.

J. R. Hamilton, Esquire, M.P.P.,

Kingston, Canada,
legislative Assembly,
Phursday, 6th October, 1842.
Orderen,--That the following Questions be forwarded, by the Clerk of the House, to such persons as are engayed in the Salmon Fisheries and interested in them :-

1st.-What ss your name, profession and place of $^{\text {a }}$ residence.
*2nd-Have you cver been engaged in the Salmon Fisheries?

3rd.-Do ynu know how those Fisheries are carrice on in the District of Gaspé ?

4th.-Can you state who are the principal persons engaged in the Salmon Fisheries in the Bay of Chaleurs and Ristigouche?
*5th.-State whether the Fisheries in the Bay of Chaleurs and Ristigouche have decreased?

6ith.-Can you assign a reason for such a decreasc?
7h.-Can you state what quantity of Saimon was formerly expoited from the District of Gaspe, and what quantity is now exported?
8th.-Do you consider that regulations, properly enforced; would contribute to the increase of the Salmon Fisheries in the District of Gaspe.
oth.-Will you state what regulations would be

10th.-Have you scen a Bill, introduced into the House during the Session of 1842, intituled "An Act to regulate the Salmon Fisheries in the District of Gaspe.'.

11th.-Will you state your opinion on the several clauses of the said Bill, and assign the reasons on which you found such opinion?

12th.-Should the clauses in the said Bill not be sufficient, will you state what other clauses you consider necessary for the protection and preservation of the Salinon Fisheries?

13th.-What size of net is used for killing Salmon in the livers in the District, and what size do you consider ought to be used?

14th.-Is it common to catch Salmon when they are foul, that is in the spawning season?
15th.-Where do the Salmon, resorting to the rivers of the District, spawn?

16th,-Are there any weirs or dams that impede or prevent the ascent of the Salmon?

17th.-Are there any Saw-Mills on the rivers, and are you of opinion that the saw-dust or slabs have any effect in diminishing the quantity of Fish?

18th.-Are the Merchants and Traders in the habit of purchasing foul fish, that is, fish killed during the spawning season, from the Indiàns, and what quantities are so purchased each senson.

Ansuers to the forrgroing Questions forvarled by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly relative to the Sulmon Fisheries-as regards Ristigouche.

5th.-The Salmon Fisheries on the river Ristigouche have very much decreased of late years.

Gth.-The principal cause of the decrease of the Salmon on the Ristigouche, is the spearing of Salmon in the timo of spawning by the Indians. Lumberers, and other Settlers up the numerous branches of the river, and the sweeping the river with drift or sweep nets, both during the time of Salmon fish. ing, but particularly during tho spawning scason.

7th-No; but have understood that formerly there were thousands of barrels exported, whereas there are but few hundreds of late ycars.

## 8th.-Yes.

9th, 10th, 11th, 12th.-We have seen the Bill introduccd into the llouse during the Session of 1842. intituled, "An Aot to regulate the Salmon Fisheries in the District of Gaspe," and have examined the same; and we have suggested some amendments thoreto, and other two additional clauses.

13th.-The size of mosh is $6 \frac{1}{2}$ to 7 inches, average 69 inches. The nets are gonerally made 7 inches, but shrink, from the effocts of the bark in tanning, and by being in the water, to less than 0 inches. Fishermen have no desire to have their nets less than 61 to 7 inches.

14th.-It is very common to kill Salmon when they are foul, that is, in spawning season.' The ln dians, Lumberers and Settlers spear Salmon up the several branches of the river during the spawning. season, which, together with the drift nets, tends,

18th.--The quantity of foul fish that is killed during the spmuning season must be inconsiderable as regards trate ; but very considerable as respects the destruction of Salmon.
P. S.-The laws for the protection of the Salmon. and for regnlating the fishing therenf, should , he similar on each side the river Ristignuche, or as nearly so as practicable, to wit: in Canarla East and New Brunswick: and both Governupnts should runite in enforcing the laws for the protection of the Nalmon in the said river, which, if properly protectfel. would hecome a source of very considerable IRevenue to beth Provinces.

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15th.-The Salmon resorting to the river Ristigouche spawn on the shoals or rapids, from the head of the tide upwards, on the main river, and on its several branches.

16th.-There is but one Saw Mill in operation above the head of the tide, and we are not of the opinion that any bad effects arise from the saw-rlust; but as regards slabs, we are of opinion that they sink and destroy the channels of the river, and no doult interfere with the Salmon in their spawning recesses.

Tue Smiser Coumitree appointed to take into consideration the system of granting Indin Iands in the Nafaba and Gore Distriets, have the honer to Report:-

That they enteral upon an Inquiry into the subject referred to them, and in pursuance therenf, took Evidence in relation to the same; but from the tine necessarily occupied in collecting information, and other reasons, your Committee are unable to enme to any decision during the present Session, and therefore beg leave to leport the Evidence without comment thereon.
D. THOMPSON, Chairmar.
December 4th. 1843.
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## minutes of evidence.

## David Thompson, Esquire, in the Chair.

Tuesday, 31st Octuber, 1843.
Stamuel P. Jurcis, Esquire, Chicf Superintendent of Indian Aftairs, called in, and examined :

1. Look at the Plan of the Town Plot of Iurliana, now before son, and state by what authority a Curther wesorvation has been reconmended to br made? - In consequene of repeated applications and enen. plaints made be persens residing on the Grand River, the sulject was laid before the Governor in Council. I was directed by an Order of the Faecative Council. to procuro the surrender of all the Lands on the: Grand River, not actually required for the Inrbans: after that was done, I was direeted to have these hatels sursered, insperted, and valued. The sursey was made under the direction of the Survecor Gemeral. I appointed one persun, in entumetion'with the Deputy Provinciai Surveror. to survey and inspert the hands. Mr. Kirkpatrick was he Surveyor and Valualor, in conjunction, at frst with Mr. Rohert Wells. Civil Engimenr, and afterwards. on Mr. Wells' health failing him. with Mr. Brough, also a Civil Engincer. I deliver to the Conmittec a copy of my Instructions to those gentlemen. (Appensix No. 1). These Valuators were required to make return under oath, which they did. On receiving it, I imnodiately sent it down to the Executive Council for their approval; and it received the approval of the Governor and Executive Council, which approval is the authority for this reservation.
2. What experience has Mr. Wolls had in the valuation of lands?-The same experience that any other intelligent man would have had with his edueation, who has bren born and educated in the comtry, and has resided herc.
3. Has ho been ${ }^{-a}$ dealer in lands? -Not that I am aware of.
4. Do you consider Mr. Kirkpatrick a man of sufficient experienee for that work?-I think there is no man in the country better qualified.
5. What is Mr. Brough's experience as to tho ratuation of lands?-1 know no further than that he is a Deputy Prosincial Surveyor, and has been employed by the Surveyor Ceneral ; he has, to my knowledge, been two years in the country.
6. What was the expense attending the survey. inspection atry valuation of that portion of these lauts on the morth side of the Grand River?-Es0s 1.5. ©id. I ihant that, inchurling the Townships of Tunn and Cayuga, the quantity of land on that side is from 80,000 to 100,000 acres.
7. How many lots have been conveyed by the Grand ilver Navigation Company at Indiana. Datn No. 1, York, Scueca, aud Dam No. 5 ?-I must refer the Committee to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for this information.

Tho Honorable Riclurd A. Tucker, Registrar of the Provinee, called in ; and produced the original manuscript copy of an Act, intituled, "An Act for "imposing a tax on Lands adjoining Canboro' and "Simcoc Road," which was passed by the two Hou-
ses of the Legislature of Upper Canada, in 1834; and being reserved by His Excellency the Licutenant Governor, received the Royal Assent in 1835 ; which Act was promulgated by Proclamation bearing date the 29th September, 1835, and published in the Upper Canada Gazette of 8th October, 1835. He also stated that, ly an unaccountable omission, the said Act had never appeared on the Statute.Brok. and handed to the Committee a certilicd copy thereof. (Appendix No. 2.)

## Thursday, 9 th November, 1843.

The IIonorable Francis IIineks, Inspector General of Accounts, and a Momber of the House, called in ; and examincel:-
8. Do you consider it advisable to make further rescrvations in the several Town Plots on the Grand River?-I am opposed, on principle, to all reservations. I understand that it was thought advisable for the interest of the Indians, as well as to promote the settlement of the country, that the Indian Reservations on the Grand River, should bo surrendered to the Crown. for the purpose of being sold; I think, therofore, that they ought to be sild at their present value, and should be eonsidered precisely in the same light as if they were the property of any private individual. If, therefore, it should be thought advisable for the interest of the Indians that any portion of their lands should be withhold from sale tor the purpose of sjeculation, those ought, in my opinion, to be taxed according to their value, like the lands of any other individual.
9. Is it your opinion that the valuation placed on the Indian Lands by the Government, is just and reasonable?-I belicve that the valuation put upon the Indian Lands is in accordance with a Report from Surveyors appointed by the Government, and whose valuations were made upon oath. I have no reason to doubt its correctness, but I have always been of opinion that in order to ascertain the value of Indian Lands, it would have been advisable to have sold by auction a certain portion of the lands not located in the vicinity of those lands which were occupied, in order to ascertain the real value of the occupied lands, when in a wild state.
10. Do you think it conducive to the interest of all concerned to make an appropriation from the Indian funds equivalent to local taxation?-I oer. tainly think that if any Indian Lands are withheld from sale for the purpose of obtaining a ligher price at a futare day than their present value, they ought to pay their share of taxation, just as the lands of any other individual.
11. Would it be expedient to place a special Agent on those lands?-I think it would be desirable to have an Agent resident at some central place on the Grand River tract, who should have power to settle finally with applicants for land.
12. In conformity to your principle, do you think it would be for the mutual interest of the Indians and the public, to sell those reservations by auction as soon as practicable?-1 think the true principle of selling lands of all kinds is to bring. them into market by public auction, at an upset price, and after having been exposed to public competition at auction, that any individual gring to the Agent should be able to make purchase. This principle has been adopted in the United States, and has been found eminently successful. It prevents the possibility of fraud, ard enables the public to make purchases of land without any inconvenience. I think that there should be as few Town Reservations as possible, and that
they should not be large. I think that the laying out of Villages and Towns should be left as much as possible to individual enterprize. Where it is thought necossary to make Town Reservations, I think the sale should be by Town and Park Lots, the upset price of which should be fixed low.
13. You have seen the Grand River; how nigh to Cayuga ought the next Town Plot to be placed, upwards?-I would say generally, I do not approve of the policy of making a number of Town Rescrvations on the Grand liver, with a view to future profit, as these restrictions have a tendency to check the enterprize of individuals.
14. How much land, if any, ought to have been reserved at Indiana, York, Dam No. 3, Seneca, Caledonia, and Dam No. 5, respectively?-I do not think there is any probability of the Villages referred to becoming 'Towns of any jmportance. I cannot give an opinion as to the quantity of land that shonld be reserved, but I think that taxation upon snch lands would be a sufficient check upon improper reservations.
15. Do you think that the lands on the Grand River belonging to the Indians, should be sold by public auction at an upset price, without reference to the demand; by which means larger tracts of land would get into the hands of individuals, whose speculations would be morc injurious to the public than those in the hands of tho Government for the bonefit of those Indians? -I think that the lands on the Grand River, not occupied, should all be brought into market by public auction, at an upset price. The taxation which the purchasers would be subject to. will, in my opinion, bo found quite a sufficient check to improper speculation.
16. When Indian Lands, cither in town or park lots, are open for sale, and remain unsold only for want of purchasers, would you have them taxed in that case ?-I would, in case their not having purchasers arose from ton high a price being put upon them. I would in every case tax town lots.
17. Do not these Reservations retard the settlement of other lands? -I think so, most decidedly.
18. Supposing that some of the town and park lots, of an average value, should be sold at auction, and the price they would bring should be the upset price at which all other lots similarly situated were to be immediately open for sale, would you in that case submit them to taxation while awaiting purchasers? - I consider that all town and park lots are Reservations made with a view to profit, and so considering them, I would not exempt them from taxation under any circumstances.

Friday, 10th November, 1843.
Mr. Thomas Lester, of Indiana, on the Grand River, called in and examined:-
19. Do you consider it advisable to make further Reservations in the several town plots on the Grand River ?-I do.
20. Is it your opinion that the valuation placed on the Indian Lands is just and reasonable?-According to what I have understood of jt, I think there is no reason to complain of the valuation.
21. Do you think it conducive to the interest of all toncerned to make an appropriation from the Indian Funds equivalent to local taxation?-I do

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not think the Indian Lands should be taxed while remaining in possession of the Indians, that is to say, while they remain in abeyance for sale.
22. Would it be expedient to place a special Agent on those lands?-I think it would.
23. Do you reside on the Grand River?-Yes, at Indiana.
24. Ifow long have you resided there? More than six years.
25. What is your occupation?-1 have a saw mill. and my principal occupation is lumbering.
26. Do you own any land there?-I live upon the Indian Reserve, and own a small quantity of leeded land in the neighborhood.
97. Are you desirons of purchasing any of the Indian Lands?-Yes, about 200 acres.
28. Wo you know the value placed by the Commissioners on the land you wish to decupy?-Yes, one hot of about 100 acres, is 27 s . Gd., per acre, the other is 25 s .
29. Do you consider that a reasonable price, and are you prepared to purchase the land on those terms?-Yes.
30. Are you aware that it is intended to lay ont in town and park Ints, an additional Reservation in the neighborthod of Indiana; and in that case would you consider it fair for the interst of the Indians that that extent of land should be sold at the common valuation price of farm lots in the vicin-ity!- $\Gamma$ an aware of the intended Reservation, and think it would not be fair to sell it at the price of farm lots.
31. What difference would you make in the price. and what ought. in your opinion, to be the price of a lot of one acre in an average situation in that Re-servation?-I think the price should not be less than $£ 5$; the farm lots being 25s. to 27s. Gd. per acre.
32. Supposing that Reservation was to he sold in a block, or in large parcels, would it bring as much at the present time, as if it were divided into park and town lots?-I think not; it would bring more if divided into small lots.
33. If that additional Reservation were now divided and pat up for sale at the price mentinned hy you as an aucrige. do you think there would be many purchasers? -Thore would be a few at the present time, but it would require time tu eflect sales of the whole; it might. perhaps, be sold in a block at a reduced price.
34. What would that reduced price probably be? -I cannot say. A portion of the 200 acres which I an seeking to obtain is included in that reservation, and I would be disposed to pay for that part at the advanced price.
35. Are not clains set up to those lots by Joseph Young? -Yes.
36. Is the valuation placed thereon to have reference to Mr. Young's improvements?-No.
37. What difference is there in value between the lands you are desirous of obtaining, and the lands below the Village of York? -I think there is not much difference.
38. What would be the difference in the value of the lands from the Nelles Settlement to within half a mile of Scneca ?-I think little or none.
39. Who owns the improvements upon these lands?-Mr. Baines nowns the lowermost, Peter Young, the next, Mr. Jackson the next, \&c.
40. When was Indiana located?-Some time before I came there, which was six years ago.
41. What extent of land does the original Reserve comprise ?-1 think between 50 and 100 acres.
42. What was the inducement for penple to settle there?-The first settlers were induced by the water privileges.
43. Supposing there was no water power there, what would keep up the Village? -The settlement of the country.
44. Would not a Village be as likely, in that case. to grow up in any other part of the country?-1 think not.
45. Is there water sufficient to justify the Company in leasing more water power than is at present used ?-At present there is no surplus water.
46. When Cayuga becomes the County Town. will it affect the prosperity of Indiana? -I cannot say.
47. Did you exor know eight towns, placed within a distance of nine miles, all to prosper, and if so, in what instance? -I never knew a case of the kind.
48. Suppose the Indian tract to be valued at $£ 1$ per acre, how long do you think it would tako to dispose of the whole? Within seven or eight years.
40. Suppose they were valued at 15 s , per acre, how long would it take to dispose of the whole? Perhaps two or three years less.
50. Would it, in your opinion, be advisable, as fir as the interest of the Indians is concerned, to sell oft those Reservations now, or to hold them up for a certain time ? -l think it woukd be more for the advantage of the Indians to hold them up for a time.
51. Have you heard any complaints of the system of managing the Indian Lands?-1 have heard no complaints of mismanagement; some complain that the present price of the lots is ton high. Whether they bad reason for complaining or not, $I$ cannot say.
52. Arc you speaking of the lands at Indiana ?I include those lands as well as others.
53. Are the lands at Indiana in many hands or feve - The lands around the Village are in a very fow hands.
54. Are they well settled and cultivated ?-Pretty well ; there are improvements made by, the Indians, which are now acquired by persons who reside thercon, the principal of whom are Messrs. Thompson and Young.
55. Has the occupancy of thesc lands by Mr. Thompson and others retarded the improveinent of the Village ?-I think it has.
56. Does their, occupancy interfere with the desire of others to obtain lands therein?-Yes, I think so.

James Little. Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, called in ; and examined :-
57. Ought the old or naw surveys of land adjoining the Hamilton and Port Dover Road line to prevail?-With respect to the lots fronting this road, I apprehend there is no complaint made, is the now survey was allowed, and the lots are now nearly as originally settled on ; the only exception to this, is an attempt made by the present heal of the Indian Department to deprive cortain individuals of about 700 or 800 acres of land, where the bridge now crosses the river, but which. I am sure, when the Government are put in possossion of the facts, will not, for a moment, be permitted. The settlors on the lots butting those first romarked, have, at a great sacrifice, accomnodated themselves to the new survey; but the remainder of the tract is in such a state of confusion as to render it absolutely necessary for the appointment of a Commission to settle the conflicting claims of the occupants, as, unfortunately, no regard was paid to the manner in which the lands had been located when the new survey was made.
58. What is the expense, per lot, for surveying? -I cannot tell.
59. By whom were the Townships valued; what was their experience ?-. The Townships in the Niagara and the two adjuining Townships in the Gore District, were being valued by Mr. Kirkpatrick, Land Surveyor, and Mr. Wells, a young man who, I have been informed, is a Lawyer in Toronto, until the latter genteman took sick, and a Mr. Brough. who is very recently arrived from Ireland, supplied his placo; these gentemen may be very competent in their own vocations, but utterly disqualified for this. The lands about Brantford are being valued by a Mr. Bain, who is the Collector of Indian Timber Licenses, under Major Winnett, of the Indian Department, at Brantford ; of his qualifications I am not able to say, but I think. upon the whole, that a selection from the old settlers of the country, who understand the habour and hardships attending new settloments, as woll as the properties and peciliarities of soil, would have been much preferable.
60. What was the cost per lot, or otherwise, of said valuation?-l canmot tell : but, judging from the time ocenpied, which is about one and a half years, and only about one-half of the landz yot returned to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, the cost must have been as great as it has been unneces. sary and prejudicial.
61. Is it not the practice in surveying, to take field notes, and if so, then could not the valuation be propeily made from thoso notes? -I believe the practice of taking field-notes, does in all such case: prevail, and; as I suggested long since to the Government, a mass valuation could easily have been made from these notes, without going into the absurd investigation to ascortain a difference of 1 s . 31. per acre, in the valuation of lots, which is but guess work at bost. I proposed, besides, that-three classes should be made, viz: : the front lots at 4 per acre ; socond front tier of lots in rear of front, at $\$ 3$ per acre, and all the remainder at $\$ 2$ por aore, in the Niagara District. Those in the Gore District are a better description of lands, and should be valued higher. Had this plan been adopted, and the lands surveyed as settled on, the Govornment would have been relieved from a great deal of trouble, which the adoption of a different course has
entailed on them: the lands would have been in market eightcen months ago; their settlement facilitated; the Indians been placed in the receipt of means to save them from starvation, and the front occupiers been placed iu as favourable a position as those who may purchase five years hence; and I contond they are not, unless a yearly valuation takes place, increasing the price in proportion to the increased valuc which the improvements of the settlers will give the unoccupied portion.
62. Would it be equitable or just that these lands shumld be subject to taxation for roads or otherwise ?-It appears to me there em be but one opinion on this subject, and I would say yes, clecidedly; innsmitheh as the making of roarts and bridges must facilitate the settlement of their own lands. The Canarla Company find it advantagcous and necossary to expend lirge sums in this manner ; the public tax themselves for their own interests for the same purpose; and what is considered wise and gool for them, cannot be prejudicial to the Indiana in like circumstances.
63. What effect upon the sottlement as to schools, roals and bridges, \&en. has the holding of this Reservation, at over its nominal value?-If it is intended by this question to ask if the lands are held at such a prico as to preclurde their purchase and settloment, how will it affect schools, and roads, and bridges, I would answor most serionsly, unless they are taxed. The Niagara District Council made a bye-law, that taxes for' Township purposes should be expende | where raised- the consequence is, we have no wild land tax, cxcept what is raised from the few who have got deots for their Brant leases.
61. What effect has it on the Inrlian funds?The effect will, of course, be, if the lands are held above their valuc. there will bo no funds except what will be extorted from those who are already settlors, and who cannot move. for it is fortunate for others desirous of settling. that there aro great inducoments to locate elsewherc. in hoalthy situations, which this cannot be called; for I fully bolieve, a stranger cannot settle on the river, and pass the second season without finding himself penniless and wasted, by sickness, extending to every member of his family, of fevers and fover and aguc. I have known no exception. The valuators themselves have not been exempt. The Indian Lands would have sold higher twolve yenrs ago, and by not selling them the Indians have lost the value of their whole territory, calculating intercst in the ordinary business way. It would be well, in such cases, tho calculation of interost was better understood.
65. Would it be advisable or not, that an Agent should bo appointoll to reside upon such Reservation. fir the disposal of said lands, under instructions from the Commissioners?- It would be advisable to establish one Agent on the spot, where the settlers could conveniently transact all land business; it would be a mist serions tax of time and money on the poor settlers to bo necessitated to go to Ningara: it is at all times choaper and more convenient to go even to T'o onto from the river.
66. What has boen the realt of Town Plots Reservations by Govornment, contrasted with thosa by individuals? -As far as I have had opportunity of judging, individuals have more than successfully competed with the Government or Company, even under very disadvantageous circumstances, and worse locations, and I blieve this is generally concoded. The reason is obvious; the Governntent or Stock Companies cannot take that intercst an individual will, to dispose of such property; they will take his money, if he has any, and there leave him;
if he has no money, they don't wart him. An individual, on the other hand, is avare that his own interest lies in holding out every inducement and giving every encouragemant to the settlers, by tak. ing labour for payment. giving eredit fur buikting materials. and euploying his own capital and time in the crection of nachinery, where that can bo done and in every way he finds it his advmage to forward the interest of the settler. Busides, Gio vermment ought never to stoup to this fiddling system, as it serves no other purpose than making places for office-seckers, who gencrally eat up all they can get.
67. Is there anything to justify the reservation of scven town plots, in a distance of nine miles from Cayuga to Caledonia? No; there cam be mo justification for the Reservation of a single acre. The settlers, and the Indians themselves, remonstrated by petition to the Governor General in Council, againsisurh a course: indeed. have had some troulle to think the question serionsly put. The Indianssay they have had enough of such visionary schemes in the reservation at Cayuga, where. I am tobl about $\$ 12.000$ of their funds liave been expended in clearing up a large tract. and laying it out beantifully on paper: the interest added th the abow sum would now make it amount to $\$ 20.000$ or $£ 5,000$; and as yet there are hut five oceupied houses on it. The IIon. Messrs. Killaly and Hincks can slate this fact, as they were recently on the spot. With regard to Meservationsat Indiana, York, Seneca, Oncida, \&e. it may be stated that the Grand River Navigation Company have more land at these places than will be occupind in fifty years, judging from what has leen sold in the last nine years. I have here spor ben of the utility, and will mese speak of the equity of the thing. The Executive cannot but know that a Mr. Gwynne was commissioned by the Indian Department to visit the Girand River, to ascertan something about the settlement there. and to report on the sime. The Executive Governinent, on the consideration of that report, wiscly calcultuted to grant prescription to the setters for six months aftur the lands slould be brought into matert this will be found in their Order in Council, of 27 th November, 1840 . Now this, as the Execcutive Officers acknowledere. is the nearest grant that comild be made to a Patent Deed; and Thave no idea. I will not belicve, that without the shadow of reason. thry will break faith with the setters and turn them of their possessions. With respect to a Rescrvation at Calednnia, I am at a loss to know how such an act of injustice could be seriously contemplated, as these lands were surrendered by the Six Nations of Sir John Collorne, as far back as the spring of 1835, for the sole purpose of opening up a contiriuation of the communication between Mamilton and Port Dever (and thence its name) through the Indian Iands. I am prepared to submit Mr. Itepburn's advertisement of that date to establish what I have stated. and Mr. Mephurn himself may be easily examined on the subject. Those occupying those lands are not squaters, but settlers under Government authority, and have had peaccable possession for right years; and they cannot believe that because the public have huilt a bridge across the river at this point without a farthing out of the Iodian fund, that there is justice or equity in the attempt to dispossess them. They have had more trouble abont this matter than there has been reason for, and it is high time it was settled. The settlers ask nothing but their rights, and these they will legitimately. contend for. The Reservations generally I look upon as a curse and blight on the prosperity of that section of country.
68. Of the following Villages founded in 1834, how many lots respectively have been deeded, viz:
of Indiana, York,Soneca, and of Dam No. 5, (Oneida, ) and what interrest would the respective reservations give, valued at, say 30s. per acre?-I believe about five acres is the quantity of land deeded at all the above villages, cxcept a Park lot sold to Mr. Jackson, the Agent of the Company. These places possess advantages in water power, which in the hands of individuals, would have increased in wealth and population in a ten-fold proportion. The village at Ham No. 5 , which is the upper, and nearly adjoins the Caledonia bridge, is the best situated, and contains at the present but two dwellings, viz: Mr. Mckinnon's and his sawyers. With respect to the village property of the Grand River Navigation Company, it has not pad two per cent. up to the present; and if the cost of management is taken into account, it has been a dead loss. No new houses have been put up for some years back. I am aware that there is an erroncous impression of the value of these lands in the minds of some of the Executive arising from the fact that nominal sales have been made about Brantford, at exorbitant prices. I call those sales nominal. because at the great land speculation excitement in 1836, which first originated in the ncighbouring Republic, people promised to pay any price asked, and the highor the price the readier the sale. The conserquence, as might have been expected, has been that although the lands in the neighbourhood of Brantford are vastly superior to those in the Niagara District, very few of those who purchased at the exorbitant prices of that dag have leen able to pay more than the first instalinent, and utter ruin has been the fate of many. I was witness myself to a sale a fuw months back in Brantfo:d. of 27 acres of wheat sold for $\$: 27$. I am now returning from a trip to New York which I made by way of the Eric Camal, and I find from the enquiries I madc. that old cleared farms with the necessary erections on the line of canal can be purchased for from $\$ 20$ to $\$ 30$ per acre. which in 183 h. could not have been bought at less than from $\$ 150$ to $\$ 200$ per acro. Property of this kind ought to have no fictitious value, but should be predicated of the net gain, after deducting the interest on the purchase and the cost of labour and management. The trace of land now under consideration lhaveat a rough calculation computed at 260,000 acres, which at an average of $\$ 3$ per acre. would at simple interest, amount to $\$ 16,800$ per annum, a sum amply sufficient to plare the Judians in comfortable circurnstances. it properly managed. which, in my opinion, would be pest done by taking payment of the interest on sales in grain and produce, and distributing those amongst the Indians, as money is of little use to them, and this would give great encouragemont to the poor settlors, and in a great measure do away with speculation, as the lands would be occupied by actual settlers.

Saturday, 11th November, 1843.
James Littlo, Esquire, again called in ; and examined : -
69. Were you sent for to atteod this committee?-
Not until I came to town.
70. Have you heard any complaints of the system of managing the Indian Lands ?-The system of management is very injurious, both to the lndians and the setflers. The public are aware that the Executive Government has no controu lover the Indian Department; they are also aware that the matter is quite local, and they are satisfied that when the Executive Government give attention to the matter, their wrongs will be rectified.
71. What was done by Mr. Gwynne when he went to the Grand River, by order of the Government ?-He called the settlers together for the purpose of ascertaining whether they were settled upon their land without injury to the interost of the Indians : he took down the names of all the settlers who attended, and reported the same to the Government.
72. How long was he there?-About three or four days.
73. What satisfaction did the new survey give the public?-They are very much dissatisfied with it, as in many cases it utterly destroyed their improvements ; the settlement East and West of the Mamilton and Port Dover Road was the same as the settlement on that road, which was 20 chains front by 50 deep. The new survey cummences on the river, 10 chains wide, running through their lots from one mile to one and three quarters ; the rear lots are laid out so as to cross the lots of the Setlers.
74. Are the individual occupiers of Indian lands permitted to take any timber for their own use?No, they are not alloved to take a single stick.
75. Have the Indian Department allowed the Mill Owners and Lumberers to take timber off the lands since the valuation of the lots was made?-Yes, I have taken timher off these lands since the valuation, under instructions from the Indian Department, as have all the Mill-Owners.
76. What is the opinion of the Mill-Owners about obtaining timber if the lands were sold?-My own opinion is, that we shall obtain timber on as good terms as at present; there are others, however, who do net entertain that opinion, and wish to keep the land out of the market on that account.
77. Did Mr. Thomas Lester say anything to you about a difficulty with Mr. Young? - Yes, he told me that Mr. Young and himself had a joint claim upon the reservation at Indiana-that it might be that he would not obtain what he claimed, and that he would rather the Government had it than Mr. Young.
78. How much would the Indian Department have to pay individuals at Caledonia if they took the lands laid out for reservation?-If they took those lands from the individuals occupying them they would have to pay $£ 2,500$ for their improvements.
70. What would these be worth, pre dicating the price on the general valuation?-They might average two pounds an acre.
80. Then how much would these two amount to to, viz: amount paid the occupiers, and the present value?-About £ $4 ; 000$.
81. What did the Grand River Navigation company pay for their village plots? -They paid for the Flats $£ 10$ an acre to the Indian occupiers, besides what they may have paid to the Government.
82. What do they now sell them for?-The last sales of the Company were to Mr, Jackson and Mr. Turner about two years ago; one of them paid for a park lot nearly in the heart of the village of Seneca, \&6 5s. per acre, the other paid $£ 5$ per acre.
83. What would be the annual interest on the value of the plot at Caledonia ?-About $£ 250$.
84. Could the Govermment sell lands enough annually to meet this interest ? By no means.
85. Is there encourarement given to the Indians to labor, by getting out logs?-No, there is not.
88. What is your opinion about the term of payment for these lands 1-My opinion is that these lands should be sold upon the longest possible payments; at least 10 years, with interest paid annually, and no part of the principal paid down.
87. Would it not prevent monied speculators purchasing up these lands if time was given for payment?-Yes, decidedly; because, if the lands have to be sold for cash, they will sell for a much less price, and the present occupiers of the lands will have to remove, and then the lands must be sold for what they will fetch, of which monied speculators will be able to avail themselves.
88. Who are the largest holders of improved Indian lands on the Grand River?-Mr. Bain holds the largest quantity in my neighborhood.
80. Did you ever sell any improvements on the Indian lands on the Grand River at a profit?-1 purchased an improvement of Mr. Bain, the Indian Agent, and the Grand River Navigation Company, which 1 sold at an advance which would about cover the interest of the money which I had paid for it.
90. Do you know the lands between Cayuga and Caledonia?-Yes.
91. What differeuce do you think there is in the value of thnse lands, viz: Terriberry's, Jackson's, Young's, Bain's, Hannah Cook's, Martin's, Joseph Young's, \&c. \&c. ? -I think there is little or no difference.
92. How long have you lived on the Grand River? -Since the Spring of 1834.
03. Where do you live?-At the village of Seneca.
04. What is your occupation?-I am engaged in sawing lumber, merchandizing, and carding and fulling ; I am also a Magistrate.
95. Do you hold any lands there ?-I hold four village plots, comprising four fifths of an acre; three of which are deeded to me. I also occupy a park lot of 5 acres, and claim-about 250 acres of land on the West side of the river at Caledonia bridge, 95 of which is improved; also, a lot of 80 or 90 acres in the second concession of Seneca.
9. What do you consider the value of the lot of 250 acres?-I would be willing to take £' 710 . an acre for the 100 acres improved, ifI had the title, but I do not think it would realize more than $£ 5$ an acre if sold to any other person; the residue is not worth more than from 25s. to 30s. an acre to any one.
97. From whom did you obtain the 250 acres opposite Caledonia ?-I bought one improvement from Mr. Lewis Walker, another from Mr. Crawford, another from Thomas Nicholls, and one from Thomas Rowe, who were all settled under Sir John Colborne's proposition for settlement.

## Mr. Thomas Lester again called in, and examined :

98. You desire to be again examined, will you state your reason?-Having seen the evidence of Mr. Little, I wish to state I have understood that Mr . Thompson offered $£ 5$ an acre for the Highflyer improvement, now partly embraced in the contemplated additional Reserve, and I have reason to be.
licve that there has been a private contract between Joscph Young and Mr. Thompson to get this said tract of lancl, on part of which I am living. for speculation : l obtained my information as follows:One of Mr. Young's sons told a man named Sharp that Mr. 'Thompson was to assist Joseph Young in getting the said tract, and Mr. Thompson was to have the dand by getting Young a farm belonging to an Indian named Iatham ; and a certain affidavit sent in by Mr. Thompson causes me to bolieve that there was such a contract. as I hope will been seen by the Conernor in Council; and sinco I have been here Mr. Thompson has written to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, wishing mo to get about one lot and a half of the said land, 1 cannot tell for what reason he wishes to keep the other half of the lot from us, as Joseph Young has got within a quarter of a mile and about ten chains, about 800 acres of deeded land, and I do not know why he as a magistrate, should consider us unworthy of purchasing the said lots; as it may be seen we are as industrious as other settlers in the neighborhoor.
99. What motive could Mr. Thompson have had in trying to get Mr. Young to purchase the land in place of himself?-Because Mr. Young, I believe, had obtained two surrenders from the Six Nations Indians for their lands, and I suppose he considered that by a little exertion he might obtain a title for the same.
100. Upon what grounds do you claim the land? -Because I was the first settler upon it, and Mr. Young did not obtain the surrender till after I came upon the land.

## Monday, 13th November, 1843.

William J, Kerr, Esquire, Chicf of the Six Nations Indians, called in and examined:-
101. Do you consider it advisable to make further Reservations in the several town-plots on the Grand River?-I do.
102. What should, in your opinion, be the extent of the town plot of Cayuga? - The town should consist of 200 acros, and the residue of tho Resertion at that place should be divided into park lots of ten acres each.
103. Do you consider the present Reservation of 1400 acres at that place too large ?-No.
104. What should be the Reservation at Indiana? -The Town Reserve should be not less than 100 acres.
105. What is the present condition of Indiana? -I do not know, not having been on that part of the Grand River within the Niagara District since 1838.
106. Do you think that the Town of Indiana, placed so near Cayuga, can ever thrive?-Yes, the water-power will support it.
107. What should be the extent of the Town Plot at Dain No. 1 ?- 50 acres.
108. State what you would consider should be the extent of the other Town Plots, viz.: York. Dam No. 3, Sencea, Caledonia, and Dam No. 5. rospectively? -Not less than 100 aores each- 50 on each side the river.
109. Is it your opinion that the valuation placed on the Indian Lands by the Government is just
and reasonable ?-I do not know what the valuation is, but I think the iand from Cayuga to Brantford should average £ 1 5s. per acre.
110. Do you think it conducive to the interest of all concerned to make an appropriation from the Indian Funds equivalent to lucal taxation?-No ; they are already exorbitantly taxed, inasmuch as their money is taken by Government, for public improvements, without their knowledge or consent, and for which there is no security; noither does it yield them any return, although the expenditure has been made some years, and that expenditure amounts, at this time to $£ 10,000$. It is my opinion, that should any accident happen to the upper dam on the Grand Rive:, the while of the other dams would be carried away, in which case the Indian moncys expended would be a total luss.
111. Would it be expedient to place a Special Agent on the Indian Lands?-I think it might be advisable to bave an Agent revident at Caledmia; and the lands should be sold by public auction at stated periods.
112. Are the Indians satisfied with the arrangement of the Government respecting the sale of their lands; and do they feel that the Government will sec justice done them ?- With respect to the sale of their lands, they feel confidence in the Government ; but they feel dissatisfied that they have hitherto received no bencfit from the same, in a pecuniary point of view.
113. IIave you heard of any dissatisfaction, on the part of the white people, with regard to those lands?-I cannot say that l have; but I do not interfere with the land business of the Indians.
114. Are you interested in the Grand River Lands?-I aun interested in the land and money affairs of the Six Nation Indians residing at the Grand River, both by blood and marriago.

Mr. William Furd and Mr. George Raymond, ex. amined:

1. Ought the old or new survey on the Hamilton and Port Dover road to prevail?-The old survey ought to prevail.
2. Should, or not, lands be reserved for town purposes at each or any of the villages of Caledonia, Seneca, York or Indiana ?-We are of opinion that there ought to be no reservation at any of the villages above named.
3. At what rate per acre should the Indian lands be valued?-At ten shillings currency, per acre, to actual Settlers.
4. Should, or not, an appropriation be made from the Indian funds for ronds and County purposes?We consider that the Indian funds would be advantageously laid out in making roads which would open up their lands, enhance their value, and hasten their settlement, and also as regards County purposes, that a suitable appropriation should be made.
5. Whether or not a special Agent should be appointed for the disposal of their lands?-There ought to be an Agent appointed.

Messrs. Richard Martin. Joln A. Nelles, William Cook, Alexander Scobie, William M. Miller, Charles. Hannalh, William M. Lemon, Warner Nolles, William Mc Pherson, Hugh Gordon and Robert Anderson, examined: 1. Ought the old or new survey of lots on the
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are of opinion that the old survey ought to prevail, boing most beneficial to the Settlers, and in no wise detrimental to the Interests of the Indian Department.
2. Should, or not, lands be reserved for town purposes at each or any of the villages of Caledonia, Scneca, York or Indiana? - We are of opinion there should be no reserve for town purposes, as it would not benefit the residents in the villages. These lands are already in the hands of people who have located on them on the faith of being able to purchase and make a home for themsolves and families; and to deprive them now of any benefit that might accrue from advantage of situation, \&c., would be cruel and unjust, eqpecially as any advantage to be gained by the villages in the event of a rescrve would by no means be equivalent to the damage done to the occupants. 'This we would strongly iupress on the Committee.
3. Valuation of Indian lands?-The value of these lands is from 10s. to 15 s . per acre, excepting front lots on the river, which on account of situation \&c. may be worth 203 . per acre. We are well acquainted with the quality and situation of these lands, and cannot be mistaken in this opinion.
4. Propriety of appropriating from the Indian funds for road and County purposes? -We would urge the necessity of an appropriation from these finds, because the Indians have had every benefit that could be derived from these lands from sales of timber, \&s., and are now likely to derive a handsome revenue from sales of land; and it is no mrre than fair that they should pay their proportion for improvements on roads, \&c., as they will be amply re-paid in the enhanced value of the land.
5. Whether a special Agent should or not be named for disposal of these lands?-An Agent on the river might benefit the Sotters, in as much as it would save them considerable expense in journeys to Kingitnn, or wherever the Indian Office may be, to transact business relative to these lands.

Mr. Rrmald McKinnon fully concurs in the above stated answers of Richard Martin and others, with this deviation: that a reservation ought to be made for a town at Caledonia, not however exceeding twentr-five acres on each side of the Grand River; and further, that in no case should any land be reserved for Park lots.

Mr. Richurd Brown, of the Indian Reserve, exam-ined:-

1. Ought the old or new survey on the Hamilton and Port Dover Road to prevail? -The old survey.
2. Should or not lands be reserved for town purposes at earh or any of the villages of Caledonia, Sencca. York, or Indiana?-It is my opinion that there need not be any reserve of lands at either of these villages, in addition to that 'already granted to the Grand River Navigation Company: I have resided at Indiana during the last seven years, and I see no reason why a rescrve should be made there. It is situated at the lower end of a narrow cut from one to one and a half miles in length, and which cut is not sufficient to afford water to propel all the machinery now erected in the village.
3. At what rate per acre should the Indian lands be valued?-I consider that from 10s, to 15s, currency per acre, would be a fair valuation.
4. Should an appropriation be made from. the Indian funds for roads and County purposes 3-I think it expedient that an appropriation be made
from these funds to be expended in opening up roads through the lately surrendered lands, and which would certainly benefit the lndians, by ensuring a speedy sale of said lands.
5. Should or not a special agent be appointed for the disposal of these lands?-An Agent should certainly be appointed ; and he should reside in the immediate neighbourhood of these lands.

Messrs. Thomas Martindale and Thomas Pearst, examined :-

1. Ought the old or new survey on the Hamilton and Port Dover Road to prevail ?-We consider that the old survey ought to remain in force.
2. Should lands be reserved for Town purposes at eachor any of tho Villages of Caledonia, York, Seneca or Indiann?-We consider that there should be no Rescrves at any of the said Villages.
3. At what rate per acre should the Indian Lands be valuod?-At the rate of 15s. currency per acre.
4. Should, or not, an appropriation be made from the Indian Funds for roads and County purposes? -As the Indian Lands are at present almost without any roads, and in many places quite inaccessible to settlers, we consider that it would be advisable to lay out a part of the Indian Funds in making good roads, and opening the lands, which will facilitate their speedy settleinent.
5. Whether or not a Special Agent should be appointed for the disposal of these lands?-As it is a great hardship for the settlers to be compelled to go to the Seat of Government (even if it should not be removed to Montreal) to obtain deeds for their lands, ontailing a great expense in all cases, we consider that an Agency for the granting oflands would be a great bencfit to this part of the country, thereby enabling persons to ascertain, at once, what lots werc vacant, and all other necessary information.

The subsequent questions were submitted to the several individuals residing on the Indian Reservation, whose answers immediately follow:-

1. Ought the old or new survey on the Hamilton and Port Dover Road to prevail?
2. Should, or not. lands be reserved for Town purposes at each or any of the Villages of Caledonia, Seneca, York, or Indiana?
3. At what rate, por acre, should the Indian Lands be valued?
4. Should, or net, an appropriation be made from the Indian Funds for roads and County purposes?
5. Whether, or nnt, a Special Agent should be appointed for the disposal of these lands?

## Answers of Mr: Rgbert Young.

1. The old survey.
2. None.
3. Fifteen shillings the average valus, according to locality.
4. It appears to me to be of the greatest importance, for the benefit of the whole County, that an appropriation of the Indian 'Fund's be made, for the purpose of opening roads through said land, which would ensure a speedy snle of 'said lands', and' materially enhance the valuo of their property in interest.
5. An Agent on the river is essential, it

Answers of Mi. James Kirkland.

1. The old survey.
2. There should be no reserve.
3. Ten to twenty shillings per acre, averaging fifteen shillings.
4. It is no more than just that the Indians should contribute to making and improving roads through these lands.
5. An Agent on the Grand River is much wanted.

> Answers of Mr. Jucob Young.

1. The old survey.
2. There should be no reservatinns.
3. From ten to fiteen shillings per acre.
4. There should be an appropriation. It would certainly be bencficial to the Indians to have their lands sell at once, which would, undoubtedly, be the case (and not otherwise) were there roids; the purchasers would be more numerous, the lands sell much faster, and the remuneration to the lndians would be great, in comparisnn to the outlay.
5. Yes, there should be nne resident on the Grand River.

Answers of Mr. James Buxton Holden.

1. The ofd survey.
2. No reserve.
3. Twelve to fifteen shillings per acre.
4. It appears to me that moneys should be granted from the Indian Funds, for the purpose of opening roads and for County purposes.
5. An Agent on the river is necessary.

Answers of Mr. John Hewson.

1. The old survey.
2. There should be no reserve.
3. From ten to seventeen shillings and six pence per acre.
4. This is very important, and affects the interest of the whole County; an appropriation from the Indian Funds, for making rnads, would materially assist the poor settlers, and likewise indirectly benefit the Indians.
5. There should be an Agent on the river.

> Answers of Mr. John Coulthard.

1. The old survey.
2. There should be no reserve.
3. From 10 s, to 15 s , per acre.
4. It is absolutely necessary for the benefit of the whole county, that the Indians should contribute to the making of roads, as well as the poor settlers, and which would ultimately benefit them, inasmuch as the lands would sell much faster,-the interest arising out of the sales of which would far exceed the outlay.
5. There should be an Agent on the River.

## Answers of Mr. William Nicholson.

1. The old survey, by all means.
2. There should be no reservations at either of the villages named in the query.
3. From 10s. to 15 s . per acre, according to locality, I consider a fair valuation.
4. It certainly appears to me to be of the greatest importance for the benefit of the whole County, that moncys should be appropriated from the Indian funds, for the purpose of opening roads through the lately surrendered lands.
5. A resident Agent on the Grand River, for the disposal of these lands, is very essential.

## Answers of Mr. Dennis Young.

1. The old survey.
2. There should be no reservation made at either of these villages.
3. From 10s. to 15 s. per acre.
4. This is very esential ; the benefits which the Indians would derive by having roads through these lands would be great, as these improvements would entice purchasers. and ensure a speedy sale of said lands, thereby enhancing the interest of the Indians' property.
5. A resident Agent on the Grand River is very necessary.

Answers of Mr. John Bowes.

1. I think the old survey.
2. No rescrvation is necessary.
3. Twelve shillings and six pence per acre, averaging.
4. It would be of the greatest benefit to the whole county, that moneys should be appropriated from the Indian funds for roads and County purposes.
5. I think there ought to be one on the River.

Answers of Mr. George Kirkland.

1. The old survey.
2. There should be no reserve, in my upinion.
3. From 12s. 6d. to 15 s . per acre.
4. An appropriation from the Indian funds would be of the greatest benefit.

## Answers of Mr. James Ker.

1. The old survey.
2. No rescrve,
3. From 12s. to 15 s . per acre.
4. An appropriation is much required to assist the poor setters in making roads through these lands, and which would indirectly be of great benefit to the Indians, inasmuch as the land would sell much faster, and increase the interest of their property.
5. There should be an Agent stationary on the Grand River.

## Answers of Mr. Young.

1. The old survey.
2. No reserves should be made.
3. From 10s. to 15 s . per acro.
4. There should be an appropriation from the Indian funds for the purpose of opening up roads through the lately surrendered lands; by so doing, the lands in question would sell much faster. and increase the interest of the Indian fund to an extent far exceeding the outlay.
5. It is very necessary to have an Agent on the River.

## Friday, 17th November, 1843.

Jumes Little, Esquire. again called in; and examined :-

Have you examined the inspection made of any of the Townships returned to the Commissioner of Crown Lands?-I have carefully examined the inspection of Sencen, with which place 1 am particularly acquainted, and it is utterly impossible for me to reconcile the valuation with any principles of equity. The very best lot, as regards extension, frontage and situation, and other respects, is considered by the valuators, of less value than many others. which I can positively affirm are not worth half as much. This lot has the frontage of three or four lots on the river: it adjoins the best located Village of the Grand River Navigation Company; at the Upper Dams. is a quarter of a mile above Caledonin, and a mile and a half above Seneca, and is in every respect more valuable for a reservation than any at the other Villages of the Company.This lot so situated is relurned at 27s. 6d. per acre: Paterson's Lot below Scneca, which is a narrow strip of ten chains frontage, is 32 s .6 d . ; the 10 rmer lot I would give fifty per cent. more for. The lot next to Paterson's. on which my name is, but which is in the possossion of David Hannah, (having exchanged with him for the lot his name is on in the rear of Seneca.) is 30 s . I would give double as much for the first lot at 27 s . ©d., as for it, or for Terriberry's at 27s. 6d., or Jackson's' at 31s. 3d., or Young's at 31s. 3d., or the one I claim about a mile in the rear of Senesa, at. 30 s . per acre. The lot in question, was valued about August, 1840, by Mr. Burvill, and approved of by Mr. Bain, who is
the Deputy Warden of the Indian Forest, and the person who is now valuing the Indian lands about Brantford, at 15 s. per acre; at which price McKinnon, the occupier, gets it, as it has passed the Council. My own opinion is, that this valuation is more correct than the other, for I maintain that the pioneers of the forcst. who have had to contend against difficulties and disadvantages peculiar to a new and unhealthy settlement, should have all the advantages of location. Now, if this lot was worth no more in the fall of 1840, than 15 s . per acre; the other settlers who were prior and up to that time, should be as favorably considered; and particularly those on the IIamilton and Port Dover Road, who were settled by Government authority. I observe Mr. Bain's tract of nearly 700 acres is valued at 22s. (id., and all from that to Seneca at from 30s. to 32 s . 6 d . It is said there are 40 acres of swamp in this block. Young; an old settler, who adjoins him, told me there was as much in proportion on his, which is valued it 31s. 3d.; but, supposing Mr. Bain is mate a present of the 40 aeres swamp, it would bring his tand to about 24s. Now, if the river lots are so valuable, how comos it that this, which is only a mile below Senecn. and fronting the river, is of so much less value than a lot on no known rond, a mile in the rear of Seneca. Bain's is valued at 24 s ., bestowing him all the swamp, which means only that it is a litle lower than the adjoining land, whilst the other, namely, the lot with Hannah's name, is 30 s . The swantp road lots are not returned according to their, acknowledged value by the settlers. My opinion is decidedly against the correctnoss of the valuation generally, as far as I have exnmined it ; besides, it is, on the whole, at least fifty per cent higher than it should be. I am happy to find that the Inspectors have made diagrams of the lots where two or more have claims; there it will be scen, the improvements of the settlers are scattered over the lots in every conceivable position. Diagrams are given only when two or more have claims. And where it is remarked on the inspection that the lots are settled on as surveyed, means only that the improvements do not extend to other lots, for it will be found in every case, except by chance, that the improvements are on the rear, the centre, and just as it may happen. I observed one lot which had all the improvements, houses, sheds, barns, \&c. of these settlers on it. My dosire was to save the Executive all the trouble which now devolves on them to settle the conflicting claims of the settlers. The settlers had located themselves as those on the Hamilton and Port Dover road, and had the survey boen made in accordance therowith, the lots would have been of twenty per cent. more value to the setticrs, and of course the lindians would have also been the gainers.

Will you state your individual interest in these lands, namely, how much land you claim, when you purchased, your authority for so doing, and how much you have made in trading or speculating in these lands ?-I claim a lot about a mile in the rear of Sencea, about 90 or 100 acres, and about 250 acres, according to the original survey at the west end of the Mamilton and Port Dover bridge, of which there are hetween 90 and 100 acres under improvement. I did not purchase these lands until the general surrender took place, and until I had the security of Orders in Council for so doing, which. I presume, is sufficient authority. I did not purchase any portion of these lands, or any other, from any Indian or Indians, excepting only about eight or ten acres, badly improved, for which 1 paid the Chief. Crawford, $£ 37$ 10s. currency, $£ 25$ of which was paid in cash, and $£ 1210$ s, in book accounts and goods. I shall have been ten years on the River'in May of next year, and never in the whole course of that time made one copper out of the Indian lands, but,

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on the contrary, have been a large loser in time and money, both of which I calculated. at the least, at £250, endeavouring to get these lands into market at such prices, terms of payment, \&c., as would ensure a free sale fur the mutual advantage of the Indians and the settlers. I am no squatter, but occupy any lands I have by sufficient Government authority to prosecute any trespasser on the sam?. 1 would not purchase any more, if offered to me at 25 per cent. under the present valuation. on a credit of ten years; and I now positively dechare there are thousands of acres in Cayura and the Township adjoining, that I would not give one dollar, per acre, for on sperulation.

How are the lands chaimed by you at Caledonin Bridge situated - Thery have abmit from thirty to thirty five chains fromiage on the river, as the rongh diagram now problneed will shew, and I think it will be fomen lar from a mile or two in front. I beg thask th: Committe that this foll statement may be reesived, 5 that the many slandernis observations that have been mode and constantly insinuated, may have only the foree they are entited to.

Grorge S. Tiffimy, Esquire, of IIamilton, called in, and examined:-

1. Where do you reside' - I live at the town of Ifamilton, in the District of Gure.
2. Are you aequainted with the Indian lands on the Grand River?-I am.
3. Do you consider it advisable to make further reservations in the several town-plots on the Grand River?-I think not.
4. Is it your opinion that the valuation placed by Government on the Indian lands is just and reason-able?-I do not know, excepting by report, what valuation has been placed upon these lants, but in any valuation, I think just regard nught to be had to the interests of beth the Indians and the white setters, so as that on the one hand the land strould not be sacrifired, and on the other the sale and settement of them should not be retarded.
5. Do you think it condurive to the interest of all concermed to make in appropriation from Indian funds, equivalent to local taxation?-I do.
6. Would it be expedient to place a special agent on those lands?-Yes.
7. Do you think it would be for the mutual interest of the Jotians and the public to sell those reservations by auction as soon as prssible '-I think that the lands should be offered for sale by anction at an mifirm upset price, in order to enable proper competitum for the mone valuable portions, and that such protion as should remain over on hand should be offered fin private purchase, at the upset price, at the offiee of the local agent.
8. How nigh to Cayugn do yon think the next town-phet on the Grand River (upwatit) should be placed - There are already several roesped townplots near Ciyuga, belonging to the Grand River Navigation Company, which, from their vicinity to each other, and the consepuent comprtition, will prevent eifher from beconing of much importance. yet as Calodmia is, by reason of the IIamilton and Port Dover Plank Road, rendered a point of import. ance, I think a reasonable reservation at this place, say of 50 acres, fur a town-plot, would be advisable.
9. How much land (if any) ought to have been reserved at Indiana, York, Dam No. 3, Seneca,

Caledonia, and Dam No. 5, respectively ?-Not more, in my opinion, than fifty acres at each place.
10. Do you think that the lands on the Grand River, belonging to the Indians, should be sold by auction at an upset price without reference to the demand; by which means larger tracts of land would get into the hands of individuals, whose speculation would be more injurious to the public than in the hands of the Government for the benefit of the Indians? - $\mathbf{I}$ beg to refor to my reply to the seventh interrogatory, with regard to the sale by auction of the rescrvation. I think tho same mode of disposal should bo adopted with all these lands: if the lands are mado liable to taxation it would be a sufficient guard against undue speculation. I do mot think that any system should be adopted which should wholly prevent private speculation in lands, as it would close one of the mist powerful incentives to private enterprise, which is frequently productive of great public grod, as well as individual gain.
11. Does not the rescrvation of so many town plots retard the settement of the other lands?-I think it does.
12. Are not the usual field notes taken on actual survey, sufficient evidence to establish the respective value? -I think that the field notes, if fully taken, are sufficient to place an upset price upon the whole, but the notes are not sufficient to place a value upo: cach lot separately. I think the Govormment should be guided by the field notes, in fixing an upset price, and that purchasers should depend upon an actual and personal view of the land.
13. What value do yout think should be placed upon those lands in the Niagara District ?-I think that an upset price of ten shillings the acre would be sufficient ; there are, no doubt, many lots worth more, but their value would be got at auction where a free competition would secure a reasonable price.
14. What effect upon the settlement, as to schools, roads and bridges, has the holding of these lands at a price above their real value, and what offect has it upon the Indian funds as to interest ?-The offect upon the internal improvement, in every respoct, of these lands. by holding the lands above their real value, is higfly injurinus; a fair and roasonable upset price, anil reasonable terms, would promote the sale, settlement and improvement of the whole, ant, at the same time, render available to the Indians that which is at present valueless.
15. Would the taxation of the Indian Lands compensate the inhabitants or not, and would it be just to the Indians?-It would be as just to the Indians as to any landed proprietor to tax their lands, and so far as making these lands bear their proportion in local improvements, it would compensate the inhabitants fir having waste and unimproved lands near them ; but thoy, as well as the public at large, are much more interested in the speedy sale and settlement of the whole.
16. In what way would you value the lands of occupants, and what terms of payment should be allowed to them?-I think the present settlers, whother squaters or not, are entitled to sympathy and protection ; many of them have expended all their available means in improving their lands, and unloss they are allowed roasonable time for payment, miy be ruined; I would, therefore, as to the present settlers, value their lands as if in a state of nature, and would allow the whole of the purchase money to remain in their hands for a time, say ten years,

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upon their paying the interest annually-this of course not to apply to any lands excepting their farms in their actual occupation.
17. In what way would you value the wild lands, and what should be the terms of sale of those lands? -I have before stated that a reasonable upset price should be placed upon all, and I would again suggest the propricty of it, leaving to competition at auction the value or price of the more valuable portions; with respect to the time of payment, I would not be particular, so that the interest should be paid annually; perhaps it would be policy to require a payment down, of say one quarter.
18. Were the present Villages at Indiana, Dam No. 1, York, Dam No. 3, Senoca, and Dam No. 5, established in consequence of the prosumed hydraulic power, and if all that power has been taken up, what probability is there that these Villages will contimue to increase?-This was the reason for founding thesc, Villages; I think that they will slowly increase, but, in consequence of their number and their vicinity to each other, they will never be of much importance.
19. Did you ever know seven Towns situated within a range of eight miles, to thrive ?-I have not any where.
20. Should not the license dues for timber cut on any of these lands after the valuation, be put as offset against the price set on the respective lots? -There would be great difficulty in ascertaining what portion of timber had been cut of the respective lots, and I would not, therefore, interfere with it. It certainly would be reasonable to make a deduction for the timber taken off, as it materially affects the value of the land; but if the liberal policy be pursued which I have recomenended, I would not embarrass it by inquiries respecting the destruction of timber since the valuation.

Lewis Burwoll, Esquire, Deputy Provincial Surveyor, called in; and cxamined:-

1. Ought the reserves on both sides of the Grand River, at Cayuga, Indiana, Dam No. 1, Yoik, Dam No. 3, Scneca, Caledonia, and Dam No. 5, to be enlarged; or should they be reduced; and if so, to what number of acres respectively?-Not having been employed in the last survoys which have been made on the Grand River, I am not aware of the extent of those roservations; but I understand that they are intended for town plots, and are quite extensivc. The town plot of Cayuga was surveyod by me in the year 1833, and that reservation is sufficiently large for the purposes of a town fur 500 years to come, unless the settiement of it increases at more than treble its present ratio. As to the other placos, the Grand River Navigation Company have taken possession of as much land at each place (except at Caledonia) as is at present or will be for a long time to come, useful or necessary for town or village purposes; and as to Caledonia, whatever importance may at present be attached to that place, that importance is not rightfully the property of the Indian Departinent, for he settlement of that place neither originated with them nor with the Indians: and so far from the Indian Department having equitable right to take advantage of the little prospects which that place holds out to the present or future adventurer, that Department, as 1 conceive, have, since Mr. Jarvis has been at the head of it, done cverything they could, by the hands of the Agents they have employed, to retard the growth and prosperity of that place; for they have unjustly, and without cause, persecuted to fine and imprisonment the only person to whom credit is really due for the
prosperity of that place-I mean Thomas Bryant. This person at an early day purchased an Indian possession by consent of the Indian Chiefs, and by his perseverance and industry he has made valuable

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ile there ; and I am aware, from my own personal knowledge, that to this person the credit is mainly duc for the passing of a law anthorising the erection of the bridge across the Grand River at that place. Under such circumstances 1 do conceive that it would be wrong, decidedly wrong, for the Indian Dapartment to reap the fruit of the labors and industry of Mr. Bryant and his neighbors, all of whom have labored and toiled and passed through hardships altogether inconceivable hy persons who have not undergone the hardships of beginning new sectlements in the woods. If, therefore, any present or future prospects are in view, with regard to Caledonia, it is those who have, by their industry and perseverance made that place, and the Indian lands generally, valuable, who ought to dorive the benefit of those prospects, by having their respective parcels of land sold to them at a reasonable price. The same remarks (with the exception of the persecution of Mr. Bryant) will apply to all the other places except Cayuga. And as to the principle of making reservations of town-plots at those places, my opinion is that it is worse than visionary, for if small and suitable reservations are made, they are not worth the attention and expenses necessarily attending them, besides, they will destroy the possessions and prospects of the settlers iminediately arljoining the river, and if they are made extensive they will become a nuisance, for it is visionary to suppose that large towns will soon, if ever, grow up at any or all of those places, and the whole of the rescryations. cxcepting a fow lots immediately at the river, will remain unoccupicd, as at Cayuga, and the natural growth and prosperity of the country will be materially retarded. My decided opinien therefore is, that no such reservations should now be inade at any of the above named places.
2. Should those lands be subject to land-taxes for roads?-In my opinion the Indian lands should not be made subject to land taxes for roads. It is a sufficient hardship for the new settler to be obliged by his statute labour, and by voluntary labour, to open such roads as are necessary for his purposes, without being subjected to the payment of a direct land tax, and the more especially as it is well known that the settlers will have as much to do as they can possibly get through with, to pay for their lands, without being encumbered with other burdens.
3. Is it not usunl to take field-notes when surveying, and if so, was not that sufficient to value the lands by? -It is not only usual, but a requisite duty of the Surveyor, when surveying new Townships, to take fiold-notes, and in his notes to note down the different kinds of soil he passes over, all the different kinds of timber he passes through, and classify the timber in such manner as to be able, ever after, by reference to his notes, to tell what kind of timber preduminates, and the proportion in quantity of each kind of timber, to notice the extent and kind of all the swamps and marshes he passes throughthe situation, size, and course of all the streams of water he passes over, and also all the different undulations of the ground, as well as the height and doclivity of all banks of rivers and creeks, and other sudden elevations of ground, and. if ocrasion requires it, to take sketches of all such places as he cannot clearly define in the manner in which his notes are kept, so that he can make up a complete plan and report of his work, and being thus prepared by having properly discharged his duty in the ficld, he is the fittest of all persons to set a value upon the lands he hits surveyed; and does not require to

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tih Dec'r. value therem, uless it may perchance be some very peculiar place which did not come within the limits of his ohservations, while in the woods at his work, and I appehend, from the sameness which prevails throurhout the Grand River territory, that such extraordinary cases are but few.

1. Do youl ennsuder Messrs. Bain, Kirkpatrick, Wells, and Brough, each suffiriently qualified to value these lands, or not. and if not, why not?-Mr. Kirkpatriek and such other surverors as have been employed in surveying the Indian lands, are, in my opinion, the only fit and proper persons to be cophered in valuiner these lands, and that duty they might proform without leaving their oflice table, and with noother time and expense than it would require to rule out a shect or two of paper into the proper columas, thok over their plan and field-notes, and set down the result, and make up a proper repert of the same, and the valuation of a Township ought unt to cost more pence than it now costs pounds, therefore the employment of any more persons than the Surveyors, whe the they be fit or unfit for the task, is a wedess and wastefule expenditure of the Indians' money. I am not accuainted with Messes, Wells and Brough. I shall. perhaps, have oerasinn to speak of Mr. Bain before concluding ny evidence.
2. Do you believe the Indians are satisfied with the management of the Ludian Department, and the sarious Olficers paid nut of their funds, and if not, for what reason?--Creat dissatisfaction prevails amongrt the Indians with regard to the present prowerdings of the Indian Department. I am well acquainted with the Chiefs and other principal Indians. I was. for several yoars, the Surveger of the Department on the Girand River ; and. after the last work I did was completed, I receiverd a unamous voto of thanks, from the Chiefs in Council. fur the ability and integrity with which 1 had performed my duty, and it was their wish that 1 should be continuri in their employment. My dismisal from their employment gave them great diseatistaction; and many of the Chiefs now often speak to me in terms of disapprobation of the prosent procerdings of the Department, and frepuenty ask me if any thing can be don for them to lessen the cypenus now heing made. They know that. for a number of montlis, several persons have bern cmploved at what is termed "valuing the lands"and they naturally oxpect that each of these men will be paid about one prund jer day : in truth, the Indians possess ton much phain coinmon sense t. believe that such expenses are necessary, and they often ask me why their busimess is not done on the same plan that it was when Mr. Mepburn was the Acting Trustee, and when I was employed here. One item of their disatisfaction consists in their not beine bemmeraterf for the large quantity of their lands whichare drowned by the Welland Canal Compans ; and, at the reppest of Mr. Tenry Brant, who said he was deputed for that purposes. I wrote the annexd letter (Apmodix No. 3) WMr. Jarvis. on the eoth Pebruary. 1810. Since that time, 370 arese of the same has been included in a patent to the Dawham family, leaving $16233^{n^{3} 0^{5}}$ acres yet unacomited fur. Thavonever recived an answer from Mr. Jarvis to that letter. Another item of their dissatsfaction consists in a charge aganst the on of $£ 1925 s$, , paid to Mr. John W. Gwynne; when the Trusters' account curtent with the Joblians, from 15th February, 1839 , to 19 h A Agnst, 1841 , inchasive. appeared in printed handbills, several of the Chicfs called upon me. to inquire if I could explain to them the renson of that charge. It appears in the account as having been paid on the requisition of Mr. Jarvis, the Chicf Superintendent. As nearas I can under-
stand the nature of that charge, Mr. Gwynne was sent from Toronto to take an account of the settlers on lands, in Dunn and Cayugn, at the disposal of the Indinu Department, and the result of his labors on that occasion is embotied in the annexed paper (Appendix No. 4,) an advertisement published by Mr. Jarvis, of which I have a printed copy. Mr. Gwynue did also, in addition to this scrvice, assist Major Winniett, the Superintendent here in fining several persons who were living on the lndian lands, and he also convenod a meeting of the sotulers at Brantford, and took some memornoda of their claims, in pursuance of a printed notice of his. (Appendis No. 5.) and no doubt made his Report to the llead of the fopartment. I saw the advertisement of Mr. Jarvis, before alluded to, and noticing its errors, carefully preserved a copy of it, and when I last saw Mr. Jarvis in Brantford, I presented the advertisement to him, and asked him if he was the author of it. He acknowledged that he was, and said that on account of the many errors it contained, it wis never acted upon, but had been renalled soon after its publication. I also enquired of him who it was that furnished the schedule for the advertisenent, but he would not tell me; at the same time I knew well that it was from Mr. Gwymne, but for certain private reasons, I wished to obtain that information from Mr. Jarvis. Mr. Jarvis appeared to anticipate my motive. Now as this charge of $£ 1025$ s. against the ludians, as far as the production and publication of that advertisement, and the duty performed by Mr. Gynne, is connceted therewith. it is decidedly wrong and unjust towards the Indians. In the first place. it shews the total unfitness' of Mr. Gwynne for the duty assigned him; in the second place, it shews an unpardonable carelessness on the part of Mr. Jarvis in issuing that advertisement, and subjecting the Indians to the payment of the pirinting of it, without comparing it with the plan of the tuwnship. Had Mr. jarvis pertormed that necessary and precautionary duty, that advertisement would not have appeared, and the inischief it produced would not have occurred; Mr. Gwynne. also, would not have been considered worthy to recelve pay for services, which were, in point of fact, worse than nothang, and which services, if properly perfrimed, taken as a whole, ought to have been done for about $\$ 50$. In the year 1835, I was engaged as the Agent at Brantforc. (and that year the dity was arduous.) from 1st May to 31st October, inclusire. nt lls. (id. per day, which amounted, in six months to £105 16 s .. and for that sum I paid my own expenses, provided an office and maps. and kept office hours six days in the week, from seven ochock in the morning until sunset each day, nad was not allowed to make any charge for searches in any case comnected with the Indian Sands, and then I did all the business necessary to be done.Compare that sum with the expenses of the Department now, and it will be found to bear but a small proportion; and this is all the pay I cver received when I was not surveying. except occasionally for three or fiour days at the tume of a public sale. It is abont fifteen months smec Mr. Bain came into Brantford; I camot say that he has been all that time in Branford. but I believe he has spent the most of his time in the town and township, and ne is here yet. and now has a young genteman by the mame of Blythe, going about with him in the capacity of a surveyor. under his directions, and by the order of Mr. Jarvis. This is adding another item of useless expense to the Indians; and what is most silugular, a part of the duty which Mr. Kirkpatrick and M:. Ban are now performing is the same as that for which Mr. Gwynne was paid, namely, taking an account of the clains of the settlers called squatters,-and Mr. Bain does not confine himself to his legitimate duty, but impudently goes among people with whom the Indian Department have

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nothing to do: this answers very well to kill time, and make up a bill against the Indians. I may speak more particularly on this point before concluding. The manner in which the Indian business was done when I had charge of it here, was simply this :the hads were advertised for sale, and if any purchaser of a lot bought any of the improvements of another person. he had to satisfy him for it, either; hy private arrangement, or by reference to others, before I could issue the certificate of purchaseand no extrat expenses were made for the Indians; sometimes 1 had to measure improvenculs, but the purchasers. or mather the parties concernod, paid for that work and in this plain simple wis, I did more busiuess in the summer of 1835, at 1 ls . fid. per day, than cam he done in ten yenrs. in the way the ladian business is groing on now. Truly the lndians have grod rixht to be dissatistied. for it really appears as though schomes were devised for tha actual parpose of finding way's and means to expend the lndians' money.
6. Are the white settlers satisfied with that Hepartment, and if not, what is the canse of their dis-satisfaction?-Great dissatisfaction prevails amomgst the white setters with regard to the proceedings of the Indian Inepartmment. and in the first plice I feel it to be my daty to lay before the committec a case which has been very grievous to myself and others, in which there has been, on the part of the agents employed by Mr. Jarvis. conduct the most infamous atad corrupt, and I apprehend that it will be diflicult for Mr. Sarvis to clearly exnorate himself from being in some measure party to it. It is a well known fart that 1 had a special commission to survey, at the expense of the claimants. all the parecls of land on the (trand River claimed under 990 years' leases from the late Joseph Brant, or under like assigmenents from the Six Natious in their collectivo eapacity ; and that those parcels of land have long since been all surveyed by me and reported to the Gevernment and acted upon by the Exceutive Council, and that after any or all of those claims were recognised by the Executive Council. neither the Indian llepartment nor their agents had anything more to do with them. When Mr Gwyme came up on his tour to take an account of the setthers in Cayuga and Dum. in January, 3840, I was then in the enjoyment of my previous appointments, although at that time there was no particular work assigned to me. Nr. Gwyme eame to my ollice with a note of medroduction from Mr. Jarvis, desiring me to give him sue', information as would lead him into a proper discharge of the duty assigned him. Mr. Gwymo was a jerfect stranger to me, but coming in the way he did I unhesitatingly lont him my original maps of the townships of Cayuga and Dunn, on which were laid down all the tracts of land then recognised by the Government as Brant Lease tracts, or as heing grants from the six Natians in their collective capacity, also the names of all purchasers who had paid instoments up to the last sales in 1835; I carefully pointed out all these things to Mr. Gwynue. and told him not to meddle with any persons living thereon, for that all these tracts of land above referred to had been roeognised by the Goverument, and that the Indian Bepartment had nothing more to do with them ; amongst others was the botehstader Tract on the south side of the River in Cayuga: I told him who tho'then different clamants were. and that I' was the assignee of two hundred acres of that tract, and that a man by the narne of Richard Killins was then living on it without my consent. and further that the Government was ready to give us our deeds as soon as we produced the original lease. or evidence to prove when, how, and where it was burned up. Mr. Gwynne received this information from me as official, and he has since acknowledged this on his
onth at a trial, at the last assizes at Niagara, when these circumstances were made a part of my defence against Killins; but instead of hbnorably discharg'ug his duty, he betrayed the confidence $I$. had placed in him through Mr. Jarvis' introduction ; he betrayed his official trust, for with my map in his hand, he went to my house where Killins was living. conspired winh Killins (for half ony farm, as Killins family reported) to destroy my right to the property and procure it for Killins nuder false protences, and farnished the schedule for Mr. Jarvis, from which his advertsement, above alluded to, was made up. In that ischedule it was the intention of Mr. (iwynue to advertise my property as the possession of killins as a squatter, but not knowing how to describe, hu male a mistake, and covered part of the farm of Oliver Buruham, which had been patented some years befora; and a part of the property of John Giffiord. one of the clamants; however. a part of my property, as well as a part of Mr. Fradenburgh's and Mr. Givins', is adverlised opposite obler manes; and the first that I knew of it was from lillins' family boasting that Mr. Gwynne had undertaken to manage it for them, and thit his intluence with Mrr. Jarvis and the Government was such that they ware sure of getting my property from me; and to complete The work, Mr. Bain went and set a value on my farm, as the possession of Richard Killins, he at the same time knowing that it was my property ; and Mr. Gwynne did, at the trial to which I have allurled, while on his onth. confess to me that the materials of which that advertisement is composed, were the production of his own pen, and that he still hard Killins papers in his pessession; and 1 think I have grod reason to believe that Mr. Jarvis wnuld not discover the mistake in the advertisement till it was found that the Government could not listen to the mijust application of Mr. Gwynne to deprive mo of my farm, and Messts. Fradenburgh, Giffori, and Fivins of heiss, far whe ance ncees sarily have followed the other, the whole coming under une grant from the Indians: and two. lawsuits between Killins and myself have followed as the result of Mr. Gwynne's official conduct, and although I yet retain my property, the Indian Department have found means, under false pretences and false charges, to get me dismissed from all employment on the part of the Government. Bir Mr. Gwynne gol Mr, Jarvis' requisition for the $£ 1925$ s. and for such work as this too. It is not only myself who feels the injury of my unjust dismissal from public employment, buit the couniry around me feel it also, and some have felt it in the insolent rebuffis thing have mot with from Mr. Jarvis in the Indian office, when they have presented officind documents from me, nppertaining to work which was provionsly dome and approved of. Ard whatever the Surveyor General may perchance desire to have dene, and however necessary it might be to employ me on account of my knowledge of the country, and allhough it might be something which another man could not do, yot he is deharred from calling upon ne. because Messrs. Jarvis, Gwynne, Bain, and Vardon have succeeded, by misrepresentation, to procure my disuissal from public employment. $I$ do assure the Committe that the people are dissatisfied with my dismissal, and so great was the excitement at the time, that the Chiefs of the Sir Nations Indians offered, as a body, to petition for my restoration, and the white inhabitants in the town and township offered to convene a public meeting for the same purpose, butt I declined any such assistance, intending to make my own appeal to Lord Sydenham on the more morits of my case, but his sudden death provented me. There is another of those tracts of land situate in the Townstrip of Brantford, adjoining Ancaster, which has been recognized and confirmed by the Government, and

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the survey and report thereon, as made by me, has been approved of, and all that is wanting for the sotters herem to obtain their patents, is the requisite ovidence of their titles being properly derived from the will of the late Joseph Brant. Mr. Bain entered on to this wact a short time since, and by very improper condart, as the people inferm mis. pur them into a state of comfusion and expitemm, tadime gond care, as be ders on mast nemions, to abuse me, and recommond the peropis to the protertion of his fremel, Mr. (iwyme: and, mo drubt, his. arconnt araine the Imdiats will shew a number of dayce wo premend on this tract, with wheh he misi how that he has nothing to do. Apart from this. I coterive Mr. Bain an improper presen for: such busin"o: he is not a Survegur, and is therefire mapultion fier the proper discharese of sach a
 tights with perple in berrormes: surh thines give oflente to correct min bed people, and have a ditect tendeney (1) hring the Gesernment int" contempt, as well as to create dissatisfaction, particutarls towarti the hadian Deparment. The abuse whith a mumber of innocent personi reccived from Mr. Gwyner and Majo Wiman'll, white thry wers arting as Commi-woters, to turn oflsquaters from ho Indian lams, is another sumere of complaint against that Department. Mr. Bryant, nod a person whase name I have furgoten, whin lives in the first house immediately brow the Onomaga Comeil Hemar. were not trespassers according to the terns of the Statate, but ther were nevertheless both fined and imprianod, and a person by the nam" "f smith. lisines in Brantiord, who was working Perer Marmas farm on shares be the year, was fined for entting up an old fallen tree in fiod, and solling it for ; fire wood: and so treat was the abuse of hes. Commissimers, that the people appated to the Gevernment for protection, ant their procedings were stophed; aty I hana no thuble whaterer that the part then took for the injured, as locing the medium of communication between thom and the Goverument, is a principal canse of the deepromed enmity aruinst me wheh has since that time so prominenty manifestal itself in ahmet every transaction of these misere sersants of the lodian D:partmos, for be that interferwe their lowa recources were ntuppe 1 . Aurher canse of complaint by the white sentlers is the reserver, of which I have spohn in my reply th the tirst guery. A furthe. item is the enormines priees set upin the Indim lands by the valuaters; I d) not of myself know exactly what these prices are, hat I aim infomed that they are from one pernd ten to two pomals ten thilhug per acre of this every man has a right. in my g.inion, tu complain, as a grinvous inprattion. 'These sefters emered mon the Ladim lands, by the consemt and appothation of the Superintend. rint hore, and it is by deir industry that the Indian land have become valmable : and when it is known that smu of these lants have been in the markot smen 143., at fifteen shilling por arres and could mot be sold at that priere. It is miseruided policy altu. gether to raise the pries so hish that the settless caboot pay for thern. Sme of the sethers are so diserusted at the imposition that the are leaving the rountry and going to the State of Bichiran, where they can procume lands in as grosid a climate, and of as good a qualits. for one dollar and a puatter per acre': and I ani told by a friend of mine who has just returned from a journey on Michiman, that at present lands may b: had along the bordors of the Grant River, which empties into Lake Michigan, and a much finer river than the Grand River in Canada, for five York shillings per aces: Governwent delentures are in abundance, nud can be bought for cash at half price, and in this way a Go. vernment debenture for $\$ 100 \mathrm{can}$ b; bought for $\$ 50$ and then turned out to the Government at par
value for a section of eighty acres of land, so that righty acres can actually be purchased for fifty dolhas in cash. It is folly to suppose that when lands sin near by can bo bourht on such reasonable terms, that the pe ple will remain here and submit to be Chatred from $£ 110 \mathrm{~s}$. to $£ 210 \mathrm{~s}$. per acre, when the first payment required here will purehase a confortahle estate in that comery. If therefore the Indian Department exper to secure a safe sale of hands. and a 4 red investmole of capital for the benefit of the Imdians, they must alter the line of policy they are now parsuing. It is rather doubthal io my minh, if they ran sell mongh lands for same time to conn": at such prices ats $I$ am told nre to be charged, (1) delmay the expeises of antreying and valaing the lands. These exprases canot have beon les than limu or five pama per day for the last fitieen in moths and, in my opiniom, mosly to no purperse hat to fill the prekets of those amployed be them. I have condavoured to answer the impuities of the Committer, and sive my reasons for the statments I havemole, and whatever offect it miy have, I feel that 1 lave diselarged an important dity.

Drtirl Thumpson. Fisquire, Chairman of the Committec, examined :-

1. Where do you teside? - I reside in. and have the honer to represent, the Comaty of IFaldimand.
2. De you know the Indian Lands on the Grand River!-I have a perfect knowledge of those lands, and from having hat, for the last twenty-three vars, a great deal to do in bmying and selling lands seattered over tifty Townothips in Camada West, have a ar neral knowledge of the value of lands, from Nearbomogeh upwards.
3. D. you consiter that the old or the new survey of the lards atjoining the Mamilton and Port Dover Road should prevail? -The'old surves:
4. What was the expmene of surveying the six Tuwnship of Indian lands!-I cannot tell.
5. By whon were the lands in these Townships valaed and what was theirexperience?-Phat part of the' 'Townshigs of Dum and Cayuga not sold. ongether with the other two Tonvesthips in the Nitura bietrict, and the tivo adjoining ones in the Gore Diandet, were valued by Mr. Kirkpatrick. an elficient Nurevor, but possessed of but a limited koowleder of the value of lands, aidet, in the first place by a Mr. Wells, and sulsecpuently by a Mr. Bromg ; these later gentemen had no experience as til the value of lands whatever-Mr. Brough having bid vary trectoly arrised from Ircland, and he bat never, 1 hatieve, owned a fort of land in Cumatand neithor Mr, Wells nor Mr. Brough had ever seen these lanls mutil they came to value tirm. Their inefli sency will be crident by looking at the viduations plated on the river lots between Gaynot atal :aledemia, the proces set upon which are by means in propotion to their value, being, in most cases, rated tios high. Sh mid further evideate be repuiral, it is only necessary to examine their valuation of the river lots in Seneca and Onmdaum, in the Statements furnished by the Commissioner of Crown Lands (Appendix Nos. 6 \& 7.)
6. What was the cost of the said valuation per lot?-I cannot tell, but julging from the time nccupisd (upratdy of a year and a half), and considering that not tw m -thirls of the valuations have yet been returned to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, the cost must have been great as it is uselcss.
7. Is it not the practice, in surveying, to take field notes, and int that case could not the valuation

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be properly estimated from these motes?-I believe the practice of taking field notes docs, in all such cases, prevail, and I consider that they form evidence quite sufficient to enable competent persons to fix the true value of the land; and in this ease all the lands could, in my opinion, with the assistance of a plan, have been valued in ten days; and here I will state, without fear of contratiction from cxperiensed persons, that the Indian lands in the Niagara Distriet should have been valued at from ten in twenty shillings per acre, according to quality and locality, averaging twolve shillings and sixpenco per acre; and the two Townshifs in the Gore District at from fifteen th firty shillings, averag, ng seventeen shillings and sixpence per acre; these prices are the utinost that should be placed on the lands, and in most cases would not bear the annual addition of interest ; almust all tho oak and pinn timber has been taken off under license, and when such is the case, a proportionate reduction should le made in the price.
8. Do you consider it woild be equitable and just that these lands should be subject to taxation for local purposes ?-Yes, it appears to me that there can be but one opinion upon thissubject; ard in fixing the value of the lands in my last answer, I have taken that into consideration. It would, in my opinion, hasten the sales, by the opening up of roals-until which sales nething can be realized; this principle has been found to work admirably in the United States, and cight or nine years ago, it was intruduced, by Act of Parliament, upon tho very lands adjoining the Simcoe and Canboro' Roarl (a copy of which Act is apponded, marked No. 2;, and this course was also acted upon by the Canada Company; I consider the adoption of a similar course upon these lands as due to the setters.
9. What effect upon the setticment, in regard io schools, roads and bridges, and upon the Indian funds, has the holding of these lamis at a price above their real value?-It prevents the sale of the lands, except in cases where persons have a particular reason for desiring to purchase; it deprives the settement of schools, roads and bridges, for the luss of which, the exemption fiom taxes but poorly com. pensates ; and it will provent fully three-fourths of these lands from selling, and theroly lose to the Indians an anmal income of more than e7000.
10. Weuld it be advisable for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to place an Agent on these lands? - Yes it would save to the setters from sisty to eighty miles travel, over bad roads, to Niagara; and besides, a resident $A$ gent would, from persomal observations, be enabled to render the Government much valuable information.
11. What has bqen the general rosult of the reservation of town-plots by Government, compared with those founded by individual enterprize? -The result of such reservations has, in most cases, proved a falure, as the following contrast will shew:Johnstown, founded by Covernment-Brockville and Prescott, by individuals ; Turkey point, in the Talbot District. by Government-Simeoe and Port Dover, by individuals; Ningara and Cayuga, by Government-Sit. Catharines and Dunnville, by individlials-to which many others might be added; and the roason is obvious, that an individual takes a doep and mutual interest, by residing on the spot, improving the property himself, and assisting setteis to build, taking work in payment.
12. Is there anything in your opininn to justify the rescrvation of cight town plots from Cayuga to Dam No. 5, of the extent of those made in that tract?-

No; there could be nothing more absurd; the reservation of 1,400 acres at Cayuga has cost Government a large sum of money in clearing a portion of it; it has now been in the market 15 years, and con-Appendix (M. M.)

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free to almit that this location, directly at the head of deep water navigation, 20 miles in the interior nt the country, in a central position, with good leading cross roads, will, in a short time, become a place of business, and the most suitable for the County Town ; yet to this day Government has mot realized from sales one per cent., interest on the monies expended in improvements, and before long this reserve will be considered too large, notwithistanding the advantages above stated. The only othor reservation at all likely to suceced is Calodonia, nine miles distant-which being bat 14 miles from IIamiltun, and situated directly where the ITamilton and Port Dover plank road crosses the Grand River, will probably be a place of some business; but even here the reservation should not exceed 40 acres, 20 on each sitle the river; a reserve boyond that extent would not pay the interest upon its. present value. With respect to those persens who have settled upon lands in this tract, under the surrender taken hy Sir John Colborne (then Lieutenant Governor) in 1834, for actual setthenent, some of whom have occupied the same over since that time-the Government should consider well before breaking faith with them. The only honest course to le pursued would be to allow these Settlers their land at its real value. Mr. Thomas Bryant has rosided there since 1830, under a surrender of a fow acres, which was saurtioned by Major Winniett, Superintendent of the Six Nation Iudians; were these lands to be assumed by Government, a much greater sum would have to be paid for buildings, \&ec, than could be realized from sales of town lots in five years.
13. In the town plots of Indiana, Dam No. 1, York, Dam No. 3, Soneca, Caledonia, and Dam No. 5, respectively, what is the extent of the reservations held in fee simple by the Grund River Navigation Company, and how much land have they alienated in each of these town plots since they were laid ount in $1834^{2}$ - The town plot at Indiana is 66\} acresof this but three-fifths of an arere has been deeded. At Dan No. 1, the reserve is 35 acres; of this none has been suld, and but two houses are built on it, those of Mr. Donaldson and his sawyer. At York the Company's reserve is. 10 acres-of this but tiwn fifths of an acre has been deeder. At Dam No. 3 the reserve is $60 t$ acres, no part of which has been parted with. At Soncea they have 135 aeres, of which one acre, and a park lot of five acres have been alienated. At Caledonia no town has yet been laid out. At Dam No. 5 the reserve is $\mathbf{3 7}$ arres, and but two hoseses are built there, those of Mr: MeKinnon ant his sawyer; the Company in all thrse plaess having alienated but seven acres in nine yoars. The only inducement to the setilement at these places was the hydraulic power, which is now all takeaup: and at İndiana ingre thachisery has been erected than the water can sorvo in summer or winter. Excepting at Seneca, no buiklings have been ereeted for the last threo ycars, and at Indiana one third of the houses are empty: but for the operations carried on by me at the latter place, not a single family could live there; and as it is, the village has not been able to support a comm'n school. These town reservations haw not, aither by sales or otherwise, re-paid to the Company the cost of their improvemonts. They have mureover lost the interest on their investment for nino years; and there is no prospact whatever that further sales will be effected sufficient to pay them one per cent. interest on the same; the present villago reserves will not sell. except as farmlots, for 500 years to come. The unwise system thus pursued has in many cases de-
prived the Indians of the necessarics of life, and they are indebted to a considerable amount to the white people for the means of subsistence; they owe me at present no small sum for flour and pork, which 1 advaneed to them through sympathy; and which I could have sold for ready money.

## Mr. Thomison further informed the Committre :

That with respect to the evidenee of Themas lester, he admitted to him the day before his examination, that in. point of fact and agreement, Mr. Young had a better right than himsilf to all the land that he daimed, except that covered by his (Lester"s) improvements, but that he hoped by the airl of the Mon. Mr. Dunn, (a truste of the Six Nations) who the thongrit would assist him, onarcount of his aunt having been long in the service of that gentleman, tu thow such obstacles in the way as to prevent the land being purchased by Mr. Yeiung or ang other person. As for the remarlis of Mr. Lester, imputing improper motives to him, he begs leave, in reply, io hand in the affidavits of Mr: Young and all his sons, together with Patrick Lathan, the ladian, to whom he alludes. and Mr. Sharp, the person whom he quotes as his authority. (Ajpendix, No. 8.)

That as there has been an attempt to exonerate the Indian Trust from improper conduct, it becomes his duty to inform the Committee upon that subject, stating one or two facts in relation thereto. In the first place, they took advantage of the Art of 2 Vie. ch. 15, to enforce illeqally, the penalties for cutting timber as trespassers, against those persons who setiled in the Township of Cayuga and elsewhere, and who took possession under a promise that at the next sale. which was to take place within a year, they should be allowed to purchase. See the Leser of John Murray and Duncan Camphell, and the affidavit (Appendix No. 9). There are also many similar acts of oppression and injustice, and these men have a right, in my opinion, to consider the fines so levied on them with the interest, as part payment for their land, and so has every setter under similar circumstances. I would alsn mention one of their disgraceful acts towards myself; I had a license from the deputy Wardon, to cut pine and oak timber for saw loge at the rate of 40 s . per 1000 cubic feet, to supply my mill; and finding that the said mill could not saw all the logss so $t$ be cat, before the expiration of the license, I caused the residuc of the oak to be made into square timber, to the extent of 32,000 cubic fect. upon which I tendered the dues in accordance with my license, (which was more than the license held by others, ) they refused, however, to take it, and sivized the whole 32.000 fect and sold it, thereby causing a loss to me of £800; this was done on the disgraceful plea that I should have sawn instead of hewing it. This unwarrantable proceeding is worthy of the perpetrators, and one that is disgraceful to the Government. They did not stop here, but committed similar acts of injustice upon Mr. Burnhom, entering upon his property which was alienatod from the lndians 50 years ago.

## Aprendix No. 1.

## Return of the Inspector of the Township of Number <br> Number in the

Concession.

1. If occupied, by whom, and under what colour of title.
2. If improved, the nature and extent of the improvements?
3. The quality of the soil and timber ?
4. What the nearest distance to any Town or Village, Flour and Saw Mills, Tavern stands, \&c.

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5. What is the fuil value of the lot per acres, in $\rightarrow$ thl Ioos'r. its present improved condition?
6. What is the full value of the lot per acre, without improvements, at the present time, without refirence to former upset prices or alleged expectations on the part of clamants; but the present actual value in the improved eircumstances of the whole Iudian tract and country adjacent; only exceping the value of improvements on the individual hot now under consideration?
7. Inw is it watered ; arg there any Mill-sites or water privileqes on it, or streams, adapted for Distillenies. Breweries or Tanneries, \&e ?
A. Ina the timber suffered from deprodations, and are these depredations still going on?
9. Has this lot any peculiar advantages of sitnation, such as being in a populous Scetement, near in a 'lown or Villago, or principal road or water eonveyance?
10. Are there any salt or mineral springs, beds of plaster, or ore of any description, supposed to axist upon this lot, or within a short distance of it; if so, what may he considered their value, and what increase of value do they add to this lot, and to the arjacent lots within a limited space?
11. What is the value of the improvoments, not estimated at any supposed rate of cost, but at the minimum rate which they may be supposed to add to the value of the lot in the inarket?
12. In your inspection of that part of the Township of Brantford called the Johnson Settlement, vou will return the names of all squattes or other persons in possession of lots, stating the number and Concession, number which compose each family, and what, in your opinion, would be a fair rent io exact in case the parties should be disposed to remain upon the land under a Government lease?

## Supplementary.

State the minimum quantity of land which will be actually and necessarily required by the Grand River Navigation Company, to enable it to complete the work from its present navigable termination to Brantford, and the full value of it ; and let a diagram of the same, with full references, accompany your Report!
2. In all instanecs where the clearapees of squatters or of Indians are irregular, so that they cross other lots. as laid down on the old or new surveys, you will repart the best method of adjusting such inconvenicnces without doing injustice to partics interested; you will state as correctly as possible, the fair and reasonable price which nuy one party shonld pay to another in the event of the improvements of the former falling within the limits of the latter, and transmit with the said information, diagrams or sketches, showing how the proposed arrangements are to be made?
3. What blocks, lots, pieces or parcels of land should be reserved for town plots, or sites of villages, and let a plan showing their relative position accompany your-rieport.

## General Remarks.

In addition to the information called for in tha within twelve queries, and the three supplemetio
tary ones annexed, you will state, under this head, any information of importance to the interests of tho Indians, that may from time to time come within your knowledge, not only as regards this or any other particular lot, but with reference to any matter connected with the tract.

Appendix Nu. 2.
"An Act for imposing a tax on lands adjoining Canboro' and Simcoe Road."

This Bill reserved for the signification of IIis Majesty's pleasure thereon, on Thursday the sixth day of March, one thousand cight hundred and thir-ty-four.

## D. CAMERON,

Secretary.
Whereas it has been represented by the Petition of sundry persuns iuhabiting the County of Haldimand, that in order to keep open the grent Canboro' Road, leading through a part of the Niagara and Loudon Districts, it is mecessary to lay a tax on every unsettlod lot adjoining the same, for a limited period: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lecgislative Council and Assembly of the Province of 1 pper Canada, constituted and assembled by virtuc of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Partiament of Great Britain, entited "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed "in the fourtenth ycar of His Majesty's Reign, "entitled 'An Aet for making more effectual pro. "vision for the Goverument of the Province of "Quebee, in North America,' and to make fiur her "provision for the Goveriment of the said Pro"vince," and by the authority of the sume. that from and aftor the first day of January. cighteen hundred and thirty five, every lot of land adjoining the Road leading from Canboro', in the Ningara District, to Simcoe, in the London District, shall be liable to an additional assecsment or tax of ten shitlings for cach lot of two hundred acres of limd, or in that proportion for any greater or less quantity, which assessrnent shall continue for the term of ton years, for the purpose of being laid out on said Roads, and shall be paid yearly to tho Treasurce of the respective Districts. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority afforsaid, that the owner or occupier of lauds, or those having charge of the same, situated on the said Road, whether corporate bodies, belonging to individuals, the Canada Compnny or being Clergy Reserves, or land vested in His Majosty, or what is known as Indian Lands. in arddition to other rates or taxes now regulated by law, shall be liable to pay the taxes hereafier named, on or before the thirty-first day of December in each yenr, that is to say, for ench lot of two hundred acres, ten shillings. and so in proportion for any greater or less quantity, if not paid at the end of the first year, the taxes shall be increased in the following ratio: second year for cach lot of two humdred acres, twelve shillings and six pence ; third year for cach lot of two hundred acres, filteen shitlings; fourth year for cach lot of two hundred acres, seventeen shillings and six pence; fifth year for each lot of two hundred acres, twenty shillings; sixth year for each lot of two hundred acres, twen-ty-two shillings and six pence; seventh year for each lot of two hundred acres, twenty-five shillings; eighth year for each lot of two hundred acres, twenty-seven shillings and six pence; ninth year for each lot of two hundred acres, thirty shillings ; ,tenth year for eachlot of two hundred acres, thirty-
two shillings and six pence. Provided that as soon as a resident householder or settler is placed on any lot as aforesaid, who performs the statute labor, the assessment from that time forward shall cease.3. And be it further enacted by the authority afore-

Appendix said, that it sha!l and may be dawful for the Assessirs of the Townships of Canboro', Rainham and Walpole in the District of Niagara, and Townsend and Woodhouse in the District of London, to ob. tain the number and concession of cach, lot not having a resident Settler on the same on the main road Pending from Canboro' in the District of Niagara, to Sincoe in the District of London, and mgke a return of the same to the Town Clerk in each Township where the lands are situated, and also to the 'Treasurer of their respective Districts, whose duty it shall be to give public notice for three months in one or more Newspapers in each District, as well as the Upper Canada Gazette, that the respective lots are liable for taxes at the rates above described; and the owner or occupier or person having charge of such land shall pay the taxes imposed by this Act to the Treasurer of the District wherc the lands are situate, and it shall be the duty of the said Treasurer to pay over all money collocted by this Act to tho Magistrates in the respective divisions through which the road passes, whose duty it shall be to expend the said moncy on the said rond under the direction of the respective Path Masters who may be appointed to superintend and keep the same in repair, and make a Return to the Chairman of the Quarter Sessions at the close of each year, slocwing how the said money has been expended.4. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if the owner or occupier of any lot or lots of land. situated as aforesaid, shall refise or neglect to pay the anount of taxes accumulated on said lot or lois for repair of said Road, ns provided by this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Pence in the division where the lands may be situated, on the oath of the Town Clerk, stating the amount due on each lot, under the provisions of this Act, to issue a warrant of distress, and levy on the gnods and chatels of any settler or person who may onter on and occupy the same, and sell theroof as much as will defray the taxes already accumulated, together with the costs, which shall not exceed the cost now regulated by the Court of Requests' Act.

Passed Commons House of Assembly, fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

## ARCH'D McLEAN,

Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber, fourteenth day of Fobruary, one thousand eight hundred and thirtyfour.

JOHN B. ROBINSON, Specker.

I reserve this Bill for the signification of His Majosty's pleasure thereon.

## J. Colborne.

The Royal Assent to this Bill promulgated by Proclamation, bearing date at Toronto, 2eth September, 1835.

SAMUEL P. JARVIS,

Deputy Sccretary and Registrar.

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Provincial Regisfrar's Office,
Kingston, 1st Nov., 1843.
I do certify that the foregoing is an exact and faithful copy of the Roll of the "Act for imposing a Tas on Lauds adjoining Canboro' and Simeoc Rond," with which Hull it has been most carefully collated.

## R. A. TUCKER, <br> Registrar.

## Aprendix No. 3.

Letler from Mr. Lewis Burwell, Deputy Surucyor, to the Chief Superintendent of Indian 4 Ifains. Brantford, soth Mebruary, 18.t(0.

## Sik,

Henry Brant, one of tho principal Mohawk Chiefs of the Six Nations Indians, has called on me, and says that you are desirms of aseertaining the qumtity of lands drowned on the Crand River, by the erection of the Dam at Dumnville, by the Welland Canal Company; and desired me io write to you on that subjes 1 : as $I$ itm in possession of that information.

When I entered upon the sur vey of the townships of Dunn and Cayuga by orler of the Government, in $18: 33$, a part of $m y$ duty was to aseertain the guantity of land drowned by the arection of that dam: and during that survey 1 casefully surveyed the margin of the high water on both sides of the Gramd liver as far as the waters set back up the different erecks, and made a correct plan of the same, as well as the original margin of the Grand Niver; and on the plans of these fownships returned by me to the Surveyor General's Omee, the 4 th Maroh, 1834, you will, by referring to them in that office, obtain the iuformation you require, and which you will find as follows:-On the plan of Cayuga the
 from this must be dedueted the drowned lands on private property, namely : the drowned lands on the John Huff tract, in Cayuga 222 'rin acres, -do on the John Dotehstader tract. $388_{10}^{5}$ acres. also on the Jones tract which has, sinee that surves, been eonfirmed by theGovernment. 140 acres, making atotalof 400 acres,
 by the Welland Canal Company, and they ought to pay well for it, for they have destroyed all the best of the lands on that part of the Grand River.

When I was making my last surveys and repnrt, I did not survey the lands the Giand River Navigation Company have drowned, having no orders to incur such an expense; but should it be uecessary I am ready at any time to obey an order for that purpose, and having now in my possession much information which would lead me direct to the point, 1 could make such surrey with less expense to the Indians than a stranger coulde.

I am. Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) LEWIS BURWELL,
Samuel P. Jarvis, Esq.. ChiefSuperintendent Indian
Affairs, \&c. \&c., City of 'Toronto.

## Apprimix No. 4. <br> Public Notice.

All persons reported as resident settlers upon the unsold lands in the townships of Dunn and Cayuga
up to the 27th November, 1840, and named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, shall be considered as entitled to become purchasers of the lots severally in their possession, provided application be made in writing, for that purpose, to the Indian Department, within six minthis from this dato. The price to be ascertained at the Department, and will be ostimated according to the situation of each lot; and the terms of payment $t$ b be one-fourth down at the time of making the purchase, and the remainder or residue by three annual instalments with interest. And in default of such application, or if the terms of the sale should not be conuplied with, such lots will be considered as open to other applicants.

All other lots in these townships not actually sold are also open for sale upon similar applications and upon the same terms and conditions. The lighest bidder shall be considered entuled to the preference. Provided that in case the price offerel should not meet the approval of the chicf superintendent such applicant will be notified in writing of the minimum price at which the lot can be purchased. and the highest bidder within the space of two months thereafter will be considered the purchasor and entitled to a deed or location ticket as the case may requirc.

(Signed.) SAMUEL P. JARVIS.<br>Chief S. I. Affairs.

Indian Office, Kingston,
141h July, 1841.

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| Appendix <br> (M. M.) | Names. | No. Let. | No. C |  |
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|  | Arnold Green, | $5{ }_{5}{ }_{5}$ | do | dn |
|  | Malcolin Robertaon, | s 6 | do | do |
|  | John Warren, | S ${ }_{5} 7$ | do | do |
|  | Horace Marshull, | S 88 | do | do |
|  | Jamos Ryan, | S 11 | do | do |
|  | Richard Murphy, | S 115 | do | do |
|  | John T'opp, | St 16 | dos | do |
|  | Rubert (lroft, | St 17 | do | do |
|  | Charles Edie, | 8 \& 9 | 4 h | do |
|  | Rebecra Brazzye, | N 1.13 | do | do |
|  | William Narkie, | N $\frac{1}{2} 15$ | do | do |
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|  | Willium Sleeth, | N 619 | do | do |
|  | Richard Killins, | N 2.20 | 3 d | dn |
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|  | Benjamin Bray, | N 210 | do | do |
|  |  | N $\ddagger 11$ | do | do |
|  | Hugh Guwdey, | N 16 | do | do |
|  | Jacoh Parmer,Samuel Steen, | N 18 | dn | do |
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|  | Ilenry Wade, |  | do | do |
|  | James Crow, | N:21 | do | do |
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|  | Christopher Yager, | N 425 | do | do |
|  | Thomas Busling, | N +26 | do | do |
|  | Isame Camp, Jr. | N 127 | do | do |
|  | Lonis Preteuy, | S 110 | do | do |
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|  | George Webstor, | E 24, 25 \&2 |  | do |

This Schedule does not include any lots upon which instalments have been paid, the purchasers of which are required to pay up the arrears, or the lots will be forfeited.

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## Appendrx No. 5.

## Indian Lands Notice.

Mr. Gwynuc has been sent from Toronto for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting upon the nature of the claims of all the settlers upon the unsurrendered lands of the Six Nation Indians on the Grand River, to the lands in their possession, and the description of the position where cach individual is settled.

A meeting will be held at Doyle's Ing in Brantford, on Tuesday next, the 18 th instant, at $110^{\prime}$ chock, forerion, for the above purpose, at which a full attendance of the settlers is requested, they are also requested to bring all evidence of claim, writings or reccipts in their possession relating to the lands, and also a description of the boundaries of the premises where the same have boen surveyed, and a map or plan, where any have such.
(Signed,)
JOHN W. GWYNNE.
Brandford, August 12th, 1840.

APPENDIX No. $\quad$.

Lors in the Township of Seneca, fronting on the Grand River, stating the Names of Occupants, and the
Valuation, without reference to the improvements.


 Than lid h lodet Thompson did succeed in procuring, or that if the said Joseph Young did by the assistance of the said David I'hompson, succeed in obtaining a deed of certain lands in the vicinity of Indiana aforesaid, claimed by the said Joseph Young, then, and in that case, an exchange was to be made by the said David Thompson and this deponent, by the sajd Thompson giving to this deponent the farm of Patrick Latham for a part of the said tract of land claimed by him in the vicinity of Indiana aforesaid, known as the IIghlflyer farm : that a subject of that nature was never mentioned between them, and this deponent never did say to Hugh Henry Sharp mas any other person, that such was the case, and thit there is no bargain of any nature relative to these or any other lands existing between this deponent and the said David Thompson.

## JOSEPH YOUNG.

Sworn before me at Indiana, this 15 th November, 1843.

RICIIARD BROWN,<br>Commissioner for taking Affidavits<br>in Queen's Bench in said District.

## Deposition of Robert Young.

District of Niagara, R Robert Young, of the то WIT: Willage of Indiana in said District, Ycoman, son of Joseph Young, maketh oath and saith;-That he docs not know that there is, and does not believe that there is, any under-

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## Deposition of Jacol Young.

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Distriet or Niagara, Jacob Young, of the Inro wir : $\}$ dian Reserve in said Dis.
trict, Ycoman, son of Joseph Young, makelh vath and saith:-That he does not know and does not beliese that there is an understanding or agrement hetwerm his father and David Thompson. Esiquire, to the effect that if he the said Joseph Yoming ly the assistance of David Thompson should suceecd in obtaining a title to lamels claimed by him in the vicinity of Indiana, the said Thmosson is to have a part threof by purchasing and giving to tho said Joeph Comg therefor, the farm of Patrick Latham. and that he wever said to Mugh Menry Sharp or any other presson that such was the casi: 'That he residen with his father, and does not helieve that there is any understanding of any nature relative to these or any other lands between his father and the said David Thompson.

## J.ACOB YOUNE.

Sworn before mo at Indiana,
the loth November, 1 sis.
RICHARD BROWN,
Commissioner for taking Aftidarits in Queen's Bench in said District.

## Deposition of Demnis Young.

Dietrut of Niaciras, , Demnis Young, of the TO WIT: Indian Reserve in said listriet, maketh oath and saith:-'What he resides with his father Joseph Yomge and that he does not believe an understanding ever did or dors now exist betwren the said Joschh Young and David Thompson. Eespuire, to the ctlece that if the said Joseph Young by the assistance of the snid David 'Thmepson obtains a title to rertain lands in the vicinity of Indiana. that the said Thompon is to have a part thereof. by giving in exchange therefior the farm of Patrick Latham; and that this deponent never said to IIugh Ifenry Sharp or any other persion that such was the case.

## DENNIS YOUNG.

Swom before me at Indiann,
the 15 th November, 1843.

## MICHARD BROWN,

Commissioner for taking Allidavits in Queen's Bench in said District.

## Deposition of ILugh IFemy Sharp.

Dis rmet of Niagara, $\}$ Hagh Henty Sharp, of ro wir: $\quad$ the village oflndianain said District, Mechanic, on his nath, shates. that ho never heard Joyeh Youngolthe Imlian Reserve in said District, or any of his sons, say that if the said lo suphYoung did sucesed in obtaining a trate of hand in the vicinity of Indiana aforesaid by the assistance of Davil Thempson, Espuite, that an exchange was to be made botween them the said Josiph Young and David Thompon, by the said Thompon purchasing the firm of Patrick Latham and giving it to the isaid Young for a part of the said tract of land in the veinity of Indiana, known as tho llighflyer Farm claimed by the said Joseph Young; and that ho this deponent never did say to Thomas Lester, or to any other person, that either the said Joseph Young or
any of his sons have at any time told him that such was the case.
hUGII II. SIIARP.
4th Dec'r.

Sworn before me at Indiana, this, 15 th November, 1843.

## RICLIARD BROWN,

Commissioner for taking Alidavits in Queen's Bench in said District.

## Dipnsition of P'atrick Lutham.

Distmet of Niagne, \} Patrick Latham. of the ro wir: Thownship of Cayuga, in the County of Haldimand, in said District, an fudian of the Namicoke Nation. maketh oath and saith. that a long time since, and not less than fuar years since, David Thompson, Lsquiro, of Indiana, asked this deponent what price he would ask for his tarm. and whether he would sell it or not. 'That he, this deponent, did not answor him, and that within the sad period of four years. the said David Thompson has never, to his knowledne, mentioned the subject. and there is no bargain between him and the said Thempson, neither was there any bargain between them relative to the said farm: and this deponent further saith, that there never existed any bargain between him and Joseph Young, of the hadian Reserve, in said District, relative to his said farm, ucither was the subject of purchasing it ever mentimed to this deponent by the said Joseph Young. or by atey other person on his behali, or on that of the said David Thompson, further than has been alroady statod by this deponent.

## PATRICK $\leftarrow$ LATHAM.

Sworn before me, at Indiana,
this, 15th November, 1813.

## RICIIARD BROWN,

Commissioner for taking Affidavits
in Quecn's Bench in said District.

Appendix No. 9.<br>-Letter and Affilavit of John MIurry and Duncan Campbell.

Cayuga, 15th November, 1843.

## David Thompson, Esquire, Indiana:

## Dear Sur,

We beg leave to inform you, that in January, 1810, we were fined as trespassers upon the Indian lands, by Major Winmett, three pounds currency, each, which we paid to Mr. Charlos Bain, through Philip Murry. At the same time, a quantity of Oak timber, got out by us, was seized by the Warden, on which we paid at the rate of six pounds currency per thousand cubic feet, to Mr. Bnin, through the hands of Philip Murry, after said seizure, to redeem it. The lands on which this timber was cut, and on which the trespass was alleged to have been committed, is stlll in our possession. and we have made large improvements thereon, and wish to purchase it. The following is a statement of monies paid by us, viz:
Fine for trespass
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Dres on 4014 cubic feet Oak, at $£ 6$ per
thousand
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# We are, Dear Sir, 

Your obedient scrvants,
JOIIN M MURRY. DUNCAN CAMPBELL.

## Witness to signature of Murry, <br> IR. BROWN.

## Affilarit.

Distmet of Niagara, $\}$ John Murry, and Dunro wir: $\quad$ can Campbell, both of the Towuship of Cayuga, in said District, Yenmen, on their onths state, that in January, of the year of otr Lord one thousand cight hundred and forty, they wore prosocuted for a trespass upon the Indian lands in the said Township of Cayuga, and fined before James Winniett, Esf., in the sum of throe pounds currency, each, which they have paid; and that about the same time the Deputy Warden seized a quantity of timber got out by them, to redeem which, they had to pay at the rate of six pounds currency per thousand cubie fect. That the said alleged trespass was committed, and the timber got out by them on a lot of land in Cayuga, which since that time, has remained in their possession, and on which they have made large improvements, and are now desirous of purchasing it ; and that they did. in the year of our 1 ard one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, settle upon said lot with an intention to purchase it for farming purposes; that the lot of land referred to, is lot No. 26, in the first Concession south of Talbot Road, in the Township of Cuyuga, and that the money paid by them jointly was, for said fine, 5 ; dues on 4914 feet Oak timber, at 120s., £29 9s. 8d. ; amounting in all, to thirtyfive pounds, nine shillings and eight pence, currency.

## JOHN © MURRY. DUNCAN CAMPBELL.

Sworn before me at Indiana,
this 16 th November, 1843.
RICHARD BROWN,
Commissioner for taking Affidavits
in Queen's Bench in said District.

## Appendix No. 10.

Return to an Address from the Houso of Assem. bly to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to direct the proper officer to communicate. for their information, copies of two Petitions filed in the office of the Executive Council, the one from James Little and others, and the other fion the Chiefs and Sachems of the Six. Nations Indians, residing at the Grand River tract, both relating to Indian Lauds.

By command,
D. DALY.

Sccretary.
Secretary's Office, 17th November, 1843.
(Copy.)
To the Right Honorahle Sir Charles Theonnilus Melealfe, G. C. B., Governor General of British North America, \&c. \&e. \&e., in Council.

## May tr Preasr Your Exchllency,

The Petition of the undersigned, humbly sheweth:
That your Petitioners are settled on the Indian lands on the Grand River, in the Districts of Niaga-
ra, and Gore; that at their own expense and labour they have much improved the roads, the value of their own locations, and correspondingly the value of the neighboring unoccupied Indian lands. That in the valuation of the whole Indian Tract the Val-

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4th Dec'r. uators are instructed to take not only these, but also every other advantage into account, in order to raise the price of these lands to the highest possible extent, as the following, taken from a printed sheet of queries, which the Valuators are required to answer on cach lot, will sufficiently shew:-
" 1st. What is the quality of the soil and timber?
" 2 nd. What is the nearest distance to any town or village, Flour and Saw Mills, Tavern stands, \&c.?
" 3rd. What is the full value of this lot per acre, without improvements, at the present time, without reference to former upset prices or alleged expectations on the part of claimants, but the present actual value in the improved circumstances of the whole Indian tract and country adjacent; only excepting the valuc of the improvements on the individual lot now under consideration?
"4th. Wow is it watered?-Are there any Mill Sites or water privileges on it, or streams adapted for Distilleries, Dreweries, or Tannerics?
"5th. Has this lot any peculiar advantage of situation, such as being in a populnus settlement, near to any town or village or principal road or water conveyance?
"Bth, Are there any salt or mineral springs, or beds of plaster or ore of any description supposed to exist upon this lot, or within a short distance of it; if so, what do they add to the value of this lot and the arjacent lots within a limited distance?
"7th. What blocks, lots, picces, or parcels of land should be reserved for town plots or sites of villages? and let a plan shewing their relative position accompany your report."

From the forgoing Your Excellency will see that evory means, whether supposed or real, whether from the labour and outlay of Petitioners, or other causes whatsocver, of adding to the intrinsic value, and increasing the price of these lands, are resorted to. Even the roads made at the expense of Petitioners, as well as those highways made at the public charge, are talien into the account, whilst the Indians, their lands, and any other property they possess, are totally exctmpt from taxation, and all the public burrons which your Petitioners, in common with Her Majesty's white subjects of the Province generally, are necessarily called on to bear.
Besides, instead of giving encouragement to Capitalists, which in all new settlements has been generally considered good policy, rescrvations of several hundred acres of land aro required to be made whorever a situation may be eonsidered eligible for the congregation of a few houses, thereby debarring Capitalists from settling amongst us, who, by investments of moncy in machinery and improvements. woald greatly advantage and accommodate your Pectitioners, as well as facilitate the settlement of the Indian lands. Potitioners concoive it might indeed have been expected that the Chief Superintendent of the Indian Affairs, who as President of the Grand River Navigation Company, would have been aware of the impracticability of advanciug the Indian interests by this means, when be cannot but know that that Company; who have village sites at every lock and dam on the river, in the most eligible situations, have never realized sufficient to com-
pensate an individual for the supervision of the
same, without taking into account the interest on the outlay; nor has the town plot of Cayuga, which was so flatteringly brought into market by his predecessor in office, ever roalized other than most bitter disappointment and dissatisfaction to those who were induced to purchase by the fallacious and visionary representations made to them; and altho' it has been about eleven years in market, it remains at this day a bleak common,-a conspicuous monument of the utter impossibility of forcing towns in a wilderness, by those who feel no further interest than taking pay for the lots. Petitioners would especially ask that this system. so fruitlers of good to all concerned, will be forthwith abandoned.

Petitioners have further to represent that although there were several hundred settlors whnso interests would be deeply affected by adopting a different survey from the convenient andsystematic plan they had followed in locating these lands, a totally different and ruinous plan was pursued,and although this was represented to the Government at the time, and an answer received that every ronsideration would be given to the subject, yot nothing has bean done to the relief of petitioners; the consequence is, nearly the whole settlement has been thrown into the greatest confusion,-farms are cut up into shreds and patches; in some cases cach end and the centre of a lot are found to be improved, having all the buildings and erections necessary for three farms; some are improved in the centre-some on the rear -some on the inconvenient borders of two lotswhilst some individuals have had to abandon their locations altogether. Thus your Petitioncrs have been most seriously damaged, and the value of their lands greatly depreciated by what they conceive to be a total disregard to their welfare. through a mistaken and inconsiderate desire to guard the Indian interest by those having control in the matter.

Petitioners have further to represent that with the exception of the Ilamilton and Port Dover road, surrenders in all localities where timber could be found available for marketing, all that was valuable has been carried off by those who were licensed to do so ; the consequence is, many of these lots are so perfectly denuded, that enough timber cannot be found for fencing. whilst at the same time Petitioners have been debarred the privilege of appropriating a fow saw-logs to their own immediate wants, and Petitioners lave especially to complain that this system is continued, to their manifest injury, although the lands have been valued in connexion with everything growing upon them, or supposed to exist within them.

Petitioners know it is said these are not Crown, but Indian Lands, and the most must be made out of them for their benefit ; this your Petitioners grant to the fullest extent, but they are perfectly convinced a more liberal line of policy, and a more equitable scheme of doaling, would better conduce to this desirable end, for they cannot admit it right to themselves, nor tending to secure the Indian interests to make Petitioncrs pay an increased value which is consequent of their own labor and outlay, nor just to continue the licensing of the timber where the lands have been valued, nor reasonable to require those who have been the pioncers of the forest, and who have had to contend against all the disadvantages peculiar to a new and unhcalthy settlement, to give up their improvements for the purpose of wasteful and unseemly reservations.

Petitioners are aware it is said by the Chief Superintendent of Indian Affairs, that having settled on these lands. without instructious to do so, Petitioners have rendered themselyes unworthy of
any consideration whatevan from the Government; whilst Petitioners would exonorate the Governmont from such illiberal views, they would take this opportunity of exculpating themselves from the orlium of the charge; when the Grand River Navigation Company first came into existence, which was long before the present officer was placed at the head of the Indian Affairs, Sir John Colborne, who was Licutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada at the time, promised certain wealthy and influential individuals if they would get the stnck taken up, and commence the improvenent of the River, he would get a surrender of the Indian I ands, and bring them into market;-the stock was subscribed for, a commencenent of the improvements made, and immediately thereafter he oltained a surrender of what is called the Hapiliton and Port Dover Road, which, as far as Teffany's Block, was soon sctited on; it was expected according to His Excellency's promise a full surrender would follow. This seems to have been geperally understond, for when Petitioners, who are chicfly natives of Great Britain and Ircland, arrived at the "Head of the Lake" they were invariably directed to these lands as boing open for settlement, and on arriving there they found the Indians quite as disposed as the whites to favor this belief, and willing to dispose of their improvements to any who would give the most for them. On the 20ih November, 1835 , the following advertisement was issued in print from the Indian Office at Toronto:

## ". Grand Riven Lands.

## "Indian Leases.

"Notice is hereby given that all persons in possession of lands belonging to the Six Nations Indians, under leases given by any Chief or Chiefs of the said Indians, or any individual Indian or Indians of the said Six Nations, are hereby required, on or before the 25th day of Decernber next, to transmit, post-paid, to the subscriber, the leases under which such persons claim to hold possession of their respective lands, in order that leases may be granted by the Crown to such of the aforesaid persons fir such terms of years, and at such rents as the Trustees of the said Indians may think proper to recommend for that purpose, and in defallt thercof, proceedings will be takon to eject such persuns from the lands they may respectively occupy.
"And notice is hercby given, and the settlers on the Hamilton and Port Dover Road are hereby required, on or befnre the said 25 th day of December next, to apply to the subscriber, post paid, for leases from the Crown for such portions of the Land they may respectively occupy, and which the said Indians some time since surrendered to the Crown, that Leases for their benefit might be granted, and in default thereof such settlers will be liable to be ejected from their respective' possessions.

## " (Signed, WILLIAM IIEPBURN,

 " Acting Trustee, Six Nations Indians."Printed at the U. C. Gazette Office.

## "Dated at the City of Toronto, this 20th November, 1835."

Petitioners need make no comment on the plain and obvious tendency of the foregoing notice, further than to say, as far as they were concerned at the time they complied with its, requirements, and they now assure Your Excellency, had they anticipated the illiberal and ruinous policy that has been adopted towards them the unreasonable terms of

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payment now required, as well as the extreme unhealthiness of the locality, every succeeding summer bringing with it a return of epidemic fever, and
4th Dec'r. fever and ague, by the wasting influences of which their health, energies and means have been seriously impaired, they would not have placed themselves in their present unfavourable position, where every advantage is apparently taken of them, whilst as valuable lands in healthy situations are offered on the most liberal and equitable terms, not alone by the Cairda Company, but by individual land holders, who are using every endeavour to dispose of such property.

Petitioners have further to represent, that in the face of all the disadvantages, and the unusual system of valuation hercin before set forth, and not taking into account the great scarcity of money, and the low price of Agricultural produce, which will not pay for the labor, it is announced by Advertizement from the Indian Office, that as far as Cayuga, and Dunn are concerned, they are called upon to pay one-third down, and the remainder in three equal annual instalments with interest. Petitioners cannot of course, anticipate better terms for the lands of the other Townships, and they have therefore, respectfully to state, that these are payments which it is totally out of their power to comply with, and coupled with what has been already represented, would lead them to belicue the only question entertained by those having jurisdiction in thic matter, is, how are your petitioners to be got rid of, and the whole tract restored to its original uselessness, for really they conceive no better method could be adopted to bring about this result, than the whole system so perseveringly and tenaciously pursued.

Petitioners would now beg to bring under the notice of Your Excellency in Council, the very different policy pursued by the Canada Company, in relation to the settlement of their lands, and it surely must be admitted, they are as desirous of making as much out of their property, as the Indian Department can be out of the lands under its management.

After various plans, each more liberal than that preceding, but all of which it seems wore found ineffectual for the purpose, the Canada Company now Advertize to dispose of their extensive tracts, comprising about $800 ; 000$ acres; at prices ranging from 2 s . to "13s. 9 d per acre, on a credit of ten years, requiring only the interest annually, with an advance of 1s. 3d. if paid within the first five years, and 2 s . 6d. per acre, 'if paid subsequently to thaty' and provious to the expiration of the lease, leaving the Sottler, full power to purchase the freehold, and take his deed for the land he occupies, at any time during the Lease, when most convenient to himself at the aforesald fixed advance.

The Company will remit any sum of money; however small; to any part of the United Kingdom, or Europe' free of all charge.

They will also remit any sum of money, however small from Europe to Canada, thus ensuting the benefit of exchange to the Emigrant, free of all chatge.: They furnish every kind of information' and directions that "can possibly be useful to the . Settler ; also printed lists of theirlahds and ary' particulars required free of all charge:

And with a view to actommodate the Ehtigrants' having no inmediate use for their money, the Coms pany will allow interest at the rate of per cent. premium for moneydeft with them not less than' 90

Your Excellency in Council will sce by the fore going, which is but a synopsis of their advertiscment, that the Canada Company, who surely understand their own interest, and who have had great experience in the settlement of lands, are holding out the most liberal and advantageous terms to Settlers, as well as evincing a most ardent desire for their welfare and prosperity, by adopting any scheme for their accommodation, which is highly creditable to them, and cannot fail to ensure them abundant success; and Petitioners cannot at all comprehend why the Government should be less desirous of their welfare, and why a similar line of policy would not be as fulty conducive to the interests of the Indians.
It has come to the knowledge of Petitioners that the lands in Cayuga and Dunn are valued at from 3 to 6 dollars per acre, which is a valuation far above what can be realized for them. Individuals who purchased at the last sales about $8^{\prime \prime}$ years hack, at the then upset price of 15 s . per acre, would in many cases now be glad to get 10s. for them.' A farm of 200 acres, with about 40 acres improved, and all the necessary buildings and ercctions made upon it, near Cáyuga village, on the great Canboro' road, which was purchased in its wild state at that sale for 20s. per acre, was sold some months back, after it had been several years in market, for $£ 105$ Petitioners only mention these facts to show the estimate of value the public sot upon these lands.
Petitioners regret the necessity of having to bring these matters , so particularly, and at such length, under the notice of your Excellency in Council, but they trust the importance of tho subject, and the circumstances under which they are placed, will be considered a sufficient excusc. . If Potitioners are compelled to remove from here, which, under the present system, they will be necessitated to do, it will be, at the greatest sacrifice, for they have expended all their substance in endeavoring to provide a living and a home for themsolves and families; they would therefore most respectfully but earnestly beg your Excellency in Council will be graciously pleased to order:

1st. That a fair valuation be put on these lands, s in their natural or wild state.
2nd. That a re-survey be made in those situations where it is absolutely required for the advantage of the settlers.

3rd. That the licensing of the Timber by tho Indian Department or its agents be prohibited where the lands are vatued.
4th. That the system of reservations be abandoned, exrept where the Indians are to be located, which is in accordance with thair own wishes, as well-as the Orders' in Council wibich were passed when the survey was authorized to be made, which secure to each setler the right to purchase the "lot he occupies.
5th. That the system adopted by the Canada Company in regard to the disposal of their lands be followedili relation to the sale of these for the benefit of all those who may wish to avail themselves of thie same.

6th That an office be established at some convenient place on the River, where Petitionors, and all otherrs disposed to sottle, may be able to transact all their business relating to these lands.
And' your Petitioners, as in duty bound, wilt ever pray.

Signcd by JAMES LITTLE,
and 298 others.
Seneca, April tis, 1848
Certified, ":

## E. PARENT,

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## (Copy.)

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, G. C. B., One of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, and Governor General of British North America, \&cc. \&c. \&c,

## May it please Your Excellency :

We, the undersigned, Chiefs and Sachems of the Six Nations of Indians residing on the Grand River, in Canada West, being assembled at our General Council Fire, have resolved to give your Excellency our congratulations on being appointed our Governor to represent our Great Mother the Queen. We hope that your heart will be filled with joy when your eyes open upon this fine portion of her dominions, and we trust that your Excellency will extend to her red children that protection which we formerly received from her illustrious ancestors.

- The Chiefs now, on the behalf of the warriors, women, and children of the Six Nations, would respectfully claim the attention of Your Excellency to a brief statement of their affairs :

When the American revolution commenced, in the year 1775, the Six Nations rallied round the standard of their Great Father George the Third, and fought his battles by the side of his Troops, until the close of the war, when, in consequence of theirsteady adherence to the Royal cause, the tribes were driven from their possessions on the Mohawk River by the now Government of the United States, into Canada, when their Great Father, George the Third. allotted to them six miles on each side of the Grand River, from its mouth to its source, for a residence for them and their posterity for ever. And the Chiefs would further represent that from the pressing importunities of the whites, through the Government, they have, from time to time, surtendered the greatest part of their tract ; the money arising from the sales thereof being funded, (and the interest yearly aivided amongst their Chiefs, Warriors,women and children, until the last seven years, when it entirely ceased, although during the last twelve years they have sold to the Government the lands forming the Townships of Dunn, Cayuga, Brantford and the Town of Brantford. The money arising therefrom, and their other funds, being expended without their consent, toconstruct and improve the navigation of the Grand River, for the benefit of the whites.

And the Chiefs would further represent, that upwards of six thousand pounds has been received by the Agent, for timber cut on their lands, who receives a salary for collecting the same, nut one shilling of which have the Indians ever received; and they are also charged one hundred and fifty pounds a-year, for their Trustec Colonel Jarvis; and the Chiefs would respectfully ask, is it just that so large a part of their lands should be sold ?money collected for their timber cut by the whites? -their Trustee and Agent regularly paid their salary ?-and they, their warriors, women, children, and infirm; for the last seven years not receiving one farthing. The whites say that their investment in the Grand River Navigation Company will be profitable; if they really believe so, we hope that Your Excellency will get the Government to purchase their stock in the Company, so that the money may be placed in Government Debentures, and they, their warriors, women, children, end infirm, draw the interest thereof annually.

The Chiefs would further represent, that in Jonuary last, a deputation of their Chiefs were examined before a Committee sitting at Kingston, on Indian affairs, and it would be gratifying to the Six fifunns if your Excellency would examine the
statements made to the Commissioners on that occasion, and also a Memorial of the Chiefs, addressed to Lord Sydenham, in the summer of 1841 .

And the Chiefs wuld further represent that they are desirous that the reservation for their future residence should be on the south side of the River, of all the Jands [excepting a tier of lots on each side of the con templated plank road, leading from Hamilton to PortDover, ] lying between the Township of Cayuga and Burtch's Landing ; and that the landsforming the "Oxbow." and the "Eagle's Nest," and the "Mohawk Flats," [on which is erected one of their churches], together with the "Johnson settlement," should be at short leases, in order that if our young men should more closely assimilate with the whites, that our Chiefs may place them on these lands; and we also wish that the lot at Tuscarora, whereon is erected another of our churches, should be reserved

And the Chiefs would further represent; that in consequence of the majority of the Six Nations having determined to remove to the south side of the River, a great number of buildings will have to to be erected; they therefore wish that they may have the sole control of the timber, so that they may be enabled to make the most advantageous bargains with saw mill proprietors to saw their timber: at present a poor Indian cannot take a saw $\log$ off of lands that the Government always said was their own. They therefore wish your Excellency will permit them to appoint an Agent in whom they have confidence, to protect their rights, and also to select a Commissioner, under the Provincial law, to remove the squatters, with which their tract on the south side of the River is now infested.

And the Chiefs would further represent that it is their wish that all those Indians who are at present residing on the north side of the River may remain to enjoy their improvements unmolested, and also that the unoccupied lands in the "Martin Settlement" may be let at short leases.

And the Chiefs would further represent that they are informed, that it is the intention of the Governmeut to sell their lands, requiring one-third of the purchase money down, and the remainder in three years with interest : if so, they respectfully remonstrate against any such course, on the following grounds:-the scarcity of money in the country would place it out of the power of actual Settlers to comply .with the terms, consequently they would resort to the Canada Company, who do not require anv advance; our lands would then remain unsold, and we could derive no benefit therefrom, unless we submitted to a sacrifice at the hands of monied speculators: all that the Chiefs and Warriors can touch is the interest and why not let the industrious settler have the benefit of using the principal as well as Banking Institutions ; for if sold for cash, the same must be funded, and the use of one-third of the purchase money would be a great assistance to the poor Settler. We only wish the interest of the purchase money to be paid yearly in advance, the improvements of the Settler will be ample security for the payment of the principal, and the interest annually.

And the Chiefs would further represent, that they understand that it is in contemplation to reserve'parts of their lands for town plots ; against any sucb reservation they most strongly remonstrate, as they have had full enough of such visionary schemes,-a large reservation being made in the township of Cayuga, and cleared at a great expense to the Indians, and as yet only two or three of the lots being sold, although the same has been in market for the last ten or twelve years; it
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is the wish of the Six Nations, that all their lands (excepting whal they have above stated) should be immediately brought into market, and sold, and 4th Dec'r. only the interest on the purchase money be required in advance, and the interest annually, so that their poor women, children, and Infirm, may receive some benefit from what was set apart by a munificent Sovareign for their support.

And the Cbiefs would further represent, that in consequence of the Seat of Government being at Kingston the expense of the Chiefs to wait on the Representative of their Sovereign weighs heavy on their scanty means; they therefore hope Your Excellency will permit them to appoint an Agent, who can transact all their affairs with the Government, and also attend to and conduct their affairs on the River.
This memorial to Your Excellency will be presented by Peter Smith, one of our Chiefs of the

Mohawk Nation ; he has our entire confidence, and we have authorized him in the fullest manner in all things to act in our behalf; he knows our own wishes, and we hope that Your Excellency will rely affairs; and from his long experience and knowledge thereof he will be able to give Your Excellency any information that Your Excellency may require; and the Chief would beg leave to assure Your Excellency that it is only from pecuniary embarrassment that they are compelled to send but one of their body to salute Your Excellency, and we have directed Peter Smith to remain at Kingston until he receives from Your Excellency a written reply to the various requests that we have stated in the above memorial.

Signed by WILLIAM JOHN, and 86 others.
Certified,
E. PARENT.

## RETURN

To an Addness of the Legishative Assembly to the Governor Generar, bearing date the 5th ult: praying that His Excollency may be pleased to direct the proper officer to lay before the House from each of the Commissioners of Bankrupts appointed in Lower Canada under the Ordinance intituled Eth December. $\mathbf{4}^{\text {" An Ordinance concerning Bankrupts and the administration and distribution of their estates and effects," }}$ a statement of the official business before him to the present time shewing:

The number of persons and Firms or Co-partnerships who have taken the benefit of the said Ordinance, the name of each such person or firm, and the places at which they respectively last carried on business, before taking the benefit of the said Ordinance:

The amount of the debts proved against each such person or firm, and the dividends paid or ordered in each case :

The total amount of the costs and expenses in each case, and the amount of the fees in each case paid or due to the Commissioner, Commissioner's Clerk, Messenger, Witness and other parties respectively, and the allowance made to the Bankrupt :

The number of cases in which no dividend has been paid or ordered :
The number of cases in which the Bankrupt has received a Certificate, and the number of cases in which the Cortificate has been refused :

The number of cases still pending, with the particulars above mentioned, in each case,"so far as they can be ascertained :

The cases in which there shall have been appeals from the decision of the Commissioner, and the result of each appeal.

By Command,
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| Plilip Lavoy....... |  | do | 2058116 |  | 76012 3k |  | [ ${ }^{8}$ | ${ }_{2}^{1} 8$ | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 7 \\ 4 & 7 \\ 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 6 \\ 0\end{array}$ | 1 50 50 |  | 519 1318 | ${ }_{51} 19167$ | do |
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| Etienne Hansselm |  | do | 25840 | , | ${ }_{243} 41012$ |  | 83 | 16 | 212 | 15 |  |  |  | Not closed. |
| William Simpson |  | do | 39527 | 5 | 22847 | 2956 | 1400 | 25 | 37 | 100 | ............. | 1313 | 435 | Closed. |
| Thomas Evans... |  | do | 1576 <br> 4739 <br> 14 | 32 | $\begin{array}{rlll}743 & 4 & 0 \\ 4250 & 4 & 4\end{array}$ | 9767 | 32 1384 | 55 | 40 | 300 | $30 \quad 0$ ] | $2+13$ | 1261211 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { do } \\ & \text { do } \end{aligned}$ |
| George Bent |  | do | 103:2 165 |  |  |  | 5168 | 018 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 2 & 0 \\ \\ \\ & & & \\ \end{array}$ |  | $\bigcirc$ | 8163 | 18138 | Not closed. |
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Appendix A Continuation of the Statement of the Official Business had before the Commissioner of Bankrupts for the District of Saint Francis, from the date of his appointment (the 28th January, 1841), to this day,
(the 11th October, 1843.)


The foregoing I believe to be a correct Statement of the business had before me as Commissioner of Bankrupts since the date of my appointment, mentioned above, to the present time.

11th October, 1843.
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| Auphrosine Picotte | Quebec | $\begin{array}{ccc} 5 & \text { s. } & \text { p. } \\ 222 & 16 & 6 \end{array}$ | $\boldsymbol{E}$ s. $\mathbf{d}$. | $\begin{array}{ccc} 5 & \text { s. } & \text { p. } \\ 22 & 2 & 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \boldsymbol{y} & \mathbf{s . c}^{\boldsymbol{*}} \\ 11 & 16 & 8 \end{array}$ | Paid | $\begin{array}{lr} \mathbf{x} & \text { s. } \\ \mathbf{3} & 15 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{x} & \mathrm{s} . & \mathrm{p} \\ 0 & 19 & 0 \end{array}$ | Paid..... | E/s. D . | $\boldsymbol{f} \mathrm{s} . \mathrm{p}$. |  |  |  |  |
| Louis X. Leprohon. | do | 78130 |  | 12126 | $7 \begin{array}{ll}7 & 3\end{array}$ |  | $1-100$ | do. | 126 | do ...... |  |  | do | do |  |  |
| Marg Gillesey... | do | 358.1910 | 341138 | 43195 | 1568 | do .. | 5176 | do .. ... | 2150 | do ...... |  | 8150 | do |  |  |  |
| Augostin Cantin | do .................. | 3935 |  | $\begin{array}{lll}44 & 2 & 03 \\ 60 & 8 & 61\end{array}$ | ${ }_{15}^{18} 8810$ | do | 41113 | do | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 15 & 0\end{array}$ | do ... |  | 15.8113 | do |  |  |  |
| Patrick Foy . | do | 935 <br> 35 <br> 2 | 325164 | ${ }_{6}^{6} 88{ }^{8} 8$ | 1568 4168 | Not paid. | $\begin{array}{lll}4 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 17 & 6\end{array}$ | Not paid. | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 19 & 0\end{array}$ |  |  |  | do | do |  |  |
| Theophile Choninard | Kamouraska | 34143 |  | 151110 | $\begin{array}{llll}7 & 3 & 4\end{array}$ | do | 150 | do | 0150 | do. |  |  | Withheld | do |  |  |
| Stanistas Berabé. | St. Simon. | 2321613 |  | $\begin{array}{llll}16 & 5 & 9\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}10 & 13 & 4\end{array}$ | do | 1163 | do | $019 \quad 0$ | Not paid |  |  | do . | do |  |  |
| John Maguire... | St. Jean Chrysostome... |  | 2251110 | $\begin{array}{llll}35 & 0 & 5\end{array}$ | 156.8 | Paid... | 463 | Paid.. | 286 |  |  |  | Cranted $\qquad$ \{ Refused on |  |  |  |
| Matthew Grigny .............. | Quebec '............... | $\begin{array}{llll}2373 & 2 & 01\end{array}$ | 54461 | $\begin{array}{llll}62 & 8 & 6\end{array}$ | 18168 | do .. |  |  | 2126 | do ...... |  | 1050 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { objection of } \\ \text { creditars }\end{array}\right.$ |  | No decision yet. |  |
| Launeelot B. Dumlin |  | $123 \quad 36$ |  | $20 \quad 20$ | 11168 |  | 2100 |  | 180 |  |  |  | Granted ... |  |  |  |
| François Rodrigu | do | None ......... |  | $\begin{array}{llll}9 & 7 & 7 \\ 91 & 17 & 5\end{array}$ | 4 <br> 16 | Not paid. | ${ }^{0} 178$ | Yot paid | 0190 | do |  |  |  | do |  | 2nd meeting not held yet. |
| John Parker. | do | $\begin{array}{llll}59 & 8 & 23\end{array}$ |  | 21175 | ${ }^{9} 100$ | Paid ..... | 276 | Paid..... | 01980 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Benjamin Lemoin | do | 5070 | 72151 | $\begin{array}{llll}40 & 5 & 0 \\ 38 & 16 & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}14 & 3 & 4 \\ 9 & 10 & 0\end{array}$ | do | ${ }^{2} 776$ | do | ${ }_{2}^{2} 216$ | do |  | 15150 |  | do |  |  |
| Gulbert Lavergue | St. Thoma | 102181 |  | 38168 | 9100 | do | 376 | do | 216 | do |  | 6160 |  | do |  |  |
| Lowis Legurdre. | Lotbinére | 1760411 |  | 290661 | 34. 00 | do | 8.26 | do ...... | 276 | do |  | 82100 | do | do |  |  |
| Patrick D. O'Brien | Quebec | 86 |  | $\begin{array}{rrrr}9 & 4 & 10 \\ 17 & 4\end{array}$ | 4168 |  | 0176 | do | 1296 | do |  |  | do | do |  |  |
| Joseph Robitaille | $\begin{aligned} & \text { do } \\ & \text { do } \end{aligned}$ | 11119 18 18 |  | $\begin{array}{ccc}17 & 4 & 2 \\ 810 & 6\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} 9 & 10 & 0 \\ 4 & 16 & 8 \end{array}$ | do ...... | $\begin{array}{llll}2 & 7 & 6 \\ 0 & 17 & 6\end{array}$ | do ${ }^{\text {do }}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | do |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| George Murray <br> Hannah Hayes. $\qquad$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { do } \quad . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{rr}18 & 1 \\ 8 & 6 \\ 8\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r}810 \\ 1217 \\ \hline 10\end{array}$ | 4168 7 7 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { do .. } \\ & \text { do . } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 17 & 6 \\ 1 & 15 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { dò } \\ & \text { do } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 19 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { do } \\ & \text { do } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  | ned. |
| Oliver Canton................... | do | None. |  | 895 | - 4168 | Not paid. | 0176 | Not paid. | 0150 | do |  |  |  | do |  | 2nd meeting not held yet. |
| Thomas Bowles | do | 180 |  | 17210 | 9100 | Paid...... | 276 | Paid...... | 0190 | do ..... |  |  |  | do |  |  |
| Charles Darveau.. | do | 66158 |  | 29 1 6 <br> 11   | 16160 | do ..... | 4150 | do | 0190 | do ...... |  |  | do | do |  |  |
| Hyppolite P. Beaubien... | do | $\begin{array}{r}43 \\ \hline 29 \\ \hline 17\end{array}$ |  | ${ }_{11}^{11} 22$8 <br> 15 | $\begin{array}{lll}7 & 3 & 4\end{array}$ | Not paid. | 150 | do ...... | 0190 | do |  |  |  |  |  | do do |
| Louis Bleus <br> Chartes A: Holt | $\begin{aligned} & \text { do } \\ & \text { do } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r}222179 \\ 35057 \\ \hline 9\end{array}$ | 6000 | ${ }_{1}^{15}$ | $\begin{array}{r}910 \\ 28 \\ \hline 8\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{rr}1 & 12 \\ 7 & 2\end{array}$ | Not paid. | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 4 & 0 \\ 3 & 7 & 9\end{array}$ | do ...... |  | 1256 |  | do |  | do do |
| Iamea Bell Forsyth, and flex. D. Bell-Forsyth \& Bell. |  |  |  | 18146 | $\begin{array}{rrrr}2 & 10 & 4\end{array}$ | do. | 712 1 | do ..... | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 7 & \\ 5 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | Not paid. |  |  |  | do |  |  |
| Jean Bte. Blais $\qquad$ | do $\qquad$ | 50215 1 |  | $\begin{array}{rrr}2413 & 2 \\ 6 & 15 & 9\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}11 & 16 \\ 4 & 8\end{array}$ | do ...... | 250 | do ..... | $12{ }^{-6}$ | Paid... |  | $\ldots \ldots \ldots\}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Refused on } \\ \text { objection of }\end{array}\right\}$ creditors. | do | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Appealed. } \\ & \text { No decision } \\ & \text { yct. }\end{aligned}\right.$ |  |
| James Oliver................... | St. Thomas............. | None ......... |  |  | 4168 | Not paid. | 0176 | Not paid. | 066 | do |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| John MeGillivray............... | Island of Anticosti..... | $\begin{array}{lll}225 & 7 & 8\end{array}$ |  | 7 8 | 4168 |  | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 17 & 6\end{array}$ | do | 019 |  |  |  |  |  |  | do do |
| Thomàs Eely ................... | Rivière du Lonp......... | $\left\|\begin{array}{rrr} 994 & 10 & 97 \\ \text { None } & . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ \end{array}\right\|$ |  | 1615 6  <br> 8 3  | 9 4 4 4 4 16.0 | Paid...... | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 12 & 6\end{array}$ | Paid..... | 4440 | Not paid. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thomas Butler. <br> Pierre Julien | Quebec do $\qquad$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{rrr} \text { yone } & \ldots & \cdots \end{array}\right\|$ |  | $\begin{array}{lll}8 & 3 & 2 \\ 8 & 10 & 8\end{array}$ | 4168 4168 | Not paid. Paid. | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 17 \\ 0 & 17 & 6\end{array}$ | Pot paid. | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 19 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 8\end{array}$ | Paid..... |  |  |  | do |  | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { do } & \text { do } \\ \text { do } & \text { do } \end{array}$ |
| John Walton <br> Bazile Dasten | $\left\{\begin{array}{rr} \text { do } & \cdots \\ \text { do } & \cdots \\ \text { do } & \cdots \\ \hline \end{array}\right.$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{rrrr}39 & 0 & \\ 308 & 9 & 6 \\ \text { None } & \ldots\end{array}\right.$ | . | $\begin{array}{rrrr}8 & 10 & 8 \\ 20 & 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 4 & 2\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}4 & 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 16 & 8\end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { Paid..... } \\ \text { do ...... } \\ \text { Not paid. }\end{gathered}\right.$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{rrr}0 & 17 & 6 \\ 2 & 7 & 6 \\ 0 & 17 & 6\end{array}\right.$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Paid..... } \\ & \text { do ..... } \\ & \text { Not paid. }\end{aligned}\right.$ | $\left.\begin{array}{llll}1 & 7 & 6 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 0\end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | . |  | $\ldots \ldots \cdot\{$ | Refused on objection of creditors. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { do }\{ \\ & \text { do } \end{aligned}$ | Appealed. Granted in appeal. |  |
| $\because$ In the amount of costs are newspaper ; but as the priuting <br> Quebec, 24th November, | included the allowanc was the same in each, 1843. | to Assignee it has been as | Commissioner umed that the | 's fees, Cl other is of | k's fees, Mes qual amount. |  | ces, allo | ces to | Bankrupts | and $V$ | csses, an | rinting expe | anses. The co |  | ting has only <br> H. GAIRDN Commiss | been furnished by one <br> NER, <br> sioner of Bankrupts. |
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# REPORTS 

Of the Commssioners for revising the Acts and Orminances of Lower Canada, laid before the Legislative Assembly, by Message from His Excellency the Governor General, on the 7th December, 1843.

## FIRST REPORT.

To IIis Excelloncy the Right Honourable Sin Charres Theominus Metcalfe, Baronet, Knight,Grand Cross of the Most Monourable Military Order of the Bath, one of ILer Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North Anerica, and Oaptain General and Governor in Chief in and over the lrovinces of Canada, Nova Scutia, New Brunswick, \&c. \&c.

## May it Please Your Excehlency,

The Commissioners appointed on the sixteenth March, one thousand cight hundred and forty-two, in compliance with the Aldress of the Monorable the Legislatise Assembly, bearing date the twentyeighth day of August one thousand cight hundred and forty-one, to revise and examine the several Statutes and Ordinances from time to time passed; enacted and ordained in that part of the Province of Canada formerly Lower Canada, and now in force and effect, and to consolidate such of the said Statutes and Ordinances as relate to the same subject, or can be advantageously colisolicated, and thereupon to make such report as in their judgement should be most for the interest, welfare and grod government of the said Province, have the Ponor to Report:
That, in pursuance of the duty assigned to them, and in obedience to the instructions by them received in relation to the same, they have examined all the Statutes and Ordinances of the late Province of Lower Canada, and having ascertained which of the same are now wholly or partially in force, and having revised the latter, so as to ascertain what portion of each is in force and effect, they have classified the same so as to place the several Laws relating to the same subjects in the same class, and those rolating to the subordinate heads in steh class, under the heads to which they respectively 1 clate.
The Commissioners have prepared and submit with this Report two tables, the pullication of which, under the superintendence of the Commissioners, they respectfully recommend, as tending greatly to promote the attainment of the objects mentioned in the Commission.
The first table contains a list of all the Statutes and Ordimanees in their chronulogical order, and shows with regard to each Act or Ordinance: Firstly. The subject of the Law generally, and whether it was originally temporary or permanent: Secomily. If temporary, the perinil to which it was limited. Thirelly. The Acts or Ordinances (if any) amending, continuing, suspending or repealing it. Fourthly. Whether it is or is not now in force, and if still tomprary, to what period it is to remain in forco Fifthly. If certain portions only be in force, the sections or parts which are so, with references to the Acts or Ordinances by which the other portions have been repealed or suspended, and to those by which tho Law is modified or affected, or which contain provisions on the same subject.
The second table contains a classification of all the Acts and Ordinances in the order of their sub.
jects and shows under cach head: First. The Laws relating thereto which have expired or have been repealed, or have become efficte by the accomplishment of the purpose for which they were passed. Secondly. The Laws relating to the same subject and wholly or partially in force.

The necessity of preparing such Tables, before any progress could he made in the consolidation of the Statutes and Ordinances on any subject or class of subjects, is too obvious to require clucidation.
The Commissioners flatier thenselves that the publication will have the effect of reducing the Statutcs and Orrlinances of Lower Canada into order, and of enabling any person possessing a Copy of them, at onse to find the Statute Law in furce on any subject, and to trace its history : and that one of the principal objects of the Commission will thus be attained.
The Commissioners have spared no labour in endeavaring to ensure the correctness of the said Tables; but if, among the multiturle of references to upwards of three thousand three hundred Acts and Ordinances, any errors should have crept in, the work being before the public, will insure their discovery and correction; before the Legislature shall be called upon to amend or consolidate the Law in those cases where amendment may bo deemed necessary or consolidation advisablc.

The Commissioners propose to subnit subsequently. more ample statements and details on the matters entrusted to thom, but they have been induced to make this Report at the present time, in order that the publication they have the honour to recommend may take place with the least possible delay.
The whole nevertheless humbly submitted.
A. BUCHANAN,

1f. MENEY,
G. W. WICKSTEED.

Montreal, 21st March, 1813.

Secono Reporer of the Commissioners for Revising the Acts and Ordinances of Lower Canada.

To Ilis Excollency the Right IIonourable Sin Cifames Theopimus Mercarera Baronet, Kínight Grand Cross of the Most IIonourable Military Order of the Bath, One of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor Gencral of British North America, and Captiin General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotin, Now Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, \&c. \&c. \&c.

## May tr Please Youn Exceinency,

The Commissioners for Revising the Acts and Ordinances of Lower Canada, have the honour to make their Second Report, as follows:-

By a Commission issued by His Excellency Sir Charles Bagot, then Governor General, bearing date the 16th day of March, 1842, the undersigned were appointed, jointly with the Honourable C. R. Ogden, then Her Majesty's Attorney General for Lower Canada, and the Honourable C. D. Day, then Her Majesty's Solicitor General for the same, Commissioners to revise the Acts and Ordinances of Lower Canada, and to consolidate such of them as relate to the same' subject, and could be advantageously consolidated; their appointment being consequent upon an Address of the Honourable the Legislative Assembly, dated the 28th of August, 1841.

Mr. F. G. Johnson, Advocate, of Montreal. was appointed by His Excellency to be Secretary to the Commission.

The subsequent clevation of Mr. Day to the Bench, and Mr. Ogden's absence in England, have prevented their taking part in the execution of the work, though the undersigned had the benefit of their assistance in deciding upon tho plan they have endeavoured to follow out.

The Commissioners met at Montreal at an early period after their appointment, and agreed upon the plan of their future operations.

It appeared clear to them', that the first duty thoy had to perform was, to ascertain what Acts and Ordinances, and what portions of each of them, were in forco, what not in force, and what doubtful. Until they were prepared to shew what was the Statute Law on each subject, it was in vain for them to attempt to consolidate the Law on any subject or to suggest amendments.

The task they undertook was laborious and itksome: the guestion whether the whole of any Act or Ordinance had or had not expired or been repealed, was, in mahy cases, one of considerable difficulty, arising partly from the multitude of Acts for reviving or continuing others, or for making them permanent, but still more from the number of cases in which permanent Laws had been repealed by temporary ones, which had subsequently expired.

In England it appears to be settled that in this case the repealed Law, would not revive, the effect of the repealing clause being held to be permanent, though that of the remainder of the Act may be temporary; while in Canada, under the Royal Instructions, that po permanent clause should form part of a temporary Act, the reverse has been gencrally held. But the mode of looking at this question has not been uniform: thus, for instance, the Ordinance 28th Geo. III. cap. 8, regulating the practice of Physic) though repealed by the oxpired Act 1st. Will. IV. cap.27, seems gencrally held to be in force ; and the Ordinance 20 th Geo. III. cap. 4, (regulating Maitres do Poste) ropealed by the oxpired Act 47 Geo. III. cap. 5, to be as generally held not to be in force; while with rogard to the Ordiuances 27 Geo. MI. cap. 2, and 20 Geo.III. cap. 4, (regulating the Militia) opposite opinions have been held and acted upon by high authorities; and the Legislature itself seems to have come it difer ent times to opposite conclusions with rogard to thoir revival or non revival, on the expiration of the temporary Acts by which they have been rẻpealed:

With regard to the question, what parts of each Act or Ordinance not wholly repaled or expired were in force, the inquiry was frequently much complicated, the subseguent Acts on any subject frequently repeating the pravisions of prior laws, or
containing provisions more or less at variance with them, without expressly repealing them.

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In order to execute this portion of their task, the $\overbrace{\text { th December: }}$ Commissioners found it almost absolutely necessary to classify the Laws wholly or partly in force, in the order of the subjects to which they relate ; and having done this, they found it practically of great advantage to insert the Laws themselves in the ordor thus determined upon, in books prepared for the purpose, having ample margin for the notes and remarks they might have occasion to make. These books accompany their present Report.

Having executed, compared, and revised this portion of their work, the Commissioners made their first Report to Your Excellency; in April last.

In this Report, to which they respectfully refer, they had the honour to recommend the publication of two Tables, relative to the Acts and Ordinances of Lower Canada, the object of which they described, and of which they submitted a portion for examination. Their recommendation was sanctioned by a Report of the Honourable the Executive Council, dated 26 th April last, and approved by Your Excellency; and the printing of the Tables was commenced immediately afterwards. The English version has been completed, and before the public for noarly two months; the French version, which has been prepared by Mr. G. 3. Faribault, Advocate, under the superintendence of the Commissioners, is now also completed and published.

The object of these Tables, of which a copy in each language accompanics this Report, was explained in the first Report of the Commissioners, and is, moreover, so obvious from the work itself and the introductory notes to it, that the Commissioners hold it unnecessary to state it here. They contain the substance of the notes of the Commissioners on the points to which they relate. No pains have been spared to make them correct. and topprint tham correctly. The errata which have been discovered, have been noted in every case where thoy could have misled the reader and if any have escaped unobserved, it is believed they must be very few in number, and may be excused in a work containing several thousand references to, and citations of, Laws and sections of Lawsand being the result' of the revision of about fifteen hundred Aets and Ordinances, which had undergone no prior revision from the time of the commencement of the series in $17 \% \%$.

The work of revision being completed, it remained for the Commissioners to consider the courso they ought to adopt, under the clause in their Commission authorizing them to consolidate such of the said Acts and Ordinances as related to the same subject, or conld be advantageously consolidäted.

With this object in view, they went carefuilly through such of the Lavs in question as are still in force; and the result of thoir carnest consideration was, that there were few, if any, cases in which the power given them could be advantageously exercised. On many of the most important subjects, indeed the Linws were numerous and complicated, but it was yet evident that they could not be advantageously consolidated by the Commis-sioners,-partly becauso there were Acts of the Parliament of Canada, to which the powors of the Commissioners did' not extend, forming part of the Statute Law on the same subjects, and without embodying which, the consolidation would have been imperfect and almost useless,-or because from the nature of the subject, it was desirable that the Law
relating to it should be common to both sections of the Province,-and partly because there were also Laws on the same subjects, or intimately comnected with them, which were of very recent date, and could scarcely be considered as more than experimental. aud it was generally understood to be probable that changes so extensive would be made in the Law, as to render any attempt at consolidation by the Commissioners, who could have no knowledge what the nature and extent of these changes might be, utterly vain and fruitless.

As examples in point, the Commissioners refer to the Laws relating to the Administration of Justice ; to the Road Laws, as connected with the Ordinances establishing Municipal Districts, and those incorporating the Cities of Quebec and Montreal; the Laws relative to the Provincial Customs and Duties, and those concerning Plections and the trial of contested Elections. Assuredly these Laws require consolidation and amendment ; but it would have been impossible for the Commissioners to attempt the work with any uscful result.

In the Appendix attached to this Report the Conmissioners submit thoir remarks with reference to the subjert of consolidation on all the laws in force and in the order in whieh they stand in the Table No. 2.

They have rarely suggested amendments, conceiving that thcir Commission gave them no authority to do so except in matters of pure form, or with reference to the removal of doults; and both in the Trables and the Appendix they have confined themselves to pointing out such difficultios as arise from the effect of one law or part of a Law upon annther, leaving it to other and higher authoritics to solve or to remive the doubt when occasion should requiro.

They submit, however, with this Rcport, two Bills, one for removing doubts as to the repeal of certain Laws, and for repoaling others which it scems obviously desirable to repeal-and the other for declaring the Act 9 Geo. IV. cap. 77, concerning the conveyance or devise of Lands held in free and common soccage to be and to have been in force. The reasons which induced the Commissioners to prepare these Bills will appear from the Tables; and they respectfully request Your Excellency's attention to the subject. Another Bill was prepared by the Commissioners with reference to the civil erection of Parishes, and the buidding of Churches \&c. in such Parishes; but it las boen submitted to the Ecclesiastical Authorities for their remarks, and has not yet been returned to the Commissioners.

After giving the subject their most serious consideration, the Commissioners have determined upron recommonding the republication of such of the said Acts and Ordinances as shall remain in force at the end of the present Sossion, with a proper Index, in preference to any attempt at further consolidation, for which the present time does not appear to the Commissioners to be favorabie. Many and great changes may be expected to be made by the legislation of the present Session. others may be expected to be consequent upon them; and from the unavoidable imperfections of every new Law, it is possible they may require amendments which cannot now be foreseen. In a fow years, when the changes consequent upon the altered circumstances of the Province and the cstablishment of new Institutions shall have taken a fixed shape, and the Statute Law in force in Lower Canada shall contain a much greater body of enact-
ments than it now does, its consolidation may be expedient and necessary; or, as the provisions on any subject become numerous they may be consolidated in a singlo Act. At present the Commissioners 7 th December. are convinced that any attempt to a general consolidation, could unly occasion neerless expense and delay.

The Commissioners suggest that the work they recommend should be printed in the same form and type as the Tablos, so as to bind up with them; they would print nme but Laws of a public nature, and (with the exception hereafter mentioned) none but those in force, omitting such Sections of the latter as may have been repealed or have expired, and all morely formal parts,-and they would print them in the orter in which they stand in the second Table, that is in the order of their subjects; they would adil an Intex and a Table of the Acts printed, arranged in their chronolngical order, and shewing the place in which cach may be found; and they would make a supploment to the first Table, shewing the effect of the Acts of the present Scssion on those mentioned in it. The Tables would then account for every Law or portion of a Law not printed in the new work, and would save all necessity for repeating the information in the latter; and as this must have been done if they had not been published, their previous publication, while it is hoped it will have been of advantage to the Legislature and to the public, will have involved no additional expensc.

There are laws of which the effect will long remain' as to rights acquirer under their provisions, aftor they have expired or been repealed. But the Acts and Ordinances. of Lower Canada are not in gencral of this description; and, though there may be others, among those expircdor repealed, by which the rights of parties may possibly be affected in fu-ture-those relating to the Registry of titles to, and incumbrances upon, Lands in certain Counties, are the only ones which the Commissioners would think it nocossary on this ground to reprint, but those thoy think ought to be inserted.

Until the end of the Session it will be impossible to cstimate exactly the extent of the work the Commissioners recommend, because they cannot say what Acts and Ordininces may be repealed by the Acts of this Scssion ; but they have every reason tu believe that it cannot exceer six hundred pages in each languago, and that it will probably be comprised in a smaller number; and for obvious reasons they reconmend that it should be publishod in cach language sceparately.

The question as to the best form for the publication, bas engaged the attention of the Commissioners; and in selecting the Royal Octavo, they have been guided as woll by the general preference shewn by the Profession for books of that form, as br the fact that the Revised Statutes of the several Legislatures in the United States which have come under their notice are published in it. The Cimmmissioners have solected the Revised Statutes of Massachusctts for their immediate model, as affording on the whole the best specimen of size, printing and arrangement.

At the same time that the octavo form, and the type chosen, are more convenient than the quarto form, and the type now used in printing the Laws, they have also the advantage of being cheaper; for although the charge for the composition will be the same, the cost of the paper, an item of no small consequence when a large number of copies are to be printed, will be greatly reduced.

It would have been possible to commence the

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reprint now recommended at the same time with the publication of the Tables, but it would have been impossible to complete it before the commencement of the present Session. The Commissioncrs held it to be of great importance that the work should contain the Laws as they stood at some one definite period; and if the printing had been begun before the Session, the work would not only have been deficient on this point, but as the Laws which may be repealed during the Session must have been inserted, there is every probability that greatly increased expense would have been added to inaccuracy. They have ascortained that by commencing it as early as possible after the close of the Session, they will be able to complete it before the opening of the next, if the recess be of the ordinary length.
If to the publication in question there could be added a reprint of such parts of the Custom of Paris as are still'in force in Lower Canada, with an English version sufficiently clear to make the provision of the Custom intelligible to those unacquainted with the Fronch language, the value of the work would be considerably enhanced; but much care, time and labor would be requisite in preparing this addition; and the Commissioners fear that it could not be got ready so early as not to retard the publication. It scems very desirable that some means should be adopted for making the Civil Law of Lower Canada accessible to the English portion of the population. It is not within the Province of the Commissioners to discuss the best means of doing this, or to enter upon the subject of codification, but they have been induced to make this suggestion from their conviction that the prejudice entertained by many to the Civil Law of Lower Canada, arises solely from their want of the means of obtaining that general knowledge of its provisions which it is desirable to place within the reach of every man, with regard to the Law by which he is bound, but which, under existing circumstances, it is impossible for any inhabitant of Lower Canada to acquire, unless he be intimately acquainted with the French language. The same difficulty existed, and to a certain extent still exists, with regard to the Criminal Law, for those unacquainted with the English lauguage. The difficulty has, in a great measure, been removed by the excellent and comprehensive consolidation of a very considerable and most important portion of that Law, contained in the Statutes of the first Scssion of the Parliament of Canada: but other parts of the English Law are in force in Lower Canada; and it is still true, that two systems of Law exist there, each of which, by reason of the language in which it is written, is inaccessible to a large portion of the people whom it binds.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted for Your Excellency's consideration.

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> G. W. WICKSTEED.

Kingston, 24th Nov'r. 1843.

## APPENDIX.

Notes and Remiares upon the Acts and Ordinances of the Legislature of the late Province of Lower Canada, wholly or partly in forcemade by the Commissioners, with reference to the clause in their Commission authorising them " to consolidate such of the said Acts and Ordinances as relate to the:same subject, or can be advantageousiy, consolidated:" The Commissioners are not instructed to suggest amendments, nor to consolidate any provisions of Acts of Canada:

## Cuass A. <br> Relating to the Constitution, and to Political Rights Appendix and Institutions.

Assembly--Judges diqualified: One Act. Members resigning: One Act. Accepting office:.. One Act.
There is but one Act in force on each subjectno confusion in their provisions. It might be desirable to have one law for the whole Province; but this would be beyond our powers.

Electoral Divisions-One Act; amended by the Union Act, and one of Canada. No confusion, or necessity for consolidation.

Elections.-Three Acts, Amended by one of Canada. They might be consolidated with advantage; but this could not be properly done without incorporating the provisions of the Act of Canada, which is not within our powers; and the subject seems to be one on which it is desirable that the law should be common to the whole Province.

Elections, Controverted.-Four Acts. It is very desirable that they should be consolidated and amended; but it appears inconvenient that there should be one law for Upper and another for Lower Canada, to be administered by the same body ; and it is not within our powers to suggest a law for the whole Province.

Aliens.-One Act.-We have alluded to the doubts arising under this Act, and suggested its repeal.

Jews, Political Rights of.--One Act only.
Indian Reservation, Political Rights of Inhabitants. -The same.

## Class B.

Relating to the Statistics of the Province.
Population, Increase of.-One Act only.
Cusss C.
Relating to Penal Law, the definition of offences, and their punishment.
Oaths and Societies, unlauful.-One Ordinance only.
Newspapers, \&c.-The same.
Murder of Bastards.-The same.
Larceny.-Three Acts, But they seem to be superseded by the Act of Canada, 4 \& 5 Vic. chap. 25 , as to offences committed after the passing of that Act.

Lands, Fraudulent Seizure of.-One Act only.
Forgery of Foreign Notes, \&c.-One Act only. A general law respecting forgery seems to be required; but this is not within the scope of our powers.

Soldiers; Desertion of.-One Ordinance only.
Scamen, Desertion of.-One Act only." Amended by an tot of Canada. No confusion or diffculty.

Forestalling, \&c--One Ordinance only, We have alluded to the doubts under it, and have sug. gested its repeal.

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Sundays, Sale of Liquor on.-One Act only. A law common to the whole Province, concerning the sale of liquors, appears desirable ; and indecd it would be advantageous that the whole Criminal Law should, as far as possible, be the some throughout Canada.
Chuches, good order in.-One Act only.
Wharfingors, unclaimed Goods in their hands.-The same.
Gumpowider, storing of, \&cc.-Two Acts for Montreal, and one for Quebec. The Municipal authoritios inight, perhaps, suggest some amendment. Mere consolidating is unnecessary.
Attainder of Convicts at Courts Martial.-One Ordinance only.
Houses of Correction.-Five Acts. They might be alvantagcously consolidated, if no amendments are required.

Death, Sentence afi-One act only; and that superseded by the Act of Canada, $4 \& 5$ Vic. chap. 24, ns to offences committed after the passing of the latter.
Exccution for Murder.-Onc Act and one Ordinance only: the latter superseded by the Act of Canada, $4 \mathbb{E} 5$ Vic. chap. 27, as to offences committed after the passing of that Act ; and the former also to a very considerable extent.

Nothing but the fact that they still apply to offences committed beforc a cortain time appears to prevent the repeal of many of the laws in this class; and it may seem scarcely necessary to reprint those which are in this position. They are all, however, very short Acts.

## Chass D.

Relating to the Administration of Justice, Judicature, Courts, Practice, and Proceedings for enforcing the Law, civil and criminal.

Judicature, Courts. $\mathcal{f}$ c.-Thirteen $\Lambda$ cts and Ordinances, and one of Canada.
Assistant Judges.-Two Ordinances.
Habeas Corpus.-Three Acts,
Montreal, Commissioner of Inferior Term.—One Ordinance.

Three Rivers:-Four Acts.
S. Francis, District.-Four Acts and two Ordinances.

Gaspé.-Four Acts and one Ordinance.
Attachnent, Writs of-One Act only.
Capias ad Respondendum.-Two Acts.
Dehtors, against effects of.-One Act only. ——fraudulent.-The same.
Defendants, in different Districts.-The same.
Practice. in various matters.-One Act and one Ordinance.
Jury Trial, extended.-One Act only.

Enquetes.-The same.
Evidence, (Decisory Oath).-One Act only.
Witnesses, relationship of-The same.
Costs, limited in actions for damages.-The same.
Limits of the District allowed.-The same.
Septuagenarians exempted from Imprisonment.The same.

Certain Goods exempted from Seizure, One Ordinance only.

## Real Property under Seizure.-The same.

In all fifty one Acts and Ordinances relating to the administration of Justice in civil cascs.

Many of these Acts might certainly be advantageously amended and consolidated, but one of the most important Acts on the subject is an Act of Ca nada (4 \& 5 Vic. c. 20, to which our powers do not apply ; and it is gencrally believed that changes of the most important nature are contemplated, without being fully acquainted with the nature of which it would be impossible for us to attempt consolidation. And the work will probably be undertaken, at least in a great measure, by ihose whose business it may be to conduct the changes proposed. Without ample instructions from the Government, it is cevident that any attempt on our part to consolidate these Laws would only be a uscless waste of the Public money.

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## Administration of Criminal Law.

There are twenty Acts or Ordinances in force; but their provisions are not in general of so complicated a nature as to mako consolidation necessary; and in the cases where it would be desirable, the provisions of any new Act would depend so much on the new system of Judicature to be established, that without being fully aware of the nature of the latter, we could not undertake the work with any advantage. There are also Acts of Canada interwoven with the whole subject, and these are beyond our powers, though no general consolidation could be effectual which should not embrace their provisions also.

## Class E.

Relating to Real Property and Rights.
Lands in free and common Sorcage.-One Act. The doubts relative to which are stated in the Table I, and a Bill for removing them is submitted by us with this report.

Wills.-One Act only.
Incumbrances Secret.-One Act ; the Ordinance being morely a continuance. There is no confusion; but we have stated in the Tables our opinion that the provisions of this Act should be incorporated with those of the Ordinance for the Registration of Titles. But to do this, would require amendments beyond the powers given us by our Commission.
Registration of Titles.--See the last note. There
is but one Ordinance, amended by an Act of
Conadd Canada.

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Gaspé, Titles in.-Three Acts in force; but no $\overbrace{\text { th Decenber. }}$ Letters Patent, for Lands.-Four Acts, same remark.

Lessors and Lessees.-One Act and one Ordinance. -Same remark.

Lettres de Terrier.-One Act only.

## Class F.

Relating to Customs, Duties, Revenue, Navigation, Currency, Banks, and matters more especially connected with Trade and Commercial Affairs.
Customs-Warehousing ;-Inland Ports; - United States, trade with ;-Inland Navigation.-The chief Acts are Acts of Canada, and beyond our powers. The Acts relating to Inland Ports ought, we think, to be consolidated, and made applicable to the whole Province. repealing Acts of the like kind in Upper Canada; but this would manifestly be beyond our powers. We have included the doubtful laws in the general Bill for removing doubts, which we submit with this report.

Duties, Auctions, Distillers, Bank Notes, Emigrants, Sich Marincrs.-Most of these are Acts of Canada; nor is there any confusion which seems to render consolidation necessary for those of Lower Canada. But it might be desirable to have one Act for the whole Province, relating to duties not being Duties of Customs: this of course would require new powers and instructions.
Navigation and Shipping, Trinity Houses, Pilots, St. Louis Rapids.-Seven Acts for the Trinity House at Quebec ; two for that at Montreal, and two for Pilots and St. Louis Rapids. All these Acts seem to be capable of being consolidated with advantage; but some of themare Acts of Canada, and so beyond our powers. A great difficulty also arises from the circumstance of the Acts relative to the Trinity House, Quebec, being permanent, and those for Montreal, temporary ; and the question whether the latter should be made permanent must be decided before the consolidation can be undertaken with advantage. We can do nothing until this point be determined.
Seamon's Wages.-Only one Act extending the provisions of an Imperial Act.

## INSPECTION LAWS.

Bocf and Pork.-The suspended Acts of Lower Canada should be repealed; and we have included them in the Act we submit with this Report ; there will then be only one Act, and that of Canada.

Fish and Oil.-Only one Act, temporary and for Lower Canada only: If it has been found to answer, it should be made permanent. It is on the voluntary principle, as all the new inspection Laws are, except the lumber Act. It requires no consolidation.

Fiour and Meal.-The same remarks as on the Acts relative to the inspection of Beef and Pork

Potash.-Only one Act and that for Canada.

MEASURES OF VALUE, QUANTITY, \&o. ${ }^{\prime}$
Currency.-Only one Act, and that of Canada. Copper Coin.-The same.
Weights and Measures.-One Act only, except for Coals. There is no confusion, or necessity for consolidation, unless it be deemed expedient to have one Law for the whole Province, or to adopt (for English measures) the present English measures used in the new Imperial Act imposing Duties in Canada; any such amendment would be beyond our powers.
interest, blles, banks, paper money, se.
Interest, Bills of Exchange, Notes, \&c.-Four Acts of Lower Canada, one being a temporary Act suspending a permanent Ordinance. They should be consolidated. But it would seem better that at least certain parts of the Law should apply to both secticns of the Province, and should be permanent. We have not instructions or powers sufficient to warrant us in attempting this.
Banking.-Only one Ordinancc.
Quebec Bank.-This is the only Bank now governcd by an Act of Lower Canada, and there seems no necessity for consolidating, unless one Law were made for all the Banks in the Province.

Board of Trade, Quebec and Montreal.-Only one Act for each and that an Act of Canada.

Bankrupts.-Only one Ordinance, and that permanent. But an Act was introduced last session by Mr. Draper, then a member of the Government; and it is probable that either that or some other Act common to the whole Province will be passed.

## Class G.

Relating to Public Works, Improvements and Property.
Board of Works.-One Act only, and that an Act of Canada.

Roads, General Lave_Four Acts and Ordinances which ought certainly to be amended and consolidated : but they are so intimately connected with the Municipal Laws, that it would be throwing useless expense upon the public, to commence the work without being aware of the form in which the Municipal Laws are to remain, it being generally understood that extensive changes are contemplatad. We have no instructions.

Roads, Winter.-Four Acts and Ordinances which might be advantageously consolidated ; but if the general Road Law were consolidated, they might be incorporated with it. There is no confusion which would render consolidation necessary, and one of the Acts is an Act of Canada.

Roads in Gaspe-One Act. It should form part of the general Law, if that Law were consolidated.


## PUBLIC BRIDGES.

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Ste. Atme's Bridge.-One Act. A now bridge is now being erected, and a doubt arises as to the application of the Act to it. Perhaps some general provision might be desirable, as to bridges of too costly a kind to be managed by the Municipal Authoritics: they are now under the Board of Works, except as to the Tolls. The provisions might be embodied in the Road Act, in the Municipal Act, or in a scparate Act, made according to the decision to which the Government may eome upon the sulject. This Act is included in the general Bill for removing doubts, submitted with this Report.
Chambly Canal.-Four Acts and Ordinances which should be consolidated, and the Tolls fixed; one Act would do this, but instructions from Government would be requisite to enable us to prepare the Law.

Lachine Canal.-Seven Acts and Ordinances which should be amended and consolidated; but the Canal is now being onlarged under the Act of Canada, $4 \& 5$, Vict. c. 28 , and will form part of a line of works with regard to which one Act might be made to serve. The provisions of the Law may require changing, especially as to Tolls, and they are much affected by the Act constituting the Board of Works. We should require ample instructions to enable us to prepare the Law, and it would probably relate so both sections of the Province.
Harbour of Montreal.-Seven Acts and Ordinances. They are local although they are numerous, there seems to be no confusion. If they are to be reprinted, it might perhaps be worth while to consolidate them for the sake of saving printing, but not for any other purpose.
Public Worlis.-Only one Act, and that an Act of Canada.

## COURH HOUSES AND GAOLS.

In Counties.-Two Acts. These Acts are unnecessary if the Act next mentioned remains in force; and we have included them in the Bill for removing doubts.
In Judicial Distrets.-Only one Ordinance. Its use depends on the system to be adopted for the administration of Justice. There is at any rate nothing to consolidate.
In divers olher places.-Scarcoly any part of these Acts remains in force, except the provisions directing that they shall be Common Gaols and Court Ifouses for certain districts; placing them under the care of the Prothonotaries, Sheriffs, \&c. There is no confusion, and no necessity for consolidation in that sense ; but all these provisions might be cmbodied in some general Law on the subject, for the sake of brevity only.
Public Lrends.--One Act only; and that an Act of Canada.
Josuits' Estates,-Onc Act only.
Purliament House.-The same.

## Class II.

Relating to Municipal and Local Authorities, and matters now under their control.

Municipal Districts.-One Ordinance only.
Parish and Township Officers.-The same.
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As there is but one Ordinance on each of these 7 th December. subjocts, no consolidation is required. But there are many difficulties arising out of the effect of these Ordinances on other laws, and of other laws on them; and this is more especially the case with regard to the Road Laws. Another great difficulty in working the Ordinances ariscs from the want of any Law regulating assessments in Lower Canada. We have referred to all these matters in the Tables, but it is so generally believed that great changos are to the marlo in these Laws, that without express instructions we do not feel warranted in offering a Bill which the centemplated changes would in all probalility render utterly useless.

Qucbec, Incorporation of-Two Ordinances only.
——Markets in-Two Acts.
The difficulties under these Ordinances arise chiefly with regard to the Road Laws, and the imperfection of the Assessment Laws in force in the City ; but amendment, and not mere consolidation, is required. The local authorities will probably suggest some plan for making these amend- ' ments, which are not within the scope of our conmission and present powers.
Montrcal, Incorporation of-Two Ordinances.
-Vattemare's Institute.-One Ordinance. Common and Markets in.-Eight Acts.
The same remarks apply, except that the Laws are more numerous than for Quebec, and consolidation would be more desirable. It would probably be expedient to repeal tho Qrdinance relative to the Vattemare Institute; but of this, the local authorities will be the best judges. It appears to us desirable too that one Law should regulate the general corporate powers of the two Cities, and it might also be made to embrace any other City or Town, which should thereafter be incorporated, so as to save useloss repetition of enactments and ensure uniformity.
Roails and Streets, Assessments, foc. in Quebec rind Montreal.

Officers' Horses exempted from assessment in the same.
Part of two Acts and one Ordinance. The remarks last made apply to these Laws, which are those under which most of the difficulties in the interpretation of the Quebec and Montreal Incorporation Ordinances arise. The whole of these Laws want amendment and consolidation, but we should require precise instructions to enable us to doal with them properly; and as we have before observed, the information possessed by the local authorities would be necessary to the work.

## Class I.

Relating to Education and Educational Institutions.
Common Schools.-Two Acts of Lower Canada; and an Act of Canada. It is generally understood that great changes are to be made in the latter, and the former will doubtless the attended to in any new Act. In themselves they appear to require no consolidation.
Royal Institution.-Two Acts. These also should be attended to in any new School law : Some of their provisions apipear scarcely consistent with the $4 \& 5$, Vict. Cap. 18. Sce the notes on them in the Tables.

Normal Schools.-One Act. For the reasons mentioned in the tables, we have included it in the general repealing Act submitted with this Report.

Colleges, at Chambly, L'Assomption, Ste. Anne and St. Hyacinthe.-One Act for each, and therefore no consolidation requisite.

Jesuits' Estates-Procueds appropriated to Education. One Act only.

## Class K.

Relating to miscellaneous subjects, arranged in their Alphabetical order.

Acts continued.-One Ordinance only. Nothing required.

Acts made permanent.-The same.
Adultery.-The same:
Advocates' Library, Quebec.-The same.
Montreal.—The same.
Agriculture, abuses prejudicial to.-One Ordinance suspended ; one act of Lower Canada -and a short one of Canada. We have included the suspended Ordinance in the repealing Act submitted in this Report. It will be seen by the notes in the tables, that the main Act 6, W. 4 c. 56 , is much affected by the Municipal Ordinances ( 4 Vict. c. $3 \& 4$ ), and that some amendments or explanations are desirable'; but it would be useless for us to prepare a Bill for that purpose, if the said Ordinanees are to be much altered or repealed. Any new law would, of course, contain such provisions as would remove the doubts we have mentioned.

Agricultural Societies.-Thrce Acts. They should be amended and consolidated, but we should require instructions for the amendments ; and it seems to be a subject on which it is probable that a law might be made applicable to the whole Province.

Bread, assize of.-One Ordinance. It has not been acted upon of late years, and it has been considered doubtful whether it is in force. We have included it in the repealing Act we submit.

Bridges.-Forty-two Acts; but all of the nature of private Acts and requiring nothing at our hands. It is obvious that Acts in the nature of Private Acts are not within the scope of our functions.

Chasseur's Museum.-One Act and unimportant.
Churches, good order in.-One Act only.
Clerks of the Peace, sale of unclaimed goods in their hands. One Act only.

Commons, of divers places.-Nineteen Acts, but all Appendix of a local nature, requiring nothing at our hands.
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Emigrant Hospital.-Two Acts only. There are 7 th Deceminur. some doubts as to these (see tables), which it would be desirable to remove. We await instructions.

Fees of Persons employed by Justices of the Peace. -One Act only. It might perhaps be more advantageously made more comprehensive.

Female Penitent Institution.-One Act only. Local.
Ferries, Ferrymen.-Two Ordinances only.
Fever Hospital, Quebec.-Two Acts. There are some doubts under them (see tables), which it would seem desirable to remove. We await instructions.

Fire, accidents by.-Two Ordinances and one Act. In force only as to Three Rivers. There is no confusion, and we are not aware that any amendments are required.

Fisheries in Cornvallis and Northumberland.One Act only, and one Act of Canada relating to the same subject in the District of Gaspé.

Fortifications of Quebec, to preserve.-Only one Act, and an Ordinance rendering it permanent.

Fourdlings, Guardians to.-There are some doubts under the three Acts relating to this subject, which it would be desirable to remove. (See tables.)

Friondly Society, Quebec.-One Act only.
Grass or Beaches.-One Act ọly.
Gunpowder, Storing of.-Three Acts, one for Quebec and two for Montreal. There is no confusion requiring consolidation; but some parts of the Acts relating to Montreal are obsolete.

Halifax Steam Navigation Company.-Only one Act, and that of a private nature.

Indemnity for Acts done in suppressing the Rebel-lion.-Three Ordinances. Nothing necessary.

Indians.-Three Ordinances. They might be advantageously consolidated, and the doubts under them (see tables) removed. But it is probable that the Legislature would consider it advisable that any new law should be applicable to the whole Province. The justice of the last of the three Ordinances has been much questioned. We await instructions.

Industry, House of, at Montreal.-Three Acts. We are not aware of any confusion in their provisions which would make consolidation necessary.

Laws.-When to come into force.
(Ordinances) confirmed.
Publication of.
Distribution of.-These Acts do not
apply to the laws of Canada, and those among them which have still any effect, are now only declaratory of the time when the several

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laws came into force. It appears desimble that Acts of a similar nature should be passed for the publication, distribution, \&c. of the laws of Canada.

Literary and Historical Society, Quebec.-Only one Act, and that of a very local nature.

Intbiniere Parish, relief of.-One Act only, and it is doubtful whether any thing remains to be done under it.

Wailres de Poste.-One Act and one Ordinance, generally supposed not to he in force. We have included them in the repealing Act we submit with this Report.

Majority, age of.-One Ordinance only.
Marriages, oppositions to.-One Act.

- in Gaspé, confirmerl. -The same.
in St. Frances District, confirmed.-The same.

Masters and Servants, $\mathcal{\&}-$. in the Country $p$ arts.-One Act only.
_-_ in towns.-One Act only. There are some doubts under this Act; but they arisc chictly on the Ordinances incorporating Qucbee and Montreal, in amending which, the said doubts can be removed better than in any other way.

Medicine, Practice of.-Only one Ordinance and onc Act, (of Canada) amending it. It seems to be generally undorstood that it is desirable that a new law should be passed; but the Act above mentioned indicates elearly that the Legislature would wish one law to be made applicable to the whole Province. This is not within our powers.

Militict-Two Ordinances only. Different opinions are held as to their being or not being in force; we have included them in the repealing Bill which we subinit.

Militia-men, Pensions to.-Only one Act, and a very small portion of another, incidentally continued by it.

Montreal Firc Assurance Company.-One Ordinance and an Act (of Canada) amending it. No confusion in their provisions.

Gras Light Company.-One Act only. Public Bakery.-One Ordinance only. Insurance Companies.-Two Acts of Lower Canada, amended by two of Canada. We are not aware of any confusion in thoir provisions, and the two latter are beyond our powers.

Natural Fistomy Society, Montreal.-Three Acts. But the two earlier ones may have ceased to have any effect. (See tables). There is no confusion in their provisions.

Ordintances, made permanent.-One Ordinance only, nothing to be done.

Ordnance Property.-One Ordinance made permanent by a second. There is nothing to be done, unless as it appears desirable, 'an' Act should be made which should be common to the whole Hrovince.

Parishes, Churches, \&ci-Six Acts and Ordinances. We have prepared an Act for consolidating Appendix them, which is now in the hands of the Roman (0.0.) Catholic Ecclesiastical Authorities, and will $\rightarrow$ th December. probably be subinitted for His Excellency's approval.

Penaltics, limitation of Actions for.-Onc Act only.
Pensions, to divers persons.-Five Acts. 'Several of which however have ceased to have any effect, in consequence of the decease of the Pensioners. Nothing required to be donc.

Quakers, indulgences to.-One Act only.
Quebec Fire Assurance Company.
——Exchange, incorporated.
Library.
Three local Acts. Nothing required to bo done.
Rail-Road, St. Lawrence and Champlain.-Threo Acts and onc Ordinance, but of a private nature.
___ Montreal to Pointe au Beaudlet.-_One Ordinance and an Act of Canada amending it. The same.

Carrillon to Grenville.-One Ordinance. The same.
—_ Sherbrooke to River Richclieu.-One Ordinance amended by an Act of Canada. The same.

Rambnu, A. naturalized,_-One Ordinance made permanent by another of a private nature.

Records, French, safe keeping of,-Mne Act only.
Registers of Marringes, fc.-One Act, slightly amended by an Ordinance. The Act related originally to the Churches of England, Rome and Scotland only ; but has beenextended by fourtcen different Acts and Ordinances to as many different religious denominations. There is some variation in the provisions of these Laws, but no confusion calling for consolidation, unless a general Law were desired which should be applicable to all sects on certain conditions. Wo have no instructions to prepare any such Law.
Religious Congregations, Lands held by.--One Or. dinance only.

St. Andrew's Church, Quebec.-One Act only.
St. John's Church, Quebec.-The samc.
Seminary of St. Sulpice.-Ono Ordinance only.
Surveyors, (Land.)-One Ordinance and one Act. The provisions of the latter are useless and not acted upon; and those of the former are generally allowed to be insufficient. It would seem to us advisable that a now Law should be passed ; but we should require special instructions to cnable us to frame it.

Taverns, Spiritıous Liquors, sule of. Three Ordinances. It appears to us desirable that the provisions of these. Laws should be consolidated and amended. But we have reason to believe that it is contemplated to have one Law for the whole Province; and we perfectly agree that this would be desirable.

Troops, quartering of.-One Ordmance only.
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Turnpike Road, Granby to St. John's.-One Ordinance only.

Montreal to Cote St. Michel.-The same.
Useful Arts, (Patents for Inventions.)-One Act only, It would, we think, be expedient that there should be one Act for the whole Province, This Act very closely resembles that of Upper Canada, but there are some slight differences, and each requires that the Patentee should be an Inhabitant of that section of the Province to which it relates, so that it is difficult for any inventor to obtain a Patent for aill Canada.

Valotte H. naturalized.-One Ordinance ; merely made permanent by another.

Voyageurs.-One Act only.
Water Works at Montreal.-The same.
'Wharfingers, Unclaimed goods.-The same.
Wills.-The same.
Wolves, destruction of.-The same.
Acts of the British Parliament and Acts of Ca nada, which do not affect those of Lower Canada, are omitted in this Appendix, though inserted for convenience sake in Table II. For the particular state of and the circumstances connected with each Act and Ordinance of Lower Canada, we respectfully refer to the Table I, in which these are fully set forth in all cases where the Law is still wholly or partly in force, and briefly where it is not. Laws of which no part remain in force are not entered in this Appendix, in which our object has been to state our views with regard to the expediency or inexpediency of attempting to consolidate the laws on the various subjects embraced in the Acts and Ordinances of Lower Canada, in the order in which they stand in Table II. Having done this, our task is for the present brought to a close, and we respectfully await further instructions.

## BILL.

An Acr to repeal certain Acts and Ordinances of the Legislature of Lower Canada, and to remove doubts as to the repeal of certain others.

Whereas of the several Acts and Ordinances of the Legislature of the late province of Lower Canada, hercinafter mentioned, some have been repealed by temporary laws which have expired, and others by laws which have been themiselves subsequently repealed, and doubts have arisen or may arise as to the effect of the expiration or repeal of the repealing laws in reviving the Acts or Ordinances repealed by them : and whereas others of the Acts and Ordinances hereinafter mentioned have been and are repealed or suspended by temporary Laws now in force and it is inexpedient that they should be rovived or be in force on the expiration of such temporary Laws, and others, although not expressly repealed or suspended, have by the passing of Caws inconsistent with them, and by the change of circumstances, been virtually repealed, or are "become "obsolete : and whereas for the removal of such doubts, as well as for the
purpose of avoiding the unpecessary expense of reprinting such Acts and Ordinances in the revised edition of the Laws of Lower Canada, to be published under the superintendence of the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, it is expedient to repeal the same, 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, intituled: "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the several Acts and Ordinances of the Legislature of Lower Canada, hereinafter mentioned, shall be and are hereby repealed, saving always such sections or parts thereof as are herein expressly excepted, that is to say, the Ordinance passed in the seventeenth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King George the Third, and intituled, Ordinances:"An Ordinance for ascertainig damaged or pro- 17 Geo. 3, c. 3, tested bills of Exchange, and fixing the rate of in- oxceptt the last terest in the province of Quebec" except the last section. section thereof, which shall remain in force as if this Act had not been passed.

The Ordinance passed in the same year of the $17 \mathrm{Gec} 3, \mathrm{cc} 4$. same rcign, and intituled, "An Ordinance for regulating the markets of the Towns of Quebee and Montreal."

The Ordinance passed in the same year of the $17 \mathrm{Gco} 0,3, \mathrm{c} 10$. same Reign, and intituled, "An Ordinance concerning Bakers of Bread, in the towns of Quebec and Montreal."

The Ordinance passed in the same year of the $17 \mathrm{Geo}, 3, \mathrm{c} .15$. same reign, and intituled. "An Ordinance to empower the Commissioners of the Peace to regulate the Police of the Towns of Quebec and Montreal, for a limited time."

The Ordinance passed in the twentieth year of $20 \mathrm{Gco} 3, \mathrm{c} .4$. the same reign, and intituled, "An Ordinance for regulating all such persons as keep horses and carriages to let and hire for the accomodation of Travellers, commonly called, and known by the name of Maitres de Poste."

The Ordinance passed in the twenty-seventh $27 \mathrm{Geo} 3, \mathrm{c}, 2$. year of the same Reign, and intituled, "An Ordinance for better regulating the Militia of this Province and rendering it of more general utility towards the proservation and security thereof."

The Ordinance passed in the twenty-eighth year $28 \mathrm{Gev} 3, \mathrm{c} .1$. of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act, or Ordinance, further regulato the Inland commerce of this Province, and to extend the same."

The Ordinance passed in the same year of the 28 dev.3, c. 3 . same reign, and intituled, "An Ordinance for promoting the Inland Navigation:"

The Ordinance passed in the same year of the $28 \mathrm{Gco.3,c.6}$. same reign, and intituled, "An Act or Ordinance for regulating the fisheries in the River $\mathbf{S t}$. Lawrence, in the Bays of Gaspe and Chaleurs, on the Island of Bonaventure and the opposite shore of Percé:"

The Ordinance passed in the twenty-ninth year $29 \mathrm{Geo.3}$, c. 3 , of the same reign, intituled, "An Act to continue except sec. 13 . the Ordinances regulating the practice of the Law, and to provide more effectually for the dispensa: tion of Justice, and especially in the new districts," except the thirteenth section.

Appendix $\stackrel{+}{i}$ The Ordinance passed in the same year of the (O. O.) same reign, and intituled, "An Act or Ordinance (O. O.)

Th December. \& to explain and amend an Act intituled, 'An Act 8 or Ordinance for better regulating the Militia © ${ }^{\pi}$ of this Province. and rendering it of more general utility towards the prescrvation and security thercof.'"

30 Geo. 3, c.2. The Ordinance passed in the thirtieth year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act, or Ordinance, in addition to the Act intituled, 'An Act or Ordinance further to regulate the Inland Commerce of this Province, and to extend the same, passed in the twenty-cighth year of His Majesty's reign."

30 Gen. $3, \mathrm{c} 4$.
The Ordinance passed in the same year of the same reign, and intitulcd, "An Act or Ordinance for preventing Cattle from going at large, or l'abrandon iles animaux."
$31 \mathrm{Gec}, 3, \mathrm{c}, 1$. The Ordinance passed in the thirty-first year of the same reign and intituled "An Act to explain and amend the Act, intituled, 'An Act or Ordinance for promoting the lnland Navigation,' and to promote the Trade to the Western Country."

31 Geo.3, c. 3. The Ordinance passed in the same year of the same reigu and intituled, "An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the seventeenth year of His Majosty's reign, intituled ' An Ordinance to ompower the commissioners of the Peace to regulate the Police in the Towns of Quebec and Montreal." "

The Ordinance passed in the same year of the same reign and intituled, "An Act to prevent obstructions to the lnland Commerce on the death of a superintendent."

The Ordinance passed in the same year of the 31 Geo.3, c. 6. same reigu and intituled, "An Act or Ordinance concerning the building and repairing of Churches, Parsonagellouses, and Church yards."

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33 Gce. 3 c. 2.
The Act passed in the thirty-third year of the same reiga and intituled, "An Act to permit the importation of Wampun from the neighbouring States by the Inland communication of Lake Clamplain and the River Richelicu or Sorcl."

The Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of the same raign and intituled, "An Act to provide for the publication of certain Laws and for printing and distributing to certain persons, for the purpose of public information, all laws that have been and shall be passed in the Legislature of this Province, under the present constitution."
$35 \mathrm{Gco} .3, \mathrm{c} .6$.
The Act passed in the thirty-fifth yoar of the same reign and intituled, "An Act for allowing Pot and P'earl Aslics to be brought into this Province by land or Inland navigation, for prohibiting the importation of Tobacco from the United States, for regulating the fees of the Custom House Officer at St. John's, and for repcaling an Act or Or dinance therein mentioned."

The Act passed in the same year of the same
35 Gco. $3, \mathrm{c} .7$ reign and intituled, "An Act to amend and make perpetual an Act passed in the twenticth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Ordinance for regulating all such persons as keep horses and carriages to let or hire for the accomodation of travellers commonly called by the name of Maitres de Poste."

The Act passed in the thirty-ninth year of the $-\dot{s}$ same reign and intituled, "An Act for repealing os cortain Acts granting rates and duties to His $\mathrm{Ma}-\stackrel{\circ}{8}$ jesty and for granting new and additional duties of in lieu thereof, and for appropriating the same to- ${ }^{\circ}$ wards defraying the expenses of the administration of Justice and support of the Civil Government within this Province and for other purposes therein mentioned," except the twenty-fourth section except sect. 24 . which shall remain in force as if this Act had not been passed.

The Act passed in the forty-second year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time, and amend an Act passed in the thirty ninth year of His Majesty's roign, intituled, - An Act for granting further encouragement, and a more ample allowance to the Maitres and Aides do Poste in this Province.'"

The Act passed in the forty-third year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act for the more ample publication of certain Acts of the Provincial Parliament."

The Act passed in the forty-fourth year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act to regulate the curing, packing and inspection of Bcef and Pork to be exported from the Province of Lower Canada."

The Act passed in the Forty-sixth year of the $46 \mathrm{Goo} 3, \mathrm{c} .4$. same reign, and intituled, "An Act to repeal an Ordinance made and passed in the twenty fifth year of IIis Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Ordinance to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks, to regulate the packing and inspoction of Flour and Indian Mcal, and to provide for ascortaining the quality of Biscuit in future.' "

The Act passed in the fifty-eighth year of the $58 \mathrm{Geo} .3, \mathrm{c}, 3$. same reign, and intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the forty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled ' An Act to repeal an Ordinance made and passed in the twenty fifth year of His Majosty's reign, intituled, 'An Act to provent the exportation of unmerchantable Flour, and the false taring of Bread and Flour Casks, to regulate the packing and inspection of Flour and Indian Meal. and to provide for ascortaining the quality of Biscuit in future. '"

The Act passed in the second year of the reign 2 Goc. 4, c. 2 . of IIis late Majesty, King Gcorge the Fourth, and intituled, " Nn Act to provide for the better inspection of Flour."
The Act passed in the seventh year of the same 7 Geo. 4, c. 10. rcign, and intituled, " An Act for removing doubts relative to the powers and proceedings of the Commissioners for the building and repairs of Churches, Parsonage Mouses and Church Yards."
The Act passed in the ninth year of the same 0 croo. 4, c. 8 reign, and intituled, "An Act to authorise the Prothonotaries or Clerks of the Civil Courts in this Province, to number and authenticate, parapher, the Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials required by law to be kept, to receive the advice of relations and friends, lavis des parens et amis, in certain cases; and to issue writs of capias ad respondenilum and attachment without the fiat of a Judge."

The Act passed in the same year of the same 9 Gea $4,0.16$. reign, and intituled," An Act to increase the number of Assessors for the Cities of Quebec and Montreal." The Act passed in the same year of the same * nue for a limited time a certain Act passed in the O fifth year of His. Majesty's reign, intituled, An Act o to make certain alterations in the Road Laws."
$10 \& 11 \mathrm{Geo}$. The Act passed in the Session held in the tenth 4, c. 5 . aud eleventh years of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act to ascertain the rate at which certain Coins therein mentioned, shall pass current in this Province, and for other purposes."
$10 \& 11$ Geo. The Act passed in the same Session, and intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and for the encouragement of the Trade and Intercourse between the Ports of this Province and Halifax."

1 Will. 4, c. 14. The Act passed in the first year of the reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, and intituled, "An Act to authorise the payment of certain monies due by the Commissioners for the erection of the Gaol at Sherbrooke."

1 will 4, c.51. The Act passed in the same year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act for ascertaining, establishing and confirming in a legal and regular manner, and for Civil purposes, the Parochial subdivisions of various parts of this Province. "

1 Will. 4, c.53. The Act passed in the same year of the same reign and intituled, " An Act to secure to and confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province, the Civil and Political rights of natural born British subjects;" saving always the rights already acquired by any person or persons naturalized under the said Act.

2 Will. 4 c. 2. The Act passed in the second year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act to amend a certain Act therein mentioned relating to the encouragoment of the Trade and intercourse between this Province and the Province of Nova Scotia."

2 Will te. 11. The Act passed in the same year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the erection of a Bridge over the River St. Maurice."

2 Will. 4.e.33. The Act passed in the same year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act to repeal a cortain Act therein mentioned, and to provide for the more certain and expeditious distribution of the printed Acts of the Legislature of this Province.

2 Will. 4.c.66. The Act passer in the same year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act to authorise the erection of Court Houses and Gaols in the Counties of this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned. "

3 will 4.c. 5. The Act passed in the third year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act to facilitate the prosecuting of certain suits and actions in the District of Three Rivers where the resident Judge might be a party."

4 Will.4, c. 8. The Act passed in the fourth year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the second year of His Majesty's reign, for the erection of Court Houses and Gaols in the Counties of this Province."

The Act passed in the sixth year of the same reign, and intituled, "An Act for the transportation of certain offenders from this Province to England, to be thence again transported to New South Wales or Van Dieman's Land."

The Act passed in the same year of the same 6 Will. 4.c. 12 reign, and intituled, "An Act to provide for the establishment of Normal Schools."

The Act passed in the same year of the same 6 will. 4, c. 41 . reign, and intituled, "An Act to appropriate a certain sum of money for the construction of a Bridge over the River Ste. Anne, in the county of Champlain."
2. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act shnll be construed to affect any question which may arise in any Court, or elsewhere, as to whether any of the said Acts or Ordinances was, or was not; in force at any time before the passing of this Act ; but any such question shall be decided as if this Act had not been passed: And provided also, That all Acts and Ordinances, and provisions of law, repealed by any of those hereby repealed-shall not revive, but shall remain repealed as if this Act had not been' passed.

## BILL,

An Act for removing doubts as to the legal effect of the Act of the Legislature of Lower Camada, passed in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, and intituled, "An Act for rendering valid conveyances of lands and other immoveable property, held in free and common. soccage within the Province of Lower Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Whereas the Act passed by the Legislative 9 Geo. 4, e. 77 Council and Assembly of the late Province of Lower Canada, in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, and intitulcd, "An Act for rendering valid conveyances of lands and other immovable property, held in free and common soccage, within the Province of Lower Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was presented for the Royal Assent on the fourteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and was then reserved by the Administrator of the Government of the said Province for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon: And whereas the said Act was assented to by His late Majesty King William the Fourth, on the eleventh day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and the Royal Assent thereto was signified by Proclamation in the said Province. on the first day of September, in the year last aforesaid, so that more than two years had elapsed between the presentation of the said Act for the Royal Assent and the signification of the Royal Assent as atoresaid : And whereas by the Act pnssed in the Parliament of Great Britain, in the thirty-first year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, and intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the four teenth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North
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America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province," it was, among other things, in effect enacted, that no Bill passed
 by the said Legislative Council and Assembly of the said Province of Lower Canada, and reserved for the signification of the Royal pleasure thereon, should have any force or effect within the said Province, unless the Royal Assent thereto should be signified within the said Province within two years from the day on which such Bill should have been presented for the Royal Asscut: And wherens it hath been doubted whether the Act, passed by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ircland, in the first year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, and intituled "An Act to explain and amend the laws relating to
Imp. Act. 1 W.lands holden in free and common soccage, in the
4. c. 20. Province of Lower Canada," while it removed all doubts as to the power of the Legislature of the said Province to pass an Act containing provisions of the nature of those contained in the Provincial Act herein first above cited, obviated also the doubts arising from the lapse of time between the reservation of the said Act and the signification of the Royal Assent as aforesaid; and it is therefore expedient to confirm the said Provincial Act. and to declare the same to have been in force from the time of the signification of the Royal Assent thereto :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Ex- Appendix cellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent (0.O.)
of the Legislative Council and of the I cerislative of the Legislative Council and of the Iderislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted 7th Docember. and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and lreland, 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, that the said Act of the Legislature of Lower Canada, passed in the ninth year of the reign of Ilis late Majesty King George the Fourth, and intituled, "An Act for rendering valid conveyances of lands and other immovable property, held in free and common soccage, within the Province of Lower Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned, shall be and is hereby confirmed and declared to be in force within that part of this Province which formerly constituted the said Province of Lower Canada, and shall be decmed to have been in force therein, as law, since the first day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, being the day on which the Royal Assent to the said Provincial Act was so signified by Proclamation as aforesaid.

The Select Committee appointed to enquire into the effect of the Evalisi Copymeits Act, the consequent exclusion of Amgrican Reprints, and the policy of that exclusion as connected with the probable influcuce on the minds of the rising gencration of the Province, have the honor to Report :-

That, with a view to ascertain the effect of the English Copyright Act, and the consequent exclusion of American Reprints on the poople of this Province, your Committee ordered that a Circular, containing the four forlowing questions should be sent to every Importer and Publisher, or seller of Books in the Province.

1. Inve you been in the habit of importing Bnoks, Pamphlets, and Periodicals, from Great Britain?
2. Since the Imprial Act prohibiting the Reprints in Amorica, from entranco into this Province, has the direct importation of these Worksincreased?
3. Wnuld the free importation of American Reprints of English Works of Art and Literature, be likely to lesson the profits of English Authors and Publishers?
4. What, in your opinion, will be the effect on the minds and morals of the rising gencration, of the exclusion of cheap Linglish Literature, and the free admission of American Litcrature, religious and political?

The various answers to these questions appended to this Report, to which your Committee refer your Honorable Ilouse, concur in establishing :-

1st. That the importation of English Literature direct from Great Britain, has not at all increased under the operation of the English Copyrights Act.

2nd. That the free admission into this Province of American Reprints of English Works of Art and Literature, could not lessen the profits of English Authors and Publishers; bocausc, although the reading population of the Province is great in number, yet the circumstances of the population generally are so limited in their means, that they are unable to enjoy English Literature at English prices; that owing to that inability to pay for such Work of Art and Siterature there has never been a demand for those Works, and consequently no supply.

3rd. That the exclusion of American Reprints of English Literature, if possible, would have a most pernicinus tendency on the minds of the rising generation, in morals, politics, and religion; that American Reprints of English Works are openly sold, and are on the tables or in the houses of persons of all classes in the Province; that a law so repugnant to public opinion cannot and will not be enforced; that wore that exclusion possiblo, the Colonists would be confined to $\Lambda$ merican literary, religious, and political Works. the effect of which could not be expected to strengthen their attachment to British Institutions, but, on the contrary, is well calculated to warp the minds of the rising generation to a decided preference for the Institutions of the neighboring States, and a hatred deep rooted and lasting of all we have been taught to venerate, whether British, Constitutional, or Monarchical, or to cling to, in our connection with the Parent State.

Your Committee regret that the close of the Ses. sion must, for the present, terminate their labours; they rocommend however, that the enquiry, as one of paramount importance, be continued at the next Session, and that in the mean time, a copy of their Report be submitted to Mis Excellency the Governor General, that IIs Excellency may take such steps as he may deem necessary, to remove an evil your Committee consider of lasting importance to the internal happiness of this Province, and the connection with the Mother Country.

## JNO. SIMPSON,

 Chairman.0th December. 1843.

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

## John Sumpon, Esquire, in the Chair:

Answer of Mr. James Macfarlanc, Bookseller and Stationer, Kingston:

1. I have been in the habit of importing Books, \&c. from Great Britain.
2. So short a time has elepsed since the prohibitory Law came into force, that past experience is no criterion to go by ; but I have no hositation in saying that shoild it continue in force, the importa. tion of British Works will be somewhat increased. In some instances it is probablect that Editions will be published expressly for the Colonies. when the British Publisher feels confident that the Colonial Market is sccured to him.
3. I do not think that the frec importation of American Reprints of British Works of Art and Literature will be likely to lessen the profits of English Authors and Publishers to any great extent. It is not probable that the plan of publishing Coloinial additions at home would be resorted to, except in particular cases, and the English Editions (excepting School Books and Classical Works) are far too expensive for the Colonies.
4. I am not aware that any effects of an injurious character would be produced on the minds of the rising generation, as far as morals and religion are concerned, by the froe admission of American Literature. Many of the Books published in the United States, upon moral and religious subjects, are well calculated to impress the mind with proper feelings and views upon such subjects; but there can be no doubt that many of the Works written by American Authors, abound in references to the fancied superiority of their political Institutions, and express feelings of hostility to Great Britain, which would naturally tend to weaken the attachment of the rising generation to the Mother Country, and inculcate prepossessions in favor of Republican Institutions. There can be no doubt that such

Works will, in a great measure, supplant British Publications, if the present prohibition of Reprints continuc.
ous Decenber. Answers of Mr. James Harrison, Bookseller, Belleville:

## 1. I have never yet imported either.

2. Not having dealt in the articles, the prices of which were immediately affected by the Prohibition Act, I am not competent to pass any opinion.

## 3. I think it would.

4. I am int by any means capable of solving that question, becauso my obiervation and experience are both $t w$ limited. I am, however, of the opinion that the admission at a duty of such literature as has generally been brought into the Province from the United States in pamphlet form, would be a benefit to the Provinces throughout.

Answirs of Mr. TIugh Scobie, Booksellor and Stationer, Turonto:

## 1. I have.

2. No, exeept that some of the British Marazines have been importe. to a small extent, under a particular arramgement, and at a less price than the American Reprints.
3. It would not ba likely to logsen the profits of English Authrs and Publishers. beeme the Colonisto cannet altord to purchase the expensive English editions of now work. The ouly aceess they have had to these works, was by means of the American Reprints. Tho present Law deprives them of that privilege through any lawfill ehannel, hut the temptation to men of tasie is too strong to bo resisted, and hery will supply themselves with oopies, at any risk, from the United States. The inhabitants of Canada, when deprived of these Reprinte, are placed in circumstancos much more disadvantarems then the citizens of the neighboring Union, whene advantares, by means of the extmsive republication of alf the ricent woths of English and Foreign Authers, cannet but excite any on the part of our Coknial population. T'he exclusion of these laperints is a short-sighted policy which can benefit mondy; while it deprives many of the greatcst mental emperment they have bern accustomed to rely upon in the Colony, and which camot be supplied by any other means within their reach. Wert this properly understored in England, none, I fancy, would be more ready to remove the present restrictions, so far as they extend to the Colonies, than the English Authors themselves.
4. I an of nipinion that the effect will be most pernicints. Tho Colonists will have access to literay works of sume description, and by excluding the Englist, they have no alternative but to adopt the Amerion,--xecept to the extent that hey may be enabled to smugute copies of the Reptints of English works across the border. The exclusive use by the Colonists of American literary, religious and political works, cannot be expected to strengthen their attachment to British Institutions ; on the contrary, it must have a tendency to give those who peruse them a decided partiality for that country and her institutions, whose literary, religions and political history they are alone privileged to study.

Answers of Messrs. H. and W. Rowsell, Book-
sollers and Stationors, Toronto:

## 1. Yes.

2. We are of opinion that sufficient time has not yet elapsed for any decided answer to le given to his quastion. So long as the American Repring were admitted, the English Authors and Publishors made no offort to supply the Colonial market, know- 9th December. ing they would be modersold by an inferior and often incorrect American edition. Since the passing of the Act, however, their attention has been ealled to it. Mr. Murray, tho great London Publisher, has alrealy commencel a series of cheap Publications of Standard Works, printed in London expresily for the Colonies, and wo have laty received, and are now selling, one of his Peringlicals, namsly, the Quarterly Review, at 3s. Currency, the price of which, in an English edinon, arcording to the former system, would, we believe, have been about $8 *$, ©il. Currency, and the American Reprint of which, including postage, cost the Canatian roader 4s. 4 d. This is a commenerpent, and we hive litule doubt but the sams plan will be adopted by the oticer Pubishers. With the abore in the way of ceplanation, we say that the dircet importation of English Publications has not as yot increasod, lom, at the same lime desire to say a'so that noither has the Imperial Act as yet been rigidly enforced, for the American Reprints of Copyright Works are still openly sold in Canada.
3. If, as we believe will be the case, cheap editions are publishod in Eingland for the Colonies, and the exclusion of the American Reprints is rigidly enfored, thre can be no dondt but the English Publishors and Authors will rop tho benolits which hitherto the American Publishers have enjoyed.
4. There has never been, si far as our knowleage extends, any material domand in Camada for the works of American Authors (a very few excepted), and as Bookellers, we bate mover ihought it worth our white to import surh, ats a emeneral rule, on the chance of sale; the Bools wo have imported from the United States have beon almust entirely Reprints of Euglish works. It will bo perecived from ene Answer 2 , that we are not of apinion that cheap English literature will he exclumed from 'anada, bint that the difference will be, that we shall be supplicd with chap and correct Finglish editions instoad of cheap and ineorect American othes-the effect of which, we think. wi!! be, to iniprove the: minds and morals of the rising genemtion. and imbue them with British principles, feelings and tastes.

Answers of Messers. Leselie Brothers, Booksollers and Stationers, Toronto:

1. We have, for upwards of twonty ycars, beent engaged in the importation of Books, Pamphiets and Periodicals from Groat Britain into this Province.
2. The importation of British publications, so far as our experionce tostifies, has mot, in the slightest degrec, been increased by the exclusion of American reprints, nor have wo any reason to belicve that it will be.
3. The profits of British Authors and Publishers will not, in our opinion, be lessened by the unrestricted importation of American reprints, for the following reasons, viz. : because, in goneral, British Publications, particularly such as are deemed worthy of being reprinted, are got up too expensively for the general class of readers in this country, and the sales of them are consequontly very limited: because, in addition to the high prico in Britain, the Canadian purchaser must nccessarily pay the chargos of importation, which, including the difference of currency, amounts to at least one third
over the sterling : because the heavy rate of postage on British Periodicals has hitherto prevented, and will always prevent, the importation of that class of publications to any' extent worthy of the notice either of Authors or Publishers : because no legislative restrictions can possibly prevent the importation of chenp American Reprints into this Province, possessing, as we do, a fronticr on the Republic of about 1500 miles in extent.
4. This latter query involves in it matters of the highest interest to the people of, Canala as well as the British North American Co'onies genera!ly. Chonp litemature will, under any restrictiors, be extensive'y introduced from the United States and circulateddhroghout the Province ; and any legislation which g as to exclade British and to adm.t Forsign literature of all kinds, must naturally tend to give a $f$ reign impross to the chararter and misrals of our prpu'ation. There is now, as far as we have bren able to jutge. from long experience, a preva ling tasto in this country for the works of British authors, and this has been fostered, if not crcated, in a great moasure, by the facilities afford od even to the Plumbler classes in society, to obtain then from the American pross at prices within their means. But suppnsing that it ware possible ontircly to exclute the chap Amorican Reprints, we are filly convinced that, while it would not favor the importation of the British editions. it would necessanily tend to give corrency to a kind of Literature whiss moral and palitical influenes, every wise British or Canalian Legrslator would desire to avert. Tho intelligence, morality and religion of the Parent State should be allowed, on equal grounds at least, to excreise upon its Colntice, throngh its Literature, an influence which may counteract the errors, momb, religious or political, of foreigners. We may further remark that, besides the universal evil arising to the l'tovinec by a hoavy tax or restrictions upon knewledge, there is the demoralization arising from the practice of smuggling, which, while it rutins individual character, and is destruetive of the Revenue. is als most injurious to the businoss of the fair trader. All pastexprience, and especially the trade in Tea, has proved that any embargo imposed by law upon the trate of Canada vith the United States has only injured tho Revenue and the honest trader, by thowing jast the same amount of trade, with all its profits, into the hands of smugulers. We may remark generally, with respect to the late limporial resticitions on the importation of Books, boing British Reprints, that they are of a special, unnecessary, and impracticable character. exceedingly vexatious both to importers and to the Officers of Customs who may desire, with fidelity, strictly to observe the law. It may be remarked that all British Reprints are not excluded, not even any considerable proportion of modern Copyrights, but only such as are included in certain Schedules, and whinh are not and cannot be at all times accessible to the Trade. This arrangement renders it necessary for the importer, before transmitting any ordor for American Reprints, to call at the Custom Ilouse to examine first the original Schedule, then the Appendix thereto, thon a Supplement to that Appendix and every subsequent Supplement that may be transmitted officially from England to the Collectors in the Province, and all this for every separate work he designs to inport; when, as it has not unfrectuently happened, not ono work in twenty is found in the list of prohibitions! Besides, in examining those Schedules, we think that wo may say with safety, that not one-half of the works therein enumerated are such as would, in all probability, evor be reprinted, since works of a local character, or of whose popularity there is any reasonable doubt, will not, particularly if they be in many volumes or of an expensive size, be reprinted
in the United States. For the reasons above stated, we are persualed that the best interests of the people of this country, and of the Government, would bs subserved by the removal of all restrictions against the importation of American Reprints,
while no possible detriment would arise to the interests of British Authors or Publishers; the latter particular wo are persuaded wonld be fully borne out were it pnssible to obtain a faithful and accurate statement of the value of the exports of British Publications prior and suhsequent to the passing of the prohibitory Imperial Statute.

Answers of Mr. J. H. Tebbetts, Importer of Books and Periodicals, Montreal :

1. My answer is in the affirmative.
2. My answer is in the negative.
3. My answer is in the negative.
4. My answer is, that, in my opinion, the effect will b: to embue and foster in the mints of the rising ganeration anti-British views and principles, and estab'ish in their min ls feelinga and sentiments intally at variancs with and adverse to the true letter ant spirit of British policy and British institutions.

There is now in circulation for signature in this City. a Petition on this subject to IIis Excellency the $G$ vernor $G$ enoral, which, in all probability, will be presented in a fow days. I was consultod by tho gentlemen who drafted this Petition, and fully concur in all its sentiments, which will, more explicitly, give my views and opinions on the subject. I hand you a copy of the Petition.

To IVis Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Baronet. Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, one of Hr Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Gouncil, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chiof in and over the Provinces of Canada. Nova Scotia, New Brunswirk, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Province of Canada,

## Respectruhay Sheweth:

That your Petitioners have learned with regret, that an Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the sixth year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, prolibiting the importation into this Province, for sale or hire, of any and all American reprints of the works of British authors, is now enforced in this Province, whereby the inhabitants thereof are absolutcly deprived of all access to the works of British authors. That, by a recent order of the Postmaster General, the introduction into the Province of newspapers consisting in the whole, or in part, of extracts from the worls of British authors is prohibited, unless the said newspapers shall pay postage as letters. That the payment of such heavy psstage is not within the means of the inhabitants of the Province, so that they will bc obliged to renounce for the future the reading of all such newspapers and reprints; and that the enforcoment of this order will cause a serious diminution in the revenue of the Post Office. That the said Imperial Act was passed for the purpose of protecting the British authors. That, in the actual circumstances of this Province, the enforcement of
this law therein, will have the effect, not of protecting the British author, but of excluding totally and absolutely his works from this Province. That the means of the inhabitants are insufficient to enable them to import from Great Britain the original works of the said authors, which are there published at cosily prices, and far beyond those which the inhabitants of this Province would be willing or able to pay. That. since the dearness of the original works of British authors would totally exclude them from circulation in the Province, it cannot be for the interest or advantage of the British author to prevent the importation into this Provinec of American reprints of their works. which, if not imported in such forms, would not be imported at all. That on the eontrary, the importation of such reprints will ereate and foster an increasing desire for the works of British ruthors. which will serve greatly to promote a taste for learning, and would contribute to exclude from general reading, wonk of infrior merit. the productions of foreign authors, and would thercby greatly tend to preserve and chorish a grood spirit of interenuse between the Colony and the Mother Country. That it is to be feared that the enferecment of the said law in this Province would not have the effect of preventing the rlandestine importation thereinto of the said American reprints. That the contiguity of this Province to the Uhited States, along a frontier of two thousand miles, offers opportunitics of importing, contrare th the provisions of the said law, which it is to be apprecmaded will not long remain unemployed. That sach an evil would at once defeat the provision of the said law, and deprive the Post Office of the revenue lately derived fom the transmision, by its means. of the said reprints.' 'That your Petitioners would humbly heg leave to draw the attention of Your Excelleney to a fow facts, tending to establish the views taken by Your Petitioners in the preceding parts of this Petition. The publishing price in Eingland of "Zan'mi." a novel, is 毛1 17s. Gd., sterling, and of "Morley Ernstein." another novel, is about £2 10s., sterling. and of "Alison's History of Europe" is Ele 10s., sterling; and the reprints from the United Staters of the same works can be afforded in this Province, the firmer for is. 3 i., the second for Is. 10 del., and the latter for $\mathrm{El}^{1} 10 \mathrm{~s} .$, currency, portage as newspapers incluted. This enormons difference in the pries will explain the reason why the Engrish cdition is not, and camot be, imporied into this Province; and numerous other instaneses might be adduced in pronf of this position. The postage alone on the above cited works. if charged on their introduction into this Province as lefters, under the recent order of the Postmaster General, would be-the former, £3. the second £ 110 s., and the latter £18, curreacy. This. it is plain, would operate as a total exclusion; and the loss to the P'ost Office revenue, in comsequence, would be very great. Thus, a Mr. 'Tobbets, Bookseller, in Montrial, by whose instrumentality chielly these reprints are introduced into Montreal, has for some time past, paid at the rate of $£ 400$ per annum, which amount is likely to increase. That your Petitioners ber leave further to state that the annual subscriptions for American reprints, amount in this Province to a sum which cannot fallshort of, if indeed it do not exceed £ 14000 curreney: That these sulscripions are all payable in advance, and have in fact been paid for the current year. That for this large stum of moncy expended, no return of any kind will, if the enforcement of the said law be continued, ever be received. Your Petitioners therefore humbly submit to Your Excellency's consideration, the foregoing Petition, and pray that Your Excellency will adopt such course in the matter as in Your Excellency's wisdom shall be deemod proper.

Answers of Mr. William Greig, Bookseller, Montreal.

1. Yes, for the past nine years, but only to limited extent, as compared with my importations ${ }^{\text {sth }}$ Deeember from the United States previous to enforcing the late Act. The reason is, the high price of British Copyright publications, rendering them unsaleable here, except to a very limited extent.
2. I have every reason to believe they have not, and that, whilst no doubt the depressed state of busin'ss in the Province for s.me time past, has had a considerable efliect in preventing importations; yet I firmly believe, that hat busincss been ever sn gnod, the importations of Copyright broks from Britain would not have materially increased.
3. I think it would not to any material extent; for, owing to this Provinco being in such close proximity to the United States, where the prints are sold so very low, British Authors and Publishers can never hope to be able, cflicionly to compete with thom; for those reprints, notwitlistanding all laws to the contrary, will (along such an extended frontier) find their way into the Province in all cases where there is a material difference in price. The v ry high price at which British Copyrights are published is the chicf bar to their importation. I could give you numerous inslances in my own experience, as a Bookseller, to prove this, one or two however must suffice. The British edition of "Mammon" cannot be sold here under 9s. 6.1. currency, and of this edition I never could sell more than three or four copies, whereas of the American reprint in a neat bound volume. I have sold several hundreds at 4 s. (id. currency, after paying duties and other expenses to the amount of 40 per cent. I imported one copy of the British edition of "'Tuner's Sacred IIistory of the World," which cannot be sold here to afford a fair profit, under 60s. currency; I kept it on my sholves for about three yoars, and finally was glad to sell it for 30s. currency, therely losing on the actual cost about 12s. 6i. currency, exclusive of three years interest; whilst of the American reprint in neat volumes, I sold several dozens at 10 s . gd. currency (and it could be sold now for 5 s .9 d , in paper cover) after paying 40 per cent. duties and expenses. "Combe's Pliysiology" cannot be sold under 10s. currency, whereas the American reprint, can nuw be sold for 1s. 10 fd currencyaif allowoul to be imported. The Engrish cdition of Allison's great Mistorical work could not be sold here for less than about $£ 8$ currency, whercas the reprit conld be sold for less than 40s. currency ; even if the British edition could be furnished at halfprice, it would not sell, cxcept to a very limited extent. The great body of British publishers have hitherto manifested no inclination to furnish the Colonies at a cheap rate; I have offered to pay them cash in advance, if they would furnish me with books at even lialf the published price, and they all refused. Murray, the great London Publishor, has put forth the prospoctus of what he calls his cheap Colonial editions,-and what are the great advantages which he offers? Why, instead of issuing cheap editions of his latest works, he re-issues those that the "run" is chiefly over for, and which have been reprinted and extensively circulated on this side the Atlantic long ago; and then he offers for 2s. Sterling, equal to 3s. in Canada, what is sold in the United States for 25 cents, equal to 1s. $10 \frac{1}{2} d$ currency in Canada. The only point on which there is any thing like a reasonable attempt at supplying this Colony with cheap literature from Britain, is in regard to Periodicals, and this benefit is considerably nullified by absurd Post Office Laws, charging letter postage on all unstamped printed matter, making the postage on

Blackwood's Magazine come to the enormous sum of over $£ 5$ currency, per annum. And even hero the admittance of the American reprints would not injure the British,publishers, because they have put the prices so low as to make the British editions quite as low as the reprints, the absurd charge for postage excopted, For these and many more reasons that might be given; I am decidedly of opinion that British authors and publishers, will never be material gainers by prohibiting the reprints.
4. That policy, the offipring of selfishness, nar-row-mindedness, foudalism and the dark ages, namely , keeping the people in ignnrance, is now receiving its just and merited punishment in the turbulence and commotions cxisting in Europe, and so it ever will be where the people are kopt in ignorance; all restrictions, therefine, on the spread of useful knowledge are powerful moans of keeping the people in ignorance. Literature is like every thing else-the cheaper the supply, the greater the demand. For these reasons, I consider it the worst possible policy on the part of the Government, to prevent the circulation of cheap litcrature, as it tends to keep the people in ignorance; and it is well known that vice and turbulence are the results of ignorance. Excluding the cheap reprints will increase smuggling. and smuggling it is also well known is very injurious to the morals of all engaged in it. Again, if the poople cannot get Bratish literature, they will be the more largely supplied with native American productions, which last are of course more or less republican in their character, and therefore subsersive of monarchical principles in vogue in this Province; I do not make this remark because I think republicanism a bad form of Government, but simply adduce it as a reason why the Government ought to encourage the free circulation of that literature, the tendency of which is, to confirm monarchical principles.

Answers of Mossrs. Armner \& Ramsay, Booksellers and Stationers, Montreal:

1. We have been in the habit of importing Books and Pamphlets from. Great Britain since the year 1835.
2. The import of British editions has not sensibly increased since the passing of the Imperial Act. This we attribute to the following causes: 1st. The time has been too short to permit the. British Publishers to arrange the terms on which they will supply this market. 2d. The influence of the prevailing depression in all kinds of business has materially lessened the demand for Books. In tho course of next season we know that many of the British Publishers will attempt to supply Canada on more moderate terms than heretofore. Already Mr. Cadell enables us to publish the Waverly Novels at reasonable rates, Currency for Sterling. Mr. Murray, of London, has announced his intention of publishing a serics of excellent Works at low prices,-others will follow the example thus set. We have ourselves Intely concluded agreements with the Publishers of the London Quarterly, the Edinburgh, the Westminster, and Foreign Reviews, Blackwood, Dublin, and Bentley's Magazines, by which we will be able to sell them as low (if not lower) rates than the prohibited United States' Reprints of Mason.
3. The free importation of American Reprints would undoubtedly have the effect of lessening the profits of the English Authors and Publishers, inasmuch as the United States' Printer, having no Copyright to pay for, can always undersell the British Publisher, The subject of an international Copyright Law has long been mooted in Congress-no
inconsiderable portion of that Legislature thinking that it is both impolitic and unjust to make use of the works of foreign Authors without recompense. We trust that it will never, for a moment. be contemplated by our Canadian Parliament to attempt to do that by the property of their own subjects, which many eminent foreigners regard, when perpetrated by their citizens, as an act of robbery and oppression.
4. If it were possible to exclude cheap English litcrature at the same time that native American works were admitted free, a demand would speedily arise for the latter, and the effect, in all probablty, would be to assimilate the character and habits of thinking of the Colonists to the character and habits of thinking of the people of the United States, whose works they exclusively perused. We do not contemplate any such melancholy result, however, from the enforcement of the Imperial $\mathrm{Ac}^{\prime}$. In our reply to query 2 , we have shown what exertions the British Publishers are making to supply the Colony on reasonable terms; their own interests will teach them the necessity of charging low prices, as whenever the difference between their Books and the Reprints of them becomes greatly in favor of the latter, smuggling will undoubtedly commence. We have labored for years to effect arrangements with the English Publishers for the supply of their Books at prices that would enable us to compete with the reprinters. They are now beginning to look upon the matter in its true light, namely,that in dealing with a Colony where the facilities for smuggling are so great, it is necessary for them to exclude in a great measure their copyright from consideration, and to content themselves with a profit nearly as low as that of the United States printer. One only obstacle is in the way of their publishing in a cheap form, for the use of the Colonies, editions similar to Mr. Murray's Quarterly Review, which is, the danger of these editions being re-cxported to Britain, where they would interfere with the sale of the higher priced ones. We have suggested the addition of a clause to the Imperial Act, imposing a large fine, (as in the case of playing cards,) if re-landed and offered for sale. Looking at the whole matter, we consider the Imperial Act a just and neccssary one for the protection of the British author and publisher; and that some of the latter are well disposed to use their exclusive privilege so as to press as lightly as possible on the Colonists. Others will undoubtetly act in a similar manner; and if it were possible to devise some means by which cheap Colonial editions could not be re-imported into Britain, we should not despair of seeing works of literature regularly published for use in the Colonies at rates as low as those in the United States.

There are other points not included in the queries which we should like to have touched upon. For instance, we would, if the questions were asked us, be in favor of admitting English and Forcign Books, (not being reprints, free of duty, and the same with regard to British Books imported through the United States. The expense of the English Reviews and Magazines would be a good deal reduced to the Colonists, if, during the winter months, we could import them free of duty. From November to April we shall have to pay the heavy United' States duty, (20 cents per lb.,) at Boston, and the Imperial and Colonial duties,' (12 per cent,) at our own Custom Houses.

## Answers of Messrs. Thomas Cary and Company, Booksellers, Quebec:-

1. We have made the largest importations to Quebec, of the nature described in the query, of
any house engaged in the trade, during the past thirty-five years. Imports of Literary works have never been to any extent, owing to causes more particularly detaited in the reply to Query 3: of late years they have gradually decreased.
2. By the trade, certainly not ; and. as far as our infimation chables to decide, private importations have also fallen off.
3. Wo do not conceive that this priveloge would operate propucicially to the profits of Britian anthens or publishers; miquestionably, not to the extent which might he considered as an ofll-set to the general henfit which would thercfion arise. The demand for English works has never been great, owing to their heavy prices. and the dilliculty and dulay in chtaining them. No direet and steady trade has over been formed in English publications: the exorthitant rates of postage ineured for the transport of English Magazines has chfirely excladed them from this market. Importers of Britioh works have gradually diminishod their orders from the tarrly sales they met with, the high rate of the original cost, charges, duty, \&e., rendering them too expensive for the gencrality of readers. The profits on their works to English authors and publishers, from this Colony, can never have been of any consideration to them. Imprimus, a large proportion of the population of the late Province of Lower Canada were, and still are. debarred from the enjoyment of any literature but that of the French; and even of this, they partook but slighty, owing to their inability to purchase, want of edincation. secluded habits of life, and laborious employmonts, and remoteness from the depots where only reading matter can be had-in the Cities of Quehre and Montreal. Existing Libraries among the weathy, or those especially disposed to literature, have been formed partly by private orders executed in England by friends, and partly by purchases at auction. Those anction sales of Boohs take place at uncertain periods, and are made by individuals upon speculution. laports of works for thas description of trade yidd little or no profit to Britith authors or publishers, as they are chiefly of those which have outrom their popularity, (and conseguently the demand for than,) or the have been purchasel in various ways at second-hand. The author and publisher have thus already drawn their profit from them.
4. A teniency most injurious alike to the influcuce and usefulness of the Established Church, and to the supremacy of the British Government. In Canarla West, we have painful experience of the cflect produced by the all but universal adoption of American sehool-books in the different Districts; and we camot but anticipate still more dangerous results from minds so trained from early infancy, when their riper faculties shall be expesed to thic corrupting influences of the democratic and, in too many instances, irroligious bent of the mass of native Ancrican productions, religious or political. American literature is unelevating in its character and uninstructive. The worship of the Creator in the United States is riven and partitioned into so many sects, that it ceases to have that stable character and that purity which it possesses in our dominions, and with our own people, who cling to the faith of their forefathers with jealons and unshaken. tenacity. The general circulation of American literature would not tend to raise the standard of morals in Canada, while it would go far to imbue the rising generation with disrespect for the ruling powers.

A prospectus of a Colonial Edition of the English Magazines and Reviews is now in circulation. This
is an enterprize which we feel assurcd will be hailed with satisfaction and generally encouraged. Mr.

Appendix Murray's Colnnial Library has also bern announced:
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consider but an imperfect substitute for tho privicomsider but an imperfect substitute for the privileare we recentle enjoyed of obtaining the latest works on Art, Sticmee and Literature, immediately on their arrival in this country, in the American Roprints. Readers, as purchasers, are prone to the realiest and the cheapest mart, and if the English Publishure wobld stive to restore to us the inestimaho beon of which wo have been deprived, they must to liberal in their offors and prompt and fregurnt in their issu's. 'The eqpagnanes to the urserupubus piracy of the American Publishors apart. that piracy has dome more to create a literary taste in Camada than English Laspislation has done sinco the comntry becames an appendage of the British Crown. Until some phan can be devised whereby chap editions of every branch of Euglish Litrmture, and of the fatest as we heretofore obtained from the United $\mathbf{S}_{\text {tates }}$ ), can be supplied to Colonial readers, we are of opinion that the Ainerican Reprints should not be prohibited a circulation hore. A strong disposition exists to prefer and encourage Brifish enterprize as opposed to foreign, and it rests with our own countrymen, aided by generous conecssions from nur Government, to secure for themselves that preference and encouragement.

Answers of Mr. William Cowan, Bookseller and Stationer, Qucbec:

1. Except on a very limited scalc. J have not, for many years been in the habit of importing Books. Pamphilets and Periodicals from Great Britain.
2. I ant not aware that there hiss been any marked increase in the dirent importation from the Mother Cnntry since the passago of the Imperial Aet prom hibitinu American Reprints from entrance into the Province. That measure perhaps has as yet been tow shart a time in operation to furnish a fair cestimate of its result in this respect.
3. The profits of English Authors and Publishers wombld mot, I think. We serimsly lessemed by the free imnortation into this Provinee of Americar Reprints of English works of Art and Literature.
4. In my opinion, the effect would be bad.

## Wennesday, Giti December, 1843.

The Chairman laid before the Committee the following communication which he had reccived from Nuw Brunswick:

Fredericton, N. B.,
November 3rd, 1843.

## Sin,

I observe in the procecdings of the Canadian Legislature, that, on the 17th Octoier, you moved for The appointment of a Sclect Committee to enquire into the effect of the English Copyright Act, the consequent exclusion of American Reprinis, and the policy of that exclusion as connected with the probable influence on the minds of the rising generation of the Province."

Considering, from the tenor of this motion, that your views on this subject assimilate with my own, I shall make no apology for thus introducing myself to you, and enclosing two papers on the subject, which will, perhaps, sufficiently explain themselves.

When I was in Washington, in 1842, I made an effort to get relief from the then existing restrictions, but, if I mistake not, Lord Ashburton, who, at the time, expressed himself very sensible of the hardship, and evinced the greatest desire to use his influonce in our favor, returned home just at the period when the result of Mr. Dickens' visit to the United States were exhibited in the convention of Authors and Publishers in London, which led to the sudden exclusion of all American Papers and Reprints passing through the Post Office. Hence the matter has remained where it was. Since that time, I have been in communication with other partios on the sumpect, and have induced the Iondon Pross to notiee it: and the result has been that Mr. Murray has commonend publishing a series of Works, called "The Colomial Library," and the sale of this series he proposes to make the test of the wants of the Colonial puhlic in regard to British Literature. It is colvious to me that the plan cannot sueceed, at least not so as to meet nur wants, and for theso simple reasons:-1st. That he does not profess to supply works so cheaply as they can be purchased in the United States. 2ndly. That he can only give us a very limited range of works, as they must be, for the most part, confined to those of which he has the copyright, ne of which it has expired. 3rdly. Ho proposes to publish in the bork form.

In regard to the first point-the price: this is, of itself, sufficient to dimit the demand for such works within a very narrow compass. We aro ponver than nur ncighbours, and yct, though British suljects, are called upon to nay not only a highor prite than them for works of British Authors, but are besides, to incur a heavy expense and risk in getting them oit, and then to be debarred, in most cases. the benctit of a discount of twolve to twenty per cent. for ready moncy payments, which the richest man in Frgland obtains: for five months in the year are to be excluded from all now works, except by an expensive land carriage, and with all this are only to be permitted to read such works as individual copywright holders may graciously bo pleased to indulge us with. But, to crown the whole, when I refer to the very first work in Mr. Murray's list, I find this cheap publication costs exactly five times as much as the American edition (Borrows Bible in Spain, for which Mr. Murray charged 5s. storling, the American work cost ls. sterlines). The second point speaks for itself. In regard to the third, this will materially be affected by the localities in which such works may circulate. In Now Brunswick, nothing short of the free adnission through the Post Office can evor' satisfy the wants of the people. The land carriage, or cren steamboat carriage, of a single volutne would, in many cases, cxceed one-third the value of the bonks, and in the more remote and wilderness parts of the country, they could only reach their destination at very uncertain and chanco periods. I will not take up your time by entering into any further details at the moment. The subject I feel to be of vital interest to our Colonies, and; in a natural point of view, of the greatest moment. It really seems to involve nothing less than the question of keeping our people in comparative ignorance or embuing the rising gencration with Republican feelings, and, what is cven worse, by inducing a laxity of feeling in reference to the obsorvance of laws, for it is needless to say that the snuggling of these Works, in their cheapest form, will be carried on in defiance of all the Customs' Establishments in the world, and British Anthors and Publishers, in their ardour to protect their supposed rights, may be constrained to mect together to betition Parliament for a law authrizing the searching of persons and premises for the general geizure of such Works. Is any one prepared for such a resilt $?$ yet nothing short of
it could even be partially effectual.


The perusal of the enclosed will readily assure you of the gratification I felt at finding a subject on which my thoughts have been long directed engaging the attention of the Canadian Legislature. I have frequently suggested an united effort on the part of Canada, Nova Scotia and Now Brunswick, and I trust the next Session of the I, cgislature of the two latter Provinces will show them ready to follow the example set them. Doubtless great will be the opposition we shall have to encounter, but the justice of our complaint, and the impolicy (to say the least of it) of the rostrictions if they could be enforced, added to the impossibility of enforeing them, must, I feel convinced, ultimately overcome it.

It will be a subject of much anxicty to me to learn the action of the Canadian Inouse of $\Lambda$ ssemblv, and the proceedings of the Committee, and should the enclosed papers in any way assist the object in viow, I shall feel much gratified.

I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

> (Signaturo not legible.)

John Simpson, Esquirc, \&c. \&c. \&c.
(Inclosure in the precerling Commanication.)

## My Lond,

Encouraged by the favor with which Your Lordship at a recent interview received my allusion to the disadvantages under which the British North American and West Indian Celonies labour, by reason of the prolibitions and high dutics imposed on English Books imported through the United States, I venture to submit to Your Lordship a few observations which have occurred to me, illustrative of the hardship and injurious efferts of these restrictions.

It may bo well to premise by stating bricfly the circumst nees in which the British Colonies are at present placed. First, All reprints fromrecent English Authors are wholly prohibited. Secondly, The works of English Authors printed and publisherd in English are prohibited if coming througla the States. Thirdly, The duty on Books printed in America, whether of American Authorship or reprints of Standard English Works is 30 per cent, and amounts in the Provinces to a prohibition on their importation. Thus the British Provinces arc almost wholly excluded from all literary intercourse with their neighbors, and are necessitated to send 3000 or 4000 miles across the Atlantic for a Novel, a Review, School Book or Devotional Work, which they might procure a fow miles over the border.

But this hardship would not be so great if, as one might infer, the results of such protection were to furnish a cheap and early supply of such Books in the British Provinces. Such is, liowever, far from being the case. In very fow of the Provincial Cities are there any Booksellers Shops, in the real sense of the term. A few of the Standard Works are occasionally imported since the issue of the very cheap scries of Chambers, Smiths, and \%ther reprinting establishments, but even thesc are rated at nearly 50 por cent. (the ordinary profit of the general Merchant) above the retail London price, so that a purchaser not only loses the discount which a London Bookseller always allows, but has to pay a large sum for what may be termed the privilege of purchase. If the work required is not on hand and must be ordered, a delay of from 6 to 8 months is incurred, and a higher commission probably

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charged. and thus the price tends to make the article scarce, and the scarcity to increase its valueThis isscverely folt in regard to School Books. The orpense of these works is so great that in the College at Froduricton. it is the practico for Students to sell carth other their books, is they alvane from class to class, and whon they quit College. I have known 15s, and 16s. demanded for books which in England would cost bs. or 7 s .

In regard to the periodical Literature of the Mother (eountry, the hardship is still greater, inasmuch as their chief interest and value will depend on their early reccipt after publication. The Reviews and Monthly prendicals which in England vary from 1s. Wh tis. might be procured from the States at about one half their London cost; but it is not their price only which is the chief impediment to their importation. The cxpense of carriage is very considerable, if sent by the regular Mail Steamer, both the steam convoyance and (in the case of Now Brunswick) the land carriage from Lalifax has to be paid, which will add to the cost of the work from 2s. to 4 s .-raising the price of a review from 6 s. 108 s ., or 10 s .-and ceven under the most favourable arrangement in regard to their carly receipt. a delay of 8 or 10 days is frequently incurred between Halifax and $\therefore$ t. Johns or Fredericton. In the winter the same delay must occur in the transit to Canada. But if sent by sailing vessels, they would very rarely reach the Province within three or four months of their publication; and during the Winter months they could not be reccived at all: owing to these causes, the Proprictors of the Reading Rooms at Fredericton have recently been compelled to discontinuc them altogether.

These Reviews can be forwarded with the utmost regularity from Boston and New York in two or three days at a cost of from 2s, to 3s. each, and generally within a month of the date of publication in Eugland: As illustrative of some of the injurious effects of these restrictions. I will, with your Lordship's permission, assume a fow cases which will exhibit in its true light the disadvantageous position in which British Suljects are placed as contrasted with the Americans. Suppose A is a Farmer, living on the British side of the St. Croix. In the Spring he crosses over to Calais or Eastport and mects an American (Farmer B.) whom he has not seen for some two or three years. IIe visits his farm. observes great improvements in his method of tillage, and hears from him of the great increase in his returns, of the experiments he has been making in farming, in manures, planting crops. \&c.A. asks how ho came to hit on these things which never occurred to himself? Oh! says the American, have you not seen such and such a book or journal (say the Farmer's Journal or Johnston's Agriculural Chemistry); I got all my hints from these. The Journal which comes out monthly kecps me informed of every improvement of value and I strongly advise you to get them both. By all means says $\dot{\Lambda}$.. but where can I procure them? Just over the way, says the American; the Journal costs only a few cents, and the book is cheap enough. A. forthwith purchases the book and two or three numbers of the Journal, and orders the latter to be sent regularly. He crosses the Frontier, where the Collector seizes his book and takes his Journal, the monthly numbers of which (being Reprints,) are regularly scized as they come in. Should they be American publications, and not English Reprints, he finds that the duty increases the cost of the books so greatly as to render it extremely inconvenient to him to meet the charge; and in both cases he is probably compelled to give them up. If he sends to England for them a delay of from four to eight months is the consequence, and his Summer is over before his Spring Journals can reach him.

1 will not tako up your Lordship's timo hy pursuing this case further, only assuring your I Iordship that it is not an extreme one; that it has happened, and indeed may happen as often as any man intent on the improvement and advaneement of the agricultural resoures of his eountry crosses the lmider with the desire of benefitting by the greater experience nr more active and intelligent industry of his ncighbour.

Arain, take the case of a Schuol Teacher, whether of a latish or a Grammar school. Suppose him at Boston. spending his month's vacation. ITe is sincercly devoted to his work, anxious both to improve himself and impart as much as possible to his scholars. II comes indeod to Boston with this object, for he finds himself unable to obtain the information in St. Jolins. At Boston, ho finds all the most recent publications, both Amorican and English, for Teachers and scholars, for Sunday and Day, Infant and Adult, Parish and Grammar, Schools, containing the results of improved methods of teaching, hints for the formation or conduct of Schools, training Teachers, \&c. Being a Teacher. the American School Union will supply him at a moderate rate, either for his own use or that of his pupils. Ife has saved a small sum for the purpose of making such purchases: he lays it out, and returns, intending to devote all his leisure to the stndy of these, for the mutual benefit of himself and his scholars. At the Custom IIouse, if his trunk is opened, all the English reprints arc seized, and a duty of 35 per cent demanded on all the original American Broks. He must cither make the sacrifice of the Books or pay the money: the latter, probably, he is unable to do, (for School-masters in New Brunswick are but poorly remunerated;) in which case his loss loss is complete.

In reference to the dearth of proper School Books and the consequent results, I would beg leave to refer your Lordship to the. accompanying Report on the state of the Schools in New Brunswick, merely adding the fact that so great was the inconvenience felt to be, that the Legislature, not long since, made an appropriation of a considerable sum of money for the purchase of School Books adapted to the wants of the people, and more recently ordered some hundrads of copies of Dunn's Normal Schools' Manual, for the purpose of introducing some more uniform system of teaching which want of Books had previously rendered unattainable. The reply of all Schoolmasters, in regard to the character of the Books in general use, as well as to what are their acquirements, is almost uniform.-We can got none-we don't know where to send for any, except to the United States, and if we send there, we must get American Books, for English Reprints are prohibited.

On a recent occasion of an attermpt made by Lady Colebrooke to establish an Infant School at Fredericton, it was necessary to procure the different articles indispensable for the purpose. It was an object to set on foot the School as early as possible, as a competent Schoolmistress had just offered her services (the only one then in the Province), and the proposal to send to England for the apparatus was naturally rejected, as it would have involved a delay of four or six months ; the apparatus was accordingly ordered and reccived from Boston in three wecks, but on reaching St. Johns the Package was opened at the Custom Ifouse, and at first detained as liable to scizure, being considered English Reprints, but there being no mark by which to determine them English or American manufacture, they were subsequently passed, the full duty of 35 per cent. being charged upon them.

I am fearful of trespassing too long on your (P. P.)

9ih December Lordship's time, and therefore pass by the inconveniences sustained by other classes in consequence of these restrictions, merely observing, that the people of the Provinces, generally, are almost wholly excluded from what may be called cheap reading, and, consequently, from all reading, except what the Provincinl and American Newspapers afford them. There can be no doubt that the easy access to literature is a means not only of diffising knowledge, but of creating a taste for it; but the effect of the restrictions at present existing is rather to repress inquiry, and to chack the indulgence of such a taste, sulbject (as it is) to the constant mortification of having within its reach the means ; yet being denied the power of gratifying it. Is it too much to attribute, in some measure, the grenter activity and intelligence over the border to the immense advantages Americans possess, of profiting by every improvement of our own countrymen, whether intellectual or physical, which, by reason of these restrictions, are, to a great extent, denied to us?

If Education and Agriculture are the basis of the prosperity of Countries, and ought, therefore, to go hand in hand, it would seem of'special importance to give to new Colonies the benefits of all the experience, whether past or progressive, of the country whence their institutions are immediately derived ; but it is not too much to say, that with few exceptions, neither Education nor Agriculture in the North American Colonies have progressed equally with the Mother Country. Whence can this arise but from the absence of those means and sources of information which are so widely diffused elsewhere, and from the diffusion of which only can the prejudices of long habits be overcome. This observation applies equally to nearly all departments of knowledge and industry.

I fear your Lordship will think I am exceeding the proper limits of these remarks; I can only assure you that it is a subject which, for the last seven years, I have felt to be of the greatest interest and importance both to the Mother Country and her Dependencies, and a greater boon could hardly be conferred on them than by taking off these restrictions. I have been in many of the West India Islands, and found there the same difficulties, and the same anxiety in regard to the importation and purchase of Books from the States,-the same impediment to procuring them from England,-the same facilities in getting them from America. The prohibition and high duties in either case equally lamented and equally fatal to any attempt at importation. The length of the voyage, and the injury from climate will always prevent the English Bookseller from sending Books to the West Indies on speculation - the same causes, added to the cost, will always prevent a person in the West Indies inporting on his own account. But I was frequently told by persons who kept a few for sale of the commonest description, that they could always afford to import from the United States were it not for the duty which obliges them to put so high a price on Books that they are unsaleable.

In affecting any alteration in the present regulations, three points have to be considered, viz.-the entire prohibition of all English reprints; the duty of 35 per cent on American publications; and the prohibition of all English works imported by way, of the United States.

Next to the entire abandonment of all duties, which I am led to think would be most satisfactory, the imposition of a duty of $£ 210$ s. per cent., (the duty now lévied on foreign Books imported into England,) would be preferable to an ad valorem
duty; but there would seem to be no good reason for making English Books, i.e. Books printed and published in England, liable to any duty, because forwarded through America, which is frequently the only route by which they can be procured.

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If it should be observed that the English bookscller or author ought to be protected against English reprints, the answer is immediate-that at present no protection is afforded. The Colonist cannot afford to purchase English Books at the present costly price; and he is, therefore, utterly debarred their use, while he feels most grievously the hardship of the privation. He sees bis American neighbour enjoying the fruits of British genius, from which he is wholly shut out, merely because' he is a British subject, living under his own Government. The English bookseller then derives no benefit from the restriction; for it is not a question of purchasing from him or the American publisher, but of purchasing from him or not purchasing at all-not a question of cheap or dear reading-but of cheap reading, or no reading at all. I should here remark too, that the relitious portion of the community are great sufferers ; for the largest class of reprints in the present day is of works of a religious character, some of which are amongst the most valuable that can be put into the hands of the families of the poor.
If such Boioks were admitted at a low duty into the Colonies, it might be the interest of the English publisher to make arrangements in New York or Boston, either for reprinting in a cheap form works suited for the Colonial market, or for receiving orders for the transmission of English Books into the Provinces.

Many of the English standard works can be purchased in the States at a less price than they are sold for in London; yet these same Boaks, if procured through a merchant in the British Provinces, will cost some $20-50$-per cent over the retail London price.
I submit these observations to your Lordship with much deference: they rather indicate a few of the arguments in favor of a relaxation of the present system, than pretend to be a full statement of them. The subject is onc which has engaged my attention ever since I first took up residence in the Colonies ; but, not anticipating that any opportunity would ever be afforded me of bringing it forward, I have never attempted to systematize my observations, which I have now hastily thrown together, encouraged by the favor with which Your Lordship received my first allusion to the question. I can only assure Your Lordship that, with the attachment I feel to the institutions of my country, it has ever been my aim, to the best of my limited means, to create and cherish a love for them in those amongst whom my lot has been temporarily, and from time to time, cast ; and with this aim I have always had a special regard to those points which have appeared to me calculated to weaken the affection between parent and child, than which, none perhaps is more so, than a contrast of advantages in favor of our neighbours, when too, these advantages might be equally enjoyed by the Colonist without the sacrifice of any interests, and when the denial of them is really an injury to all, and a benefit to none. Your. Lordship will at once sce how peculiarly mortifying it must be to a resident in the British Provinces to find his American friend over the border, (perhaps not astone's throw distant, )' enjoying the fruits of British intellect, from which he is excluded though, if a prior right to such enjoyment exist at all, it must be legitimately his.

It is useless to argue that he may import these Books; considering the circumstances of the Pro-
vinces, the expense and risk of carriage, and the costly price, this is impracticahlo; and, as far as Periodicals are concerned, their importation, so Ing after publication in England, would be comparatively useless. The Colonist is then, in reality, debarerl from them. By a reduced duty, or by an abaidonment of all duties and prohibitims, all parties would grain while none would be injured. As before hinted, the London Publishers could, under either a reduced duty or a free transit, make arrangements for the supply of the British Provinces through Boston or New York, if he desires to sccure a direct interest in the supply of the Provincial market, or thinks those interests at stakc. But if he really had an intercst at stake in the question, which he has not, those of humanity are not less entitled to consideration, and he should, therefore, either be under the obligation of supplying the Provinces on torms not less advantageous than they should make for themselves; or the Colonists should be free to avail themselves of the benefits they might derive from the vicinity of their neighbours in a matter which affects so immediately their own interests

There can be no doubt that the Provinces would be much more desirable and agrecable places of residence, if an Englishman, on going there, did not find himself suddenly cut off from all access to the literature of his own country. and especially that now most necessary part of it, the Quarterly Reviews; by crossing the line, that is, by going into a strange country, he is at once in full possession of it ; on returning to his own country, he is again shut out from it, thus he finds some of the best memorials of his home with the stranger, and himself a stranger to them in his own home. The lialf-educated settler in the Far West may be storing his mind and enlarging the bounds of his obscrvation, at the cost of a few eents, by the perusal of valuable works, which are denied to the poor, but well educated half-pay Officer or settler in our own Colonies, who thus finds himself cut off from one of the greatest consolations of his poverty, because he lives under his own Government.

A few observations may be sufficient to illustrate the hardship to the Colonies of enforcing in them the Copyright Law under the same limitations as in England.

In the first place, let us briefly advert to the situation of the reading public in England. There, by means of Book Societies, Clubs and Circulating Libraries. all new Works can be read at a cost of littie more than from 1d. to 3 d . per volume, sn that with very few exceptions the perusal of new Works, of whatever character, is within the roach of all for a quarter dollar, and many may be perused for half that sum. Again, in England, purchasers of Books. always obtain a deduction in the price of new Works of from 12 to 20 per cent discount for ready money. Again, from the number of copies of Works taken by the Circulating Libraries, Clubs, and other reading Societies which demand a.constant succession of new literature, and which are accustomed to sell off the surplus copies after a few months, there are few Works which may not be purchased at from one-half to two-thirds the price after six or nime months from their first publication. Thus, the very high price at which Books are published in England, is comparatively but little felt; the perusal of Works, the purchase of which would be beyond the means of any but the rich, boing obtained at a cheap rate. Persons being in, the country in England may, by a subscription varying from $£ 2$ per annum, obtain supplies of Books every month or fortnight free of all expense ; parties may also club together, and by a subscription
of 10 s . to 14 s . cach, obtain the same advantares. This is, of courte, cliefly owing to the facilities and cheapness of transport. Now, from all these advantages the British Provinces are, by the action of the Coppright. wholly excluted.-Their seat- 9 th December. tered population renders the formation of Book Socicties in any but the large towns impracticable, and cven in these, the high price of the Publications in England, added to the charge of convevance, insurance, \&c., place them whally beyond the means of the Inhabitants. So completely has this been fourd to be the case, that several Book Socioties have been compellod to discontinue taking in the Periodical Reviews and Magazines. In the Report of the Post Office Cominissioners, at Quebec, it is stated, that the difficulties and expenses of procuring the English Periodicals in the British Provinces amounts to a total prohibition of them, the cost of the convoyance of which alone has, at times, amounted to 4s. Sterling for a single copy. For five months in the year, the British Provinces inay be said to be altogether excluded from ship communication with England, so that, for that poriod, the only mode of obtaining access to the new Works is through the United States. Now, while we are subject to all these disadvantages for the nominal protection of the English Author or Bookseller, it may be worth while to enquire what the arvantages, in reality, are which are thus obtained by him at the sacrifice of the interests of the people, and the answer to this is absolutely nothing. The whole amount of Books of all descriptions imported from England in a year, would not valuc, in the Province of New Brunswick, £500, and the value of new Works would probably be found under £ 100 : nor can this be a matter of surprise to any one who compares the means of the mass of the people with the price charged for Books in England, and add thereto the risk and expense of conveyance, the trouble of writing to England; and the dolays that must ensuc before the execution of a small order, averaging from three to five months; the expense of procuring them by the steamer added to that of forwarding them from Malifax, a distance of three hundred miles, being an entire barrier to any such attempt. But supposing that the Publisher and Author did, in reality, derive great bencfit from the restriction, the Colonists would be, at least, entitlod to some consideration in the matter, and may fairly demand that the benefits should in some rospects be mutual. But what is the fact ; why just this, that while the British Publisher rofuses to let us have these Works at the cheap rate, i. e. to take an instance while he demands from us for the Reviews, 5s. to 6s. each number ; (and which consequently from the charge for conveyance, costs us from 8 s, to 10s.) the same Publisher is supplying the Enited States Market with the same Reviews, at 3s. to 3s. Gd. per number, including all the expenses of transit, \&c. Is this fair?-is this just, is this honorable? If the British Publisher can afford to send these Works to the States at this rate, surely he can afford and should be compelled.(if the Copyright Law is to be in force here;) to supply the Colonist as advantagenusly. Are the interests of these Countries as Colonies of the British Empire, to be sacrificed to the supposed pecuniary interests of Publishers and Authors. Are we prepared to act on a principle which in truth strikes at the Nationality of our Country. Shall we say to our Colonists, you are perfectly free to read American Books of whatever kind and description you please, at the cheap rate you may procure them in the United States; but the Works of British Authors inculcating those Constitutional principles and those feelings (which it should be our desire to cherish amongst the people of our widely extended Empire, as it is our pride to entertain oursclyes,) you shall not read? We.know you cannot afford to buy these Books at tho price

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asked in the London Market, and it is not worth our while to supply you more cheaply.
Is an inhabitant of these Provinces hecause a British Subject, to be denied access to British, and to be offered a premium on the porusal of American Literaturc? Shall he continue in the position of finding his American noighbours profiting so largely from the genius of his own country, and himself debarred therefrom?

It has been justly remarked that Literature in this reading age has more to do with the Government of the people than the Laws. Is there not here a warning to us? Shall we in this view encourage the circulation of a foreign, or of our own Literature. God forbid, that the forcign should be prohibited, for it is better to get foreign Works than to get none at all, as it would be better to live under a forcign code of Laws than under no Laws at all. Will any one looking to the condition of the United States and our own Colonies, and weighing the immense advantages the latter possess in their exemption from the taxes to which our neighbours are subject, and yet seeing how much in advance of us they are, doubt that this is partially, nay in a great measure, attributable to the Literary, as well as Commercial intercourse, subsisting bebetween the two Countries? -and surely it ought to be our pride to think that the whole of that vast country is inundated as it were, and porvaded by Works inculcating British feelings and British interests, even though purchased at the loss of some few hundreds of pounds to some dozen or two of Authors and Publishers. Shall Literature be degraded in these days to a mere trade?

One great advantage of the ni:wspaper form of publication consists not merely in the cheapness of the Works published, but in the great facility offered through the Post for their distribution, the importance of which, in a thinly peopled country, where regular communication between distant places are unfrequent, the expence of sending parcels very great, and their conveyance very uncertain, and often not practicable except at long intervals, can hardly be over-estimated. A volume, however cheaply it might be imported from England, could not, in the winter, reach its destination in the distant parts of the Province, under an expense of from 2 s. to 5 s., ond often even more, thus making the conveyance alone more than equal to the expense of the Work coming in a different form through the Post Office. These, it will be admitted, are serious detriments to the encouragement of a taste for reading; and I would ask whither or not it be desirable to foster such taste in a young country or at least whether it is wise to put such checks upon it. And if we viow the question in a mere commercial point, how can the adinission of Reprints affect the interests of the British Publisher? Let us enquire of any Bookseller making his arrangements for the publication of a new Work in England; and estimat. ing the number of copies which must bo sold to rem inunerate him how many he sets down for these Provinces, and what profit he reckons he may derivo from the increased sale of his work on them, (this is the fair way to look at the matter) and then let an estimate be made of the profit that might
accrue to him if he choose to enter into arrangements with any of the New York or Boston PubAppendix lishers for tho supply of the British Provinces at a cheap rate. There aro many Publishers in the States who would be quite willing and glad to 0 th Decembet. mako such arrangements as would secure to an Author or Publisher at home a fair remuncration for the privilege, and bring a not inconsiderable revenue to the Post Office for the transmission of the papers; or let an Agent be appointed in the Provinces, who shall be authorized to scll these Reprints, with a commission on the sales.

We think we have now satisfactorily shown the extreme hardship to the Colonists of enforcing the Copyright Law, which cuts them off from all access to British periodical and other literature ;its extreme impolicy, in a national point of view, as offering a premium on the introduction of the works of American authors;-that it, in reality, affords no protection to the British author or publisher ; because the prices charged for the English edition, added to the difficulty and cost and uncertainty of getting them out altogether, prevent their introduction; and it is, therefore, not a question of purchasing the expensive copy from the London bookseller, or the cheap Anerican reprint, but the cheap reprint, or none at all;-that if the British publisher has the benefit of the operation of the Act, he should be bound to "furnish a supply of works at a price within the means of the Colonists, the more particularly as he, at this moment, supplies the United 'States market with' the 'periodicals of all kinds at little more than half their London prices; -that the admission of these works in the newspaper form, under proper regulations, would prove a source of considerable revenue to the Post Office; for we believe there would be scarcely any limit to the demand for literature in these Provinces, when procured so cheaply and with so little difficulty. Whether the above remarks may be the means of inducing those, with whom in a great measure rests the decision of this question, to take a less one sided view of it, we cannot tell; but we appeal to the better feelings. of Englishmen, whether they would willingly sacrifice the interests of their country for the sake of a paltry gain to one class of individuals, who, acting in a more liberal spirit, might, even in a pecuniary point of view, be benefited by the introduction of English works amongst us. Of one thing, however, we are cer-tain-that the admission of these reprints would be a source of general satisfaction throughout the Provinces, and would be regarded as a proof of the real desire of the British Government to foster and encourage attachment to the Parent Country, and to place them in a position in which, as Lord Durham said, they shall have nothing in which to envy their neighbours.. But, if the privilege be not conceded, the papers will be introduced surroptitiously, and perhaps, to as large an extent as if under no prohibition; for it will be diffcult to perguade people that there is any, wrong in evading a law, which, while it offers, so serious an impediment to the attainnent of knowledge and the enjoyment of intelleotual recreation, to their manifest detriment is a soiurce of benefit to none.
Right Hon. Lord Ashburtonn

The Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Effy McCuaia, Widow of the late John McCuaig, of the Seigniory of New Longucuil, complaining of having been forcibly dispossessed of a certain Lot of Land in the said Seigniory, and praying relief; have the honor to Report :-

That the Petitioner, Mrs. McCuaig, sets forth that she is the owner of certain Land in the Seigniory of Nouvelle Longueuil. in the late Province of Lower Canada, being Lot No. 28, Concession of Cote St. George, in that Seigniory, and that the said land was taken forcible posscssion of, by one Ronald McDonald, in 1818, and is still occupied by him ; he claiming the same as being Lot No. 8, in the 7th Range of Lancaster, within the Province of Upper Canada, for which Lot he holds a Deed from the Government of the said Province.

The evidence of Mr. Wells and Mr. Russell establishes the fact that the Scigniory of Nouvelle Longueuil was granted in the year 1734, to the Chevalier Joseph Lemoine ; that the boundary line of that Seigniory includes the Lot now in question claimed by Mrs. McCuaig and Mr. McDonald ; and that that Seigniory is within that part of the Province formerly called Lower Canada.

The Township of Lancaster was surveyed subscquently to the grant above mentioned ; and under a Patent from the Government of Upper Canada, Mr. McDonald claims the land in question. contending that the Seigniory of Nouvelle Longueuil has, by some error, exceeded its former and correct limits; whereas, the maps and surveys exhibited before your Committee prove beyond a doubt that the Township of Lancaster lays over several lots of land in the Seigniory of Nouvelle Longueuil granted before the Conquest.

It appears, therefore, evident to your Committee, that it is absolutely necessary that legislative measures be adopted for defining the limits of the two sections of the Province which formerly constituted the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada; and it is clear that this is not only an indispensable preliminary to the settlement of the rights of the parties mentioned in the Petition referred to your Committee, but also for the purpose of establishing the limits of the jurisdiction of the Courts and Authorities in the said two divisions of the Province respectively, and for removing doubts as to the application of the Laws of Upper or Lower Canada to the lands and real property lying near the supposed line of demarcation.

It appears, from the evidence of Mr. Wells, that he has been employed by Her Majesty's Provincial Government to ascertain, as far as possible, the facts connected with the said line, and to trace it on the ficld according to the information he should obtain; and that he has made a full and detailed report of his proceedings and their result.

Your Committee recommend that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to lay a copy of Mr. Wells' Report before your Honorable House, with such other information as he may deem it right to com-
municate, with regard to the steps taken by the Provincial Government in consequence of the said Report.

JNO. SIMPSON,
Chairman.
5th December, 1843.

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

John Simpson, Esquire, in the Chair.

## Friday, 6th October, 1843.

Mr. Alphonso Wells, Deputy Provincial Surveyor, called in; and examined :

1. Can you describe to the Commitee the Southwestern Boundary, between the Seigniory of New Longucuil and the Township of Lancaster?-The Boundary Line of New Longueuil has been traced by several Surveyors'at different periods; the first survey of it, I believe, having been made so far back as the ycar 1783. The grant of the Seigniory' was made in 1734. The survey of Lancaster was made subsequently, and by some error on the part of the Surveyor employed, the course of the Line intended as the eastern and conterminous limit of Lancaster, was taken in a direction which was not conformable to that of New Longueuil, and in consequence the Township of Lancaster was made to overlap the Seigniory of New Longucuil. I cannot now state the exact amount of the encroachment so caused.
2. Is the Petitioner'sland wholly or in part within the true limits of New ${ }^{\text {L }}$ Longueuil ?-The Lot owned by the Petitioner is wholly within the limits of New Longueuil, but the form and positions of the farm Lots in the Scigniory, do not correspond with those of the Lots surveyed as being in Lancaster, and consequently one of the latter may interfere at the same time with several of the Seignorial Lots. I may observe, that questions have been raised as to the correctness of the present Line of New Longucuil; but, nevertheless, the Line itself is easily found, and is known to parties, generally, living on either side of it, in the same neighborhood.
3. Can you furnish to the Committee any documents relative to the claims on the disputed Boundary ?-I have documents containing the information required by the Committec, at the Cascades, in Canada East. If desired, I will send for thern with as little delay as possible.

## Monday, 9ti Octoner, 1843.

Mr. Alphonso Wells again called in; and being interrogated, gave the following additional informa-
4. Can you produce a copy of Mr. De Beáujèu's title to the Seigniory of New Longucuil? -The following are copies of the original title, and of the rat. ratication thereof:-

## Grant of the Seigniory of New Longucuil.

21st April, 1734.
Grant to Joseph LeMoine Grant to the Cheva- $\}$ Chevalior de Longuevil, Caplier de Longucuil. $\}$ tain in the Detachment of Marines, stationed in this country, of the Tract of land lying.on the bank of the River St. Lawrence, at thi place called the Cascades, and extending from the bouindary of tho Suigniory of Soulangos to Point à Beaudot. inclusively, forming about two longues in front by three leaguics in depth, with the Islands, Islets, anil Beaches thercunto adjacent; to hold the same as a Fief and Seigniory, with superion, inferion, and mesno jurisdiction, and with the right of fishing, hunting, and trading with the Indians, within the said grant-on condition of doing fralty and homage at the Castle of St. Louis, at Quebec. of which the said Fief and Scigniory shall be holden, subject to the usual duties and charges, aceurding to the custom of Paris, followed in this country:--of prescrving, and causing his tenants to preserve, the oak timber fit for the construction of King's shipss; of notifying IIis Majesty of all ores, mines, and minerals, which may be found within the said grant; that the appeals from the Jurge who may be established there shall lic to the Rayal Court at Mnntreal ; that the grantee shall actually settic thercin, and cause his tenants so to do also-in default whercof, the said tract shall he re-mited to the Crown Lands; that lie shall forthwith clear the said tract, or cause the same to be eleared, leaving such highways and roals as may be decmed nceessary for the public convenience; that he shall cause like conditions to be inserted in all grants which he shall make to those who shall hold under him, which grants he shall make at the accustomed rates of rents and other charges, for each arpent in front by forty arpents in depth; that lie shall leave the beáches open to thuse wishing to fish thereon, except such parts as may be resorved for his own fishory ; and that, in casc His Majesty shall at any time hercafter have occasion for any part of the said tract, for the purpnse of constructing any fort, battery, parade-ground, magazine, or othicr public work, His Majesty may take the same, with all the timber requisite for such work, and all the fircwood required for the use of the Garrison in any such fort, without being held to pay any indemnity for so doing. The whole subject to the pleasure of the King, from whom the sait grantoo shall obtain a confirmation of this grant within the year. In testimony whereof, we have signed these presents, and caused our Seal to be hereunto affixed, with the Signatures of our Sceretaries. Given at Quebec, the 21st $\Lambda$ pril, 1734.
(Signed) Beaumarnors \& Hocquart.

Ratification of the $)$ This cight day of FebruGrant in favor of the ary, one thousand, seven Sr. de Longueuil. hundred and thirty-five, the King being at Marty, and wishing to confirm and ratify the grant of a Soigniory, made on the twentyfirst of April, one thousand, seven hundred and thirty-four, by the Sieurs the Marquis of Beauharnois, IIis Majesty's Governor and Licutenant Governor in New France, and Hocquart, Intendant in the County aforesaid, to the Sieur Joseph Lemoine, Chevalier de Longueuil, a Captain in the Troops there stationed, of a tract of land lying on the bank of the River St. Lawrence, at the place called the Cascades, extending from the Boundary of the

Seigniory of Soulanges to the Pointe à Beaudet, inclusivoly, being about two leagues in front by three leagues in depth., with the islands, islets and beaches thereunto adjacent: His Majesty hath confirmed and ratified the said grant, willing that the snid Sieur de Longueuil, his heirs and legal representatives forever, should enjoy the same as their own property, to be holden as a Fief and Seigniory, with superior, inferior and mosne jurisdiction, and the right of fishing, hunting and trading with the Indians within the limits of the said Seigniory, without being bound, in consideration thereof, to pay any fine or indemnity to the King, of which, to whatsoever sum the same amount, His Majcsty hercby makes a free gift and grant, on condition of doing fealty and homage at the Castle of St. Louis at Quebec, of which the said Fief and Scigniory sliall be holden, and of yiclding the usual charges and dues according to the Custom at Paris followed in that country; and that the appeals from the Judge to be established in the sad Scigniory, shall be to the Royal Courts at Moritreal,-on condition also of prescrving, and causing his tenants to prescrve, the Timber fit for the construction of King's Ships,-of notifying His Majcsty and the Governor, or Intendant of the country, of all ores, mines and minerals which may be found on the Tract so granted,-of clearing and cultivating the said Tract, and of causing the tenants to settle them (in dofault whercof the same shall be re-united to the Lands of the Crown), and of leaving the necessary highways and roads for the public convenience; and also of leaving the beachos open to all wishing to fisli there-on, except such parts as they shall require for their own'fisheries; and that in case His Majesty should hercafter have occasion for any part of the Tract so granted for the purpose of constructing any Battery, Parade-ground, Magazine, or other Public Work, he may take the same, with all the Timber requisite for any such work, and the firewood requisite for the use of the Garrison in any such Fort, without being held to pay any indemnity for the same: His Majesty's pleasure being, that the said grant shall be subject to the said conditions, without allowing any exception on the ground that any of the same may not have been inserted in the grant first above montioned.
And in testimony of His Royal pleasure, His Majesty hath commanded me to issue these present Letters Patent, which shall be enregistered in the office of the Colonial Supérietir at Quebec, for such purpose as to law may appertain ; and hath been pleased to affix the sign manual to these Presents, and to cause the sarne to be signed by me, one of IIs Council, Sccretary of State for the Department of Finanice.
(Signed,)
ąd lower down,

LOUIS,
PHILLIPEAUX.

The foregoing Letters Patent were transcribed and enrogistered at the instance of the King's AtLorney General, by us, the Councillor and Secretary of the King, and Chicf Clerk of the said Council at Quebec, the 26th Scptember, 1735.
(Signed)
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Mr. Androw Russell, Deputy Provincial ${ }^{\text {Sur- }}$ veyor, called in; and cxamined:
5. Can you describe to the Committee the South-: western Boundary between the Scigniory of New Longueuil and the Township of Lancaster?-The following is a copy of the Proces Verbal rocorded in the Surveyor General's Office :-

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"It having been represented to me, whenat Mon-
Apeal. in February last, by the Honorable Joseph ative Council in this Province, \&c., that my preence was much required on the westerly Lines of their respective Seigniories of New Longucuil and Rigawd (the latter formerly known by the name of Yaulreuil), particularly as the said Lines divide the Provinee of Upper and Lower Canada, for which reason they wished to have every pussible information respecting the correctness of these Lines. and also stating that some error had been committed in the laying out of the Township 'of Newton, which. upon examination, proved to be the case; accordingly; at the particular request of these gentlemen, I proceeded to the westerly line of the Seigniory of ligaud, and after having examined and traced the said Line to its full depth, and run the western Line of the Township of Newton, I then continned my operation by verifying the westerly Line of New Longuouil, and having found some small deviation in the course thereof, by taking the bearings of the two extremitics, I acquainted the Monorable Ioseph de Longucuil, then at at Pointe a Beaudet, that no material ceror appeared in that Line, but that I could not certify the correctuess of it. IIe again requested my tracing and running the same over again, if necessary, which I did. as follows :-
"Having proviously established a true moridian by astronomical obscrvations, and having found the variation of the needle to be $70.45^{\circ}$ west. On the 17th day of March last I commenced my operation at a stone houndary, on the north side of Lake St . Francis, at a cove west of Pointe a Beaudet, which boundary I have considered being the fixed point of departure, and the limits between the Township of Lancaster and the Scigniory of New Longueuil, upon which Mr. Hyacinthe Lemaire St. Germain, Provincial Surveyor, appars also to have established limself if hie scting off of his line. Having thus established my point of departure, I proceeded in running a line magnetically north $37010^{\circ}$ west: or due noth west from the astronomical Meridian, being conformable tomancient ordinance of the Prow vinee, or Arrit du Consíil, Sujeriem daté Québece, 11 Mati, 1670. measured from the bank of Lake St. Francis, 2 perches, 13 feet, 7 incles, to a square cedar post planted by Mr. St. Germain, mark " N. W. St. Germain," on the south, "K" on the west, "L" on the enst at one arpent and eight feet from the aforesaid bank to the stone boundary above mentioned, which boundary is in a llne with Mr. St. Germain's post and a conspicuous tree on the bank of said lake (that is to say) by cutting in about two inches on the west side of said tree, and doing the same on the cast side of the prost in as near the direction of said line as possible. Continued for some time off and on Mr. St. Germain's line to the distance of about 18 arpents, then left said line on the

Dominique Emanuel Lemoine do Longueuil, and Michel Eustache Gaspard Alain Chartier de Lotbinière. Esquire, Members of Ilis Majesty's Legis.
(Q. Q.) Dominique Emanuel Lemoine do Longueuil, ith Docember
west at 66 arpents, 5 perches, 5 feet, intersected the river au Beaudet, about 3 perches wide at 88 arpents, 1 perch and 8 feet, intersected again the river au Bcaudet nearly the same breadth, planted cedar pickets each side thercof, in the direction of the line at 159 arpents, 6 perches and 10 feet, intersected the aforesaid river au Beaudet, planted again codar pickets in the direction of the line. On each side thereof at 178 arpents, 4 perches and 8 feet, intersected Mr. Jesse Pennoyer's road, at 189 arpents, 5 perches 12 fect intersected the river au Beaudet on each side thereof, planted pickets in the direction of the line, at 214 arpents, 3 perches and 2 feet, intersected St. George's road, thence atross a large brulé up Coteau or rivers, ground to the full depth of three French leagucs, at the extremity of which line I established the N. W. angle of the Seigniory of Now Longueuil by a boundary mark of stono, under which I put pieces of carthenware as witnesses, and planted a large cedar posi on which I marked "N. W." on the north, "N. L." on the cast, and "U. P. C." on the west, being the boundary of the Provinces of Upper and Lowor Canada, the difference between the boundary established by me and the old line is 7 perehes, 7 feet and 4 inches. Marked every half league as 1 went along by square pickets, and opened the line in a clear and conspicuous manner. For further information respecting the old lines or those run by me, I beg to refer to the plan annexed to this Proces Verbal. Given under my hand, at Quchec; this 19th day of July, 1816.
(Signied.) JO'S BOUCHETITE.

## S. Gen'l.

6. Is the Pctitioner's land wholly or in part within the truc limits of New Longueuil ?-I do not know. John McDonell's land appears, by the plan of record in the Surveyor General's Oflice, to be all within the Seigniory of New Longueuil.
7. Are there any more lands granted by the Gnycrmment of Upper Canala eneronching on the Scigniory of New Longucuil ?-There are many more. The following copy of a Report of a survey of the boundary line between Upper and Lower Canada, contains list of the lands so granted:-
"Schedule of the land which will be cut off from the Province of Upper Canada, boing under grant reserved for the Clergy and not granted, heretofore considered as part of the Township of Lancaster, provided the linos run by Joseph Bouchette, Esq., Surveyor General of Lower Canada, from the Cove west of the Pointe au Bctudet, on Lake St. Francis, to Pointe Fortune on the Ottawa or Grand River, as the boundary line between the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, prove correct and are established.

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(Q. Q.) 5th Docember.


Ifere it is requisite to romark, that, should the Commissioner determine the western limit of the Seigniory of. New Longueuil, according to the French grant B., and the western limits of the Scigniory of Rigaud to be only soven French leagues from the Pointe aux Cascades, according to the Fronch grant A., as the governing points, whereat the operation of Mr. Thompson is to commence, then there will bo only cut off from the Province of Upper Canada as follows, viz.:-

| To whon granted or leased, and in what manner appropriated. | No. of the Lols. | No. of the Concess. | No. of Acres. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John McKio | $2 \& 3$ | 3 | 145 |
| Clergy under specification, but all $\}$ | 4 | 3 | 56 |
| not leased......................... | 4 | 4 | 192 |
| Peter McIntosh ............ | 5 | 4 | 85 |
| Clergy, not under specification, or $\}$ leasod | 5 | 5 | 200 |
|  | 6 | 5 | 100 200 |
| John MoDonell.................. | 7 | 6 | 50 |
| Archibald McDonell....... | 8 | 6 | 10 |
| Clergy; not under specification or leased. | - 7 | 7 | 200 $\times 8$ |
| John MeDonell............................ | 8 | 7 | 56 |
| Finlay McDonell | 9 | 7 |  |
| Clergy, not under mpecification or | 7 | 8 | 76 |
| Archibald MeDonell | 8 | 8 | 175 |
| Robert Lewellan: | 9 | 8 | 100 |
| Total Acrea |  |  | 1665 |

And, therefore, provided the western boundary line of New Longueuil should be fixed by the Commissioners at the Pointe au Beaudet, according to the French grant B., then the Government of the Province of Upper Canada will have only to remunerate the following persons for the number of acres'set opposite their respective names, viz :-

| To John McKie,. . . . . . . . . . . 145 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| " Peter McIntosh, . . . . . . . . . 85 |  |
| " John McDonoll, . . . . . . . . 50 | " |
| " Archibald McDonell, . .... 10 | " |
| " John McDonell, . . . . . . . . 56 | " |
| "Finlay McDonell, . . . . . . . 20 | " |
| " Archibald McDonell, . . . . . . 175 | " |
| " Robert Lewellan, . . . . . . . 100 | " |
| Total, 64 |  |

All which is most humbly submitted to your Excellency, together with three plans shewing the relative situation of the Townships of Lancaster, Lochiel and Hawkesbury, with the Seigniory of New Longueiul, Township of Newton and the Seigniory of Rigaud, as an approximation being as near to the truth as the several papers and plans committed to my charge and inspection, have enabled your Excellency's most obedient and humble servant to form the same.

## (Signed) <br> W. CHEWITT, Senior Surveyor and Draftsmen.

S. G. O. York, 21 st October, 1822.
8. Can you give the Committee the dates of Pa tents so issued by the Government of Upper Canada, and a statenent of the services for which the lands were granted?-
(The Witness handed in the following Schedule.)
Schedule of Lands granted as being in the Township of Lancaster, which lie in the Seigniory of New Lomguciul.

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9. Supposing Sir Alured Clarke's line, as pub. lished in lis Proclamation, in Augnst, 1791, to be correct, to whom would the land now in dispute belony? -The greater part to McDonell.
10. What is the difference between the old line of the Seigninry of New Longucuil and the line in Sir Alurel Clarke's Proctanationabove metitioned? -Line by the Proclamation, N. 3it degrees west, (magnetically). Line in the field N. 37 degrees, 30 minutes west, or true N. W. line astronomically.

## FIRST REP0RT.

Appendix

13th Nov'r.

The Special Conminten to which was referred the Statement shewing the Disbursements of the Recoipts arising from the Sade of Marriage lacensese, from 10th February, 1841, to the 31st Dccember, 18.42 ; have the honor to Rerour in part :-

Your Committce have proceciled upon the matter referred to them; and having, in the first place, carefully directed their attention to so much of it as relates to the IIonorables D. Daly and S. B. Marrison, Members of Your IInnorable IIouse, the former also a Member of the IIcnorable the Executive Council, and the latter recently such, bey leave, in justice to them, to submit this, their first Report.

The Return or Statement of Fees arrising from the Sale of Marriage Licences in Canada (East and West) ammunting, between the 10th of Pebruary, 1841, and 31st December, 1843, to £4222 4s. 6il. referred to Your Committec, exhibits an appropriation from that fund of $£ 5243 \mathrm{~s}$. 3d., to the "Hono"rable S. B. Harrison, his allowance as remuncra"tion for loss, in being placed on a fixed Salary "from 10th February, 1841, to 31st December, 1842, "at $E^{2} 20$ sterling per annum, by order of Lord Sy" denham, dated 20th July, 1841 ;" and a like sum for the like reasons and period to the Ionorable D. Daly-in all, $£ 1048$ 6s. 6 d .

Your Committee deemed it their duty, in the first place, to invite the attention of those gentlemen to the matter referred, in so far as the same related to them. Their explanations were accordingly received, and are appended to this Report.

Your Committoe have satisfied themselves by a reference to public documents, of the fact. that neither in Lower Canada nor in Upper Canada, were the monies collected upon the sale of Marviage Licenses dealt with as public funds, noraccounted for to the respective Legislatures of those Provinces, nor included or treated as part of the territorial or casual revenuc of the Crown; but merely, it would seem, as fees of an ecelesiastical origin, and characicr, apportaining to the Governor, for the time boing, personally. By what precise authority, or whether occlesiastical or preromative; the fee upon Marriago Licenses is reccived, your Committee have not as yet inquired. The payment of it appears to have been acquiesced in without, in so far as the knowledge of your Committee extends, complaint or remonstrance to the constituted Authoritics comptetent to rodress the grievance, if such it were.

It is also to be obscrved, that the Fee of twenty shillings is recognized as the Fee for a Marriage Diconse " to the Governor," by an Ordinatico of the Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec, in the year 1780 ; and which Fce it also appears by the same Ordinance; the then Governor, in so far as he was concerned, was pleased to relinquish. The Ordinance was temporary, and limited in its dura-

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tion to two years, and expired without being renewed. The Funds consisting of those Fees were in fact at the disposition of the respective Governors, for the time being, in Lower and Upper Canada, 15th Nov'r. and as such, were conferred upon their Civil and Private Secrotarics, as an appendage to their offices, and were so decmed at the time of the Union.

The Fund in question did not therefore consist, in terms of tho 50 th Section of the Union Act, of "Duties and Revenucs, over which the respective "Inegislatures of the saicl Provinces, before and at "the time of the Union Act, had power of appro-"priation"-nor had it been treated as appertaining to, or part of "The territurial or oflher revennes "at the disposil of the Crown" within the meaning of the 5 th Section of the said Act; but it was a Fund consisting of Fees appertaining to the Governors, for the time boing, which, considering the incrense of Salary to the Covernor Gencral, Prom $£ 4500$ to : 57000 Storling, a year, by the Union Act, ought, in the opinion of your Committee, in policy and in justice, putting out of the question all constitutional claims which might logitimately be urged on the subjecel, to have been at once, and without reserve, on the accomplishnent of the Union, surrendered hy the high functionary then at the head of the Govermment. That the Grovernor General, Lord Sydenham, did not however, view the matter in this light, is sufficionly apparent by a copy of his Order of the 20th July, 18.11, alluded to in the'Statement referred to your Committeo, accompanying this leport.

It has bron made apparent to your Committec, that Mr. Daly, till the Union, hold the Offices of Provincial Secretary and Registrar. in Lower Canada, the compensation for thic duties whereof, consisted of Fees, affording hiin an income, at the time of the Union, excecding $£ 1100$ a year, and progressively increasing. He was relieved, on the accurrence of this event, of the duties of Registrar, (less onerous than those of Secretary) but in return, charged with the more responsible dutics of Civil Secretary-an Office to which previously the Salary of $£ 500$ a year had been attached, as well as the proceets of the Fees on Marriage Licenses, averaging from $£ 300$ to $£ 500$ a ycar,--a Salary on the Civil List of the Province, of $£ 1000$ storling a year, was, in the first instance, allowed him in commutation for his fees of office as Provincial Secretary; and subsequently, by an Order above referred to, of the Governor Genoral, of the 20th July, 1841, an increase of $£ 250$ more per annum, out of the Fund in question, in compensation of the additional duties and responsibility he had assumed as Civil Secretary; was allowed him.

Mr. Marrison held in Upper Canada the two offices of Civil Secretary and Private Secretary to the Licutenant Governor, from June, 1839, affording at that time an income excceding $£ 1500$ per annum. "The income cunsisted of a small fixed Salary of eens, and certain Fees, including that of twenty shillings for each Marriage License. Out of the income so derived, he paid, according to an arrangement entered into on the subject, $£ 525 \mathrm{an}-$ nually towards the Salaries of Clerks in his office, who previously had been paid under an annual vote of the Provincial Parliament. It turned out, however, that the sale of Marriage Licenses much increased; and notwithstanding the said charge of £525 upon the Revenue assigned him, the nett income derived from his omoluments of office exceeded $£ 1500$ a year by a mall sum.

The Governor General, Lord Sydenham, appointed him on the Union, aProvincial Secretary, with a fixed Salary on the Civil List of cel 1,000 a year in
lieu of fees. and by an arrangement madeat the time, but carried out by the order of July 20,1841 , above alluded to, gave him also an addition, as mentioned in the statement under consideration, of $£ 250$ a year; out ot the Marriage License Fund, in com- 15th Nov'r. pensation for the loss sustained by the reduction of his income in being put upoñ a Salary.

Viowing the Marriage License Fund, therefore, in the character which, until recently, it has preserved as a private fund derived from an official revenue incidental to the office of the Governor of the Province for the time being, and appertaining to him, and considering that the appropriations mentioned at the head of thịs Report rest upon the sole order of the then Governor General, your Committce are of opinion that no blame is imputable to cither of the Secretaries receiving the allowances mentioned, nor to any of the members of ILer Majesty's Executive Government in this respect.

Your Committec are not required, and accordingly express no opinion as to the quuntum of the Salaries allowed those functionaries of the Government in commutation of their fees: they have strictly confined thair inquiry to the legitimacy of the disposal of the fund in question, which they feel themselves bound distinctly to admit.

Your "Committec, in conclusion, have to express their satisfaction at the course which, with respect to this fund, his Excellency the Governor General has pursued in causing it to be hereafter versed into the Public Treasury as part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, and as such to be disposed of in future by the Provincial Parliament. To render the measure satisfactory to the Country, however, it nught in be confirmed once, for all, by a Lerislative Enactment, in order to prevent the possibility of any future misunderstanding on the subject.

## ROBERT CHRISTIE, Chairman.

15th November, 1843.

## MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

Monday, 13 rit November, 1843.
Committee met.-Present :
Mr. Chiristie,
Hon. Mr. Nertson,
Hon. Mr. Sherwood,
Mr. L. M. Vraer,
Mr. Cartwright,
Mr. Quesnel, and
Mr. Wakefield;

## Mr. Chmstre called to the Chair.

Honorable Dominick Daly, Secretary of the Province, called in and cxamined:

1. How long before the Union, were you Provincial Secretary for Lower Canada ?-Since 1828.
2. Who was your immediate predecessor in that office, and when did he retire from it, and on what teerms ?-Thomas Amiot', he retired prior to my appointment, on a pension of $\mathbf{x} 400$ sterling which I-believe he still enjoys.
3. Was he ever in this Province, actively doing the duties of his office, and how long?-I believe ho never was in the Province.
4. (By. Mr. Wakefield.] ITad Mr. Amiot any concern with the Marriage License Fund?-No, not to my knowledgo.
5. What salary was attached to your office as Provincial Sueretary for Lower Canadi, -or did the compermation for your duties arise from fies of offire wholly of in part l-Wrom fees of office only,nu) salary:
6. What may the revenue arising from the fees or conduments of sume office ammatly for the three years next before the Union, have anmunted to? I have drawn up a statement, which, in answer to his gumann. I her leave to lay before the Commitwo (Appemtis No. 1.)
7. In the statement laid by the Governor Cencral, on tho 16 th ult., before the ILouse, you are stated thas" reecicel "For loss in beine phaced on a fived satary from 10th February, 1811. to 31st
 34. 3t. curreney: mpain that luss!-1 mfer to the statemont alteate read.
A. 'This allowanes as "remuneration for loss" is stated to have been made hy order of Lord Sydenham, datedemh Joly: 1811 ; can you produce this order? - The following is a copy of the same. (Appenclia No. 2.)
8. Were yom at that time (Joty, 1811,) a Menber of Ine Nagesty"s Exerntive Council in this Pro-vince!-I was.
9. (hy Mr. Wakefield.) Whe were the ather Mombersof the Dixerutive Council at that time? Muswisms R. D. Sulivan, Dum, Llarrisun, Ogden, Draper, Das, and Killaly:
10. (By Vr. Wahefieht.) Was the arrangement with Lam Sudenhan first emmunicaled to gou at the date of the onder to Mr. Marington?-No.-It was verbally communaterl to me some time prinr to the reminal of the Wint of Geroment from Montral. We Mr. Murbeh, and it was only on the oreavion of its becoming nereseary on autherizo Mr. Inatingtion to pay the sums avarded io Mr. arriven and mysulf, that the order in question was istuch.
11. (By Mr, Waknfied.) At what time do Yon ronsider that the armanmmut was really made by Lord Sytcolam? - I think it was about the months of February or March, 1811.
12. (By Mr. Wikefichl) Who were the Members of the Execative Council at that time? MLesiours R. B. Sullivan, Dunn, Daly, Larrison, Ogden, Draper, Baldwin, Day, and Killaly.
13. Can you inform the Committe ly what authrity the duty tupon Marriage Licenses is imposed and levied in this Province! -I must refer again to the statement. I have already read.--in which I refer to the Ordinance which is the carliest information on the subject that I am aware of.
14. What is the fee uponeach Marringe License, and is it uniformly the same throughout Upper and 1nwer Canadn ?-I consider the amount receivable in cach case for Marriage Iicenses to be £1 10s.,ten shillings of which are retained by the agent who issues them, receives and files bonds, \&c.-Thiswas
the understanding in Lower Canada, as far as I am informed,-never having myself received the marriage license foos, nor hafl I anything to do with them, till after the Union.
15. You did not consider this fund. then, as a part of TIor Majesty's Territorial or Casual Revenue in this Province, and, as such, liable to be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province !-Certainly not-nor was it ever so considered or claimed to to by any boly in Sower Canada. to my knowletge.
16. To what class of Revenue did it then belong, if not of the Cervitorial or Casual Revenue?-I have alroaly stated that I believed it to have been considered as a fund at the disposal of the Governor, persomally.

1s. Are you aware of any order from Her Majectys Imperial Government, to excmpt that fund from being paid into the Concolidated Revenue Fund of the Province ?-No-but I am aware that the amangements with request to Mr. Marrison and mysilf, regading this fond, was reported by lord Sydenham to the Sucretary of State for the Colonics.
10. Inas any answer been received to that com-munication?-I am not aware-l know of none.
20. (By Mr. Wakefied. Was the arrangement maile by Lard Sydenhan continued by his Successor ?-Jit was.
21. (By Mr. Wakefieht.) For how long?-Duriug the whole of his administration.
22. [By Mr. Wakefield.] Who were the Members of the Executive Comncil during Sir Charles Bagots administration ?-At tho time of Nir Charics Bagon's assumption of the Government, the Members of the Executive Councll were Messicurs Sillivan, Dman, Daly, Harson, Ugden, Draper, Day, and Killaly-un the muth of Jine following, Mr. Mincks was named an Executive Conncillor, and on the e9th of the same month Mr. Day vacated his seat by acecpting the uppointment of a Judge of the Court of King's Bench fir the District of Montreal. On the e3d of July, Mr. Munry Sherwod was appointel a Menbur. On the I价 of Scptember folluwing, Mcssis. Lationtaine and Baldwin receivel the appointment; Messrs. Oyden, Draper and Shorword retiring. On the whti of the same month, Mr. Aylwin was appointed; on the $26 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{Mr}$. Small; and on the 15th Octuber, Mr. Morin. At the close of Sir Charles Bagul's administration, the Council stood: Mesginurs Sullivan. Dunn, Daly, Marrison. Kilialy, Inincks, Lafontaine, Baldwin, Aylwin, Small and Morin. The dates I havo given are those of the several Commissions.
23. [By Mr. Wakefield.] As far as you are aware, had not the Grovernors of Lower Canada, predecessors of Lord Sydenham, treated the Marriage License Fund as a personal fue; forming part neithor of the Public Revenuc. over which the Legislature had control, nor of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown?-They did, invariably, as far as I am aware.

Tuesday, 14 4 if November, 1843.

## Hon. S. B. Farrison, late Secretary for Canada West, called in ; and examined :

24. Did you hold any, and what office or offiees, in Upper Canida' previous to the Union l-I was

Civil Secretary and Private Secretary to the Lientenant Governor. I have prepared a statement, which I now submit. (Appendix No. 2.)

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25. Is it to be understond that the Marriage License Fund now gocs intn, and will hercafter make part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province ?- 1 understand that to be the case as a matter of policy, but I can give no opinion on it as a matter of law.
20. By whom was the new arrangemont made? By the present Provincial Executive.
27. Are you aware of any other fund, such as the Governor's share of Custom ILouse Seizures, which has been deemed a sort of personal perquisite of the Governor?-Eicepting IIs Excelloncy's share of Custom IIouse Nazures, I know of no other Fund but the Marriage License Fund-the former is on a different footing in this respret, that it hat always been eonsidered poculiarly the property of the Governor himself, personally.
28. Inow has the Governor's share of the Custom House Seizures been treated by the present Ad-ministration?-I understnod it io have been given up by the present (Governor, to the Province.

Wednemat, 15 thit Novemer, 18.43.
Honorable Francis Hitucks, Inspector General, called in; and examined:
29. Can you, as Inspector General, inform the Committee whether the Marriage License Fund is herenter to go into and make part of the Cinsolidated Revenue Fund-by what order, and what circumstances gave rise to it?-When the ace smat furnished by Mr. Marington was sent to me, as Inspector General, for audit. I made a Reprort to the Executive Conncil, as the Bard of Ausit of Publis Aconunts, a cestified cony of which Report I now hand in. (Appendix No. 3.) The Committre of Comeil mate a Report in confornity with the views expressed therein; recummending that, in future, the whole amount of the Marriage Iisense Fund should be paid to the Receiver Gencral, for the public nses of the Province. This Report. was confirmed by the (rovernor Gencral, and orders, in conliormity therowith, have been issued.

## Appendix No. 1.

## Sletment of Mr. Secretary Daly.

Shortly before the Union, I was offered, hy Iord Syilenham. in lieu of the office of Provincial Sceretary and Registrar for Lown Canada, which I then held and had held since 1828, the office of Secretary for the Province of Canada. It was proposed to relieve me of the daties of the Registrarship, the less troublesome part of those attached to my then appointment, and to impose upon me, in addition to thise belonging to the office of Secretary of the Province, as it then stood, all those which had been formerly discharged within the Province by the Civil Secretary, and which were of themsolves minch more ardurus, and involyed much more responsibility, than those of the offices of Provincial Secretary and Registrar together.
I was to be one of two Secretaries similarly commissioned, and I was to be specially charged with the duties I have described for the former Province of Lower Canada;;bill the Commigsions awere to be
so drawn as to onable me, in case of necessity, to discharge them for either section, or both, of the United Provinces.

As Provincial Sccretary and Registrar for Lower Canada, my emoluments werc derived from fees for the various services I had to render, and I selected and employed what Clerks I pleased, paying them as I pleased from the procceds. The amount of these fees was steadily and rapidly increasing ; my nett income from them having risen from about £ 812 to $£ 1160$ sterling, between the years 1836 and 1840. From the nature of things there was every proppect of an increase equally stearly for the future. To the Civil Sceretaryship of Lower Canada was attached a salary of $£ 500$ sterling, together with the proceeds of the foes on Marriage Licenses, amounting, it was gencrally supposed, to from $£ 300$ to perhaps $£ 500$ or more. When Lord Syilenham proposed to fix the salary of my future officc, (involving, as it did, so great an increase of responsibility and labour,) at $£ 1000$, and to bring to public account the foos attacherl to my former office, I had reason to beliove, and in fact, did believe, that this salary was meant to bo in adilition to the Marriage License Fees, which ITis Lordship never intimated the slightest idea of giving up to the Province. I romained under this impression until after the Union had taken place, when I found, in conversation with Mr. Murdoch, that IIis Lordshin's intention was to reservo these focs, as a fund at his own disposal. My view of the matter having been reprosinted to. Mis Lordship, by Mr. Murduch, I was shortly after informed by him that Lord Sydenham regarded the fund in question as one accruing to the Governor, and was not prepared to treat it othorwise; but that he was willing, under the circumstaneses, to direct that $£ 2.0$ a y yar should be pail from it to Mi. Marrison and hyyself, during nur tenure of office,--in this aryangement I: acquiascerd.

In point of Law, I have always been and still am of "piaion that the view taken by Lord Sydenham was correct. Although the procents of the lees on Marriage Licenses within my recoliection, and as far back as my information extends, were always, in the late Province of Lower Camada, well known to form part of the emoluments of the Civil Secretary, the Marriage Liennse fee ilsolf was not, of right, his, but the Governor's, and was, no doubt. originally made over by the Governor to his Civil Sceretary, as a mercly private arrangement on his part with an Onliecr of his suite, in fitct his Private Secretary, for he was at once the Civil and Private Secretary: I find the fee distinctly recognized as a personal right of the Governor before the suparation of the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada in an Ordinance (since expired) of the Govertior and Council of the Province of Qurbec (the 20 Geo. 3, chap. 3), passed in 1780, and which then linited its amount to $£ i$. In fact, it could have been nothing elso, for it is a foe paid in consideration of an act performed by the Govornor, not in his capacity of Goverbor of the Province, butas a ropresentative pro hat vice of an English Eeclesiastical Court-an act which derives its validity not from the Great Seal of the Province, nor from that of the Governor himself, but from a seal in that Court affixed to overy ticense that is issuod.' The fund therived from these fees has never been truated, nor, so far as 1 am aware, claimed by the Crown, or ispoken of as a Crown Revenue; and Iconceive, therefore, that it cannot be held to have been surrendered to the control of the Provincial Parliament, by the clause in the Union- Act which conditionally surrendered the Crown Revenue. A special Act of Parliament, it has always appeared to me, ought to bepassed, in order to make the gurrender of it, by the Govennor, a binding one.

## Appenim No. 2:

## Statement of Mr. Ex-Secretary Harrison.

In Upper Canada, previously to the Union, the offices of the Civil Sucretary and Private Secretary to the Licutenant Governor were combined and filled by one person. The emoluments were composed of a salary of $£ 208$ annually, granted by the Leçislature, and certain fees of offire, comprising a ec of one pound on each Marriage License, of two pounds on cach commission of appointment to office under the Privy Seal of the Licutenant Governor, and of es. fod. on each rectificate of appmintment. These several fees were authorized many yoars ago, or, at least, regulated, and the amount fixed by despatches from the Secretary of State, and were the accustomed fees paid, I believe, for a long period.

I was first appointed to office on the 18 th of Jume, 1830, and at that time the emoluments of the office. from these several snurees, must have been upwards, considerably. of $£ 1,500$ per annum.

By an arrangement made hy my predecessor, with the sanction of Sir George Arthur, the then Licutenant Governor, the emoluments of the office were charged with the payment of enes towards the salaries of the Clerks employed in the offiec, which had hitherto been borne on the Provincial funds, and had been annually voted by Parliament. under the name of Contingencies of the Office. I acrepted office on the terms of this arrangement, and from that time, until the Union. paid the sum of ${ }^{\text {e }} 525$ per year, actording to its exigency.

It turned out, however. that the sale of Marriage Ticenses much increased, and notwithstanding the charge of $£ 525$, the income derived from the office exceeded $£ 1,500$ per year by a small sum.

At the time of the Union, the Governor General, Lord Sydenham, in making the arrangements for Canala. appointed me Provincial Secretary, with a salary of $£ 1,000$ sterling, and by an arrangement made at this time and carried ont by an order, dated 20 th July, 1841, gave me, in addition, out of the Marriage License Fund, a compensation for the loss sustained by the reduction of salary, to the amount of $£ 250$ sterling per year; but he expressly limited that payment to my tenure of office, and Mr. Hazington was appointed by him the Receiver of these fees, to be disposed of by the order of the Governor Gencral himself.

At the time this arrangement was made, five members of the present Government were members of the then Government, viz. Messrs. Sullivan, Dunn, Daly, Baldwin and Killaly.

Lord Sydenham always considered that the Marriage Licence Fund was a prerogative right belonging to the Crown, independent of any interference on the part of the Legislature, and although the other fees received in the Secretary's Office were always. from the time of the Union, accrunted for to the Receiver General, this particular fund was held at the disposal of the Governor General, and expended upon objects connected with the, machinery of Government, for which no provision had been made by Parliament.

The subject was mentioned in Parliament during the Session of 1841 , but noaction whatever was taken upon it. It was, however, well known that the office of Provincial Secretary was not paid by salary alone,
but that 1 and Mr. Daly had the compensation in licu of the fees which had been formerly received.
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In the latter part of 1842 , the subject became one of consideration, and it was determined in abandon the position which had been previously maintained, and to give up this fund, relying upon Parliament making a provision of a sum to be placed at the disposal of tho Governor for purposes of a character similar to those upon which it had been expended. Accordingly, at the end of that year. the balance unexpended upon the Governor's order was paid into tho hands of the Receiver General ; and from that time, that is, during 1843, the reccipts have been accounted for to the Receiver General, with the exception of the appropriation to Mr. Daly and myself.

In the Session of 1842, the subject was bofore Parliament incidentally, and the position of the affair was explained to the Ilouse of Assembly, but no action took place.

1 continued to receive the amount until I retired from office at the end of Septeniber, 1843.

## Aprendix No. 3.

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> Inspectior General's Officc, Kingston, l(th June, 1843.

Repont of the Inspector Gemeral of Acroums, to a Committee of the whole, of the Honourable the Exerutive Council.

## May it Please Your Honours :

Thomas D. Harington, Esquire, renders an account of Fees reccived by him on Marriage Iicenses issued in Canada, East and West, for the period from 10th February, 1841, to 31st December, 1842,

> Amounting to the sum of. ..... $£ 4222$ 46
> Amount of payments therefrom $4060 \quad 7 \quad 8$

Balance paid the Receiver Ge-
neral ...............Cur'cy $£ 1611610$
On this account the Inspector General has to remark as follows :

The Foos arising from Marriage Licenses, constitutc, in the opinion of the Inspector General, a purtion of the casual Revenue of the Crown, which was surrendered to the Provincial Parliament by the Act of Union.

The Inspector General is therefore of opinion, that the produce of these fees, deducting such necessary expenses of collection as may be sanctioned by the Governor General, should be paid over to the Receiver General, and that no payment should be made therefrom, without the authority of Parliament.

The account accompanies this Report.

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(\text { Signed, }) \underset{\text { Inspector General. }}{\text { F. HINCKS }}
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## (A true Copy,

## JOSERH CARY,

Deputy Inspector General.

## Appendix



Memorandum for Mr. Harington.
In consideration of the loss of emoluments incurred by Messis. Daly and Harrison in consequence of their being now placed on fixed Salaries, instead of, as heretofore, being remunerated by Fees, the Governor General is pleased to make to each of those Gentlemen respectively, in addition to their Salaries as Secretaries and Executive Councillors, an anmual allowance of $£ 250$ Sterling, to be paid out of the Fecs arising from Marriage Licenses. Mr. Harrington, therefore, as the person chargeable with the collection of these Fees, will issue to Mosers. Daly and Harrison, quarterly, such portion
of this allowance as shall become due, and so soon as he shall have sufficient Funds in his hands, he Appendix will pay to them the amount which has already accrued since the 10th February last. This arrangement,' however, is entirely personal to Messrs. 15 th Nov'r. Daly and Harrison, and will determine with their. tenure of Office.

By Command,

## T. W. C. MURDOCH.

Chief Secretary.
Kingston, 20th July, 1841.
Certified to be a true Copy, 14th November, 1843
(Signed,
T. DOUGLAS ${ }^{\text {HARINGTON, Rec'r. }}$

QUEBEC, MONTREAL, GASPE, NEW CARLISLE, \& ST.JOHNS;*

IN THE YEARS 1841 AND 1842.

No. 1.-Imports at Quebec and Montreal in 1841.
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6.-Exports from Quebec and Montreal in 1841, 1842.
7.--Exports from Gaspé in 1841, 1842.
8.-Exports from New Carlisle in 1841, 1842.
9.-Exports from St. John's in 1841, 1842.

No．1．－Imports in 1841．－Ports of Queare and Montreal．


No．1．－Imports in 1841．－Ports of Quenec and Movthenl．－（Continurl．）

|  | quareo． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ＇rotal． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | riow where． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 安 | 芯 | 曲豆㤩 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 滒 } \\ & \text { 品 } \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{\dot{\rightharpoonup}}{\stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{i}}$ | $\stackrel{\dot{S}}{\underset{y y}{\#}}$ |  | From all places． |  |
| Brandy ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．Gallons | 2.1 |  | 4216 | 43108 |  | 10.40 |  |  |  |  |  | $4460{ }^{\circ}$ |
| British Spitits ．．．．．．．．．do |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9918 | 2914 |
| Gards，Playmg－．．．．．．lamik． |  |  |  | 16124 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 35x－4 | 40172 |
| Cegars ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．Dids．．．．． | 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6：11 |  | 015 |
| Eoffice ．w．．．．．．．．．．．．do ．．．．．． | －．．is | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 01.4 | 10．4129 | 170877 |
| Do．Britudi Plantation do ．．．．． | （6） |  |  | （i）N |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4il |
| Io formign．．．．．．．．do ．．．． | 1408 |  |  | 9092 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 44277 |
| Cordits ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．Galons |  |  | 16 | － |  |  |  |  |  | 21 H |  | 384 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1964 ！ 7 | $\underline{160297}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 962t |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9827 38481 |
| Molusses ．．．．．．．．．．．．．do Do．Formy ．．．．． | TM613 | T1： |  | 20084 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 120rs | 38481 |
| Rum ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．，do |  | T， |  |  |  | 71 |  |  |  | 34846 |  | 42045 |
| Do．Britimh Platatun．do |  |  |  | 432 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2932 |
| bo．Rut India，．．．．．．do |  |  |  | Sthes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20684 |
| Din．Formbn．．．．．．．．．do | 74 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 74. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $7+157$ | －2，457 |
|  | $113^{24}$ |  |  | 109660 |  | 16.42 | 12342 | 10.312 | 2 mbt | 16.17 | 43980 | $3 \times 2002$ |
|  |  | ． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 32 |  | 41 |
| Sugar Musemade ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ，${ }^{\text {do }}$ do |  | ．．．．．．． |  | 13121 |  | 163916 |  |  |  |  | 5642966 | 5819324 |
| Do．do 13．f．．．．do ．．． | 16.140 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 164419 |
| Do．do．Poreign do．． | $17611 \times$ | ．． |  | 4209 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1794757 |
| Do．Refind．．．．．．．．do |  |  |  | 137015 | 1193 |  |  |  |  |  | 2163560 | 2850913 |
| Do．do．Forcirn－dn ． |  |  |  | 101061 |  | ．．．．．．． |  |  |  |  |  | 10961 |
| Oo．Bastath．．．．．．．．．．din ． |  |  |  | 733004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 733064 |
| Du mathat．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．do do |  | 115977 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1159777 |
| Tea，Buhay．．．．．．．．．．．．．do |  |  |  | ، ．．．．． |  |  |  |  |  | ， | 11888 | 11888 |
| Wo，Ifyson ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．do |  |  |  |  |  |  | ． |  |  |  | 23202 | 23902 |
| Tras ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．do | 15730 |  |  | 179178 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 825002 | 1020104 |
| Tobaceo，Leaf …．．．．．．．do Do．Manufactured do |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 11446 13780 | 2288 | 414.16 140018 |
| Trearle ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．Gallons | 1900 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 137／80 | 2288 |  |
| Whiskey ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．do ．． |  |  |  | 154 |  | 13 |  |  |  |  |  | $1{ }_{197}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 270 | 1972 |  |  | 13.1481 | 136729 |
| Do．Canary ．．．．．．．．．．．do |  |  |  | 115 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 115 |
| Do．Citampagne ．．．．．．do |  |  | 60 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 46 |  | 111 |
| Do．Clarel．．．．．．．．．．．．．${ }^{\text {do }}$ |  |  | 1333 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1333 |
| Do．Fayal．．．．．．．．．．．．．．do | 1216 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1216 |
| Do．Fruch ．．．．．．．．．do |  |  |  | 830 |  |  |  |  |  | 3827 |  | 4657 |
| Do．Madeira．．．．．．．．．．do |  |  |  | 2678 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9865 | 12545 |
| Do．Molaga ．．．．．．．．．．．do | 152 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 152 |
| Do．Yort．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．do | 808 |  |  | 7197 |  | 488 |  |  |  |  | ．．．．．．．．．．． | 8495 |
| Do．Rhenish ．．．．．．．．．do |  |  |  | 151 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 151 |
| Do．Sherry ．．．．．．．．．．．．do |  |  | ．．．．． | 19632 |  |  |  | ．．．．．．．． |  |  | ．．．．．．．．．．．＇． | 19632 |
| Do．Spanish ．．．．．．．．．．．do | 1619 |  |  | 17404 |  |  |  | 1．1．t．．．． | ．． |  |  | 19023 |
| Do．T＇merith ．．．．．．．．．do |  |  |  | 10843 | ．．．．＇ |  |  | ．．．．．．．．． |  |  |  | 10843 |


| $\underbrace{\begin{array}{c} \text { Appendix } \\ \text { (S. S.) } \end{array}}_{\text {15ut Nov'r. }}$ | No. 2.-Inports in 1842.-Ports of Quebeic and Montreaz. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | from where. | Vcesols with Cargocs. |  |  | Vesseds in Ballast. |  |  | Total. |  |  | Valuc of Merchandize, paying 5 per cent. | Value of Free Goods. | TOTAL |  |
|  |  | No. | Tons. | Men | No. | 'Tons, | Men: | No. | Tons. | Men. |  |  |  |  |
|  | Antworp |  |  |  | 1 | 427 | 15 | 1 | 427 | 15 | $\pm$ s. D. | $\boldsymbol{x}$ s. $\quad$ o. | f s. $\mathbf{p}$ |  |
|  | Azores ..................... |  | 55 | 4 |  |  |  | 1 | 55 |  | 205114 |  | 205114 |  |
|  | lonics. | 119 | 13421 | 673 | 40 | 11398 | 453 | 159 | 21819 | 1126 | $\begin{array}{llll}16584 & 7 & 7\end{array}$ | 15138092 | 31722169 |  |
|  | British West Indics ........ Foreign West Indics....... | 16 | 2161 | 12! | 6 | $\stackrel{2138}{1506}$ | 89 | 6 ${ }^{6}$ | 2138 | 89 |  |  |  |  |
|  | France ......................... | 5 | 1323 | 50 | 44 | 122.7 | 422 | 49 | 13.370 | 472 | 36141511 |  | 3014 1511 |  |
|  | Gibralat |  |  |  | d) | 1911 | 42 | 4 | 1211 | 42 |  |  |  |  |
|  | (1peat Britain | 270 | 47556 | 3830 | 221 | 90437 | 3.101 | 491 | 187903 | 7231 | $170366018 \quad 4$ | 11841118 | 174.5502100 |  |
|  | Guernsoy. |  |  |  | 1 | 2-19 | 9 | 1 | 249 | 9 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Hamburg | 2 | 74. | 2 F |  |  |  | 2 | 7.15 | 2 R | 266087 | 3181 | 201178 |  |
|  | Itelanit ....................... | 21 | 8796 | 323 | 166 | 52815 | 2091 | 187 | 615.51 | 2417 | 0575010 | 2500 | 9600010 |  |
|  | Nicily | $\stackrel{1}{6}$ | 569 | 21 |  |  |  | 1 | 564 | 21 |  |  |  |  |
|  | South America......... | $c$ | 53.1 | $\stackrel{1}{4}$ |  |  |  | 9 | 531 |  | 5680198 |  | 568019 |  |
|  | Spain and Portugal......... | 6 | 1924 | 66 | 5 | 1407 | 54 | 13 | 3341 | 120 | $480 \quad 70$ |  | 48070 |  |
|  | Spamish lainds, (in Vessels |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8501711 |  |
|  | United States ....... ......... | 12 | 5510 | 196 | 41 | 19574 | 707 | 53 | 25003 | 903 | $4520 \quad 6 \quad 9$ | $5462 \quad 8 \quad 9$ | 0989150 | , |
|  | Total ... .... | 455 | 132845 | [5307] | 533 | 183139 | 7337 | 988 | 3262es | 12704 | 1748175 | (22498 178 | 181067417 |  |

No. 2.-Imponts in 1842.-Ports of Quebee and Montrbal.-(Continued.)


| No. 3.-Imports at Gaspe, in 1841 and 1842. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Appendix(S. S.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Appondix <br> (S. S.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| heAR. | Versels. | Tume. | Men.' | Value of Morchnolize. | Valuc of Merchandize, paying 5 per cent. | Value of froc Goods. | total. |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 12.41 . \\ & 1 \times 42 \end{aligned}$ | 31 42 | 3070 3028 |  |  |  |  | $\boldsymbol{x}$ s. n. <br> 5948 5 5 <br> 9390 1 6 |  |
| Total | 33 | 6055 | 171 | 591650 | 6.81515 .5 | 987.4 61 | 15338611 |  |


| a htiedes. | reats. |  | Toral. | articles. | vears. |  | total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 18.41. | 1842. |  |  | 1811. | 1842 |  |
| Bisrinit . ......... ...... ......... Batrels. | 40 |  | 40) | Pease ....................... .......Barrels. | 50 |  | \%10 |
|  | $(315$ |  | 645 | litelhw................... .......... do | 6.4 |  | 04 |
| Brandy and Gin.................. Gullons .... | 1710 |  | 1300 | Pork, ...... . .............. ........ do | 150 |  | 176 |
| Hrichs, lonse.......................No.......... | 2000 |  | 20001 | Potators .................. ....... do ..... | 14 |  | 14 |
| Butter.............: ... ..... .... Barrels. | 3 |  |  | Ruisims ......................... ...Boxes ...... | 21 |  | 21 |
| W6. ....... ..................... Kegs ....... | 15 |  | 1.5 | Do, .... ................... ... 4 hinees | 100 |  | 100 |
| Pberse . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Packnges . | $\stackrel{9}{2}$ |  |  | Rım ................... ....... . . gialions ... | 2198 | 107 | 2303 |
| (hocolate... .. .... . ......... Boxes..... | 13 |  |  | Rice.... . . ... . . . . . . . ....... ${ }^{\text {lumrees ...- }}$ |  |  | 9 |
| (riffe...... ...... ............... She. ....... | 759 | 2-5 | 106 | Salt ................................'Tons ....... | 216 | 1558 | 177. |
| Cordials .................... ...... batlons . . $^{\text {a }}$ | 4 |  |  | Scouls . ..... . . . . . . ....... ... Bags . .... | 1 |  | 1 |
| bruge . .......... ... ............ Boxts. | , |  |  | Spuits, Forcimn .......... ... ....Gallons ... |  | 1867 | 1867 |
| Figs.... ..... . ...........i..... . do ..i... | 4 | ....... |  | Sugar, Musentadn........... ....libs |  | 7775 | 777. |
| Fiomr................. ........... Marrels.... | 1109 |  | 1109 | Dor. Refined...... ...... ...... do. | 13433 |  | 13438 |
| Lard.............................. Chaks. | $\stackrel{\sim}{*}$ | ..... $\cdot$. |  | Tar . ........... ................... Barrels..... | 36 |  | 36 |
| 17o : ..... . ... .... ...........krgs | 15 |  |  | Tea ......................... . ......blis. ........ | 89.3 | $9 \times 3$ | 1574 |
| Heal ......................... ... Bancls | 3 |  |  | Tobace ..................... ... do ........ | 3050 |  | 3050 |
| Volasees . . .............. ......riallons | 8134 |  | 9134 | Do Manuthetured.. ........ do |  | 2007 | 20012 |
| Do. ............... . ......lbs. |  | 76499 | 764 |  | 31.1 | 448 | 762 |

No. 4--Imports at New Carmisle, in 1841 and 1842.

| ymar. | Vessels. | 'Tons. | Men. | Value of Merchandize. | Value of Mer. chandize paying 5 per cont. | Value of frec Goods. | total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 47 \\ & 51 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6049 \\ & 5784 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 358 \\ 316 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}2 & 8 & 8 . \\ 2060 & \text { I2 } & 3\end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{rrr} \hline x & s & \text { n } \\ 2066 & 12 & 3 \\ 12308 & 5 & 4 \end{array}$ |
| Total... ........................ | 98 | 12433 | 67.4 | 2066123 | 70.983 | 52662 | $1437417 \quad 7$ |


| articies. | vears. |  | TOTA3.. | articles. | years. |  | total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 124. | 1842 |  |  | 1841. | 1842. |  |
| Apples ................. ............ Barrels. | 6 |  |  | Prors.................................Burrols. | 94 |  | 94 |
| Beef ............................. ${ }^{\text {. }}$ do | 307 |  | 307 | Raisins..............................Cwt. | 2 |  | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| Biscuit............................. do | 12 |  | 12 | Rice ...................... ....... Packages... | 15 |  | 15 |
| Brandy ......... . ...... .......... (iallons | 1417 |  | 1417 | Rosin ............................... . Barrels,.... | 1 |  | 1 |
| Bricks.............................. No... | 16500 |  | 16500 | Rum .............................. Gillons ... | 5158 | 2409 | 7567 |
| Chocolate ................. ......... Boxes. | 3 |  | 3 | Salt .. ...... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 'lons ....... | 685 | 989 | 1674 |
| Do. ......................... Lbs | 172 |  | 172 | Snufi. .............................. Lbs. ......... | 52 |  | 52 |
| Codfish . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Cwt. | 2833 |  | 2833 | Sonp................................. Cwt . . . . . . . | 10 |  | 10 |
| Coffee ........ ................... Lbs . L $^{\text {a }}$ | 2160 | 3757 | 5126 | Sounds $\qquad$ Kegs | 9 |  | 9 |
| Corn.................... ..... ... . Barrels. | 12 | ........ | 12 | Spirits, British Gallons ... |  | 142 | 1142 |
| Flour ........................... do do | 268 |  | $26{ }^{\circ}$ | Do. Frreign .................... ${ }^{\text {do }}$ do ... |  | 1077 | 1077 |
| Gin .............................. Giallons | 305 |  | 303 | Sugar, Muscovado.................Tbs ........ | 24744 | 36785 | 61529 |
| Juniper Knces. .,.................. Picces | 585 |  | 585 181 | Do. Refined.................... do ........ | 3410 | 661 | 4071 |
| Do. Logs......... ............... do Do. ...............................Tous | 1815 |  | 181 15 | Tat .................................... Barrels...... | ${ }^{132}$ |  | 12 351 |
| Do. .................................... Dar $^{\text {Dinrels. }}$ | 75 |  | 15 | Tca . .....................t. . . . . . . Lb Lo | 1356 | 2205 | 3561 |
| Meal................................Gallons .... | 3882 |  | 3480 | Do. Manufactared.............. do .......... |  | 5086 | 5086 |
| Moles ses .................. . . . . . . . Lbs |  | 82969 | 82969 | Timpentite ........................... Rarrels...... |  |  | 3 |
| Oil, Fish................. ........ do do .... | 1006 |  | 300 r | Vinegar ............................. Hoghheads, |  |  | 10 |
| Onio ns .......................t.t... Barrels... . $^{\text {a }}$ | 16 |  | 16 | Wines'................................Gallons . . . | -405 | 33 | 438 |
| Pitch ............. .t.... ......... Barrolsa.... |  | 1..... | 62 |  |  |  |  |

No. 5.-Imports at St. John's, in 1841 and 1842.
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Appendix (S. S.)
A. 1843.


No. 6.-Exports from Quebec and Montreal in 1841 and 1842.

| Year | to where. | veasers cleared. |  |  |  |  | Ycar | to where. | vebsele clearbi. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | No. | Tons, | Men. | Or which buift inLowel Canadadurfs the res.precive yeurs. |  |  |  | No. | Tons. | Men. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | No. | Tons. |  |  |  |  |  | No. | Tons. |
| 1841 | British North American Colonics <br> British West Indies. $\qquad$ <br> France <br> ............. | 14616 | $\begin{gathered} 12663 \\ 2407 \\ 2407 \end{gathered}$ | 7101371.45 | 11 | $\begin{array}{r} 77 \\ 125 \end{array}$ | 1842 | British North American Colonies British West Indies Franco ........ |  |  | 693 |  | 372 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 16 5 | 12272 | 121 | . 2 |  |
|  |  |  | 389865 |  |  |  |  |  | 713 | 265347 | 10153 | 182 | $\begin{array}{r} 7309 \\ 798 \end{array}$ |
|  | Great Britain............ | 1050237 |  | 14917 | 329 | $\begin{array}{r} 19611 \\ 3201 \end{array}$ |  | Grent Britain............ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ireland .................. |  | $\begin{array}{r} 78740 \\ 254 \\ 531 \\ 178 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{r} 3117 \\ 11 \\ 21 \\ 9 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ |  |  |  | Iroland <br> Porto Rica <br> Rio do la Plata <br> Rin Janeiro... | 1611 | 66531179 | 22.88 |  |  |
|  | New South Wales..... | 121 |  |  | 9 | 3201 |  |  |  |  |  | 8 |  |
|  | Rio de la Plata ......... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 532 | 20 |  |  |
|  | United States........... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | $\begin{array}{r}388 \\ 55 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}16 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  |  |
|  | Total. | 1461 | 488295 | 19067 | 43 | 23014 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total, |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total......... | 1040 | 340651 | 13381 | 22 | 10379 |


${ }^{\text {Appendix }}$

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Appendix \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& dix <br>
\hline  \& \& \& yEara \& \& \& \& \& year \& \& \&  <br>
\hline \& \& \& 1841. \& 1842. \& \& \& \& 1841. \& 1842. \& \& <br>
\hline \& British \& Furs...................Packages... \& 12 \& 9 \& 21 \& British \& Tea ...................Lbs \& 2023 \& 2018 \& 4041 \& <br>
\hline \& North \& Hams..................Casks....... \& \& 19 \& 59 \& North \& \& \& 32 \& 32 \& <br>
\hline \& Amorican \& Do. ..................'Tierces \& 16 \& \& 16 \& American \& Tobacco ..............Lbs \& 2085 \& 10646 \& 13331 \& <br>
\hline \& Colonics. \& Do. .................Lbs. \& \& 351 \& 351 \& Colonies. \& Do. .................Caskr. \& \& 1 \& $1{ }^{1}$ \& <br>
\hline \& \& Handspikes.i.........Pieces \& \& 228 \& 228 \& \& Do..................Kegs . \& 179 \& \& 179 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Hamess. .............Settr . \& 18 \& 6 \& 24 \& \& Vinegar . . . . . . . . . . . Gallons . . . \& 272 \& 209 \& 481 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Hats ..................Packages. \& 4 \& 17 \& 21 \& \& Do. .............. Barrels...... \& \& 3 \& 3 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Herrings ...............Barrels...... \& \& \& 84 \& \& Wine ..................Casks. \& \& \& 1 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Hoops .................Pieces ... \& 6000 \& \& 6000 \& \& Do. ..................Cases \& \& \& $1{ }^{1}$ \& <br>
\hline \& \& Horses ..................No.... \& \& 25 \& 25 \& \& Do. . .................Gallons . \& 159 \& 277 \& 436 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Lard ..................Kegs \& 442 \& 21 \& 463 \& British \& Ale................... do. do. \& 3480 \& 3400 \& 6880 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Du. .................Lbs \& 171628 \& 12887 \& 18.4515 \& West \& Do.....................FIogsheads \& 20 \& \& 20 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Leather ...............Packages. . \& 90 \& 85 \& 175 \& Indies. \& Alewives . .............Barrels...... \& 12 \& \& 12 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Masts and Spars......Pioces. \& \& 14 \& 14 \& \& Apples ................. do. \& \& 5 \& 5 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Meal, Indian ........Barrels.، \& 70 \& 513 \& 583 \& \& Beef . ..................Tierces \& \& \& 1 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do. Oat............ do. \& 175 \& 800 \& 975 \& \& Do. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Barrels...... \& 725 \& 276 \& 1001 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Merchandize.........Packages.. \& 12 \& 31 \& 43 \& \& Do.................... $\frac{1}{3}$ Barrels ... \& 206 \& 84 \& 290 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Moccasins............. do. . . \& 22 \& 22 \& 44 \& \& Biscuit. . . . . . . . . . . . Cwt ........ \& 40 \& 19 \& 59 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Nails .................. do. d. . \& 74 \& 38 \& 112 \& \& Butter .................Kegs ....... \& 310 \& \& 310 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Oak ....................Pieces \& 510 \& \& 510 \& \& Do. .................Lbs ........ \& 2400 \& 3413 \& 5813 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Oars. . . . . . . . . . . . . . do. \& \& 16 \& 16 \& \& Do. .................Firkins \& \& 100 \& 100 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Oats...................Minots. \& $\ldots$ \& 100 \& 100 \& \& Candles . . . . . . . . . . Lbs. \& \& 3360 \& 3360 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do.....................Barrels, \& \& 38 \& 38 \& \& Cider .................Cases \& \& 12 \& 12 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Oil, Fish ..............Gallong \& 50 \& 2221 \& 2271 \& \& Codfish ...............Casks \& \& \& 75 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do. Linseed............Caskas.. \& 1 \& \& 1 \& \& Do. ............. Cwt. . \& 1207 \& 461 \& 1668 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Onions. . . . . . . . . . . . Burrels., \& 159 \& 247 \& 408 \& \& Do. . . . . . . . . . . . Boxes \& 88 \& 50 \& 138 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Paper..................Bales . \& \& \& 7 \& \& Flour ................... Barrels \& 3879 \& 4861 \& 8740 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Pease.................. Minots. \& 2016 \& 952 \& 2968 \& \& Do. .................. ${ }^{\frac{1}{2} \text { Barrels }}$ \& \& 40 \& 40 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do. ..................Barrels \& \& 196 \& 196 \& \& Handspikes...........Pieces \& \& 216 \& 216 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do. .................Bagg ...... \& \& 74 \& 74 \& \& Herrings .............. . Barrels ...... \& 106 \& 155 \& 261 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Peppermint ........... Gallong .... \& ${ }^{24} 1931$. \& \& 24
28934 \& \& Do. .............. ${ }^{\text {D }}$ Barrele . . \& 102. \& \& 10
62 \& <br>
\hline \& \&  \& 19313 \& 10 \& 10 \& \& Hoops ....................Pieces ....... \& 4000. \& \& 4000 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Rope .................Coils \& \& 20 \& 20 \& \& Lard ...................Lbs . ........ \& 6900 \& \& 6900 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Stingles...............Bundles. . . \& \& \& 15 \& \& Do.....................Kegs \& \& 42 \& 42 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Shoe Packs...........Packages.. \& \& \& 2 \& \& Mackarel. ............ Barrels... \& 79 \& 102 \& 181
22 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Shoes ................. do. ... \& 1778 \& \& 6
3438 \& \&  \& ${ }^{22} \times$ \& \& $\stackrel{22}{38}$ \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do. Hogshead ... do. ...... \& $$
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78 \\
550
\end{array}
$$ \& \& 550
5 \& \& Oars.....................Piegeces . . ..... \& \& 36 \& 36 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do. Tierce ....... do. ...... \& 146 \& 50 \& 196 \& \& Oatmeal . .............. Barrels... \& 26 \& \& 26 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do. Barrel. . ...... do. ..... \& 5000 \& 10717 \& 15717 \& \& Oats...................Minots... \& 512 \& \& 512 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Skins, Seal ............Puncheons. \& \& \& 9 \& \& Oil, Fish ..............Gallons \& 2967 \& 9688 \& 12655 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do. do. ............Hogshoads. \& \& ........ \& 1 \& \& Oil, Calse . ........... Tions ...... \& \& \& $\begin{array}{r}2 \\ 3 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do. do. ...........No......... \& 3100 \& \& 3100 \& \&  \& 81 \& 82 \& 3
163 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Soap.................. Boxes. \& 301. \& \& $\stackrel{.301}{183192}$ \& \& Onions................Barrels..... \& $$
\begin{array}{r}
81 \\
100
\end{array}
$$ \& \& 100 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do. . ........................................ \& 12 \& 4795 \& 123192 \& \& Pork.....................Barrels...... \& 11233 \& 10853 \& 22086 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Staves ................. do.. . . \& 127539 \& 48300 \& 175839 \& \& Do..................... b Barrels ... $^{\text {a }}$ \& 313 \& 876 \& 1189 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Stove Pipes............Lengths... \& 926 \& 1198 \& 2124 \& \& Potatoes...............Barrels..... \& \& \& 64 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Stoves ..................No. . . . . . \& 83 \& 73 \& 156 \& \& Salmon . ..............Casks....... \& \& \& ${ }^{6}$ \& <br>
\hline \& \& Trallow.................Lbs \& \& 200 \& 200 \& \& Do. ...............Tierces .... \& 202 \& 327 \& 529 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Tongues . . . . . . . . . . Kegs \& \& 0 \& 4 \& \& Do. ............... Barrels..... \& 62 \& 114
16 \& 176
16 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Vinegar ..............Gallons
Wheat..................Minots.. \& $$
1065 \text {. }
$$ \& 66 \& 66
1065 \& \&  \& 841 \& 200 \& 1041 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do. ................. Barrels. \& \& 1809 \& 1809 \& \& Snuff ................. Lbs. . ...... \& \& 65 \& 65 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Windlasses ........... No. \& \& \& 1 \& \& Soap ..................do. \& \& 5600 \& 5600 \& <br>
\hline \& - \& Whiskey ..............Gallons .... \& 529 \& 240 \& 769 \& \& Do. ................. Boxos....... \& \& \& 118
121756 \& <br>
\hline \& \& mported articles, vil. : \& \& \& \& \& Staves ................Pieces ...... \& 79708 \& ....... ${ }^{\text {a }}$ \& 121756
1 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Beef . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Tierces ... . \& 40. \& \& 40 \& \& Tallow.................Kegs ....... \& 10 \& \& 10 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do..................... Marrcls...... \& 418 \& 84 \& 502 \& \& Tobacco ..............Hogsheads \& \& 2 \& 2 \& <br>
\hline \& \& British Manufactures Packages... \& \& 841 \& 841 \& \& Tongues .............. $\frac{1}{2}$ Barrels ... \& \& \& 20 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Brandy . . . . . . . . . . Gallons .... \& \& 86 \& 86 \& \& Do. ..............Kegs ....... \& 56 \& 193 \& 249 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Butter ....s ............Lbs ......... \& 1374 \& \& 1374

240 \& \& tuported articleb, viz.: \& \& \& \& <br>

\hline \& \& | Candles $\qquad$ do. ........... |
| :--- |
| Cigars $\qquad$ Boxes | \& 240 \& \& 240 \& \& Beef $\qquad$ Barrela . . \& 50. \& \& 50 \& <br>

\hline \& \& Coffee................. Lbs ......... \& \& 2255 \& 2255 \& \& Brandy ...............Hogsheads \& 7 \& \& 7 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Cordase. . . . . . . . . . . do. .......... \& \& \& 28 \& \& Do ................. Gallons .... \& \& 169 \& 169 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Flourr ..................Barrels...... \& 13494 \& 15919 \& 20413 \& \& Flour .......... '.......Barrels..... \& \& \& 70 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Gin ....................Gallons \& \& 187 \& 187 \& \& Merchandize.........Packageb... \& \& ......... \& 150 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Glase . .................Boxes . ...... \& 626 \& \& 626 \& \& Pork ................... Barrels..... \& \& ... \& 400 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Do.................... ${ }^{\frac{1}{3} \text { Boxes .... }}$ \& 421 \& ......... \& 421
310 \& \& Raisinst................Boxes ...... ${ }_{\text {Do }}$ \& \& ...'... 20 \& 52
20 \& <br>
\hline \& \& IIerrings . ............Barrels...... \& 310 \& \& 310
199 \& \& Do. ............................inots..... \& 75. \& 2 \& 75 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Don ........................Pars........ ${ }^{\text {Packages... }}$ \& \& \& $\begin{array}{r}9 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \& \& Tca ......................Lbs .......... \& \& 112 \& 112 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Lard. ., . . . . . . . . . . . Kegs ....... \& 35 \& \& 35 \& \& Whiskey ..............Puncheons \& \& ... \& -2 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Meal .................. Barrels...... \& 50 \& \& 50 \& \& Do. ............. Gallons .... \& 780 \& ........ \& 780 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Merchandizo . ........ . Packages... \& \& \& 256
3 \& \& Wine .................Hogsheads \& \& \& 164 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Molasses . ............. Puncheons
Oil . . .................Gallon's ... \& \& 2507 \& 3

2507 \& France. \& Do. .................Gallons .... \& \& $$
\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned}
& 169 \\
& \hline \quad 130
\end{aligned}\right.
$$ \& 184 \& <br>

\hline \& \& Paint .................... Packages ... \& [ 231 \& \& 231 \& \& Bark work............Packages. \& \& \& 3 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Pork................... Barrels...... \& . 2975 \& 2244 \& 5219 \& \& Beef.................... Barrels...... \& \& - 5 \& 5 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Raising. ............... . Boxes....... \& \& \& 152 \& \& Cigars ................. . Boxes....... \& 35 \& \& "36 \& <br>

\hline \& \&  \& \& \& 20 \& \& Deals..................Pieces ..... \& 7773 \& | 5724 |
| :---: |
| 105 | \& 13497 \& <br>

\hline \& \& Rice.................... Tierces ... \& \& \& \& \& Elm Timber'........ Tons ....... \& 116 \& "105 \& 221
3 \& <br>
\hline \& ; \& Rum ................... Gallung . $\cdot$. \& 237 \& '243 \& 480 \& \& Flout .'............... Barrels...... \& 2 \& + ${ }^{3}$ \& \& <br>
\hline \& \& Salmon . . . . . . . . . . . . Barrels.i... \& \& \& \& \& Furs................... Packages... \& \& 120 \& \& <br>
\hline \& \& Salt . .................. Minote..... \& 4380 \& 17750 \& 22130 \& \& Handepikes .......... . Pieces ..... \& \& \& 314 \& <br>
\hline \& \& Shrub.................Gallons .... \& \& [........ \& \& - 1 \& Masts ............... do do. ${ }^{\text {Do. and Boweprits. }}$ do. \& \& \& 495 \& <br>
\hline \& \& St \& - $\begin{array}{r}6034 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \&  \& $\begin{array}{r}6934 \\ \hline 75 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \& , ': \& Oak Timber ... .......Tons, ....... \& 66 \& - $1 . .95$ \& -161 \& <br>
\hline \& , \& Sugar .................. Barrels.......) \& \& 9 \& 13 \& \& Oars.................... Pieces ..: \& 2988 \& 507 \& 8059 \& <br>
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## Exports from Quenec and Montreal, \&c.-(Continued.)

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| Appendix |  |  |  |  |  |  | , exc.-(Conkinued.) |  |  |  | Appendis |
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| $\overbrace{15 h_{\text {Nover }}}^{\left(S_{1}, S_{1}\right.}$ |  |  | YRA | Rs, |  |  |  | Yea |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1841. | 1842. |  |  | , | 1841. | 1842. |  |  |
|  | New | Boards. ................Foet. | 498400 |  | 498400 | Porto | Pork.................... d Brrels $^{\text {a }}$ |  | 114 | 114 |  |
|  | South | Do. .................1Pieces ...... | 50 | ...... | 50 | Rico | Shooks, Puncheoun ... Packs.... |  | 250 | 250 |  |
|  | Wales. | Broums . . . . . . . . . . . Dozens..... | 50 | ..... | 50 |  | Staves ................. Pieces ... |  | 11840 | 11844 |  |
|  |  | Cidur .................\|Iogstreads | 6 | ..... | 6 |  | Tongueq ...............Kegg . |  | 35 | 35 |  |
|  |  | Cordingh ...............Casks ..... | 59 | ......... | 59 | Rio de la | Boards and Planks ... Pieces |  | 7371 | 7371 |  |
|  |  | Du. ................Boxes | 40 | . | 40 | Plata. | Boards ................ do. ... | 622 |  | 692 |  |
|  |  | Colouring .............Kets ....... | 1 | . | 1 |  | Conch Whoel Spoles do ...... | 8107 | ... | 8107 |  |
|  |  | Crackers ............... Barrels...... | 31. |  | 31 |  | Masts................. do ...... | 25 | 5 | 30 |  |
|  |  | Deals .................. Pieces...... | 812 |  | 812 |  | Pine Timber .........Tons ....... |  | 4 | 4. |  |
|  |  | Plour ................. Barrels..... | 395 | ........ | 395 |  | Scantling, Ash ......Picces ...... | 88 |  | '88 |  |
|  |  | Handepikes........... Piecea ...... | 132 | ......... | 132 |  | Do. Birch...... do ...... | 237 | ......... | 237 |  |
|  |  | Herrings .............. Barrels...... | 20 |  | 20 |  | Do. Oak...... do ...... | 59 |  | 59 |  |
|  |  | Iron ........ .......... Bars........ | 1010 | . | 1010 |  | Do. Pine ...... ${ }^{\text {do }}$ do... | 9318 |  | 9318 |  |
|  |  | Mackerel.............. Barrols...... | ${ }^{4}$ |  | 4 |  | Scantling............. do ... |  | 2522 | 2522 |  |
|  |  | Nails .................Casks ..... | 20 | ....... | 26 |  | Spars .................. do ...... | 79 | 22 | 101 |  |
|  |  | Oars ................... Picces ...... | 144 |  | 144 |  | Staves, Abh............ do ...... | 600 | ........ | 600 |  |
|  |  | Pails.....................Dozens..... | 5 |  | 5 |  | Do. Pipe .......... do ...... | 1765 | ......... | 1765 |  |
|  |  | Pork ..................Barrols..... | 355 |  | 355 |  | Do. W.I. ......... do ...... | 777 |  | 777 |  |
|  |  | Do. . .................d Darrels ... | 20 |  | 20 | Rio | Masts ................ do ...... |  | 70 | 70 |  |
|  |  | Salmon ..............''lierces .... | 26 |  | 26 | Janciro. | Spars ................. do |  | 38 | 38 |  |
|  |  | Do. ...............Barrela..... | 1 | ........ | 1 |  | Do. Small........... do |  | 204 | 204 |  |
|  |  | Snuff ................Cuscs ...... | 7 | ........ | 7 | Saint | Coals ..................TTons ....... |  | 40 | 40 |  |
|  |  | Vinegar ..............Barrcls..... | 10 | ....... | 10 | Michael. | Deals .................Pjeces ...... |  | 230 | 230 |  |
|  |  | Whiskey ............. Puncheons | 5 | ..... | 5 |  | Nails ..................1Peckages... |  | 16 | 16 |  |
|  |  | Winos ................Cuses ...... | 10 |  | 10 |  | Staves, Pipe...........Pieces ...... |  | 1000 | 1000 |  |
|  |  | Do. ................iBaslsts .... | 20 |  | 20 | U. Statcs. | Boards and Planks ... do ...... | 360 |  | 360 |  |
|  | Porte | Beef ..................Barrels...... |  | 211 | 211 |  | Deals, Boards, and |  |  |  |  |
|  | Hico | Do. ................. $\frac{1}{2}$ Burrols ... |  | 60 | 60 |  | Scantling ........... do ..... | 4020 | ........ | 4020 |  |
|  |  | Butter ..................Kegs | ..... | 3.4 | 3.4 |  | Deals, Spruce........ do do.... | 60 |  | 60 |  |
|  |  | Flour . ................ ${ }^{\text {Barrels }}$ | .... | 450 | 450 |  | Acantling, Birch...... do ...... | 443 | ......... | 443 |  |
|  |  | ILams.................. Cauks |  | 1 | 1 |  | Scrap lton ............Casks ...... | 37 |  | . 37 |  |
|  |  | I_ard........ ......... Korge ...... | .... | 11 | 11 |  | Spars .................Pioces ...... | 53 |  | 53 |  |
|  |  | Oil, Cako..............Pundhcons | ......... | 78 | 7 |  | Staves, Punchicon ... do ...... | 2127 | ........ | 2127 |  |
|  |  | Pork.: ............ ....Barrels.... . . | ........ | 838 | 838 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

No. 7.--Exporirs from Gaspe in 1841 and 1842.


| articles. | years. |  | total. | Amtiches. | tears. |  | TOTAL. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1841. | 1842. |  |  | 1841. | 1842. |  |
| Battens ........... .......... Piecos ...... | 978 |  | 978 | Oil ............................Callons |  | 744 | 744 |
| Bourds. . ....................... do. ...... | 410 | 60 | 500 | Do. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Caxkks |  | 11 | 11 |
| Do. . ........................Feet. |  | 87000 | 87000 | Do.............................Barrels. |  | 7 | 7 |
| Caplin .........................Boxes. |  | 6 | 6 | Pickled Fish.................Hogsheads | ...... | 6 | 6 |
| Codfish . ...................... Harrels, ..... | 16 |  | 16 | Do. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Barrels...... |  | 109 | 109 |
| Do. ......................Cwt......... | 23257 | 57888 | 81145 | Do. ................. $\frac{1}{\text { Barrals ... }}$ |  | 12 | 12 |
| Deal Ends....................Picces ...... | 1077 | 551 | 1628 | Salmon . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Barrels...... | 29 | 25 | 54 |
| Deals ..........a............. do. ..... | 11989 | 20134 | 32123 | Sounds......................... do ...... |  | 8 | 8 |
| Fish Oil...................... Gallons .... | 630 |  | 630 | Do. . ....................... Firkins .... |  | 11 | 11 |
| Hlerrings.. ................... Barrola..... | 182 |  | 182 | Shingles. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Pieces . |  | 71000 | 71000 |
| Lathwood ....................Cords ...... | 14 | - 20 | 40 | Spars ......................... do |  |  | 6 |
| Mnokerel......................Barrels..... | 75 | ........ | 75 | Stavas......................... do ..... | 2950 | 5216 | 8168 |
| Merchandizo.................Packages.. | 35 | ......... | 35 | Timber ........... ........... do .... ${ }^{\text {. }}$ | 469 |  | 469 |
| Oars............................Pieces ...... | 50 | ......... | 50 | Treenails...................... do do ...... | 2600 | 7600 | 10200 |

No. 8.-Exponts from New Candisle, in 1841 and 1842.


| $\overbrace{15 \mathrm{~h} \text { Nov'r. }}^{\overbrace{\text { Appendix }}^{\text {S.) }}}$ | Exponts from New Carisle, \&c.-(Continued.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\overbrace{15 \mathrm{~L}_{1} \text { Nov'r. }}^{\begin{array}{c} \text { Appendix } \\ \text { (S. S.) } \end{array}}$ |
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|  |  | YEARS <br> 18.41. 1842. |  |  |  | . 18.41. | 1842. |  |  |
|  | Anchors .....................No.. |  | 25 | 25 | Oars .........................Picces . | 117 |  | 117 |  |
|  | Barley ....................... Barrels..... | 29 |  | 29 | Oil ..........................Casks |  | 23 | 23 |  |
|  | Beof ........................ ${ }^{\text {do }}$ do ..... Bubber ............. | 5 |  | 30.5 |  | 2 | 672 10 | $\begin{array}{r}4572 \\ \hline 2\end{array}$ |  |
|  | Do. ........................Casks....... |  | 11 |  | Plitch ........................... do ...... | 12 |  | 12 |  |
|  | Biscuit................ ...... Barrels. |  | 10 |  | Pickled Fish ................ do ..... |  | 58 | 58 |  |
|  | Boards .......................Fcot........ | 11370 | 20011 | 13370 | No. ................ do |  | 29 | 29 |  |
|  | Butler ....................... ${ }^{\text {Cut ........ }}$ | 8 |  | ${ }_{80}{ }^{20}$ |  |  | ${ }^{46}$ | 46 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 62754 | Pork .........................Barrelss..... | 730 | 25 | 775 |  |
|  | Do. ....................... Boxes | c2 |  |  | Rice.............................Tiorcess ..... | 3 |  | 1 |  |
|  | Coffee ........................Liss, ...... | ,41) |  | 40 | Rum .........................Gallons .... | 120 |  | 120 |  |
|  | Deals -..... ..... ....... ...P立ces ...... | 1516 | 1539 | 30.5 | Sutmon ...... ...............Barrels..... | 95 | 43 | 138 |  |
|  | Fish Oil.....................Gallous .... | 11913 |  | 11913 | Salt . ......... ..... ........'Tons ..... | 129 | 124 | 253 |  |
|  | Flour .. ..................... Burrels. | 165 | 2x+4 | 4.9 | slinglos .....................1icees ...... | 972500 | 1655000 | 2627500 |  |
|  | Grindstencs......... .......... No ......... |  | 234 | 2 | Sumers....................... Kegs ...... |  | $24^{4}$ | ${ }_{4}^{4}$ |  |
|  | Glass ........................................arrels...... | 50 | 15. | 6.7 | Suars ......................... Pieces ....................... | 336 |  | 336 |  |
|  | Kners ....................... Picces |  | 3 | 324 | Timber ....... ......... .... Tous ....... | 6970 | 3027 | 8997 |  |
|  | Lathwood .......... .........Cords ..... | 141 | 78 | 217 | Do. ...................... Pieces |  | 973 | 973 |  |
|  | Lobsters .. .....................Kege ....... Mcul | 30. | 10 | 301 | Treenails..................... do | 21250 | 2000 | 23250 |  |

No. 9.-Exponts at St. Jonv's, in 1841 and 1842.




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    $\ddagger$ Likewise in charge of Cascades Road, without further pay.
    § Likewise on Cornwall Canal, Lachine Canal, Prescott to Dickenson's Landing, Cascades Road, No other emolument.

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[^17]:    *Nore-By some singular arrangement, or rather from want of any, Auctioneers get their Licenses from, and render their accounts
    to, tho Collectors of Customs (allhough in some Districts there is no to, the Collectors of Customs (allhough in some Districts there is no of Licenses.

[^18]:    *Thene two include the Collections at Dunnvillo.

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[^20]:    - This assertion he has ance sustained.

[^21]:    Deficiency in 1839....... £733 2104
    Do. in 1840...... $484172 \frac{1}{4}$
    Do. in 1841....... $981 \quad 5 \quad 9$

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    #### Abstract

    


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[^24]:    Various opinions appearing to be entertaned by

[^25]:    WHOS KIRKPATRICK,
    President of the Board of Inspectors
    of the Provincial Penitentiary of Canada.
    Provincial Penitentiary, 16th Dec., 1842 :

[^26]:    Sworn before me, at Kingston, this 17 th day of October, 1843.$\}$

    Jas. Scmpson, J. P.

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[^29]:    BADGLEY,

[^30]:    "Proces Verbal of the Seigniory of New Longueuil :-

