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MAJOR GENERAL SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B. and K. C. H.
Governor and Commander in Chief, &c. &c.



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PROCLAMATION.

(L. S.)
J. HARVEY.

By His Excellency Major General SIR JOHN HARVEY, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued until Thursday the Twentieth Day of July: And Whereas I think fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday the 20th day of September next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation Prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday the 20th Day of September next: And all Persons concerned are required and commanded to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House at Saint John's the Fifteenth Day of July, 1843, in the 7th Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's command,
JAMES CROWDY, *Secretary.*

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By His Excellency Major General SIR JOHN HARVEY, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued until Wednesday the Twentieth Day of September instant. And Whereas I think fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly until Monday the 20th Day of November next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation further Prorogue the said General Assembly until Monday the Twentieth Day of November next: And all Persons concerned are required and commanded to take due notice and govern themselves

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House at Saint John's the Twelfth Day of September, 1843, in the 7th Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's command,
JAMES CROWDY, *Secretary.*



PROCLAMATION.

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By His Excellency Major General SIR JOHN HARVEY, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued until Monday the Twentieth Day of November next. And Whereas I think fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday the 10th Day of January next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation further Prorogue the said General Assembly until Wednesday the Tenth Day of January next: Then to meet for the despatch of business. And all Persons concerned are hereby required and commanded to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House at Saint John's the Ninth Day of September, 1843, in the 7th Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's command,

JAMES CROWDY, *Secretary.*

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NEWFOUNDLAND.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1844.

THE General Assembly having by several Proclamations of His Excellency the Governor, hereto prefixed, been prorogued until this day, then to meet for the despatch of business, met this day, accordingly, in the principal Committee Room of the House.

Meeting of the General Assembly.

By virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal of the Island, directed to the Honorable JAMES SIMMS, Her Majesty's Attorney General; The Honorable JOHN DUNSCOMB, and The Honorable JOSEPH NOAD, which is as follows :

Commission for administering State Oaths to Members.

J. HARVEY.
(L. S.)

*VICTORIA, by the Grace of God
of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Ireland,
Queen, Defender of the Faith,
&c. &c. &c.*

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW Ye, that We have constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute and appoint the Honorable JAMES SIMMS, JOHN DUNSCOMB and JOSEPH NOAD, Members of Our Legislative Council of Our Island of Newfoundland, to be Commissioners, they or either of them, jointly or severally, to administer the usual State Oaths, according to Law, to all and to every person and persons, who is, are, or shall be elected a Member or Members of the General Assembly of Our said Island to be holden at Saint John's on the tenth day of this instant month of January, as appointed by Proclamation of Our Governor of our said Island : Giving to them, or either of them, Our said Commissioners, full power and authority to perform the matters herein-before-mentioned ; ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever they or either of them shall do and perform in this behalf : And

thereof they [or either] of them are to make due return under their hands and Seals unto Our Governor of Our said Island with these Presents annexed.

Given under the Great Seal of Our aforesaid Island.

Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Major-General Sir JOHN HARVEY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, and of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, the Fourth day of January, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's command,

JAMES CROWDY.

Oaths administered to J. Slade, Esq., and R. J. Parsons, Esq.

The said Commissioners came between the hours of one and two o'clock, p. m., on this day, into the said Committee Room, where the Members were assembled, and there administered the usual State Oaths to

JOHN SLADE, Esquire, returned duly elected Member for the District of Fogo in the present General Assembly; and also to

ROBERT JOHN PARSONS, Esquire, returned duly elected Member for the District of St. John's in the stead of the Honorable WILLIAM CARSON, deceased, late one of the Members for the said District.

and they take their seats.

And the said JOHN SLADE and ROBERT JOHN PARSONS having taken and subscribed the Oaths prescribed by Law, took their Seats as Members of the House accordingly.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

At two o'clock, a Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Joseph Templeman, Esquire, Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen:

His Excellency the Governor commands your immediate attendance in the General Assembly Room.

House attend His Excellency.

Accordingly, the Honorable Mr. SPEAKER, with the Members of the Legislative Council, and of the House of Assembly present, attended His Excellency the Governor in the General Assembly Room.

Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency's Speech.

After some time His Excellency the Governor retired, and the Honorable Mr. SPEAKER having taken the Chair, he reported that the House had been in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and which is as follows:

Mr Speaker, Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen :

Having, at the opening of the first Session of the Legislature of this Island under its present form of Constitution, in January last, so fully laid before you the views which I had been led to form on various subjects which appeared to me to connect themselves with the interests of the Colony, and to which I therefore deemed it consistent with my duty to direct your attention, it only remains for me upon the present occasion, to renew to you my acknowledgments for the attention which was given by you to those observations and suggestions, and again to invite it to one or two subjects which appear to me to require your Legislative care and encouragement. But, before I proceed to do this, it is my pleasing duty to offer you my congratulations upon the Birth of another Princess, and upon the continued health and increased happiness of a Sovereign so deservedly dear to the Nation, and whose safety we delight in believing to be the peculiar care of a Merciful Providence.

His Excellency's
Speech.

Copies of several Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, on various subjects, will be communicated to you, by which, among other matters of interest and importance, you will find that the Royal Assent has been given to Seventeen of the Acts passed by you during the last Session; and, with regard to the remainder, I have no reason to doubt that they will also receive the Royal allowance, so soon as the necessary forms shall have been gone through.

I have directed that Detailed Statements of all the Receipts and Disbursements which have taken place down to the end of the year just closed be laid before you; from which you will, I trust, find that the Tariff of Colonial Duties, established by the Act passed during the last Session, is working beneficially as respects the Revenue, and without any undue pressure either upon the importer or consumer; that the Financial condition of the Colony is sound and satisfactory, and that the expenditure under the several heads of appropriation, have been made with a due regard to economy and to the public interests. I cannot, therefore, entertain any doubt that your Grants to Her Majesty, in aid of the Public Service for the ensuing year, will be characterized by your usual liberality.

Detailed Reports of the progress which has been made, and the Sums which have been expended during the operations of the past season, in the repair and construction of Roads and Bridges, will also be sent down to you; and by them you will, I trust, be satisfied, not only that due exertion has been used in carrying into effect the enlightened intentions of the Legislature on these important subjects, but that the liberal appropriations made by you during the last Session, if they should not prove fully adequate to the completion of all the improvements which have been begun under this head of Service, will, nevertheless, be found sufficient for the operations of the ensuing year;—accordingly, no demand for Grants in aid of Roads or Bridges for 1844, is included in the Estimates which will be laid before you.—I do not conclude this part of my Address, without adverting to the beneficial effects which have attended the expenditure of this money, in the employment which it has been the means of affording to the poorer Inhabitants of the Outports in general, but more especially of those where a partial failure of the Fishery has occurred, and who, but for the relief thus afforded to them, must, with their families, have been exposed to much distress during the present winter.—The seasonable outlay of this public money, therefore,—as well by the amount of benefit which it has been the means of conferring upon this industrious and most valuable class of men, as by the improvement of the Island in respect of one of its most prominent wants,—must be regarded as a further

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subject of legitimate congratulation to you and to the Colony, on the part of the Representative of a Sovereign, whose only desire is to promote the prosperity, the happiness and contentment of all classes of Her loyal subjects.

A Bill has been prepared, and will be laid before you by the proper Officer of the Government, by which it is proposed, on the part of the Sovereign, that the whole of the net proceeds of the Crown Estate in this Island should be surrendered to the Colony, in exchange for a permanent provision secured upon its general Revenues for the charges which are now defrayed from that fund, of which, however, the management and collection will continue to be vested in the Local Government, while the estate itself may, it is confidently believed, be greatly raised in value by judicious outlay in the survey and applotment of Waste Lands, the construction of Roads, Bridges and other improvements calculated to promote Agricultural Settlement, of which the benefit will be derived solely by the Colony, not only as regards increase of Revenue, but of a most valuable description of population to which this Island may confidently look to render it at no remote period in a great measure independent of the surrounding Provinces and Countries in respect to Agricultural Produce, every description of which it is well known by industry and due encouragement—and it is already in possession of the principal one, viz, an excellent and never failing market—may be successfully raised in Newfoundland.

I will advert to the subject of "Education" merely for the purpose of suggesting, with a view to render the operation of the Bill passed by you during the last Session for the regulation of District Schools, more satisfactory and effective, that provision be made in that Bill for a second Inspector—an addition which would, as appears to me, be in entire accordance with the principle upon which the measure itself is based.

I renew to you the invitation which I made to you at the opening of the last Session to take into your consideration the state of the Laws affecting that most important class of the Queen's subjects in this Island, its Fishermen; and I shall be happy to concur with you in any Legislative measure by which their interests can be promoted, consistently with a due regard to those of their employers.

The improvement of the comfort, convenience, and security of the property of the Inhabitants of the Provincial Capital, will also I trust, engage a due share of your attention, and in particular the means of ensuring an abundant supply of pure water at all seasons of the year, for which such remarkable natural facilities exist—and in addition to the objects adverted to in the memorandum communicated to you by my directions during the last Session, I would suggest a revision of the Act for the suppression and prevention of the extension of Fires, with a view to conferring enlarged powers upon the "Fire Wardens," without which this object of such paramount importance to a city built chiefly of wood, cannot, in my opinion, be effectually secured.

Upon the prospect of an early extension to this Island of the great advantages of Steam Communication with the Mother Country and the neighbouring Continent, I likewise offer you my congratulations, as also upon the completion of the very valuable and important Light lately established, and now in brilliant operation at Cape Bonavista.

There is yet another subject to which it appears to me to be proper that I should call your attention. I refer to the establishment of one or more small Co-

lonial vessels, to be employed not only in the protection of the Revenue and the Harbour Fisheries, but for the conveyance of the Judges and Officers of the Circuit Courts, and the occasional visits of the Governor to the different Outports of the Island—and I suggest this arrangement in the conviction that it will be found to be one both of advantage and of economy—As respects the fisheries it has been urged in the report of *every successive Naval Commander on this Station*.

His Excellency's
Speech.

With these observations, Mr. Speaker, Hon. Gentlemen and Gentlemen, and with the renewed tender to you of my cordial co-operation for the advancement of your Legislative labors, I now leave you to your deliberations, in the confident hope that not only will your proceedings be characterised by that sacrifice of individual feeling at the shrine of public duty, by which they were so honourably distinguished during the last Session, but that your best endeavours will be used to bring the business of that now about to commence to a conclusion with as much expedition as may be found compatible with the mature consideration of the various important matters which will necessarily engage your attention; and with a view to do what may depend upon me to assist this important object, it may be proper for me to state that I shall be found prepared to call a meeting of the General Assembly during the *Summer Season*, if it should be the opinion of the House that the Public Interests would be thereby promoted.

January 10. 1844.

On motion of Mr. SLADE, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

Resolved,—That an humble Address of Thanks be presented to His Excellency the Governor, in reply to the gracious Speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the Session, and that a Select Committee be appointed to prepare the same.

Address of Thanks in
reply to His Excellency's
Speech voted.

Ordered,—That Mr. SLADE, Mr. CARTER, the Hon. Mr. THOMAS, the Hon. Mr. HUNT, and Mr. SIMON MORRIS do form such Committee.

Committee to prepare
it.

Mr. NOBXT (pursuant to notice given last Session and leave granted) presented a Bill to regulate the mode of empannelling Grand, Special and Petit Juries in the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, and to ascertain the qualification of Jurors, in the said Courts; and the same was read a first time.

Bill to regulate the
empannelling of Juries
in the Supreme and
Central Circuit Courts
read first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time this day fortnight.

Order for second read-
ing.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Printed.

Mr. BARNES (pursuant to notice given on the last day of the last Session), seconded by the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, moved that it be

Motion to discontinue
existing method of re-
porting Debates in the
House.

Resolved,—That as the method of Reporting the proceedings of this House adopted during the last Session of the Legislature has been found to be insufficient in giving a full and accurate account of its Debates, the same be discontinued, and that Mr. SPEAKER do notify the Reporter accordingly: which being put, and a debate ensuing thereon,

The Hon. Mr. THOMAS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, moved in Amend-
ment—

Amendment moved to
adjourn until Monday
next.

That this House do adjourn until Monday next at one o'clock :—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion of adjournment, *eleven*, against it, *three*;

Division.

For the Adjournment—

Against the Adjournment—

The Hon. Mr. Thomas
 “ Mr. Morris
 “ Mr. Noad
 “ Mr. Kent
 “ Mr. Robinson
 “ Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. Glen
 Mr. Parsons
 Mr. Nugent
 Mr. S. Morris
 Mr. Dillon

The Hon. Mr. Bennett
 Mr. Slade
 Mr. Barnes

Adjournment carried.

So it passed in the affirmative, and the House adjourned until Monday next at one of the clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1844.

Letter from the Reporter resigning his situation.

THE Honourable Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a letter addressed to him by Mr. William Beck, the Reporter of the Debates in the House, tendering his resignation of the said situation of Reporter, in order that the House might not be impeded in the adoption of any other method of Reporting the Debates that might be deemed desirable,—which letter was read by the Clerk.

Laid on the table.

Ordered,—That the said letter do lie on the table.

Notice of motion for Committee on best mode of Reporting the Debates.

Mr. BARNES gave notice, that to-morrow, he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to institute enquiries as to the best method of Reporting the Debates of this House, and that the said Committee do make an early report of the result of their enquiries.

Draft of Address of Thanks reported and read first time.

Mr. SLADE, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare the draft of an Address of Thanks to His Excellency the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Session, reported that the Committee had prepared the draft of an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, and the same was read a first time.

2^d reading to-morrow

Ordered,—That the said Address be read a second time to-morrow.

Notice of motion to suspend the Rules in reference to the passing of the Address.

Mr. SLADE gave notice, that to-morrow, he would move that the Rules of the House in reference to the passing of Bills, &c., be suspended so far as relates to the committing and passing of the Address of Thanks.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the mode of selling and disposing of ungranted and unoccupied Lands of the Crown in this Colony.

Notice of Crown Lands Bill.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move for the appointment of a Committee to consider and report to this House, the best mode of constituting an efficient Administration of Justice in the Outports of the Colony.

Notice of motion for Committee to report upon Administration of Justice in the Outports.

The Hon. Mr. KENT gave notice that, on the 25th inst., he would move for leave to introduce a Bill to remove doubts as to the application of the Law of Parliament of this Colony.

Notice of Bill to remove doubts as to the Law of Parliament.

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



TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1844.

PURSUANT to the Order of the day, the Address of Thanks to His Excellency the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, was read a second time.

Address to His Excellency read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. SLADE, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. BARNES

Resolved,—That the Rules of the House in reference to the passing of Bills and Addresses, be suspended, so far as relates to the said Address, and that the same be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Rules suspended and Address committed.

And the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Address accordingly.

House in Committee thereon.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Address, paragraph by paragraph, and made an amendment therein, which they had directed him to report to the House—and he delivered the Address with the said Amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

Address reported with Amendment.

And the said Amendment having been read throughout a first and second time was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendment adopted.

The said Address, as amended, was then read throughout, and is as follows:—

Amended Address read.

Address.

To His Excellency Major-General Sir JOHN HARVEY,
 Knight Commander of the Most Honourable
 Military Order of the Bath, Knight Com-
 mander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic
 Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
 in and over the Island of Newfoundland
 and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Members of the General Assembly of Newfoundland in Legislative Session Convened, beg leave to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which Your Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

We cordially reciprocate the congratulations of Your Excellency upon the auspicious event of the birth of another Princess, and upon the continued health and happiness of our beloved Sovereign.

We thank Your Excellency for the promise which Your Excellency has made of communicating to us copies of Despatches in reference to the Royal allowance of the Acts of last Session, as well as for the detailed statements of all receipts and disbursements on the Public Account, down to the close of the past year, which Your Excellency has directed to be laid before us.

It will afford us the highest satisfaction to find that the Tariff of Colonial Duties, established by the Act of last Session, is working beneficially for the Revenue, without undue pressure upon the Importer or Consumer.

We shall be happy to learn that the Financial condition of the Colony is sound and satisfactory ;--and we doubt not that the expenditure under the several heads of appropriation will prove to have been made with a due regard to economy and the public interests. Your Excellency may, therefore, safely rely on our making such Grants to Her Majesty for the service of the ensuing year, as a due regard for the public interests, and a judicious economy in the application of the means at our disposal, shall warrant us in making.

As the improvement of the internal communication of the Colony, by the construction of Roads and Bridges, occupied very much of our attention during the last Session, and is one of those branches of the public service in the prosperity of which we feel the liveliest interest, we shall be happy to have laid before us, detailed Reports of the progress made, and of the sums expended, during the past season ; and it affords us much gratification to be informed by your Excellency, that due exertion has been used in carrying into effect the intentions of the Legislature on this important subject.

We concur most fully in the sentiments expressed by your Excellency as to the beneficial results attending the expenditure of the money granted for the Road service---in the employment which it has been the means of affording to the poorer inhabitants of the Outports in general, and of those more especially where a partial failure of the Fishery has occurred---thus affording, during the present winter, relief from distress and want, which must, otherwise, have been most severely felt ; and we thank your Excellency for the congratulations which, as the Representative of our gracious Sovereign, you have been pleased to offer to us

and to the Colony at large, upon the amount of benefit which this legitimate expenditure of the Public Revenues has been the means of conferring on this industrious class of the population.

Address,

We shall be prepared to give due consideration to the Bill to be laid before us by the proper Officer of the Government, by which it is proposed, on the part of Her Majesty, to surrender to the Colony the net proceeds of the Crown Estate, in exchange for a permanent provision, secured upon its general Revenues, for the charges which are now defrayed from that fund ;—and we concur in opinion with your Excellency, that the Estate itself may be greatly raised in value, and the income derivable from it proportionably increased, by the Survey and judicious management of the Waste Lands of the Crown, as well as by the construction of Roads and Bridges, and the adoption of other means for the promotion of Agriculture.

To the suggestion of your Excellency as to the expediency of appointing a second Inspector, with the view of rendering more satisfactory and effective the operation of the Act of last Session for the regulation of District Schools, we shall give our best consideration.

The deep interest which we feel in the welfare of that numerous and most valuable class of Her Majesty's subjects in this Island,—the Fishermen,—renders the consideration of the Laws affecting them a matter of the greatest importance, and one to which our best attention shall be afforded ; and your Excellency may rely on our adopting such measures upon this hitherto difficult subject of Legislation as, upon mature reflection, we may deem best calculated to promote the interests, equally, of all parties concerned in the prosecution of our Fisheries, upon the success of which the prosperity of this Colony mainly depends.

We fully appreciate the value of your Excellency's remarks as to the improvement of the comfort, convenience, and security of the property of the inhabitants of this Town, and more especially in reference to the ensuring a supply of pure water at all seasons of the year. We shall not fail to give proper attention to your Excellency's recommendation upon this subject, as well as to your suggestion of the propriety of revising the Act for the regulation of Fire Companies, and of conferring enlarged powers upon the Fire Wardens.

We thank your Excellency for your congratulations upon the prospect of the early extension to this Island of the advantage of Steam Communication with the Mother Country and the neighbouring Continent, as well as upon the establishment of the important and valuable Light now in operation at Cape Bonavista.

The subject of the employment of one or more small Colonial Vessels, for the purposes enumerated by your Excellency, shall engage our attention ; and it may be well to consider how far such an establishment may be conducive to economy as well as to the public advantage, no less in the protection of the Revenue, than in guarding our Fisheries from encroachment.

We sincerely thank your Excellency for the promise of your cordial co-operation in the advancement of our Legislative labours, and we assure your Excellency that our best endeavours shall be used to bring the business of the Session to a conclusion with as much expedition as may be found compatible with the mature consideration of the various important matters to be brought under our attention ; and, in conclusion, we beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Excellency's proposal to consult the public interests and our private convenience, by the convention of the Legislature in the Summer season, should such a measure in our opinion be advisable.

To be engrossed and read 3rd time to-day.

On motion of Mr. SLADE, seconded by Hon. Mr. THOMAS,

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

Resolution for Select Committee relative to reporting and publishing Debates.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, seconded by Hon. Mr. KENT,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the best mode of reporting and publishing the Debates of the House.

Committee.

Ordered,—That Mr. Barnes, Hon. Mr. Kent, Hon. Mr. Thomas, Mr. S. Morris, and Mr. Glen do form such Committee.

Address of Thanks read a 3rd time and

Pursuant to Order, the engrossed Address of Thanks to His Excellency the Governor was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. SLADE, seconded by Hon. Mr. NOAD,

passed.

Resolved,—That the said Address do pass, and that it be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the Hon. Mr. Speaker and the whole House.

Time for receiving Address fixed

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER reported that he was directed to acquaint the House that His Excellency the Governor would receive the House with the Address tomorrow at half-past one o'clock.

Crown Lands Bill read first time.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to make provision for the sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands, within the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and for other purposes,—and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time this day week.

To be printed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Motion for Select Committee upon Administration of Justice in Outports.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN,

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report upon, the best mode of constituting an efficient Administration of Justice in the Outports;—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, *Nine*, against it, *Five* :

Division.

For the motion—

Against the motion—

The Hon. Attorney-General

“ Mr. Noad
 “ Mr. Bennett
 “ Mr. Robinson
 “ Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. Barnes
 Mr. Slade
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Glen

The Hon. Mr. Morris

“ Mr. Kent
 Mr. Nugent
 Mr. Dillon
 Mr. Parsons

Carried.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered,—That Hon. Mr. Robinson, Hon. Mr. O'Brien, Hon. Mr. Row, Hon. Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Dillon be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

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



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1844.

THE House met at one o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and the Hon. Mr. SPEAKER and the Members proceeded to Government House to present to His Excellency the Governor the Address of Thanks, in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

House meet and proceed to Government House to present the Address of Thanks.

And being returned, Mr. SPEAKER reported that the House had been in attendance upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of Thanks, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply :—

Mr. Speaker reports

Mr. Speaker, Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen :

To the courteous and kindly interchange of all customary formalities between the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Public Service, I have always attached a high degree of importance, believing as I do that much of the essence of our admirable Constitution is made to reside in them. Accordingly, I feel that the language of this Address implies something beyond a mere formula, or echo of words ;—and while I gratify myself by viewing it as a declaration of no equivocal character, of your acquiescence generally in the sentiments and suggestions embodied in the Speech to which it is an answer, I also regard it as a pledge on the part of the House, cheerfully to co-operate with me in giving effect to them, so far as a due regard to all other considerations and claims, and to the Financial condition of the Colony, actual and prospective, may appear to it to warrant. On these grounds, and on these views, Mr. Speaker, Honourable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen, I heartily thank you, in the name of our Gracious Sovereign, for this Loyal and dutiful Address, which I receive with a degree of satisfaction commensurate with the conviction which I entertain, that we are mutually animated by an earnest desire to do all that may respectively depend upon us for the advancement of our common object—the public good.

His Excellency's reply.

J. HARVEY.

Government-House, }
January 17, 1844. }

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1844.

House meet and adjourn.

THE House met, and there being no business before it, adjourned until Monday next at one of the clock.



MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1844.

Documents laid before the House.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following Documents, viz. :—

Order in Council allowing Acts.

Copy of Order in Council signifying Her Majesty's allowance of Seventeen of the Acts passed during the last Session.

Despatches in reference to Crown Lands Bill and Casual Revenue.

Copy of Despatch from the Right Honourable Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor, dated November 1st, 1843, on the subject of the details of the Bill for regulating the sale of Crown Lands, and in reference to the cession to the Colony of the Casual Revenue.

On the subject of Weights & Measures in Revenue Act.

Copy of Despatch from the Right Honourable Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor, dated August 16, 1843, on the subject of the Weights and Measures prescribed to be used by the Revenue Act of last Session, and recommending an uniformity with Imperial Weights and Measures.

Conveyance of Mails by Steam Vessels.

Copy of Despatch from the Right Honourable Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor, dated October 13, 1843, signifying the intention of Her Majesty's Government to enter into a Contract for the future conveyance, by Steam Vessels, of the Mails to and from Halifax.

Repayment of money expended for repairs of Barracks at Fort William.

Copy of Despatch from the Right Honourable Lord Stanley to His Excellency the Governor, dated September 29, 1843, transmitting extract of a Letter from the Board of Ordnance, signifying the manner in which the sum of £274 12 7 expended for the repair of the Barracks at Fort William, would be repaid to the Colony.

Signifying the satisfaction of H. M. Government at the proceedings of the Assembly.

Copy of Despatch from the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, dated June 1, 1843, signifying the great satisfaction which Her Majesty's Government have received from His Excellency's report of the proceedings of the General Assembly during the last Session, and at the co-operation of the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government.

On Table.

And the said several Documents were read by the Clerk, for which

(See *Appendix*.)

Estimate for the year 1844-45 presented.

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the Estimate of the sum required to defray the Civil Expenditure of the Colony for the year ending June 30, 1845.

Also, a Consolidated Account of receipts and payments for the year ended the 5th January, 1844.

Also,—Consolidated Account Current

Also, the Colonial Treasurer's Account Current for the year ending Dec. 31, 1843.

and Colonial Treasurer's Account.

Ordered,—That the said documents do lie upon the table.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the Estimate of the Civil Expenditure of the Colony be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Estimate to be printed

A Petition of Thomas E. Collett and others, Inhabitants of Harbor Beaufet, in Placentia Bay, was presented by Mr. Simon Morris, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for the grant of a sum of money to complete a road round the head of the said harbour, to enable petitioners' children to attend the day school established there.

Petition of T. E. Collett and others, Harbor Beaufet.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie on the table.

On Table.

A Petition of John Williams and others, Inhabitants of Muscle Harbor and Harbor Beaufet, was presented by Mr. Dillon, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read,—praying for a grant of money to open a road between Muscle Harbor and Harbor Beaufet, to enable the inhabitants of the former place to obtain bait, and prosecute their fishery on equal terms with their neighbours.

Petition of John Williams & others, Muscle Harbor.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie on the table.

On Table.

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to explain the Law in force relating to Merchants, Planters, and Fishermen, and for better securing the wages of Seamen, Fishermen, and other persons employed in the Fishery.

Notice of Bill relating to the Fisheries.

The Hon. Mr. KENT gave notice that, on an early day, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the establishment of an Academy in St. John's.

Notice of Academy Bill.

Then the House adjourned until Wednesday next, at one of the clock.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1844.

MR. BARNES gave notice that, on the 1st February, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Constitution of the Government of this island.

Notice of Bill to amend Constitution of the Government of this Colony.

Pursuant to the order of the day, a Bill to make provision for the sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands within the Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies, and for other purposes, was read a second time.

Crown lands bill read a 2d time.

On motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Committed.

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

Resolved,—That this House will, on this day week, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the consideration of the said Bill.

Jury Bill read a 2d time,

Pursuant to order, a Bill to regulate the manner of empannelling Juries in the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts of Newfoundland, and to determine the qualification of Jurors in the said Courts, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT,

and committed for Thursday (1st Feb.)

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

Resolved,—That this House will, on Thursday the 1st February next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Bill.

Notice of Bill for watering St. John's.

Mr. NUGENT gave notice that, on Monday week, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the more effectually supplying the Town of St. John's with fresh water.

Notice of Address for return of Fees on grants of Crown lands

The Hon. Mr. KENT gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a return be laid before the House of all fees received during the past five years by the Surveyor-General, Secretary and Chainman, on grants of Crown Lands; and of the fees charged as payable for the Great Seal on the like amount;—also, for a return of the appropriation of the Great Seal Fund.

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



THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1844.

Petition of A. Pearce and others, Twillingate.

A PETITION of Andrew Pearce and others, inhabitants of Twillingate, was presented by Mr. Slade, (who stated in his place that he had received the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, setting forth, that out of the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand Pounds granted in the last Session, only £100 had been allowed for the said District, which was quite disproportioned to the number of inhabitants and their wants; and presuming that the smallness of the sum was owing to the unavoidable absence of the Member for the said District during the past Session, Petitioners pray that a further sum may be granted for the repairs of Roads and Bridges within the said District.

To lie on Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of John Dalton and others, inhabitants of Exploits, Burnt Island, in the District of Fogo, was presented by Mr. Slade, (who stated in his place that he had the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money for the opening of Roads in the said Island upon which not one penny had hitherto been expended.

John Dalton & others,
Exploits Burnt Island

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on Table.

A Petition of Stephen Lawler and others, inhabitants of Fogo Harbor, in the Island of Fogo, was presented by Mr. Slade, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money for the opening and repairing of Roads and Bridges in the said Settlement.

Stephen Lawler and
others, Fogo Harbour:

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on Table.

A Petition of John Bartlett and others, inhabitants of Morton's Harbor, was presented by Mr. Slade, (who stated that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money towards opening a Road in and about the said Harbour and the places adjacent, and for building a Bridge over the Brook at the River-head of the said Harbour.

John Bartlett & others
Morton's Harbour.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on Table:

A Petition of the Rev. Patrick Ward and others, inhabitants of Tilton Harbor, was presented by Mr. Slade, (who stated that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, setting forth that out of the sums already granted for the repairing of Roads and Bridges, a very small sum had been allotted for that Harbor, and had not been sufficient for more than one-sixth part of the distance to which the habitations of Petitioners extend, and praying a further grant for that purpose.

Rev. P. Ward and
others, Tilton Harbor:

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on Table:

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move that a Select Committee be appointed to Audit the Public Accounts laid before the House.

Notice for Committee
to Audit Public Ac-
counts:

A Petition of Stephen J. Daniel, of St. John's, was presented by Hon. Mr. Row, and the same was received and read, setting forth that the resignation of the Reporter of the Debates having created a vacancy, Petitioner tendered his services in that capacity—that having had considerable experience in Reporting for a former House of Assembly, he feels confident that he can impartially discharge the duty of Reporter, and praying to be appointed to that office.

Petition of S. J. Dan-
iel to be appointed
Reporter.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on Table:

Mr. BARNES, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the best mode of reporting and publishing the Debates of the House,

Report of Committee
on best mode of report-
ing and publishing de-
bates.

Reported that the Committee had considered of the subject matter referred to them, and had agreed to a Resolution thereon which they had directed him to report to the House as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the most efficient mode of Reporting and Publishing the Debates of the Assembly, would be the employment of two competent Reporters, being Proprietors of Newspapers, who shall engage to act in unison with each other, and to make accurate Reports of the proceedings of the Legislature: leaving the amount of remuneration for such service to be determined by the House at the close of the Session.

And he read the said Report in his place and delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

To lie on table.

Ordered,—That the said Report be received and do lie upon the Table.

Fishery Bill read 1st time.

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to explain and amend the laws that regulate the Fisheries of this Colony, in reference to the respective rights of Merchants, Planters, Seamen, Fishermen, and other persons employed therein; to secure the payment of the wages of such Seamen, Fishermen, and other persons, and to provide for the better conduct of the said Fisheries; and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time this day fortnight.

Printed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of Members of this House.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:

Address for a Return of Fees received upon Grants of Land, &c.

To His Excellency Major-General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency:

The General Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House, a return of all fees received during the past five years by the Surveyor-General, Secretary and Chainman, respectively, on Grants of Crown Lands. Also, a return of all fees received for the Great Seal on the like account for the same period; together with a return of the appropriation of the Great Seal Fund.

Address adopted.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by a Committee of this House.

Committee.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Mr. Kent and Mr. Nugent do form such Committee.

Notice of Bill to enable Members to vacate their seats.

Mr. NUGENT gave notice that on Monday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Members of the House of Assembly to vacate their seats under certain circumstances.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Hon. Mr. BENNETT,

Resolved,—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Notice of motion for Committee of Supply.

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



FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1844.

A PETITION of the Rev. James Walsh and others, inhabitants of the District of Placentia, was presented by Mr. S. Morris, (who stated in his place that he had received the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a further grant of money to complete the line of road from Placentia to Distress Cove, and to Build several Bridges in the line, which were indispensable.

Petition of Rev. Jas. Walsh and others, Placentia.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

To lie on Table.

A Petition of Francis L. Bradshaw and others, inhabitants of Great Placentia, was presented by Mr. Simon Morris, (who stated in his place that he had received the consent of His Excellency for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money for the Repairs of Roads and Bridges in and about the town of Placentia.

Francis Bradshaw & others, Great Placentia.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

To lie on Table.

A Petition of the Rev. P. Nowlan, and others, inhabitants of Great and Little Placentia, was presented by Mr. S. Morris, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying that the line of road from St. John's towards Placentia Bay, terminating at Ship Harbour, may be abandoned, as many important Settlements would thereby be neglected, and further praying that a Survey of a new main line of Road terminating at the North-east Arm of Placentia Harbor may be made, as the line, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the most proper to be adopted.

Rev. P. Nowlan and others, Great and Little Placentia.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on Table.

A Petition of Edward Hennessey and others, inhabitants of Great and Little Placentia, was presented by Mr. S. Morris, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a further grant of money to complete the road from Great to Little Merasheen.

Edward Hennessey & others, Great and Little Placentia.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

To lie on Table.

Thomas Hickey, Ferryman, Placentia Gut.

A Petition of Thomas Hickey, Ferryman at the Gut of Placentia, was presented by Mr. S. Morris, (who stated in his place that he had received the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying that a grant of money may be made for the purpose of erecting two Landing Wharves, or Slips, on each side of the said Ferry for the convenience of Passengers and safety of the Ferryboat.

Ordered,—That the said petition do lie on the table.

Time fixed for receiving Address.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER, by command of His Excellency, acquainted the House that His Excellency would receive the Committee to present the Address, praying for a Return of all Fees on Grants, &c., to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

Committee of Audit appointed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. BENNETT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to Audit the Public Accounts laid before the House.

Committee.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Mr. Bennett, Hon. Mr. Kent, Hon. Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Glen, and Mr. Slade do form such Committee.

Bill to define the privileges of the House read a first time.

The Hon. Mr. KENT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to define and extend the powers and privileges of the General Assembly of this Colony, and of the Members thereof, and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time this day fortnight.

Printed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Notice of Address for papers for Committee of Audit.

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT gave notice, that, to-morrow, he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency would direct the Colonial Treasurer, and Board of Controul, to furnish the House with such documents as the Committee of Audit may from time to time require.

Notice of motion for Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS gave notice for to-morrow of the motion for the House going into Committee of the whole on Supply, of which he had given notice for to-day.

Notice of Bill to amend the Act for the encouragement of Education

Hon. Mr. NOAD gave notice that, on Thursday next, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the Encouragement of Education, so far as relates to the number of Inspectors thereby appointed.

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



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1844.

Report of Committee to present Address for Return of Fees on Grants.

THE Hon. Mr. KENT from the Select Committee to present to His Excellency the Address praying for a return of all fees paid upon Grants of Crown Lands during the last five years, reported that the Committee had presented the said

Address to His Excellency, and that in reply His Excellency was pleased to say he would direct the required return to be laid before the House.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. BENNETT, pursuant to notice, and seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT,

Address to His Excellency for documents for the Committee of Audit.

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :

To His Excellency Major-General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency :

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to direct the Colonial Treasurer and the Board of Controul to furnish the House with such documents as the Committee of Audit may from time to time require.

Resolved,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency by a Committee of this House.

Adopted.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Mr. BENNETT and the Hon. Mr. KENT be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee to present

A Petition of John Rielley and others, Inhabitants of Little Placentia, was presented by the Hon. Mr. BENNETT, (who stated in his place that he had received the consent of His Excellency for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying that the main line of road from St. John's to Placentia Bay, *via* Holyrood, may be made to terminate at Ship Harbour, as the most suitable and proper point for the convenience of the Inhabitants of the Bay in general, and as opening up a valuable tract of country for settlers.

Petition of Jno. Rielley and others, Little Placentia.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on Table.

A Petition of Richard Ash and others, Inhabitants of Trinity, was presented by Mr. BARNES, and the same was received and read, praying for the establishment of a Grammar School in the said town of Trinity.

Petition of Rich. Ash and others, Trinity, for Grammar School.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on Table.

A Petition of Richard Stoneman and others, Commissioners of Roads on the North Side of Trinity Bay, was presented by Mr. BARNES, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor to the same) and the said Petition was received and read, detailing the progress made by the Commissioners under the Road Act in the lines of Road on the North Side of Trinity Bay, and praying for a further grant of money to complete the said line of road.

Petition of Richard Stoneman and others, Trinity.

To lie on Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Petition of James Bennett and others, Harbor Main.

A Petition of James Bennett and others, Inhabitants of Chapel's Cove, Harbor Main, Holyrood, and Salmon Cove, was presented by Mr. HANRAHAN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor to the same), and the said Petition was received and read, praying for a further grant of money to complete the several lines of road in the said localities.

To lie on Table

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Petition of Richard Stoneman and others, Trinity.

A Petition of Richard Stoneman and others, Inhabitants of Trinity, was presented by Mr. BARNES, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor to the same), and the said Petition was received and read, praying for a grant of money for repairing the streets and lanes of the said Town of Trinity.

To lie on Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Petition of John Kelligrew and others Harbor Main.

A Petition of John Kelligrew and others, Inhabitants of Renew's, was presented by Mr. GLEN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying that a grant of money may be made for completing the line of Road from Ferryland to Renew's, crossing the Aquaforte River, as the line was originally laid out, instead of crossing the Aquaforte Ferry, as recently run.

To lie on Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Notice of Cod Fishery Bill.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that, on Wednesday next, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the better conduct of the Cod Fisheries.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD,

House in Committee of Supply.

Resolved,—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD took the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration of the same,

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

Notice of Bill to repeal 14th sec. of the Education Act.

Mr. GLEN gave notice that, on Friday next, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the 14th Section of the Act for the Encouragement of Education.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1844.

THE Hon. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor, that His Excellency would receive the Committee appointed to present the Address praying for Documents to be laid before the Committee of Audit, to-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

Time for receiving Address fixed.

Then the House adjourned until Wednesday at one of the clock.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1844.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following Documents, viz. :—

Documents laid before the House.

Copy of a Letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, acquainting him that the Revenue Act will receive Her Majesty's confirmation.

Despatch as to confirmation of Revenue Act.

Copy of Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, enclosing an Order in Council leaving certain Acts to their operation.

Order in Council leaving other Acts to their operation.

Return of Fees on Grants of Land received by the Surveyor-General, Secretary and Chainman respectively, on Grants of Land during the five years ending 31st Dec. 1843—as also of the sum paid for the Great Seal on the like account for the same period—and of the appropriation of Great Seal Fund, pursuant to an Address of this House.

Return of Fees on Grants pursuant to Address.

The said Documents were read by the Clerk.

(See Appendix)

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie on the table.

A Petition of John O'Brien and others, inhabitants of Colliers, was presented by Mr. HANRAHAN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money for repairing the Roads and Bridges in that vicinity.

Petition of John O'Brien and others, inhabitants of Colliers.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that, on Wednesday next, he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying for a Return of a detailed Statement of the expenditure of all monies granted under, or by, the Act 6 Vic. chap. 6, for Education in the Electoral District of Conception Bay, under the authority of the several Boards of Education and Managing Committees, setting forth the number of Schools supported and established and to be established, stating the locality of each, the names and salaries of the Teachers—the names

Notice of Address for returns of information as to Schools under the Education Act.

and ages of the Scholars, also the number of Schools established and supported by the Newfoundland School Society, by the Wesleyan Methodist Society, and the Saint Patrick's School Society, by and out of the monies or any part thereof granted or allowed under or by authority of the said Act—the names of the Masters of the said Schools and their Salaries, the names and ages of the Scholars ;—also, a detailed Statement of the expenditure of the monies granted under or by the Acts 6 Vic. cap. 7, and 6 Vic. cap. 8, for the establishing Grammar Schools in the town of Harbour Grace and the town of Carbonear, setting forth the name of the Teacher of each School and the Salary for each—the names and ages of the Scholars, the amount of Fees paid or to be paid for each Scholar, and also a copy of the Rules and Regulations adopted by the respective Boards of Education and Grammar Schools ; and also a copy of the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Newfoundland School Society, the Wesleyan Methodist School Society, and the Saint Patrick's School Society, and the names of the Managing Committees of each.

House in Committee
on Crown Lands Bill.

Pursuant to the order of the day the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to make provision for the Sale and Disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands within the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress.

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

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Report of Select Com-
mittee upon the Ad-
ministration of Justice
in the Outports.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON reported from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into, and report upon, the best mode of constituting an efficient Administration of Justice in the Outports ; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows :—

The Sub-Committee appointed by your Honorable House to consider and report upon the best mode of constituting an efficient Administration of Justice in the Outports, beg to report to the House—

That they have taken the matters to them committed into their consideration, & have devoted to them that attention that their paramount importance demanded.

They are impressed with the conviction, that in no subject are the people of the Colony so deeply and so individually interested as in the efficient Administration of Justice ;—that to constitute that efficiency, Justice must be made accessible to Suitors—must be administered with certainty—and must be dispensed by men independent, from income, and competent, not only from honesty and ability, but from character, to discharge with credit their important functions.

The system now in force of administering Justice, by means of Judges perform-

ing their Circuits by Sea, having, by two Reports of the House of Assembly, been declared to be insufficient to and unsuited to the condition of the Colony, and being almost universally admitted to have failed of giving satisfaction, your Committee did not feel called upon to examine Witnesses upon the point; and they are of opinion that any system, by which the Administration of Justice is made contingent upon the winds and waves, must necessarily be inefficient.

Report.

They are likewise aware that the amount of jurisdiction in civil matters at present possessed by Justices of the Peace, especially in localities where no other means of obtaining Justice exists—the difficulty in appealing from & the absence of means to review the decision of those Justices, conjoined with the want of an organized system of co-operation and proceedings amongst them,—are matters of loud and just complaint.

They do not forget that the impediments which now exist to the easy communication by Land between Settlement and Settlement, present obstacles to the convenient operation of a complete system of Judicature; but they believe that those obstacles even now are by no means insurmountable—that they will annually diminish, and as the Country improves will altogether disappear.

It has been the earnest desire of your Committee to devise such a system as will give to the Inhabitants of the Outports the benefit of having the Laws faithfully administered—of having, for the most part, the services of at least Two Stipendiary Justices in the adjudication of their disputes,—of having the proceedings of those Justices made subject to constant review, and open to ready appeal,—and of having the expenses of such a system kept within reasonable limits.—They have also been solicitous that the measure they might adopt and recommend to the House should be based upon principles sound and comprehensive; not such as would suit merely for the present moment, but such as would naturally adapt itself to the growing wants of an improving country, and be efficient under any probable combination of circumstances.

With these views your Committee respectfully recommend that the present mode of sending the Judges of the Supreme Court on the Northern and Southern Circuits be discontinued;—That the Clerkship of the Southern Circuit Court and the Registry of Deeds in that District be abolished;—That provision be made for Stipendiary Magistrates according to the scale, and at the localities, set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed;—That these Justices shall hold Courts on certain days to be appointed by the Governor, and at certain places—Two Justices at the least composing such Court;—That their jurisdiction shall extend to matters of Contract to an amount not exceeding *Fifty Pounds*, and to matters of Tort to an amount not exceeding *Ten Pounds*;—That their Records and notes of Evidence shall be signed by them at the close of each day's proceedings;—That appeals from their decisions shall be allowed to the Circuit Judge, and thence to the Supreme Court, in matters amounting to and exceeding *Ten Pounds* (the appellant entering in security for debt and costs)—or in smaller amount if the Justices shall so order;—That the jurisdiction of the said Justices shall be summary, unless either party should pray for a Jury, by whom the expense shall be paid, unless otherwise ordered by the Court;—That in case of difference of opinion between the two Justices, the points of difference (being reduced to writing) shall be submitted to three Justices, or to the Circuit Court;—That the process and proceedings shall be prescribed in the Act, shall be of a simple form, and shall be printed;—That the present Clerks of the Peace and Constabulary shall be made available for the Sessions Courts.

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That the only Fees to be charged in the said Courts shall be 2s. 6d. for each Process, to be paid into the Colonial Treasury; 6d. a mile for necessary travelling to serve any process; On Levies under Execution, 1s. in the pound for amount levied, up to £5,—6d. in the pound on amounts levied up to £20—and 3d. in the pound on the amount levied beyond that sum;—and a fee of 10s. 6d. as between Party and Parties, to Attornies, when engaged before the said Courts; That each Justice shall be the Registrar of Deeds for his District, transmitting a docket of every instrument registered to the general Registry in Saint John's;—That each Justice may adjudicate upon matters of Contract to the amount of Five Pounds, subject to appeal to the sessions, and may issue Writs returnable into the Supreme and Circuit Courts;—That once at least in each year, and twice when the Roads shall in the opinion of the Governor and Council be sufficiently opened, the Judges of the Supreme Court shall, in rotation, go on Circuit, one to the Southward and the other to the Northward;—That the said Judges shall respectively hold Courts at Bay Bulls, Ferryland, St Mary's and Little Placentia, and, when a suitable conveyance, by means of a Revenue Cruiser or otherwise, shall be provided, at Burin and Fortune Bay;—at Harbour Grace, at Carbonear, at Western Bay, at Trinity, at Bonavista, and at Catalina; subject to such alterations by the Governor and Council as circumstances may render necessary;—That the said Judges shall hear causes as under the present jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts—shall hear appeals from the Sessions Courts—shall inspect and review the Records of the several Courts of Session—shall report to the Governor, at the expiration of each Circuit, the condition of each Court,—shall grant Probates of Wills, and Letters of Administration;—That the Governor and Council may direct Justices to meet the Circuit Judge at any particular place; That the Clerks of the Peace respectively shall be Clerks to the Circuit Judge, except at Harbour Grace;—That the necessary expenses, as provided in the said Schedule, for the Judges on their Circuit Courts, and for Printing and Stationery, be provided; and that the whole system, with the necessary details, be embraced in a substantive statute.

Your Committee have only, in conclusion, to add their conviction, that in the few instances in which the arrangements they propose will interfere with the incumbents of office, the claims of those Officers will experience the just consideration of the Executive and of your Honourable House.

BRYAN ROBINSON,

Chairman.

SCHEDULE.

SALARY.

TWILLINGATE—£230—To hold Sessions monthly at Fogo, to provide conveyance for himself, and co-operate with Honorary Magistrates.

GREENSPOND—£120.

BONAVISTA—£200—To hold Sessions quarterly, at Catalina and Kingscove, and monthly at Trinity.

Amount carried forward £550

Brought forward £550

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TRINITY—£200—To hold Sessions quarterly, at Catalina and Kingscove, and monthly at Bonavista.

LOWER ISLAND COVE—£150—To attend to District from Grate's Cove to Carbonear.

CARBONEAR—£200—To hold Sessions at Lower Island Cove quarterly, and at Harbour Grace monthly.

HARBOUR GRACE—£200—To hold Sessions at Carbonear monthly, and Brigus monthly.

BRIGUS—£150—To attend to upper part of Conception Bay.

BAY BULLS—£150—To hold Sessions at Ferryland monthly.

FERRYLAND—£150—To hold Sessions at Bay Bulls monthly, and quarterly at Renewse.

ST. MARY'S—£150—To hold Sessions monthly at Trepassey.

TREPASSEY—£150—To hold Sessions monthly at St. Mary's, and quarterly at Renewse.

LITTLE PLACENTIA—£150—To hold Sessions quarterly at Isle Valen, and to co-operate with any Preventive Officer who may be appointed.

LITTLE ISLE VALEN—£150—To hold Sessions quarterly at Little Placentia, and to attend to the adjacent Islands.

BURIN—£200—To hold Sessions quarterly at Lamaline, and quarterly at Grand Bank.

GRAND BANK—£150—To hold Sessions at Lamaline quarterly, and at Burin quarterly.

HARBOR BRITAIN—£200—To co-operate with Preventive Officer, to attend to Conaigre and Hermitage Bays and the upper part of Fortune Bay.

	£2900
Expenses of Judge on Southern Circuit, to Bay Bulls, Ferryland, St. Mary's and Placentia, twice a year, a £30,	60
Ditto on Northern Circuit, at Harbor Grace, Carbonear, Western Bay, Brigus, Trinity, Bonavista, and Catalina, the usual Sessions at Harbor Grace included,	100
Suitable vessel to carry Judge twice across Trinity Bay, and back	20
Stationery	50
	£3130

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PRESENT ESTIMATE FOR SIMILAR SERVICES.

Magistrates	£2030
Expenses of Circuits	750
Clerk Southern Circuit Court	.....	.....	.....	..	200
					£2980

To lie on Table.

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie upon the table.

Ordered,—That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Notice of Bill for the more efficient Administration of Justice in the Outports.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON gave notice that, on this day week, he would move for leave to bring a Bill for the more efficient Administration of Justice in the Outports, in conformity with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

Report of Committee to present Address for documents.

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT reported from the Select Committee to present to His Excellency the Governor the Address praying for Documents to be furnished to the House, for the Committee of Audit, that the Committee had presented the said Address, and that, in reply, His Excellency was pleased to say he would give the necessary directions.

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



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1844.

Notice of Address for Returns of business in the Northern Circuit Court.

MR. PRENDERGAST gave notice that, on Wednesday next, he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that there be laid before the House a detailed Statement of all Process issued in the Northern Circuit Court for five years terminating on the first day of January last, setting forth the number of Writs, Summons, Attachments, and Rules granted, and by whom, together with all proceedings thereon to final judgment; setting forth the names of the Plaintiff and Defendant, the name of the Attorney or Attornies, the dates of the Writs when issued, when returnable, when determined, the amount sued for, the amount recovered, Sheriff's Fees, Clerk's Fees, Attornies Fees, the costs and charges attending the said Northern Circuit Court.

Academy Bill read 1st time.

The Hon. Mr. KENT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of an Academy at St. John's, and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time this day fortnight.

Printed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. BARNES gave notice, for Saturday next, of the motion for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Constitution of the Government of this Island, of which he had given notice for to-day.

Notice of amendment of Constitution Bill.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to repeal part of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Education in this Colony," and to provide for the appointment of Two Inspectors of Schools under the said Act—and the said Bill was read a first time.

Bill to repeal part of Education Act, and to provide for two Inspectors, read 1st time

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time this day week.

2nd reading.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the better regulation and management of the Cod Fisheries of this Colony—and the same was read a first time.

Cod Fisheries Bill read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Saturday, the 10th inst.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Bill printed.

Mr. NUGENT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to declare vacant the seats of Elected Members of this House in certain cases, and to make provision for the Election of Members in their stead—and the said Bill was read a first time.

Bill to declare vacant seats of Members, &c. read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the members of this House.

Bill printed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to make provision for the sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands in this Colony and its Dependencies.

House in Committee on Crown Lands Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

Progress.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

To sit to-morrow.

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



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1844.

A Petition of the Rev. Thomas F. H. Bridge, Superintendent of the Newfoundland School Society, was presented by the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for

Petition of Rev. T. F. H. Bridge, Superintendent of School Society.

that purpose), and the same was received and read, setting forth—That the Society possesses property, comprising School Rooms and Dwelling Houses for Teachers, in more than thirty towns and harbours in this Colony, built and repaired from funds collected in Great Britain, partially aided by contributions and labour of the Colonists; that although the Society has educated at least 14,000 individuals of all religious denominations, it has never received any aid from the public revenues for the latter branch of its expenditure; that the property of the Society now stands greatly in need of repairs; that the Society has now upwards of Forty Schools in operation; and praying that the House would take the premises into consideration, and grant a sum of money to furnish the Society with the means of prosecuting its labours with increased efficiency.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of S. March and others, Old Perlican.

A Petition of Stephen March and others, Inhabitants of Old Perlican, was presented by Mr. BARNES, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money towards erecting Bridges over Regan's and Maule's Brooks in Old Perlican, for the purpose of connecting the lines of main road to Grates Cove, Lower Island Cove, and Hants Harbour, which Petitioners estimate would cost about Two Hundred Pounds.

To lie on table

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Petition of James Wiseman, Trinity.

A Petition of James Wiseman, of Trinity, was presented by Mr. BARNES, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for compensation to be made to him for a certain portion of his garden ground taken by the Commissioners of Roads at Trinity for widening a line of road.

To lie on table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

Petition of Samson Mifflin and others Catalina.

A Petition of Samson Mifflin and others, Inhabitants of Catalina, was presented by Mr. BARNES, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money for the purpose of erecting two additional School Houses; also, for a grant of money to repair the road connecting Catalina with the harbours of Little Catalina and Ragged; also, for the opening and repairing streets in the Town of Catalina; and further praying for a grant of money towards relieving the poor in the said town and neighbourhood.

To lie on table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Bill to suspend operation of 19th section of Education Act, read 1st time.

Mr. GLEN, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to suspend for a certain period the operation of the Nineteenth Section of an Act passed in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Education in this Colony"—and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

House in Committee on Crown Lands Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to make provision for the sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands in this Colony and its Dependencies.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration of the same to-morrow.

Progress.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

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



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1844.

A PETITION of the Rev. Patrick Ward and others, inhabitants of Tilton Harbor in the Island of Fogo, was presented by Mr. SLADE, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for an additional grant of money for the support of Roman Catholic Schools in that place.

Petition of Rev. P. Ward and others Tilton Harbor.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on table.

A Petition of Sarah West Blaikie, of St. John's, Widow, was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a continuance of the grant to her in consideration of the public services of her late husband, and which grant forms the chief provision of her support.

Petition of Mrs. Blaikie.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that, on Monday week, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to empower His Excellency the Governor to require from all persons who may have retained or received monies and have held the same under the authority of the Hospital Act, in such Districts where the said Act is not in operation, and to appropriate the same to the relief of indigent Widows and Orphans.

Notice of Bill to appropriate Hospital dues.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to make provision for the sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands in this Colony and its Dependencies.

House in Committee on Crown Lands Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress.

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

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Notice of Bill to amend the Constitution of the Island.

Mr. BARNES gave notice that, on Monday next, he should move for leave to bring in a Bill for amending the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at one of the clock.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1844.

Petition of R. Q. Harris.

A PETITION of Robert Q. Harris, of Saint John's, was presented by Mr. SLADE, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, referring to contents of a Petition presented last Session, for compensation for services as Special Constable at the Election for the District of Saint John's in 1840, and for expenses incurred by him for Medical aid, in consequence of serious injuries received by him in the discharge of his duty.

To lie on Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Felix M'Carthy and Edward Dwyer, Carbonear.

A Petition of Felix M'Carthy and Edward Dwyer, of Carbonear, was presented by Mr. NUGENT, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read setting forth that the Commissioners of Streets under the Carbonear Street Act in 1839, for the widening of the main Street of Carbonear, took a quantity of frontage Ground of Petitioners, amounting in all to an area of 3720 square feet, for which they have received no compensation, and praying that compensation may be made to them.

A Certificate of the Commissioners of Streets in support of the said Petition was also read.

To lie on Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

B. Rourke, of Saint Mary's.

A Petition of Bartholomew Rourke, of Saint Mary's, was presented by Mr. NUGENT, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, setting forth—That the Petitioner, on the 31st day of August last, in running in to St.

Mary's, 'from' the fishing ground off that place, discovered eleven human beings upon a rock off Cape St. Mary's called the Calf Rock, upon which they had been wrecked the night before, and had with great difficulty got upon the rock,—one other man who had¹ been of their number, having lost his life in the attempt.—That Petitioner, at the imminent risk of his life and the loss of his boat, (as the surf was running very high,) steered in close to the rock, and launching his punt, succeeded with great difficulty in rescuing from their fearfully perilous position the said eleven persons, of whom six were in H. M. Service (Lieut. Dyett and five men of H. M. S. *Electra*); immediately after which, as the tide was rising, the sea broke quite over the rock in question.—That Petitioner, by request of Lieut. Dyett, carried the party to St. Mary's, and subsequently brought them round to St. John's, at very great loss to him at that season, being in the height of the Fishery.—That His Excellency the Governor bestowed upon him a gratuity of £5, which was no compensation for the loss he had sustained;—and praying that his case might be favorably considered and remuneration made to him.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. NUGENT gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the said Petition.

Notice of motion for an Address relative to said petition.

A Petition of the Rev. Edward O'Keefe and others, inhabitants of Cats Cove, Kitchents, and Bacon Cove, was presented by Mr. HANRAHAN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges in those settlements.

Rev. E. O'Keefe and others, Cats Cove.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on the Table.

A Petition of William Phelan, of Spaniards Bay, was presented by Mr. HANRAHAN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, setting forth that he was a Contractor with the Board of Road Commissioners at Harbor Grace for building a Bridge, with a stone abutment, at the River-head of Harbor Grace—that he proceeded with the said work until he had completed two-thirds of it, and had it surveyed and certified by the Inspector accordingly, and thereupon applied to the Chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners for payment of the second Instalment due on the said Contract, but was refused the same; that Petitioner is a poor man, dependent on the amount of the said Contract for the support of his family, and praying the House to take his case into consideration and grant him redress.

Wm. Phelan, Spaniards Bay.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table. |

To lie on the Table.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor on the subject matter of the said Petition.

Notice of motion for Address on said petition.

Mr. NUGENT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to make provision for supplying the town of St. John's with Fresh Water—and the same was read a first time.

Bill to make provision for supplying the town of St. John's with fresh water, read 1st time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time this day three weeks.

2nd reading.

Printed. *Ordered*,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the members of this House.

Bill for amending the Constitution of this Colony read 1st time.

Mr. BARNES, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Constitution of the Government of this Colony—and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Mr. BARNES, seconded by the Hon. Mr. RIDLEY, moved

That the said Bill be read a second time this day three weeks; whereupon.

Amendment moved.

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS, moved in amendment, that the word "three" in the said motion be expunged, and the word "six" be inserted instead thereof; which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, 7; against it, 12:—

Division.

For the Amendment—

Against the Amendment—

The Hon. Mr. Morris
 " " " Kent
 " " " O'Brien
 " " " Prendergast
 " " " Nugent
 " " " Dillon
 " " " Parsons

The Hon. Attorney-General
 " " Mr. Thomas
 " " " Row
 " " " Noad
 " " " Bennett
 " " " Robinson
 " " " Ridley
 " " " Barnes
 " " " Slade
 " " " Carter
 " " " Glen
 " " " Munn

Amendment lost.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question upon the original motion being again put—

2nd Amendmt. moved

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved in amendment thereof, that the said Bill be read a second time this day month—which being put, and a debate ensuing thereon,

Motion thereon to adjourn.

The Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS, moved that this House do now adjourn—whereupon the House divided as follows:

Division.

For the Adjournment—

Against the Adjournment—

(As above)

(As above)

Adjournment lost.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question upon the amendment to the original motion being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, 7; against it, 12.

Division on the 2nd Amendment

For the Amendment—

Against the Amendment—

(As above.)

(As above.)

lost.

So it passed in the negative.

And thereupon, Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved in amendment of the original motion, that the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 5th of March next; which being put—

3d Amendment moved

The Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. NUGENT, moved that the House do now adjourn; and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the adjournment, nine; against it, eleven:—

Motion thereon to adjourn.

For the Adjournment—

Against the Adjournment—

Division.

The Hon. Mr. Morris
 “ “ “ Kent
 “ “ “ O'Brien
 “ “ “ Prendergast
 “ “ “ Nugent
 “ “ “ Parsons
 “ “ “ Dillon
 “ “ “ Hanrahan
 “ “ “ S. Morris

The Hon. Attorney-General
 “ “ “ Mr. Thomas
 “ “ “ Row
 “ “ “ Noad
 “ “ “ Robinson
 “ “ “ Ridley
 “ “ “ Barnes
 “ “ “ Carter
 “ “ “ Glen
 “ “ “ Munn
 “ “ “ Slade

So it passed in the negative.

Adjournment lost.

And the question upon the amendment to the original motion being put, and House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment nine; against it, eleven.

Division on 3d Amendment.

For the Amendment—

Against the Amendment—

(As above.)

(As above.)

So it passed in the negative.

3d Amendment lost.

And the question upon the original motion being again put—

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved in amendment thereof, that the said Bill be read a second time on the sixth day of March next which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, nine; against it, eleven:

4th Amendment moved.

For the Amendment—

Against the Amendment—

Division.

(As above)

(As above)

So it passed in the negative.

4th Amendment lost.

And the question upon the original motion being again put—

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved that the House do now adjourn;—and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the adjournment, nine; against it, ten:

Adjournment moved.

Division.	<i>For the Adjournment—</i>	<i>Against the Adjournment—</i>
	The Hon. Mr. Morris	The Hon. Attorney-General
	“ “ “ Kent	“ “ Mr. Thomas
	“ “ “ O'Brien	“ “ “ Bennett
	“ “ “ Prendergast	“ “ “ Robinson
	“ “ “ Nugent	“ “ “ Ridley
	“ “ “ Dillon	“ “ “ Barnes
	“ “ “ Parsons	“ “ “ Slade
	“ “ “ Hanrahan	“ “ “ Carter
	“ “ “ S. Morris	“ “ “ Glen
		“ “ “ Munn

Adjournment lost.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question upon the original motion being again put—

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved in amendment thereof—

5th Amendment moved and carried

That the said Bill be read a second time on the 27th day of February instant ; —which being put, passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Bill printed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Then the House adjourned until Wednesday, at one of the clock.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1844.

Address moved for information relative to Petition of W. Phelan

ON Motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, viz.:

To His Excellency Major-General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency :

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be plea-

sed to direct that the Board of Road Commissioners for the District of Harbour Grace do furnish, for the information of the Assembly, a statement of the circumstances under which the second instalment payable on a Contract entered into with the said Board by one William Phelan, for the construction of a Bridge at the River-head of Harbor Grace has been withheld.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by a Committee for that purpose.

Adopted.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. S. Morris do form such Committee.

Committee to present.

A Petition of John Walsh and others, Inhabitants and Householders of Saint Mary's and Salmonier, was presented by the Hon. Mr. KENT, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to open and complete the line of road between Salmonier and St. Mary's, of which about six miles had already been opened.

Petition of J. Walsh and others, St. Mary's

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

To lie on the Table.

A Petition of the Ladies of the Dorcas Society was presented by the Hon. Mr. THOMAS, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a continuance or extension of the usual grant in aid of the purposes of the said Society.

Petition of Dorcas Society.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

The following Petitions for grants of money towards the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges were presented by the Hon. Mr. RIDLEY, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same were received and read, viz. :—

Petitions for Grants for Roads & Bridges. viz. :

From Simon Levi and others, inhabitants of the North Ridge of Carbonear, commonly called English Hill, praying for a grant of money towards opening a branch road from the main Street of Carbonear, the Petitioners forming a population exceeding 400 persons.

Simon Levi & others, English Hill ;

From Jonas Soper and others, inhabitants of Cupids, setting forth the impassable state of the Roads about the harbour of Cupids aforesaid, which contains a population of 800 or 900 persons, and praying for a grant of money for the repairing of the same.

Jonas Soper & others Cupids ;

From Michael Looney and others, inhabitants of Bay-de-Verds, Low Point, Kettle Cove, and Caplin Cove, praying for a further grant of money towards completing the line of Road from Bay-de-Verds to Caplin Cove, for which a grant was made last Session, and to build Bridges over Bonnybrook River, and a brook near Low Point.

Michael Looney and others Bay-de-Verds ;

From Thomas Marten and others, inhabitants of Port-de-Grave and Bareneed, praying for a grant of money to carry on, and finish, the road between Port-de-Grave and Northern River, which the grant of last Session enabled the Road Commissioners to commence—to connect the populous Settlements of Port-de-Grave, Bareneed, Ship Cove, Hibb's Hole, and the Coves adjacent, with the main road leading round Conception Bay—also, to repair the Streets of the town of Port-de-Grave, and the road leading to Bay Roberts.

Thomas Marten and others, Port-de-Grave

Petition of the Rev. J. M. Martine and others
Brigus.

From the Rev. J. M. Martine and others, inhabitants of the town of Brigus, praying for a grant of money towards repairing the following roads:—From the main road leading to the Church toward River-head by the Sea side over Bishops Hill—from the Grave Hill, near Mr. John Norman's, to the Waterside premises of Messrs. William and Nathaniel Munden—from the Bridge near the Rev. D. Mackin's to the Newfoundland School House—to complete the new road leading to Cupids and to finish the new road.

Francis Sheppard and others, Bryant's Cove.

From Francis Sheppard and others, inhabitants and householders of the South side of Harbor Grace and Bryant's Cove, praying for a grant of money to repair the road from the River-head of Harbor Grace towards Bryants Cove.

To lie on table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

J. H. Carter and others, Ferryland.

A Petition of J. H. Carter and others, inhabitants of Ferryland, was presented by Mr. Glen, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, setting forth that in 1838 a line of road was opened from Ferryland to Renew's, and several Bridges were erected thereon, passing a short distance inside the River-head of Aquaforte and not increasing the distance to Renew's, as compared with the other Road now in use, which is in connection with a Ferry across the harbour of Aquaforte, from whence it runs over precipitous and impracticable hills—and praying for a grant of money to complete the said line of road laid out in 1833—also, praying for a grant to improve the main street of Ferryland.

To lie on table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

John Maddigan and others, Witless Bay.

A Petition of John Maddigan and others, inhabitants of Witless Bay, was presented by Mr. GLEN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to build a Bridge in the said Settlement, near Landrigan's house, as for want of it Petitioners are obliged to travel by a circuitous route to reach their place of Worship.

To lie on table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The following Petitions for grants of money towards the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges in the District of Conception Bay, were presented by Mr. MUNN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same were received and read as follows, viz. :—

Rev. John Snowball and others, Bradley's Cove.

From the Rev. John Snowball and others, inhabitants of Bradley's Cove, for a grant of money to make a road in or near the old line of Road from Western Bay to Bradley's Cove, and from Bradley's Cove to Black Head through Adam's Cove.

William Nofle and others, Mulley Cove.

From William Nofle and others, inhabitants of Mulley Cove and Little Small Point, praying for a grant of money to repair the line of road through those Settlements.

Rev. D. Mackin and others, Brigus.

From the Rev. Denis Mackin and others, inhabitants of Brigus, praying for a grant of money to open a branch road in the direction of Goose Pond, for the purpose of communicating with the proposed line of main road to Placentia Bay, and to open a tract of land covered with Timber suitable for Ship Building and other purposes.

From Patrick Kelly and others, inhabitants of Harbor Grace, praying for a grant of money to repair the road leading from the rear of the said town towards Bear's Cove Brook, commonly called Stretton's Road.

Patrick Kelly and others
Harbor Grace.

From Stephen Olive Pack and others, inhabitants of Bay Roberts, praying for a grant of money to open a road from Bay Roberts to Country Pond, to communicate with the Main Road to Harbor Grace.

S. O. Pack and others
Bay Roberts.

From Henry Lear and others, inhabitants of Ship Cove, Blowmedown, Pickcyes, and Hibb's Hole, praying for a grant of money to complete the road between those Coves and Port-de-Grave.

Henry Lear and others,
Ship Cove, &c.

From Peter Brown and others, inhabitants of Harbor Grace, praying for a grant of money to open and make a second Street in the rear of the town of Harbor Grace.

Peter Brown and others,
Harbor Grace.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

To lie on table.

A Petition of Frances Mulloy, of Blackhead, Widow, was presented by Mr. MUNN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for compensation for Land of Petitioner's taken for opening a road—which land had been valued by Arbitrators appointed by the Road Commissioners.

Frances Mulloy Black
Head.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

To lie on table.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON gave notice that, on Monday next, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill in reference to the Administration of Justice in the Outports of this Island, of which he had given notice for Friday.

Notice of motion for Bill
to provide for more efficient
Administration of
Justice in the Outports.

The Hon. Mr. KENT gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move for the appointment of a Committee to report upon expiring Laws.

Notice for Committee on
Expiring Laws.

Pursuant to the Order of the day the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to make provision for the sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands within the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and for other purposes.

House in Committee on
Crown Lands Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

Progress.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice for to-morrow of the Address for which he had given notice for to-day.

Notice of Address.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Order of day for 2d reading of Fishery Bill postponed.

Ordered,—That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Fishery Bill be postponed, and that the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

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



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1841.

Petition of Committee of Wesleyan Day School, St. John's.

A PETITION of the Rev. Ingham Sutcliffe and others, the Committee of Management of the Wesleyan Day School in St. John's, was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to enable the Committee to enlarge the Day School of the Wesleyan body in Saint John's.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Road Petitions presented

The following Petitions for grants of money for repairs of Roads and Bridges were presented by the Hon. Mr. RIDLEY, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same were received and read as follows, viz. :—

William Allen and others Burnt Head,

From William Allen and others, inhabitants of Burnt Head and Brigus, praying for a grant of money to open a road from Burnt Head to Brigus aforesaid.

Jas. L. Scaplin and others Bay Roberts.

From James L. Scaplin and others, inhabitants of Bay Roberts, praying for a grant of money to open a road from River-head of Bay Roberts to French's Cove, and to build a Bridge over Crane's Brook—also for a branch road from Spaniards Bay Bridge to the main Road leading to Harbor Grace.

John Kelly and others Cold East Point.

From John Kelly and others, inhabitants of that part of Bay Roberts called Cold East Point, praying for a grant of money to open a road to connect the said Settlement with the main Road to Bay Roberts.

To lie on the Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Address moved relative to petition of B. Bourke.

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. DILLON,

Resolved,—That the following Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor, viz. :—

To His Excellency Major-General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency :

The House of Assembly respectfully approach your Excellency, to pray that

your Excellency will please to represent to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the name and services of Bartholomew Rourke, of Saint Mary's, Fisherman, who by his personal exertions and at the hazard of his life, on the morning of Thursday, the 31st of August last, rescued from imminent death Eleven human beings, Six of whom were in the Service of Her Majesty, (Lieut. Dyett and Five men of H. M. S. *Electra*,) who had been cast upon the Calf Rock, off Cape St. Mary's.

Circumstanced as are the people of this Colony, (all the inhabitants of the Island dwelling immediately upon the Seaboard,) it is of the last importance to visit with marked approval, instances of heroism like that to which we beg leave to invite your Excellency's attention; and although this humble man has already received, by your Excellency's order, a small pecuniary recompense—and altho' we deem it our duty to add an additional sum to testify our sense of his merits in having saved the lives of Five inhabitants of this Island—we are of opinion that if the simple story of his exploit, (as narrated in his petition to this House,) strengthened by the representation and acknowledgment of Lieut. Dyett, (as published in the "Royal Gazette" of Newfoundland, of Sept. 3d, 1843) were laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, their Lordships would adopt such means (pecuniary and otherwise) as would prove an incentive to others to emulate the heroism and intrepidity of Rourke in cases of trying emergency, which unhappily are not rare on the iron-bound Coasts of this Island.

We therefore pray your Excellency to add the weight of your Excellency's influence to this representation, while communicating to their Lordships the petition of Rourke, and the statement of Lieut. Dyett before alluded to.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented by a Committee for that purpose.

Ordered,—That Mr. Nugent and Mr. Dillon do form such Committee.

Committee to present.

The following Petitions for grants of money towards repairing Roads and Bridges were presented by Mr. BARNES, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same were received and read as follows :—

Road Petitions presented

From John Tilley and others, inhabitants of Hants Harbour, for a grant of money for repairing the road leading through Hants Harbour, and to Bridge the Brooks running through the said Settlement.

John Tilly and others
Hants Harbor.

From George Ayre and others, inhabitants of Hants Harbor, for a grant of money for repairing and completing the main road from Hants Harbor to Old Perlican.

George Ayre and others
Hants Harbor.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

To lie on Table.

A Petition of Samuel Getheral and others, inhabitants of Bay Bulls was presented by Mr. GLEN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to build a Bridge over Cullies River.

Petition of S. Getheral &
others, Bay Bulls.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on table.

Address for Returns from Northern Circuit Court presented and read.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully praying that His Excellency would be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House a detailed Return of the business transacted and Fees charged in the Northern Circuit Court for five years ending on the 1st January last past, and the same was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Committed.

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

House in Committee thereon.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GLEN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Address moved for Returns relative to Schools under Education Act.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the Assembly a detailed Statement of the expenditure of all monies granted to the Electoral District of Conception Bay under the Act of the last Session of the Legislature, for the encouragement of Education in this Colony, and expended under the authority of the several Boards of Education and Managing Committees in that District. Also, a Return showing the number of Schools supported, established and to be established in the said District, and the locality of the same respectively—the names and salaries of the Teachers of the said Schools, the names and ages of the Scholars attending the same. Also, showing the number of Schools established and supported by the Newfoundland School Society, the Wesleyan Methodist Society, and the St. Patrick's School Society by, and out, of the monies granted to the same under the aforesaid Act—the names and salaries of the Teachers of such last-mentioned Schools, and the names and ages of the Scholars attending the same. Also, a Return showing the expenditure of the monies granted under the Acts of 6th Vic. caps. 7 and 8, for establishing Grammar Schools in Harbor Grace and Carbonear, the names and salaries of the Teachers of each School, the names and ages of the Scholars attending the same, and the amount of Fees paid, or to be paid, by each Scholar. Also, a Return of the Rules and Regulations adopted by the aforesaid Boards of Education, by the Boards of Directors and Commissioners of the aforesaid Grammar Schools, and by the said Newfoundland School Society, Wesleyan Methodist School Society, and Saint Patrick's School Society respectively, and the names of the Managing Committees of each of the said Societies.

Which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seven—against it, eight : Division thereon.

For the Motion—

Against the motion—

The Hon. Mr. Row
 “ Mr. Noad
 Mr. Prendergast
 Mr. Nugent
 Mr. Slade
 Mr. Hanrahan
 Mr. Dillon

The Hon. Mr. Morris
 “ Mr. Bennett
 “ Mr. Kent
 “ Mr. Ridley
 Mr. Carter
 Mr. Barnes
 Mr. Glen
 Mr. Munn

So it passed in the negative.

Motion lost.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report upon, such Laws as will expire before the commencement of another Session. Committee on Expiring Laws appointed.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Mr. Kent, Mr. Nugent, and Mr. Carter do form such Committee. Committee.

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move that the House be furnished with two copies of each of the papers published in this town, to be under the charge of the Door Keeper, and to be carefully filed and kept by him. Notice of motion for two copies of Newspapers to be filed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to make provision for the sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands within the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and for other purposes. House in Committee on Crown Land; Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and that it be the first order of the day.

Mr. NUGENT gave notice that he would, to-morrow, move that all such Petitions presented last Session as were referred to the Committee of Supply, and not afterwards proceeded upon, be referred to the Committee of Supply of the present Session. Notice of motion to refer Petitions of last Session to Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD, seconded by the Hon. Mr. RIDLEY, moved

That the House do adjourn until Saturday at one of the clock.

Motion to adjourn until Saturday.

Amendment to adjourn
until to-morrow.

Amendment lost.

Original motion carried
by casting vote of Speaker

The Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. BARNES, moved in amendment

That the word "To-morrow" be substituted for the word "Saturday" in the said motion—and the House dividing thereon, it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion being put, and the House being equally divided thereon,

Mr. SPEAKER gave his casting vote for the motion, and so it passed in the affirmative.

And the House accordingly adjourned until Saturday at one of the clock.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1844.

Petition of the St. John's
Factory Committee.

A PETITION of the Committee of the St. John's Factory was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a continuance of the annual grant heretofore made for the support of that establishment.

Referred to Committee of
Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of Rich. Holden.

A Petition of Richard Holden was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, setting forth that the Petitioner held the office of Clerk Assistant of the late House of Assembly from the year 1837 to the year 1841, when the Constitution was suspended. That he remained the Depository of the Records of the House until the meeting of the Amalgamated Legislature in January, 1843, when a new Clerk Assistant was appointed in his stead—that from his being the recognized Clerk Assistant during the two years in which the Constitution was suspended, he was prevented from seeking other employment; and that during the recess, and on the meeting of the Legislature under the new Constitution, he performed various services, and praying for compensation accordingly.

Referred to Committee of
Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of Mrs. Holbrook

A Petition of Ruth Sydney Holbrook was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, setting forth that she is the Widow of George Papps Holbrook, late Surveyor-General of this Colony—detailing his public services, the inadequate salary allowed him for the maintenance of himself and family, the present embarrassed circumstances of the Petitioner, and praying for a gratuity in consideration of the services and claims of her said husband.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

A Petition of Matthew Stevenson of Harbor Grace, was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for the continuance or increase of the retired allowance annually granted him in consideration of his services as Clerk of the Peace of the Surrogate Court for the District of Conception Bay.

Petition of M. Stevenson.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

A Petition of W. Magill was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, setting forth that the Petitioner had, at an outlay of £18 1 6 Currency, repaired the cross-road leading from the Queen's Bridge to the old Portugal Cove Road, which is of great importance and much used by Farmers and others on the said old Portugal Cove Road.

Petition of W. Magill.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

A Petition of William Weston Carter and others was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, setting forth—That certain arrears of pay are due to the Petitioners for their services as Special Constables at the Election for the District of St. John's in the year 1840.—That the Petitioners had presented a Petition upon the same subject in a former Session, and craving leave to refer thereto and to certain correspondence on the subject of the claims of the Parties annexed to the said Petition.

Petition of W. W. Carter and others, Special Constables in 1840.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

A Petition of John Gibbons, of St. John's, was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, setting forth—That Petitioner, at a great expense, imported Machinery and erected a Saw Mill at Exploits River, in Green Bay.—That he had met with many obstacles and difficulties, and had suffered great loss from overflowing of the said river, and destruction of his property thereby; and praying for a grant of money to remunerate him for his great outlay, and to encourage so useful an establishment as that of the Petitioner.

Petition of John Gibbons.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

A Petition of John Reilley and others, Inhabitants of Little Placentia, was presented by Mr. SIMON MORRIS, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to complete the roads in that vicinity for which grants had already been made.

Petition of John Reilley and others, Little Placentia.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

On Table.

A Petition of Michael Fennell and others, Inhabitants of Bonavista, was presented by Mr. CARTER, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the con-

Petition of M. Fennell and others Bonavista.

sent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a further grant of money to complete the road between Bonavista and Catalina (already opened), and to bridge the streams thereon.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

Petition of J. Skelton and others Bonavista.

A Petition of John Skelton and others, Inhabitants of Bonavista, was presented by Mr. CARTER, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to complete the roads from Bonavista towards Lance Cove and Bayly's Cove, and also to complete the road to Bird Island Cove.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

Wm. Bennett and others Road Commissioners.

A Petition of William Bennett and others, (the Board of Road Commissioners of the Western Bay District), was presented by the Hon. Mr. RIDLEY, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a further grant of money to complete the lines of road commenced within the said District.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

John Crawley and others Holyrood.

A Petition of John Crawley and others, Inhabitants of the South Side of Holyrood, was presented by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money for repairing the road leading along the South Side of Holyrood, which is in a very dangerous state.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Road Petitions.

The following Petitions for grants for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges were presented by Mr. PRENDERGAST, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same were received and read, viz.:—

John Chippett and others Bryants Cove.

From John Chippett and others, inhabitants of Bryants Cove, praying for a grant of money to open a branch road from Bryants Cove to the main road leading to Harbor Grace.

David Murphy & others, Low Point

From David Murphy and others, inhabitants of Low Point, Kettle Cove, and Sealing Point, praying for a grant to open a branch road leading from Low Point to the main line of road.

John Shea and others Harbor Grace.

From John Shea and others, inhabitants of the vicinity of Newtown Road in the rear of Harbor Grace, praying for a grant of money to repair the said Newtown Road.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Petition of the Officers of the B. I. Society.

A Petition of the President and Secretary of the Benevolent Irish Society on behalf of the said Society, was presented by Mr. NUGENT, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, setting forth, that through the liberal grant of the Legislature, the Petitioners had been enabled to enlarge and beautify the Orphan Asylum School House. That in the expenditure of the grant, the Peti-

tioners have endeavoured to render the said Building, at the same time, a public ornament to the Town of St. Johns, and prior to the commencement of the work, they exhibited designs and plans to His Excellency the Governor, who was pleased to approve of the same. That notwithstanding the munificence of the Grant, the Petitioners have not been enabled to complete the works, and many balances are now due to Tradesmen for labour already performed. That the whole of the funds of the Society being devoted to charitable and educational purposes, the Petitioners do not feel justified in applying any portion of them to the repairs of the Building,—and praying for a further Grant of money to complete the same.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

A Petition of Charles Fox Bennett and others, Inhabitants of this Island, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Row, and the same was received and read, setting forth—That in the opinion of Petitioners, another Bank of Issue and Discount, with a Capital of £50,000, is required for facilitating the commercial transactions and promoting the prosperity of this Colony. That the Petitioners had agreed to form themselves in a Joint Stock Company for the establishment of such a Bank, and that already £22,000 of the said amount of Capital Stock had been subscribed for; and Petitioners therefore pray the House to pass an Act for the incorporation of a Joint Stock Bank in the said Town of St. John's, under such restrictions and limitations as the House should deem proper.

Petition of C. F. Bennett and others, for the Incorporation of a Joint Stock Bank.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On table.

The Hon. Mr. Row gave notice that, on this day fortnight, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Bank in the Town of Saint John's.

Notice of Bill to Incorporate a Joint Stock Bank.

Mr. SLADE gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move that the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Henry Winton, Esq., complaining of the undue election of Clement Benning, Esq., as Member for the District of Burin, do meet in the Committee Room of the House on Tuesday, the 13th instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to proceed with the trial of the merits of the said Petition.

Notice of Motion for meeting of Burin Election Committee.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. BENNETT, seconded by Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN,

Ordered,—That two copies of the several Journals published in the town be furnished to the House, to be in the care and custody of the Doorkeeper, and carefully filed and kept by him.

Order for two copies of Newspapers passed.

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS gave notice that, on Wednesday, he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying for a Statement from the Board of Road Commissioners for the District of St. John's, of the expenditure of the various monies appropriated for Roads and Bridges under the Act 6 Vic., cap. 4, —stating the amount per perch contracted for on roads,—the amount for bridges—the particulars of the work agreed to be performed on each road as per contract. Also, a similar Statement from the Board of Controul of all Contracts made in the Districts of Conception and Trinity Bay.

Notice of Address for Returns from Board of Road Commissioners.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor, that His Excellency would receive the Committees to present to him the Addresses on the subject of the Petitions of Bartholomew Rourke and William Phelan, on Monday next, at 12 o'clock.

Time for receiving Addresses fixed.

House in Committee on
Crown Lands Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to make provision for the sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands within the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and for other purposes.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress.

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

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT,

Petitions of last Session
referred to Committee of
Supply.

Ordered,—That such of the Petitions presented to the House last Session, as were referred to the Committee of Supply, but were not further proceeded on, be referred to the Committee of Supply of the present Session.

Notice of motion to adopt
Report of Committee on
Reporting.

Mr. BARNES gave notice that, on Monday next, he would move the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee upon the best mode of reporting the debates in this House,

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at one of the clock.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1844.

Documents presented to
the House by command of
the Governor.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid before the House the following Documents, viz. :—

Report and Estimate of
repairs of Court-house &
Gaol, St. John's.

Report and Estimate of Repairs, &c., required in the Court-house and Gaol of St. John's.

Books for Sessions Court
Harbor Grace.

Copy of Letter from the Magistrates at Harbor Grace, requiring Law Books for the Court of Sessions at that place.

Application for allowance
on Wine consumed at
Mess of R. N. Comps.

Application from the Major Commanding the Royal Newfoundland Companies, for an allowance for the Duties paid on Wine consumed in the Mess of the said Newfoundland Companies.

The said Documents were read by the Clerk.

(See *Appendix*.)

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, also laid before the House the following Documents, viz. :—

Copy of Letter from the Executors of the late Dr. Carson, claiming for his Estate the allowance made to the other members of the Assembly in the last Session of the Legislature.

Application from Executors of Dr. Carson.

Copy of Letter from the Deputy Post Master on the subject of the removal of the Post Office, and of the high Rent paid by him in consequence thereof.

Claim for allowance of rent from Deputy Post Master.

The said Documents were read by the Clerk.

(See Appendix.)

Ordered.—That the said Documents be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the more efficient Administration of Justice in the Outports of Newfoundland—and the same was read a first time.

Bill for more efficient Administration of Justice in Outports, read 1st time.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by Mr. CARTER, moved

That the said Bill be read a second time on the 24th instant; whereupon,

Motion for 2nd reading.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. MUNN, moved in amendment,

That the said Bill be read a second time on the 11th day of March next;—which being put, passed in the affirmative, and

Amendment moved and carried.

Ordered—Accordingly.

Ordered—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Printed.

Mr. SLADE moved, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. MUNN,

Motion for meeting of Burin Election Committee.

That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Henry Winton, Esquire, complaining of the election of Clement Benning, Esquire, as Member for the District of Burin, do meet on Tuesday, the 13th instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the Committee Room of the House, to proceed with the trial of the merits of the said Petition;—which being put—

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved—

Motion thereon for Order of the day and debate.

That the Orders of the day be read;—which being put, and a debate ensuing thereon—

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Row, seconded by the Hon. Mr. MORRIS,

Ordered,—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

Debate adjourned.

Then the House adjourned until Wednesday next, at One of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1844.

Petition of J. Walsh and others, Holyrood.

A PETITION of John Walsh and others, inhabitants of Holyrood in the Northern District, was presented by Mr. HANRAHAN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to repair the path leading from the new line of road to the School-house, the said path being in a very dangerous state.

On table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Richard Mackay and others, Holyrood.

A Petition of Richard Mackay and others, inhabitants of the North side of Holyrood in the Northern District, was presented by Mr. HANRAHAN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money for repairing the path along shore, from Room to Room, on the North side, which being on the brink of many steep and dangerous precipices, makes it nearly impassable for two persons together to pass with safety.

On table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Address moved for Returns from Board of Road Commissioners and Board of Controul.

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, viz.:—

To His Excellency Major-General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency:

The House of Assembly respectfully request your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House a Statement from the Board of Road Commissioners for the District of St. John's, of the expenditure of the various appropriations for Roads and Bridges under the Act, 6 Vic. Cap. 4, stating the amount per Perch contracted for on Roads—the amount for Bridges—the particulars of the work agreed to be performed on each Road, as per Contract.—Also, a Statement from the Board of Controul of all Contracts made in Conception Bay, and Trinity Bay, that have passed and been approved of by that Board, stating the amount paid per perch on each road—the amount paid for Bridges—and the particulars of work agreed to be performed on each Road as per Contract.

Adopted.

Ordered,—That the said Address be adopted and engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by a Committee for that purpose.

Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Mr. Morris and Mr. Hanrahan do form such Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned Debate upon the motion of Mr. SLADE—

Adjourned Debate on motion for meeting of Burin election committee

That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Henry Winton, Esquire, complaining of the undue election of Clement Benning, Esq., as Member for the District of Burin, do meet on Thursday, the 15th instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to proceed with the trial of the merits of the said Petition ;—and upon the motion thereon—

That the Orders of the day be read—was resumed ; and thereupon,

Amendment thereon for Orders of the day resumed.

The Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. NUGENT, moved—

Adjournment moved.

That the House do now adjourn ;—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion of adjournment, nine ; against it, ten :—

For the Adjournment—

Against the Adjournment—

The Hon. Mr. Kent

The Hon. the Attorney-General

Division.

“ “ O'Brien
 “ Prendergast
 “ Nugent
 “ Parsons
 “ S. Morris
 “ Hanrahan
 “ Benning
 “ Dillon

“ “ Mr. Thomas
 “ “ Row
 “ “ Bennett
 “ “ Robinson
 “ “ Ridley
 “ Munn
 “ Barnes
 “ Carter
 “ Slade

So it passed in the negative.

Lost.

And the question upon the amendment to the original motion being put, and a Debate ensuing thereon—

Further Debate on motion for the Orders of the day.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Ordered,—That the Debate be adjourned.

Debate adjourned.

Mr. NUGENT, from the Committee to present the Address of the House to His Excellency the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend to the favourable consideration of the Lords of the Admiralty the conduct of Bartholomew Rourke, as set forth in his Petition to the House, reported that the Committee had presented the said Address to His Excellency, and that, in reply, His Excellency was pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

Report of Committee to present Address relative to B. Rourke.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, for to-morrow, of motion to introduce the Bill for appropriating the unappropriated Hospital monies, of which he had given notice for to-day.

Notice of Hospital Monies Appropriation Bill.

Then the House adjourned until Thursday next, at One of the clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1844.

Bill to appropriate unappropriated Hospital monies, read 1st time.

MR. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the collection and appropriation of all monies stopped or detained by any person or persons by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty, entitled "An Act for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen, Fishermen, and other persons," and not appropriated to the purposes of the Act—and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on the 5th day of March next.

Printed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Adjourned debate resumed.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned Debate upon the motion of Mr. SLADE for the meeting of the Select Committee to try the merits of the Petition complaining of the undue election of Clement Benning, Esquire—and the motion thereon that the Orders of the day be read—was resumed—and thereupon

Question of motion for Orders of day put.

The question being put upon the said motion—that the Orders of the day be read—the House divided as follows :—

Division.

For the Motion—

Against the motion—

The Hon. Mr. Noad
 " " " Kent
 " " " Nugent
 " " " Prendergast
 " " " S. Morris
 " " " Parsons
 " " " Hanrahan
 " " " Glen

The Hon. the Attorney-General
 " " " Mr. Dunscomb
 " " " Robinson
 " " " Carter
 " " " Slade
 " " " Barnes

Carried.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Orders of day read.

And the said Orders of the day were read accordingly; and thereupon,

House in Committee on Crown Lands Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to make provision for the sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands within the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and for other purposes.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress.

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

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Mr. O'BRIEN, moved—

That the House do adjourn until Monday next, at One o'clock.

Motion to adjourn until Monday.

Mr. BARNES, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved in amendment—

Amendment for to-morrow.

That the House adjourn until To-morrow, at One of the clock.

And the question on the amendment being put, and the House dividing thereon, it passed in the affirmative.

Amendment carried.

And the House adjourned until To-morrow, at One of the clock, accordingly.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1844.

A PETITION of Jeremiah Hartery and others, inhabitants of Harbor Grace, was presented by Mr. PRENDERGAST, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to open a road, to be called the "Native Road," in the rear of Harbor Grace, to a tract of fertile land.

Petition of Jeremiah Hartery and others, Harbor Grace.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On table.

A Petition of Richard Anderson and others, inhabitants of Harbor Grace, was presented by Mr. PRENDERGAST, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to open a road from Caplin Cove past Woodville Lodge, to join the Carbonear new Road.

R. Anderson and others, Harbor Grace.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

On table.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to make provision for the sale & disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands within the Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies, and for other purposes.

House in Committee on Crown Lands Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered,—That the said Bill as amended be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Printed.

Notice of motion for meeting of Burin Election Committee.

Mr SLADE gave notice that, on Monday next, he would move that the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Henry Winton, Esquire, against the undue return of Clement Benning, Esquire, for the District of Burin, be directed by this House to meet on Thursday next at 11 o'clock, to try the case.

Notice of motion for a day to be named to choose a Committee on the Ferryland Election Petition.

Mr. NUGENT gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move—

That Monday, the Twenty-fifth day of March next, be the day, and Twelve o'clock (noon) of that day be the hour, at which Thomas Glen, Esquire, Member for the District of Ferryland, and Peter Winsor, Esquire, shall appear, by themselves, their counsel, or agents, to appoint a Committee to try the merits of the Petition of the said Peter Winsor, Esquire, complaining of the undue return of the said Thomas Glen, Esquire; and that Mr. Speaker do notify the said Peter Winsor, or his Agents, and the said Thomas Glen, Esq., or any party who may be permitted to defend his seat, of the day and the hour as aforesaid appointed, according to the provisions of the Act passed in the 6th year of the Reign of Queen Victoria, entitled "An Act to regulate the trials of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at one of the clock.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1844.

Return of Certificates of Wolves killed.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a Return of the Certificates granted for the killing of Wolves, during the year, 1843, pursuant to the Act 3 Victoria. cap. 1.

Road Petitions.

The following Petitions for grants of money toward making and repairing Roads and Bridges were presented by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same were received and read, as follows:—

J. Murphy and others
Majors Path.

From John Murphy and others, inhabitants of the vicinity of the Road called the Majors Path, in the District of St. John's praying for a grant of money towards repairing the said Road, and to build several Bridges thereon.

Robert Long and others,
Branscomb's Pond.

From Robert Long and others, inhabitants of St. John's and its vicinity, praying for a grant of money towards opening a road from the Black Marsh by Branscomb's Pond to meet the Topsail Pond near Thomas Kean's.

N. Roach and others
Middle Cove.

From Nicholas Roach and others, inhabitants of Middle Cove, praying for a grant of money in addition to the sum granted last Session, towards repairing the branch road leading from the Torbay road to the said Settlement.

On table.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Notice of motion for going into Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN gave notice that, on the 8th day of March next, he would move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the making and Repairing of Roads and Bridges.

The following Petitions for grants toward the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges were presented by Mr. BENNING, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same were received and read as follows:—

Petitions for Grants for Roads and Bridges, viz. :

From Henry Slaney and others, inhabitants of Great and Little St. Laurence, for a grant of money towards repairing the road between the said places.

Henry Slaney and others, Great and Little Saint Laurence,

From Peter Connor and others, inhabitants of Lawn, in the District of Burin, for a grant of money to open a road from the head of the said harbor to the Jersey Room.

P. Connor and others, Lawn.

From Henry Hill and others, inhabitants of Great St. Laurence, for a grant of money to repair a road from the head of the said harbor to the Dock, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile, and to build several Bridges thereon.

Henry Hill and others, Great St. Laurence.

From Daniel M'Carthy and others, inhabitants of Little Bay and Beau Bois, for a grant towards opening a road between the said places.

D. M'Carthy and others, Little Bay.

From Thomas Clarke and others, inhabitants of Port-au-Bras, Mortier, and Beau Bois, in the District of Burin, for a grant of money towards repairing the road between the said places.

Thos. Clarke and others, Port-au-Bras.

From Thomas Coady and others, inhabitants of John-de-Bay and Mortier, in the District of Burin, for a grant of money towards opening a road between the said two places.

Thos. Coady and others, John-de-Bay.

From Elias Courtney and others, inhabitants of Great and Little St. Laurence, for a grant of money towards continuing the road to Lameline.

Elias Courtney & others, Great and Little Saint Laurence.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

On Table.

A Petition of Richard Quick and others, inhabitants of Great and Little St. Laurence, in the District of Burin, was presented by Mr. BENNING, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant to establish a Ferry Boat across the harbor of Little St. Laurence.

Richard Quick & others, Great and Little Saint Laurence, for Ferry-boat.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. SLADE moved, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. MUNN,

Motion that the Burin Election Committee meet on Thursday next.

That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the petition of Henry Winton, Esquire, complaining of the undue return of Clement Benning, Esquire, for the District of Burin, be directed by this House to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock, to try the merits of the case,—whereupon,

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS, moved,

Motion thereon for the Orders of the day.

That the Orders of the day be read—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen ; against it, eight.

Division

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

The Hon. Mr. Thomas
 “ “ Dunscomb
 “ “ Noad
 “ “ Kent
 “ “ O'Brien
 Mr. Glen
 “ Nugent
 “ Prendergast
 “ Parsons
 “ S. Morris
 “ Dillon
 “ Hanrahan
 “ Benning

The Hon. Attorney-General
 “ Mr. Row
 “ “ Bennett
 “ “ Robinson
 Mr. Barnes
 “ Slade
 “ Carter
 “ Munn

Motion carried.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Orders of the day read.

And the Orders of the day were read accordingly ; and thereupon,

House in Committee of whole on Jury Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to regulate the manner of empannelling Juries in the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts of Newfoundland, and to determine the qualification of Jurors in the said Court.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress.

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

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Hon. Mr. KENT, moved

Motion to adjourn until Thursday.

That the House do adjourn until Thursday next at one of the clock—whereupon,

Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. MUNN, moved in amendment—

Amendment to adjourn until To-morrow carried.

That the House do adjourn until to-morrow at one of the clock—which being put, passed in the affirmative.

And the House adjourned accordingly.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1844.

Copy of Letter of Magistrates, with Accounts of collecting Assessed Rates in 1839.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House copy of a Letter from the Magistrates of St. John's, with accounts of Expenses attending the collection of Assessed Rates in 1839.

The said Documents were read by the Clerk.

(See *Appendix.*)

Ordered,—That the said Documents be referred to the Committee of Supply. Referred to Supply.

A Petition from the President and Officers of the Newfoundland Agricultural Society was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read as follows :

Petition from Officers of Agricultural Society.

(See *Appendix.*)

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply. Referred to Supply.

A Petition of Benjamin Squires of Emanuel, in the District of Conception Bay, Fisherman, was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, setting forth that the Petitioner, for 18 years, has been resident at Emanuels Gut, being in the direct way from St. John's to Salmonier, and about one and a half miles from the latter, and during that period was invariably afforded, gratuitously, accommodation to Travellers by his Boats in crossing the said Rapids, which are considered as one of the most dangerous in the Island. That, although previous to Petitioner settling at the said place many lives were lost, yet, since then, owing to the attention of Petitioner, not one has been lost. That Petitioner has also been necessarily obliged to open his House to Passengers, and to afford them accommodation without any compensation being made him ;—and that on last Good Friday he had to supply food and refreshment to nineteen Shipwrecked Sailors on their way from St. Mary's to St. John's—and praying that some remuneration may be made to him.

Petition of B. Squires, Emanuels.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply. Referred to Supply.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to regulate the mode of empannelling Grand, Special and Petit Juries in the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, and to determine the qualification of Jurors.

House in Committee on Jury Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

Progress.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.

The Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN gave notice that, on Thursday next, he would move that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report upon, the operation of the Act 6 W. 4. cap. 14, (Colonial Building Act) and the expediency of amending or repealing the same.

Notice of motion for Committee on Colonial Building Act.

Then the House adjourned until Thursday at one of the clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1844.

Adjournment until 11th
March.

THE House met, and on motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. MUNN,

The House adjourned until Monday the eleventh day of March next.



MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1844.

Documents laid before
the House.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following Documents, viz. :—

Report of Light House
Commissioners.

Report of the Commissioners of Light Houses for the year 1843.

Light House Accounts.

Light House Accounts for 1843, viz.:—Fort Amherst, Cape Spear, Harbor Grace, Cape Bonavista, Account in full for the erection of a Light House on Cape Bonavista, and a General Light House Account.

Letter and Report from
the Board of Controul.

Letter from the Board of Controul, transmitting a Report shewing the amount of money expended under the Act 6 Vic. cap. 4, on Contracts completed and approved, together with an abstract of work performed on different lines of road, and the proportion of the expenditure for each Board respectively. Also,

Reports of Board of Road
Commissioners, St. John's

Report of Road Commissioners for the District of St. John's.

Harbor Main.

Report of Road Commissioners for the District of Harbor Main.

Brigus.

Report of Road Commissioners for the District of Brigus.

Harbor Grace.

Statement of the expenditure on Roads in the Harbor Grace District.

Carbonear.

Report of Road Commissioners for the District of Carbonear.

Western Bay.

Report of Road Commissioners for the District of Western Bay.

Bay-de-Verds.

Report of Road Commissioners for the District of Bay-de-Verds.

Presentment of Grand
Jury—Bonavista.

Copy of Presentment of the Grand Jury at Bonavista, on the subject of the relief of the Poor—accommodation for the holding of the Courts—Superintendance of the Light House, &c. &c.

Grand Jury—Twillingate

Also, Copy of Presentment of Grand Jury at Twillingate, on the subject of the Court House and Gaol there.

For the said several Documents—

(See Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said several documents do lie on the Table.

On table.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, also presented to the House :—

Documents presented.

Copy of a Letter from the Collector of H. M. Customs on the subject of an account and return of the Vessels and Boats employed in the Fisheries, &c.

Letter from Collector of Customs as to Fishery Returns.

Also, a Copy of a Letter from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Carbonear Grammar School, on the subject of a grant towards reimbursing the Directors for an amount necessarily outlaid by them in the purchase of a site for the Grammar School.

Letter from Chairman of Directors of Carbonear Grammar School, for a further grant.

The said Documents and Letters were read by the Clerk.

(See *Appendix*.)

Ordered,—That the said Documents be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply.

The following Petitions to His Excellency the Governor were also, by command of His Excellency, presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, and the same were received and read, viz. :—

Petitions presented by command of the Governor.

From Thomas Wills and others, inhabitants of Greenspond and Bonavista Bay North, praying that in future the Legislature may be convened when communication with all parts of the Island is safe and practicable.

Thomas Wills and others Greenspond, for Summer Session of Legislature.

From Stephen Lawler and others, inhabitants of Fogo, praying that in future the Sessions of the Legislature may be held at a season when Navigation is practicable.

S. Lawler and others, Fogo, for the same.

From James Preston and others, inhabitants of the Electoral District of Twillingate and Fogo, praying that the Legislature may henceforth be convened in Summer.

J. Preston, and others, Twillingate for the same.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

On table.

The following Petitions to His Excellency the Governor for grants of money were, by command of His Excellency, presented to the House by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, and the same were received and read as follows :—

Petitions for grants of money, presented by command of His Excellency.

From Robert Bayly, Clerk of the Peace for the District of Trinity Bay, setting forth, that he was appointed Clerk of the Peace in 1836, and has continued to act as such ever since. That by the Act, 3d Vic., in reference to the Fees of the Sessions Court, the emoluments of Petitioner have been greatly lessened—and praying that as in the case of the Clerks of the Peace for Brigus and Ferryland, a fixed Stipend may be granted to him in lieu of Fees.

Robert Bayly, Clerk Peace, Trinity.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply

From Thomas Gaylor, Clerk of the Peace for the District of Bonavista, setting forth, that since the reduction of the Fees of the Sessions Court the sum allowed Petitioner in lieu thereof, is a very inadequate remuneration for the duties imposed upon him—and praying that an increase may be granted to him.

Thomas Gaylor, Clerk Peace, Bonavista.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Wesleyan Methodist
Committee, Carbonear.

From the Committee of the Wesleyan Methodists of Carbonear, praying for an additional grant to enable them to complete a School House at Carbonear.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Protestant Board of Edu-
cation, Carbonear.

From the Protestant Board of Education for the District of Carbonear, praying for a grant to enable them to erect suitable School Rooms.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

W. Tucker and others,
Twillingate, for a Light
House on the Wadhams.

From William Tucker and others, inhabitants of Twillingate and Fogo, praying that a Light House may be erected on the outer Wadham Island.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

W. Lilly, Colonial Tide
Surveyor.

From William Lilly, Colonial Tide Surveyor in the service of Her Majesty's Customs, setting forth, that Petitioner has held the said situation of Colonial Tide Surveyor since the resignation of Mr. Cooke in 1841, at the small salary of £150. That the salary of the Landing Waiter, which was likewise £150, was in 1841 raised to £200, and owing to the absence at that time of Petitioner's Predecessor, no application was made on his part. That by the large extension of Trade at this Port, Petitioner's duties have greatly increased, and the Revenue been augmented, while his salary remained the same—and praying that he may be placed on the same footing with the Colonial Landing Waiter, and referring to the recognition of the claims of his Predecessor in 1837, when his salary was temporarily raised to £185, and the Landing Waiter's to £175.

Letter from Collector in
support of W. Lilly's pe-
tition.

A copy of a Letter from the Collector of the Customs, accompanying the said Petition, was read by the Clerk, setting forth, that although the duties of Colonial Tide Surveyor and Landing Waiter are distinct, they are equally arduous and responsible, and recommending the prayer of Mr. Lilly's petition to favourable consideration.

Referred to Supply:

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

John Canning Clerk in
H. M. Customs.

From John Canning, Clerk in the Colonial Department of Her Majesty's Customs, setting forth, that he has performed the duties of the said office for the last eight years. That his present salary, notwithstanding the most rigid economy, is inadequate for his support.—That the duties performed by Petitioner are arduous and have greatly increased—and praying for an increase of salary.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Roger Flavahan.

From Roger Flavahan, praying for a grant of a small sum of money to enable him to remove a block of Houses on the North side of Duckworth Street, and jutting out into the same, so as to leave the said Street fifty feet wide in all parts between the Hill of Chips and Duckworth-street.

Also, a Certificate to the said Petition annexed, from the Chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners for St. John's, highly approving of the removal of the said building.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply

From Thomas Walsh of Harbor Grace, setting forth, that in the Spring of 1841 a large strip of cultivated ground, measuring 143 feet by 24 feet, was taken from him for the purpose of making a convenient road or approach to the Barracks at Harbor Grace. That the ground thus taken being in the centre of his Farm was very valuable, and that he had besides to erect a double line of fence—and praying for compensation for the same.

Thomas Walsh, Harbor Grace.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply.

From James Murphy and John Rielley, Road Commissioners at Little Placentia, setting forth, that in opening the road to the Pond Head, Petitioners had been obliged to take in several pieces of valuable land belonging to private individuals. That the compensation to be allowed for the land so taken amounts to £57 0 7, Currency, of which they had paid £4 6 10, leaving £52 13 9 still payable—and praying for a grant of money to compensate the said parties, of whom a list was subjoined.

Road Commissioners; Placentia.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply.

From Martin Walsh, the Contractor for building the Public Wharf at Portugal Cove, setting forth, that although the Petitioner had used the most rigid economy in the progress of the said work, he had necessarily expended upon it the sum of £120 sterling, beyond the sum contracted for. That the work having been completed for more than a twelve month has been fully tested by its exposure to wind and weather, which have had no effect upon it. That Petitioner had last Session presented a Petition upon this subject, to which was appended a favorable Report from the Superintendent of Government Works, to which he now craved leave to refer—and praying for compensation for the great loss which he has sustained.

Martin Walsh, Portugal Cove.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply.

A Petition of William Green and others, inhabitants of Placentia, was presented by Mr. DILLON, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to open and complete a line of road connecting North Harbor with the Bays of St. Mary's and Placentia.

Wm. Green and others, Placentia.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Referred to Roads and Bridges.

A Petition of John O'Brien and others, inhabitants of the vicinity of Oxen Pond near St. John's, was presented by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to erect a Bridge across the Stream running into Long Pond, in the line of road to Oxen Pond.

John O'Brien and others, Oxen Pond Road.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Roads and Bridges.

M. W. Hutchings and others, St. John's, for a summary mode of collecting Rents.

A Petition of Monier W. Hutchings and others, Inhabitants of St. John's, was presented by Mr. NUGENT, and the same was received and read, setting forth—That the Petitioners are owners of certain properties in the neighbourhood of St. John's, the rentals of which form their main dependence ; that as the Law now stands, they find great difficulty and are put to great cost in the recovery of their rents from unfortunate, dishonest and fraudulent tenants ; and praying that the House would take the premises into their consideration, and pass an act for the recovery of debts, to an amount not exceeding £20, in a summary way, in the Superior Courts—or extend the jurisdiction of the Magistrates in Session.

On table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Michael Scanlan, and others, St. John's, relative to Copper Coinage.

A Petition of Michael Scanlan and others, Inhabitants of St. John's, setting forth—That the Copper Coinage at present in circulation is of a very base character ; that private individuals have imported, and are importing, Copper Coins, for the purpose of circulation, from which traffic Petitioners believe such persons derive considerable profit ; that the toleration of a traffic of this kind in any portion of the circulating medium of the Country, by leaving to the direction of irresponsible persons the fixing of a value on any coin not its intrinsic metallic worth, and by permitting such persons to circulate the same, may ultimately lead to great public loss and confusion ; and praying the House to adopt such measures as will secure to the Country the circulation of a Copper Coinage under the superintendence of some department which will be responsible for the correct discharge of so important a duty to the Legislature of the Colony.

On table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Notice of Bill relative to Copper Coins.

The Hon. Mr. KENT gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the importation of spurious copper coins, and to provide a sufficient copper coinage to be used in payment within this Colony.

Petition of Rev. P. Cleary and others, Bay Bulls against the Constitution Amendment Bill.

A Petition of the Reverend Patrick Cleary and others, Inhabitants of Bay Bulls, Witless Bay, and Toads Cove, was presented by Mr. GLEN, and the same was received and read, setting forth—That strongly protesting as Petitioners do against the existing Constitution of the Colony, as opposed to the best principles of the British Constitution, they yet regard with fear and suspicion the introduction of a Bill to regulate the representation of the Island, into a House constituted of an overwhelming body of Members of Council, who by their unconstitutional influence neutralize the power of the Representatives. That a minute subdivision of the Districts is calculated to concentrate the entire representation in the Town of St. John's ; as by this means a large number of close boroughs being created, and the constituency being at the mercy of a few mercantile houses, these, in order to secure the permanency of their majorities, would at the elections invariably select residents at St. John's. That in addition to these objections, Petitioners regard the Bill before the House for amending the Constitution as a gross outrage on the Catholic population, which forms a majority of the inhabitants,—and who though under the original Constitution, they held nearly that equal portion of the representation due to them,—yet the present Bill proposes to give the Protestant minority of the population an overwhelming majority in that representation ;—and praying therefore that the House would reject the said Bill, and suffer a renewal of the former Constitution by the expiry of the Imperial Statute, without any further enactment.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT, from the Select Committee appointed to audit the Public Accounts, reported that they had audited the same, and that there was in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer, on the 31st December last, a balance of £8,039 6s. 9d.

Report of Committee.
Audit.

The Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN gave notice that, on Thursday next, he would move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Roads and Bridges, and that it be the first thing on the Orders of the day.

Notice of Committee.
Roads and Bridges.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at One of the clock.



TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1844.

A PETITION of John Nash, a Prisoner for debt in the Gaol of St. John's, was presented by the Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB, and the same was received and read, setting forth—That the Petitioner was committed to gaol for debt by his Partner in Trade, and that being brought before the Honorable the Chief Justice in Chambers, on an application to be discharged under the Insolvent Debtors Relief Act, when he was remanded for an indefinite period for committing an act which is irrevocable, and which he was advised by his Lawyer to do, as being just, proper and moral, and according to Law. That the act committed by Petitioner was the making a preferable payment by assignment of all his property to the amount of £700, to, and in favor of, a Firm in England by whom he was supported in trade, leaving the said Firm still creditors for £200. That Petitioner's remaining two creditors are of St. John's—one for £215, being the amount of a verdict for damages against Petitioner for failure (through business misfortunes) in performing a contract with that creditor. That the other and detaining creditor for £50 is his said Partner in Trade, to whose acts for the last three years, Petitioner ascribes his present unfortunate position. That the object of the said last-mentioned creditor in incarcerating Petitioner, was to force Petitioner to assign all his property to him ; and Petitioner has in his possession a deed to that effect drawn by the said creditor's Attorney. That the Petitioner has now been in custody eight months, and that as the Law now stands, the decision of the Chief Justice has virtually sentenced the Petitioner to end his life in prison ; although Petitioner has reason to believe the Chief Justice regrets that he had not the power to decide otherwise as to the limit of the imprisonment. That although the Petitioner has been adjudged guilty of a fraud in law, yet that he is morally innocent of that offence, having committed it upon the advice of his legal adviser. That the Petitioner has already suffered greatly in mind and body from his imprisonment, and that the Legislature is the only source to which he can look for relief—and praying that the House may take his case into consideration and grant him relief.

Petition of John Nash to
be discharged from Gaol.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

To lie on Table.

Notice of Bill for the discharge of John Nash.

The Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB gave notice that, on to-morrow, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the discharge of John Nash from Gaol.

Road Petitions presented

The following Petitions for grants for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges were presented by Mr. BARNES, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same were received and read, as follows:—

P. Coughlan and others, Broad Cove.

From Patrick Coughlan and others, inhabitants residing between Portugal Cove and Broad Cove, praying for a grant of money to repair the road between the said places, and to erect Bridges over the Beachy Cove and Goat Cove Brooks.

Revd. H. Lind & others, Hearts Content.

From the Rev. Henry Lind and others, inhabitants of Hearts Content, praying for a grant to make a road through the said Settlement, to connect thereby the public road leading from Carbonear to New Perlican.

Jas. Churchill & others, Grates Cove.

From James Churchill and others, inhabitants of Grates Cove, praying for a grant of money to complete the road leading from Grates Cove to Bay-de-Verds.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Petition of P. Fitzpatrick and others, St. John's, for a grant to clear away the snow.

A Petition of Patrick Fitzpatrick and others, inhabitants of St. John's, to His Excellency the Governor, was, by command of His Excellency, presented to the House by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to clear the Streets of the town and the paths leading to the Woods, of Snow after heavy Drifts.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Petition of Thomas Cooke & others, Carter's Hill Road.

A Petition of Thomas Cooke and others, inhabitants of St. John's, was presented by Mr. PARSONS, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant to repair the road leading from the Theatre by Mr. Peter Carter's to the Fresh Water Road.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, moved

Motion that the Committee on the Crown Lands Bill be the order of the day for to-morrow.

That the House do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the re-consideration of the Crown Lands Bill, and that it be the first thing on the Order of the day;—whereupon,

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. NUGENT, moved—

Amendmt. that the words "this day week" be substituted for the word "to-morrow."

That the word "to-morrow" in the said motion be expunged, and the words "this day week" be inserted instead thereof—which being put, passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Amendment carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to regulate the mode of empannelling Grand, Special and Petit Juries in the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, and to determine the qualification of Jurors.

House in Committee on Jury Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

And the Committee rose without making any report.

Committee rise without reporting.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT,

Ordered,—That the Bill for the regulation of the Fisheries, and for ascertaining and declaring the relative rights of Merchants, Planters and Fishermen, &c., be read a second time to-morrow, and that it be the first Order of the day.

Second reading of the Fishery Bill order of the day for to-morrow.

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



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1844.

THE Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to enable John Nash to be discharged from Prison, and the same was read a first time.

Bill to enable John Nash to be discharged, read a first time.

The Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB, seconded by the Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, moved,

That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee to report upon the allegations contained in it ;—and thereupon,

Motion to refer the Bill to a Select Committee.

Mr. GLEN, seconded by Mr. NUGENT, moved,

That the words "Select Committee" in the said motion be expunged, and the words "Committee of the whole House" be inserted instead thereof.

Amendment that it be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Which being put, passed in the negative.

Amendment lost.

The question was then put upon the original motion, and it passed in the affirmative, and

Original motion carried.

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Committee.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Mr. Dunscomb, Mr. Nugent and Mr. Carter do form such Select Committee.

Motion of adjournment made and lost.

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, moved that the House do now adjourn—-which being put, passed in the negative.

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. NUGENT, moved

Motion that the Fishery Bill be now read a second time.

That the Bill to explain and amend the Laws that regulate the Fisheries of this Colony, with reference to the respective rights of Merchants, Planters, Seamen, Fishermen and other Persons employed therein—to secure the payment of the Wages of such Seamen, Fishermen and other Persons, and to provide for the better conduct of the said Fisheries, be now read a second time—and a debate ensuing thereon,

Debate thereon.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by Mr. BARNES,

Debate adjourned.

Ordered,—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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



THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1844.

Petitions for aid towards repairing Roads.

THE following Petitions for grants towards repairing Roads and Bridges were presented by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same were received and read, as follows :—

T. Clancey and others, Major's path.

From Timothy Clancey and others, inhabitants of the vicinity of the road called the Majors Path, in the District of St. John's, praying for a grant of money to repair the said road.

Robert Shaw and others, Cockpit Road.

From Robert Shaw and others, Farmers and residents in and near the Cockpit Road, St. John's, praying for a grant of money to repair the said road.

M. W. Hutchings, and others, Pokeham Path.

From Monier W. Hutchings and others, residing in and near the road called the Pokeham Path, St. John's, praying for a grant of money to repair the same.

William Walsh & others, Edgehil's Farm Road.

From William Walsh and others, residing on the road leading to Edgehil's Farm, in the District of St. John's, praying for a grant of money to repair the same.

Miles Mahoney & others, Magill's Cross Road.

From Miles Mahoney and others, Farmers residing in and near the Cross-road leading from the King's Bridge to the Old Portugal Cove Road, praying for a grant to repair the said Cross-road, and to defray the expense incurred in already repairing a part of the said road.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

A Petition of John Rorke and others, inhabitants of Carbonear, was presented by Mr. HANRAHAN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for grants of money towards repairing and completing the road from Carbonear to Hearts Content, and other roads in and about Carbonear.

John Rorke and others,
Carbonear.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges

A Petition of George Lake and others, inhabitants of the Harbor of Fortune in Fortune Bay, was presented by Mr. PARSONS, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, setting forth the great necessity for a Breakwater at the mouth of the said Harbor, and praying for a grant of money for that purpose.

George Lake and others,
Fortune, for a Breakwater.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. KENT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to prevent the importation and circulation of spurious Copper Coin in this Colony and its Dependencies, and to make provision for a good and sufficient Copper Coinage therein—and the same was read a first time.

Bill to regulate the Copper coinage of the Colony, read a first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

2nd reading.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Resolved,—That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges, and that it be the first Order of the day.

Roads and Bridges made the order of the day for Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the adjourned debate on the motion that the Bill to explain and amend the Laws that regulate the Fisheries of this Colony in reference to the respective rights of Merchants, Planters, Seamen, Fishermen and other Persons employed therein—to secure the payment of the wages of such Seamen, Fishermen and other Persons, and to provide for the better conduct of the Fisheries, be now read a second time—was resumed.

Adjourned debate on the second reading of the Fishery Bill.

And the said motion having passed in the affirmative, the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Committed for Monday next.

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



FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1844.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a Statement of Expenditure, with Abstracts, from the Contracts entered into by the Central Board of Road Commissioners.

Statement of Expenditure of Board of Road Commissioners for the Central District.

(See *Appendix*.)

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Statement do lie on the table.

Order of day for 2nd reading of Bill to amend Education Act, read.

The Order of the day for the second reading of a Bill to repeal part of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Education in this Colony," and to provide for the appointment of two Inspectors of Schools under the said Act, being read

The Hon. Mr. NOAD, seconded by the Hon. Mr. RIDLEY, moved,

Motion made for the 2nd reading.

That the said Bill be now read a second time—whereupon,

Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. SLADE, moved,

Amendment thereon to reject the Bill.

That the word "now" in the said motion be expunged, and the words "this day six months" be inserted in lieu thereof—which being put, passed in the affirmative, and

Amendment carried and Bill rejected.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time this day six months.

Order of the day for the 2nd reading of Bill to suspend 19 sec. Education Act.

The Order of the day for the second reading of a Bill to suspend for a certain period the operation of the nineteenth section of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Education in this Colony" being read,

Mr. GLEN, seconded by Mr. MUNN, moved,

Motion made for the 2nd reading.

That the Bill be now read a second time—whereupon,

The Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, moved,

Amendment to reject the Bill moved and lost.

That the word "now" in the said motion be expunged, and the words "this day six months" be inserted in lieu thereof—which being put, passed in the negative.

Question put for the 2nd reading.

And the question on the original motion being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twelve ; against it, seven :

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

Division thereon.

The Hon. Attorney-General

The Hon. Mr. Morris

" Mr. Thomas

" " Noad

" " Row

" " Kent

" " Bennett

" " O'Brien

" " Robinson

Mr. Benning

" " Ridley

" Dillon

Mr. Barnes

" Hanrahan

" Carter

" Prendergast

" Glen

" Slade

" Munn.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Bill read a 2d time.

And the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. GLEN, seconded by Mr. MUNN.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next. Committed.

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved,

That the House do adjourn until to-morrow at 12 of the clock—and a discussion ensuing thereon Motion to adjourn until twelve to-morrow.

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. ROW, moved,

That this House do now adjourn ; which being put, passed in the negative. Adjournment thereon moved and lost.

The question on the main motion being put, it passed in the affirmative, and Original motion of adjournment carried.

The House adjourned until to-morrow at twelve of the clock accordingly.



SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1844.

MR. BARNES gave notice that, on Monday next, he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to appoint Commissioners to investigate the claims of persons seeking compensation for land taken for the making and widening of Roads, pursuant to a Resolution of the House adopted during the last Session. Notice of Address for appointment of Commissioners to investigate claims for compensation for land taken, &c.

A Petition of Thomas Bearn of St. John's, Merchant, was presented by Mr. MUNN, and the same was received and read, setting forth that the Bill now before the House for the discharge of John Nash a Prisoner confined in Gaol on a *Capias ad satisfaciendum* at the suit of the Petitioner, if carried into effect, will materially affect the interests of the Petitioner ; and praying that he may by his Counsel be heard at the Bar of the House against the passing of the said Bill. Petition of T. Bearn, against Bill for relief of John Nash.

On motion of Mr. MUNN, seconded by Mr. BARNES,

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill to enable John Nash to be discharged from Gaol, for the purpose of enquiring into the allegations contained in it. Referred to select Committee.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to define and extend the powers and privileges of the General Assembly and the Members thereof respectively, being read— Order of day read and 2d reading of Privilege Bill moved.

The Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS, moved,

That the said Bill be now read a second time—whereupon,

The Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, seconded by the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, moved, Amendment thereon to reject the Bill.

That the word "now" in the said motion be expunged, and the words "this day six months" be substituted in lieu thereof—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, eight ; against it, twelve :—

For the Amendment,—

Against the Amendment,—

Division.	The Hon. the Attorney-General	The Hon. Mr. Morris
	" " Mr. Dunscomb	" " " Noad
	" " " Robinson	" " " Bennett
	" " " Barnes	" " " Kent
	" " " Glen	" " " O'Brien
	" " " Munn	" " " Prendergast
	" " " Slade	" " " Hanrahan
	" " " Carter	" " " Dillon
		" " " Benning
		" " " S. Morris
		" " " Parsons
		" " " Nugent.

Amendment lost. So it passed in the negative.

Original motion carried, and bill read a second time, And the question upon the original motion being put, it passed in the affirmative, and the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

and committed. *Ordered,—*That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House this day week.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at one of the clock.



MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1844.

Petition of Indigent Sick Society.

A PETITION of the Ladies of the Indigent Sick Society was presented by the Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a continuance of the grant hitherto made in aid of the purposes of the said Society.

Referred to Supply.

*Ordered,—*That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of Richard Coke and others.

A Petition of Richard Coke and others, Dealers and Planters of Lamaline, was presented by the Hon. Mr. BENNETT, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to repair the roads in and about Lamaline aforesaid.

Roads and Bridges.

*Ordered,—*That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

A Petition of Hugh Hamlin and others, of St. John's, was presented by Mr. NUGENT, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to open a Road along the North-west side of Monday Pond.

Petition of Hugh Hamlin and others.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Roads and Bridges.

A Petition of Nicholas Furlong and others, inhabitants of Little Placentia, was presented by Mr. DILLON, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to repair a foot-path at the said place.

Petition of Nicholas Furlong and others, Little Placentia.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Roads and Bridges.

A Petition of Alexander Smith and others, inhabitants residing at Point Malle near Little Placentia, was presented by Mr. DILLON, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to open a road from the said Settlement of Point Malle to the main road leading to Little Placentia.

Petition of A. Smith and others, Point Malle.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

A Petition of Edward J. Dwyer was presented to the House by Mr. MUNN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, setting forth, that he was a Member of the last House of Assembly for the District of Fogo—that from oversight the said Petitioner was not paid the sum of Twenty Pounds allowed to Members resident in Outports towards defraying their extra expenses—and praying that the said sum of money may be granted to him.

Petition of E. J. Dwyer.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply.

Mr. NUGENT, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill now before the House for the relief of John Nash, an Insolvent Debtor confined in Gaol at St. John's, and also, the Petition of the said John Nash to this House, for the purpose of enquiring into, and reporting upon, the correctness of the allegations contained therein, Reported as follows:—

Report of Select Committee on Petition of J. Nash and the Bill for his relief.

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill now before the House of Assembly, entitled “ a Bill for the relief of John Nash, an Insolvent Debtor confined in Gaol at St. John's,” together with the Petition of the said John Nash upon which the same is founded ; and having enquired into the facts in the said Petition alleged, find that the said John Nash is lying in the Debtors' Prison of Saint John's under remand for fraud, ordered by the Hon. the Chief Justice of this Island, upon the hearing of his Petition to be discharged from custody as an Insolvent under the provisions of the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors in this Colony : and that as the said last mentioned Act makes no provision to empower the Judges to assign a definite period of imprisonment proportioned to the offence of which the Petitioners in Insolvent cases have been, or may be, judged to be guilty, it appears to your Committee that the Debtor, in

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Report.

all such cases, lies entirely at the mercy of the opposing Creditor, and may be detained in custody for any indefinite term, or for life.

Your Committee have also examined the Gaoler in whose custody John Nash lies, and from his evidence they have discovered that the said Nash has no means of support whatever, and that, during the entire period of his long confinement, he has been indebted to the benevolence of the Gaoler alone for his food and for the few comforts he enjoys.

Your Committee, although they deem it their duty to subjoin the evidence of the said John Nash, as it was taken on oath before the said Court, and his Petition and Schedule, and also a note from the Chief Justice accompanying the said documents, considered it their duty to refrain from taking further evidence touching the facts of the case, as they feel it would not be the intention of the House to review or question the judgment of a competent Judicial Tribunal from which, were it deemed not consonant with the Laws, an appeal lies to a different Court.

Your Committee beg leave to suggest therefore that the Bill now before the House may properly, and ought to be, amended by providing that the Court before which John Nash's original Petition was tried, shall have power to rehear his case, as they are of opinion that that Tribunal being cognizant of all the facts, and having already adjudicated thereon, is the most proper to finally determine the precise measure of punishment that should apply to this case:—and that a further amendment should be made in the said Bill by introducing Sections embracing the objects of the 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, and 82nd Sections of the Imperial Statute 1 and 2 Vic. ch. 110, where by an appeal similar to that of John Nash shall hereafter be rendered necessary.

Your Committee finally are of opinion that the provision of the Imperial Statute before mentioned [Sec. 86th] enabling the Court to order the detaining Creditor to contribute towards the maintenance of the Debtor, should also be embodied in the said Bill; and they consider that by the adoption of such amendments, while strict justice will be meted out to the Debtor the interests of the Creditor will be properly guarded.

And so your Committee beg leave to report.

JOHN V. NUGENT, Chairman.

Committee Room, }
18th March, 1844. }

The Documents appended to the said Report were read by the Clerk, for which

(See *Appendix*.)

Report received and to be printed.

Ordered,—That the said Report be received, and that it be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Notice of Bill to incorporate Joint Stock Bank.

The Hon. Mr. Row gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move for leave to introduce a Bill to Incorporate a Joint Stock Bank in the Town of St. John's, by the name of the Newfoundland Bank.

Also, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act 6 W. 4, cap. 14, entitled An Act to authorize the erection of a Colonial House in the Town of St. John's, and the raising by loan of a sum of money for that purpose.

Also of Bill to amend Colonial House Act.

Also, that on Thursday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the Registry of Deeds.

Also of Bill to amend Registry of Deeds Act.

Mr. BARNES, pursuant to notice, presented the Draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully acquainting His Excellency that a large number of Petitions having, during the last Session of the Legislature, been presented to the General Assembly claiming compensation for ground taking from the Petitioners, under the Statute Labor Act for making and widening Streets and Roads, by various Boards of Road Commissioners throughout the Island, and the Assembly being unable themselves, without a great sacrifice of time, to enquire into the merits of such Petitions, respectfully request that His Excellency will be pleased to appoint Commissioners to investigate and report upon the claims of the said Petitioners, in which case the House will, during the next Session, provide the necessary funds for the discharge of such of the said claims as may appear to be well founded, and for defraying the expense of such enquiry.

Draft of Address for the appointment of Commissioners to investigate Land compensation claims, read first time.

And the said Address was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. PRENDEREAST, seconded by the Hon. Mr. MORRIS,

Ordered,—That the said Address be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Address committed.

The Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB, seconded by the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, moved,

That the Bill for the relief of John Nash, an Insolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol of St. John's, be now read a second time—whereupon,

Motion made for second reading of Bill for relief of John Nash.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, seconded by the Hon. Mr. RIDLEY, moved,

That the word "now" in the said motion be expunged, and that the words "this day six months" be substituted in lieu thereof—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it, two:—

Amendment thereon to reject the Bill.

For the Amendment,—

Against the Amendment,—

Division.

The Hon. the Attorney-General

The Hon. Mr. Robinson
Mr. Nugent

“ Mr. Thomas

“ “ Dunscomb

“ “ Morris

“ “ Row

“ “ Noad

“ “ Kent

“ “ Ridley

“ “ O'Brien

Mr. S. Morris

“ Benning

“ Prendergast

“ Glen

“ Munn.

“ Slade

“ Barnes

- Amendment carried, and So it passed in the affirmative, and
- Bill rejected. *Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time this day six months.
- Order of day read, The Order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the making and repairing Roads and Bridges, being read,
- and postponed. *Ordered*,—That the said Order of the day be postponed, and that this House do, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
- Notice of motion for going into Committee of Ways and Means. The Hon. Mr. MORRIS gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Ways and Means.
- Notice of Bill to amend Insolvent Debtors Act. Mr. NUGENT gave notice that, on Thursday next, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in execution.
- Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at one of the clock.



TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1844

Report of Board of Control for 1843.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency, presented to the House the Report of the Board of Control for the year 1843 to March, 1844.

(See Appendix.)

On table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie on the table.

Bill to Incorporate Joint Stock Bank, read 1st time

The Hon. Mr. Row, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to Incorporate a Joint Stock Bank in the Town of St. John's, by the name of the Newfoundland Bank, and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Saturday next.

Printed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Bill to amend Colonial Building Act 6 W. 4, c. 16, read 1st time.

The Hon. Mr. Row, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled "an Act to authorise the raising by loan of a sum of money for the erection of a Colonial House, and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Petition of Henry Earle, and others, Tailors of St. John's, for a protecting duty on ready made clothing.

A Petition of Henry Earle and others, Tailors of St. John's, was presented by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, and the same was received and read, praying that a protecting Duty may be imposed upon the importation into this Colony of ready made Clothing of a certain description.

On table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN

Resolved,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Ways and Means.

House in Committee of Ways and Means.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTER took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the said Committee that they had considered of the matters to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he delivered the Report in at the Clerks Table.

Resolutions reported from Committee.

And the said Resolutions were read by the Clerk and are as follows :

Report read.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that there be raised, levied, collected, and paid to Her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, upon the importation into this Colony of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, the following Duties, that is to say,—

Wine, Videlicit :—

All Wine in Bottles—the Gallon, two shillings and sixpence.

All other Wines—the Gallon, one shilling and sixpence.

For every Gallon of Brandy, Geneva and Cordials, not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength and for any greater or less quantity than a Gallon—the Gallon, two shillings and sixpence.

For every Gallon of Rum and Whiskey, not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength, and for any greater or less quantity than a Gallon—the Gallon, one shilling and threepence.

Every Barrel of Apples, one shilling and sixpence.

For every Cwt. of Meat, salted or cured, one shilling and sixpence.

For every Cwt. of Bread or Biscuit, three pence.

For every Cwt. of Butter, two shillings.

Coals, the ton, one shilling.

For every Barrel of Flour, not exceeding in weight 196 lbs. one shilling and sixpence

Oatmeal—the barrel—not exceeding in weight 200lbs., sixpence.

Molasses—the gallon—one penny halfpenny.

Salt Free

Implements and Materials fit and necessary for the Fisheries—videlicet, Lines,

Twines, Hooks, Nets and Seines Free

Coin and Bullion Free

Horses, Mares, and Geldings. Free

Neat Cattle and Calves Free

Sheep Free

Hogs Free

Corn and Grain unground, and all Seeds Free

Report.	Potatoes and all other Vegetables	Free
	Printed Books, Pamphlets, Maps and Charts	Free
	Manures of all kinds	Free
	Lumber, one inch thick—the thousand feet, two shillings and sixpence.	
	Ton Timber, and Balk of all kind, including Scantling—the Ton, one shilling and sixpence.	
	Shingles, the thousand, one shilling.	
	Tea, the pound, three pence.	
	Refined Sugar, the Cwt., five shillings.	
	Unrefined, or clay'd Sugar	Free
	Cigars—the thousand, ten shillings.	
	Manufactured and Leaf Tobacco, per pound, two pence.	
	Tobacco Stems, the Cwt., two shillings.	
	Coffec, the Cwt.,	Free
	Household Furniture manufactured from Wood, for every £100 of the true value thereof, Ten Pounds.	
	Ale, Beer, Cider, Porter and Perry, for every £100 of the true value thereof, Ten Pounds.	
	Goods, Wares and Merchandize, not otherwise enumerated, described or charged with Duty in this Act, and not herein declared to be Duty free—for every £100 of the true value thereof, five pounds.	

And the said Report having been read throughout,

Report adopted.

Resolved,—That this House concur with the Committee in the said Report.

Committee to prepare Revenue Bill.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, and the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, be a Select Committee to prepare and bring in a Revenue Bill in compliance with the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means.

Crown Lands Bill first Order of day for to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Committee of the whole on the Bill to provide for the sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands, be the first order of the day for to-morrow.

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



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1844.

Notice of Address for Returns from the Hospital and District Surgeons, &c.

MR. PRENDERGAST gave notice that, on Friday next, he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully praying that there may be laid before this House a Return and statement from the District Surgeon of St. John's, of the number and names of Sick Paupers attended to and treated by him as District Surgeon since his appointment, with a statement of the disease or illness in each case respectively.

Also a similar return from the Surgeon of the St. John's Hospital, distinguishing the cases of Lunacy from other cases.—Also a statement of the expenditure for the relief and support of permanent Paupers, with a statement of the Contingent Charges attending the distribution of the same since the first of July last—Also a statement of the apportionment of the general grant for the Poor of the Island.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to provide for the Sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands in this Colony and its Dependencies.

House in Committee on Crown Lands Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

Progress

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and that it be the first Order of the day.

And leave.

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



THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1844.

THE Hon. Mr. Row gave notice, for Saturday next, of the motion for leave to bring in a Bill to make further provisions for the Registry of Deeds, of which he had given notice for to-day.

Further notice of Registry of Deeds Bill.

Mr. NUGENT gave notice, for to-morrow, of the Bill to amend the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, of which he had given notice for to-day.

Further notice of Insolvent Debtors Act amendment Bill.

A Petition of Nicholas Roach and others, Inhabitants of Middle Cove & Outer Cove, was presented by Mr. PARSONS, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to repair the Road leading from the said places to Torbay.

Petition of Nicholas Roach and others, Middle Cove.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Roads and Bridges.

A Petition of James Purcell, School Teacher, at Brookfield, was presented by Mr. PARSONS, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for payment of arrears of Salary due to him, as a Teacher under the late Education Act.

Petitions of James Purcell, School Teacher, Brookfield.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

House in Committee on Crown Lands Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to provide for the Sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands in this Colony and its Dependencies.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress

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

And leave.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and that it be the first Order of the day.

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



FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1844.

Bill to amend Act for Relief of Insolvent Debtors Act, read first time.

MR. NUGENT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Act 4. W. 4, c. 11, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in execution, and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Printed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Address moved for Returns from District and Hospital Surgeons of St. John's.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. SIMON MORRIS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency Major-General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency :

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House a Return and Statement

from the District Surgeon of St. John's of the number and names of Sick Paupers attended to and treated by him as District Surgeon since his appointment, with a statement of the disease or illness in each case respectively. Also, a similar return from the Surgeon of the St. John's Hospital, distinguishing the cases of Lunacy from other cases. Also, a Statement of the expenditure for the relief and support of the permanent Paupers, with a statement of the Contingent Charges attending the distribution of the same since the first of July last; and a statement of the apportionment of the general grant for the Poor of the Island.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed, and that Mr. PRENDERGAST and Mr. SIMON MORRIS be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency. Committee to present it.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to provide for the Sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands in this Colony and its Dependencies. House in Committee on Crown Lands Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had further considered of the said Bill, and had made several amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in it at the Clerks table. Bill reported with further amendments.

And the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House. Amendments adopted.

On motion of the Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, seconded by the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON,

Ordered,—That the said Bill as now amended be re-printed for the use of the Members of this House. Bill as amended to be re-printed.

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



SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1844.

THE Hon. Mr. Row, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to make further provision for the Registry of Deeds—and the same was read a first time. Bill to make further provision for the Registry of Deeds, read a first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next. 2nd reading.

Printed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Petition of Board of Road Commissioners, Carbonear—as to Hearts Content Road.

A Petition of the Board of Road Commissioners of the Carbonear District was presented by Mr. HANRAHAN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to repair the road leading to Hearts Content, and to re-build certain Bridges thereon, which have been swept away by the late floods.

Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Petition of J. Fitzgerald and others, Western Bay, for a School House.

A Petition of John Fitzgerald and others, inhabitants of Western Bay, was presented by Mr. HANRAHAN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to enable Petitioners to build a School-house at Western Bay aforesaid.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of James Tucker and others, Broad Cove.

A Petition of James Tucker and others, inhabitants of Broad Cove, was presented by Mr. BARNES, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to repair the road leading to the said place.

Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Order of day for House in Committee of Roads and Bridges read—

The Order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Roads and Bridges, being read

The Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST, moved,

Motion to discharge Order of the day, and print the list of Petitions, made

That the said Order of the day be discharged, and that previous to going into Committee upon Roads and Bridges, an Abstract be made and printed of all the Petitions for grants in aid of those objects, and in order that Members may be in possession of the whole matters that will be brought under their consideration in Committee—which being put, passed in the negative.

and lost.

House in Committee of Roads and Bridges.

And pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Roads and Bridges.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTER took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

and leave., &c.
For Wednesday next.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next, and that it be the first Order of the day.

The Hon. Mr. KENT reported from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report what Laws are about to expire, that the Act 6, *Victoria, cap. 5*, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, and for repealing, &c., (existing Revenue Act,) will expire on the 5th day of July next. That the Act 6, *Victoria, cap. 3*, entitled "An Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly." And the Act 6, *Victoria, cap. 14*, entitled "An Act to amend and continue an Act passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of St. John's.'" And also the Act 6, *Victoria, cap. 16*, entitled "An Act to continue an Act made in the third year of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled 'An Act to amend the several Acts now in force relating to Light Houses,'" will expire at the termination of another Session, but as it appears to be usual to consider such Acts as annual ones, and to continue them from year to year, the Committee recommend that Bills should be introduced to continue the two latter Acts.

Report from Committee on Expiring Laws.

Ordered,—That the said Report do lie on the table.

To lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by NUGENT,

Ordered,—That the last Report of the Board of Controul laid before the House, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Last Report of the Board of Controul to be printed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Ordered,—That on Tuesdays and Fridays the Committee of Supply have precedence of all other Orders of the day.

Committee of Supply to take precedence on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Mr. BARNES gave notice that, on Tuesday next, he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a Return of all Money expended for Roads and Bridges as voted by the last Road Act, be laid before the House.

Notice of Address for further Returns of Road money expensed.

Then the House adjourned until Tuesday next at one of the clock.



TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1844.

A PETITION of Arthur Kavanagh and James Brian was presented by the Hon. Mr. BENNETT, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying payment of a sum of money awarded to them by Arbitrators, for land taken by the Board of Road Commissioners of St. John's for widening a road.

Petition of A. Kavanagh and James Brian.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to Committee of Supply.

Road Petitions presented.

The following Petitions for grants towards making and repairing Roads and Bridges were presented by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same were received and read, as follows :—

Patrick Ryan and others,
Logy Bay.

From Patrick Ryan and others, Logy Bay, praying for a grant to repair the Road from Ryan's Room to the School House.

Nicholas Gill and others,
King's Beach.

From Nicholas Gill and others, Inhabitants of St. John's, praying for a Grant of money to open a Drain from Duckworth Street down King's Beach to the Public Cove adjacent.

Jas. K. Moore and others
Mahon's Lane.

From James K. Moore and others, inhabitants of St. John's living in the neighbourhood of Mahon's Cove, praying for a Grant of money to repair and open a Drain in the said Cove.

Referred to Committee of
Roads and Bridges

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. SLADE,

Address moved for re-
turns of expenditure of
Road monies.

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

To His Excellency Major-General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency :

The General Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the Assembly a return of the aggregate amounts expended on the several Roads throughout the Island under the operation of the Road Act of the last session of the Legislature.

Committee to present the
same.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and that Mr. BARNES and Mr. SLADE be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Governor.

Petition of George Young
and others, Twillingate,
to deepen harbour.

A Petition of George Young and others, inhabitants of Twillingate, was presented by Mr. SLADE (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying that a sum of money may be granted towards deepening the Channel of the South West entrance of the said Harbour of Twillingate, which is become so shoal that at low water the smallest description of Fishing boats cannot pass through.

Referred to Committee of
Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Notice of Bills to conti-
nue Pilots Act, and Light
House Act.

The Hon. Mr. KENT gave notice that on Thursday next he would move for leave to bring in Bills to continue the Act concerning Pilots—and also the Act in reference to Light Houses.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

House in Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTER took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

Progress and leave.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

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



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1844.

THE Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB gave notice that, on Saturday next, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the abatement of Nuisances.

Notice of Nuisance Bill.

A Petition of James Tracey of St. John's was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for payment of a sum of money awarded by the Arbitrators as compensation for land of Petitioner's taken by the Board of Road Commissioners for the purpose of widening a road.

Petition of J. Tracey.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor, that His Excellency would receive the Committee appointed to present to him the Address praying for further returns of the Expenditure of Road Monies, to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

Time for receiving Address fixed.

Mr. PRENDERGAST from the Committee appointed to present to His Excellency the Governor the Address praying for certain returns from the District and Hospital Surgeons, reported that the Committee had presented the Address to His Excellency, and that in reply, His Excellency was pleased to say he would cause the required returns to be laid before the House.

Report of Committee to present Address for Returns from District Surgeon, &c.

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB,

2nd reading of Bill to amend Insolvent Debtors Act, first Order of day for to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in Execution, be the first Order of the day for to-morrow.

Petition of P. Brazil and others, Lazy Bank Road.

A Petition of Patrick Brazil and others, inhabitants of the town of St. John's, residing near the road leading from Water-street to Duckworth-street and thence to Lazy Bank Road, was presented by Mr. PARSONS, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to repair the said road.

Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Petition of J. Hollahan.

A Petition of Jeremiah Hollahan of St. John's was presented by Mr. PARSONS, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying compensation for ground taken for widening a road.

On table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Petition of John Christopher and others, Quidi Vidi.

A Petition of John Christopher and others, inhabitants of Quidi Vidi, was presented by Mr. PARSONS, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to enable Petitioners to clear away the obstructions at the mouth of the Harbor of Quidi Vidi.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of W. Button & others, North Shore.

A Petition of William Button and others, inhabitants of the North Shore of Conception Bay, was presented by the Hon. Mr. RIDLEY, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying for a grant of money to re-build the Bridge across the Salmon Cove River, lately carried away by the heavy floods.

Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

House in Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PRENDERGAST took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress and leave.

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

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Address to his Excellency the Governor, praying his Excellency to appoint Commissioners to investigate the claims of persons to compensation for land taken for making and widening Roads.

House in Committee on Address for appointment of Commissioners to investigate claims to compensation for land taken for roads.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Address, and had agreed to the same with an amendment which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he delivered the Address with the amendment in at the Clerks Table.

Address reported with an amendment.

And the said amended Address was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

Amended Address read.

To His Excellency Major-General Sir JOHN HARVEY, Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight, Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency :

A large number of Petitions having, during the last Session of the Legislature, been presented to the General Assembly, claiming compensation for ground taken from the Petitioners under the Statute Labor Act, for making and widening Streets and Roads by various Boards of Road Commissioners throughout the Island, and the Assembly being themselves unable without a great sacrifice of time to enquire into the merits of such Petitions, they request that your Excellency will be pleased to appoint Commissioners to investigate and report upon the claims of the said Petitioners, and of all other parties having similar claims as land taken under the like circumstances by the Commissioners under the Statute Labor Acts, in which case, the Assembly will, during the next Session, provide the necessary funds for the discharge of such of the said claims as may appear to be well founded and for defraying the expenses of the said enquiry.

Ordered,—That the Report of the said Committee be adopted.

Report of Committee adopted.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by a Committee for that purpose.

Address to be engrossed and presented.

Ordered,—That Mr. BARNES, and the Hon. Mr. NOAD, do form such Committee.

The Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, seconded by Mr. NUGENT, moved—

Motion that the Committee of Roads & Bridges be the first Order of the day for Monday, made & lost.

That the Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Roads and Bridges, be the first Order of the day for Monday next ;—which being put, passed in the negative.

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



THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1844.

Estimate of Repairs of Lock-up House at Carbonear laid before the House.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House an Estimate and Report of the repairs necessary for the Lock-up House and Sessions Room at Carbonear.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Document be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. NOAD, seconded by Mr. NUGENT.

Report of Commissioners of Light Houses to be printed and referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the Report of the Commissioners of Light Houses now lying on the Table, be printed for the use of the Members of this House, and that it be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Bill to continue the Act concerning Light Houses read a first time.

The Hon. Mr. KENT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to continue an Act, made in the third year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, “ An Act to amend several Acts now in force respecting Light Houses, and to make further provision for the said Light Houses, and to consolidate the Laws respecting the same ;—and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill to continue Pilots Act read a first time.

The Hon. Mr. KENT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend and continue an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “ An Act for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of St. John’s ;—and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Time for receiving Address fixed.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor, that His Excellency will receive the Committee appointed to present to him the Address praying for the appointment of Commissioners to investigate claims to compensation for land taken for Roads, to-morrow at twelve o’clock.

Bill to amend Insolvent Debtors Relief Act read 2nd time

Pursuant to the Order of the day, a Bill to amend the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in Execution, was read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

and committed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of a Bill for the better conduct of the Cod Fisheries of this Island, being read

Motion for the 2nd reading of Cod Fishery Bill.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved,

That the said Order of the day be postponed until to-morrow—whereupon,

Mr. MUNN, seconded by Mr. CARTER, moved in amendment,

That the said Order of the day be discharged, and that the said Bill be read a second time this day six months—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, seven; against it, six:—

Amendment to reject the Bill.

For the Amendment—

The Hon. Mr. Bennett
 “ “ Ridley
 Mr. Barnes
 “ Slade
 “ Munn
 “ Carter
 “ Glen

Against the Amendment—

The Hon. Mr. Dunscomb
 “ “ Morris
 “ “ Kent
 “ “ O'Brien
 Mr. Prendergast
 “ Nugent

Division:

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—That the said Order of the day be discharged, and the said Bill be read a second time this day six months.

Amendment carried and Bill rejected.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Address praying for Returns from the Northern Circuit Court.

House in Committee on Address for returns from N. C. Court.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GLEN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

And the Chairman reported that the Committee had risen for want of a quorum.

Committee rise for want of a Quorum.

Several members having retired, the names of those present were taken down as follows:

House counted and

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Glen, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Nugent.

And at half-past two o'clock, P. M. Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

Adjourned for want of a Quorum.



FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1844.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the same to the House.

Message from the Governor with correspondence on subject of maintenance of Light House on Cape Pine.

And the said Message was read by the Hon. Mr. SPEAKER, (all the Members being uncovered) and is as follows :—

MESSAGE :

J. HARVEY.

Message.

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly Copies of Despatches which he has received from the Governors of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, in reply to his application to them for assistance in supporting a Light-House on Cape Pine ; and also the copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley on the subject of the said Light House.

The Governor suggests to the Assembly the propriety of passing an Act for the support of the Light House in question, as the most satisfactory pledge to the Government, previous to its entering on so serious an undertaking.

Government House,
29th March, 1844.

The Documents annexed to the said Message were read by the Clerk.

(See *Appendix.*)

To lie on Table.

Ordered,—That the said Message and Documents do lie on the Table.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD,

Ordered to be printed.

Ordered,—That the said Message and Documents be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Petitions presented by order of the Governor.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency, presented to the House the following Petitions, viz. :—

William Andrews aged Constable Port-de-Grave.

A Petition of William Andrews of Port-de-Grave, Planter, setting forth, that he is eighty-four years of age during forty three of which he acted as a Constable at Port-de-Grave aforesaid—and praying in consideration of his age, services and infirmities that some relief may be granted to him.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Patience Lilly, Harbor Grace.

Also a Petition of Patience Lilly of Harbor Grace, Widow, to His Excellency the Governor, setting forth, that her husband, William Lilly, served for many years as an Ensign and Lieutenant in a Corps raised for the protection of Newfoundland in the year 1782, and subsequently, in the year 1795, he was Commissioned as a Lieutenant of the Newfoundland Fencible Infantry, and served in the same until it was disbanded. That her said husband died in the year 1809, since when the Petitioner has subsisted without any public aid—that she is now upwards of seventy-five years of age, and very destitute and infirm, and without any means of support—and praying for some small annual pension to relieve her extreme necessities.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

William Forsey and others, Grand Bank for a Breakwater.

Also a Petition of William Forsey and others, Inhabitants of Grand Bank in Fortune Bay, setting forth, that in consequence of the said Harbour being open to East and North-East Winds, all ingress to the same is at times prevented—that many losses occur, and great inconvenience accrues in consequence ; that

there is no good harbour within fifty miles of Grand Bank aforesaid, and praying for a grant of money to erect a Breakwater at the entrance of the said harbour for the purpose of improving the entrance to the said Harbour.

Ordered,—That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD also presented to the House, by command of his Excellency the Governor, a return of the aggregate amounts expended upon the several roads throughout the Island under the operation of the Road Act of the Legislature of last Session, (pursuant to an Address of the House.)

Return of amount expended under Road Act presented pursuant to Address.

(See *Appendix*.)

Ordered,—That the said Return be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Printed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

House in Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTER took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

Progress and leave &c.

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising a Revenue in compliance with the report of the Committee of the whole House on Ways and Means, reported that the Committee had prepared the draft of a Bill to continue for one year from the Fifth Day of July next the existing Revenue Act, and he presented the same to the House; and the said Bill was read a first time.

Bill to continue Revenue Act presented and read a first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

2nd Reading.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, seconded by Mr. CARTER.

Ordered,—That an abstract of the Petitions before the House, and referred to the Committee of Supply, be printed for the use of the Members of the House.

Abstract of Petitions before Committee of Supply to be printed.

The Hon. Mr. KENT gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency, praying for an estimate of the expense of maintaining a Light House on Cape Pine, and of the expediency of establishing a gong or bell on the said Cape as a warning in foggy weather.

Notice of Address for estimate of maintaining Light House on Cape Pine.

Also that on Tuesday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the maintenance of a Light House on Cape Pine.

Also of Bill to provide for the same.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1844.

ON motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Address moved for estimate of Expenses of maintaining Cape Pine Light House.

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, viz:—

To His Excellency Major-General Sir JOHN HARVEY, Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight, Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency :

The General Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to procure from the Commissioners of Light Houses, to be laid before the Assembly, an estimate of the probable expense of maintaining a Light House on Cape Pine. Also a report from the said Commissioners on the expediency of placing a bell or gong on Cape Pine for the purpose of warning vessels approaching that part of the coast in foggy weather, and an estimate of the probable expense of establishing and maintaining the same.

Engrossed.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency by a Committee for that purpose.

Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Mr. Kent and Mr. Hanrahan do form such Committee.

St. John's Academy Bill read 2nd time and

Pursuant to the Order of the day, a Bill to provide for the establishment of an Academy at St. John's, was read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS,

Committed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Bill to declare vacant Seats of Elected Member &c. read 2nd time and

Pursuant to the Order of the day, a Bill to declare vacant the Seats of elected Members of the General Assembly in certain cases, and to provide for the election of others in their stead, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS,

Committed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Order of the day for 2nd reading of St. John's Water Bill read,

The Order of the day, for the second reading of a Bill for providing the town of St. John's with a supply of Fresh Water, being read—

The Hon. Mr. RIDLEY, seconded by Mr. SLADE, moved,

That the said Order of the day be discharged, and the said Bill be read a second time this day six months—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven; against it, eight:—

Motion to discharge order of the day and reject the Bill.

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

The Hon. Mr. Kent
 “ “ Ridley
 Mr. S. Morris
 “ Barnes
 “ Benning
 “ Hanrahan
 “ Dillon
 “ Carter
 “ Munn
 “ Glen
 “ Slade

The Hon. the Attorney-General
 “ Mr. Thomas
 “ “ Noad
 “ “ Robinson
 “ “ O'Brien
 Mr. Nugent
 “ Prendergast
 “ Parsons

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Carried.

Ordered,—That the said Order of the day be discharged, and the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

and Bill rejected.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at one of the clock.



MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1844.

ON motion of the Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Ordered,—That the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in execution, be the first Order of the day for to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Insolvent Debtors Act Amendment Bill made first for to-morrow,

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

Documents presented by order of the Governor,

A Letter from Stephen Lawler, Esq., of Fogo, setting forth the great necessity for a Building at Fogo for the holding of the Courts, and of a Lock-up-House.

Letter of S. Lawler, relative to Lock-up-house, Fogo,

(*See Appendix.*)

Ordered,—That the said Document be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred Committee of Supply.

Also, a Memorial from James Finlay, Assayer of Weights and Measures for the District of St. John's, setting forth several defects in the Act to regulate the standard of Weights and Measures, and the great loss incurred by him in carrying the said Act into effect—and praying that some compensation may be made to him.

Memorial of J. Finlay.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply.

Petition of J. Templeman
& others, Portugal Cove
Cross-road,

A Petition of Joseph Templeman and others, owners or occupiers of land situate near the old Portugal Cove Road, was presented by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant to repair the Cross-road connecting the new with the old Portugal Cove Road.

Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Cape Pine Light House
Bill read 1st time.

The Hon. Mr. KENT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the maintenance of a Light-House on Cape Pine, and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Time for receiving Ad-
dress fixed.

The Hon. Mr. Speaker acquainted the House by command of His Excellency the Governor, that His Excellency will receive the Committee appointed to present to him the Address praying for certain Estimates to be furnished by the Light House Commissioners, to-morrow at twelve of the clock

Petitions against Amend-
ment of Constitution Bill.

Rev. J. P. Gleeson and
others, Carbonear.

A Petition of the Rev. J. P. Gleeson and others, Roman Catholic inhabitants of Carbonear, was presented by Mr. HANRAHAN, and the same was received and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners view with alarm a Bill brought into the House for amending the Constitution of Newfoundland, as it deprives them of their due proportion in the Representation of this Island in the General Assembly. That the Petitioners consider the Bill calculated to excite those political and religious discords (now happily subsiding) which will prove injurious to the interests and welfare of the Colony as well as the peace and harmony of society: Petitioners therefore humbly hope that the House will reject a Bill fraught with many evils to Her Majesty's loyal Catholic subjects of Newfoundland.

On table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

Rev. D. Mackin & others
Brigus.

A Petition of the Rev. Denis Mackin and others, Roman Catholics of Brigus, was presented by the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, and the same was received and read, setting forth, that a Bill has been introduced into the House entitled a Bill for amending the Constitution of Newfoundland, which the Petitioners consider insulting and oppressive to the Catholic inhabitants of Newfoundland. That Petitioners are convinced that if the said Bill become Law, the sacred principle of the Franchise will be infringed on, and that the Catholics of Newfoundland will be deprived of their just share in the Representation of the island—and praying, therefore, that a measure so incompatible with British Freedom and so injurious to their rights as British subjects, may not receive the sanction of the House.

On table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

Francis Lynch & others,
Harbor Grace.

A Petition of Francis Lynch and others, inhabitants of Harbor Grace, was presented by Mr. PRENDERGAST, and the same was received and read, setting forth, that in any arrangement that may be made for increasing the number of Representatives in the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, it is of the last importance that the original division of Districts should remain undisturbed. That by that division a due disposition and equitable distribution of the Representation of the Island was effected, and the extent of such division secured the Constituency from undue individual influence, while the principle of holding the Elections simultaneously, and in the principal Settlements, precludes the danger of any ten-

dency to confusion or turbulence. That the Bill now before the Assembly for amending the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland by the minute subdivision of Districts, is calculated to throw the representation generally into the hands of a few Mercantile Establishments, while, by an ingenious device, though the Catholics form a small majority in the representation, the Protestant minority are made an overwhelming majority: And praying, therefore, that the House will reject the Bill and suffer the original Constitution to be resumed by the expiration of the Imperial Act.

Petitions against Amendment of Constitution Bill.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

On table:

A Petition of the Rev. Edward O'Keefe and others, Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Harbor Main, was presented by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN and the same was received and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners view with alarm and dismay a Bill now before the House for amending the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland; that they regard the measure as one replete with injustice to Petitioners as well as all Her Majesty's Roman Catholic subjects in this Colony, that they are of opinion many evils may result from it, and praying therefore that the said Bill may not pass into a law.

Rev. Edward O'Keefe & others, Harbor Main:

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On table:

A Petition of John P. Mullooney and others, inhabitants of the District of St. John's, was presented by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, and the same was received and read, setting forth, that a form of Government bearing the impress of that imparted to the people of England by the British Constitution is the most conducive to the maintenance of public liberty—the best fitted to guard the interests and to promote the independence, happiness, and prosperity of the people; and that in bestowing upon Newfoundland a Constitution of that character, His late Majesty by His Royal Proclamation, established a division of the country into Districts calculated to give to all classes their due proportion of the Representation, while the extent of these Districts secured the Franchise from being affected by undue personal influence; and that the mode at present adopted of holding the Elections simultaneously at the principal Settlements in each, removes all apprehension of popular tumult or intimidation to affect the Returns. That the population of this Island by the Census of 1836, is represented as amounting to 75,094 of whom a majority profess the Roman Catholic Religion, the various denominations of Protestants constituting the minority, but although the original Constitution of Newfoundland equalized the representation between these two classes, a Bill now before the House proposes a minute subdivision of these Districts ingeniously contrived to give to the Protestant minority of the population an overwhelming majority in the Representative Branch of the Legislature, leaving the Catholic majority to be represented by a feeble minority. That a similar Bill to the present had passed the Legislature in 1834, and received the assent of the then Governor of the Colony for the avowed purpose of weakening the Catholic influence, and to which Bill the next succeeding Governor prayed the Secretary of State to procure her Majesty's Assent, even in part, professedly for the same unconstitutional purpose; but objectionable as that Bill was to the Catholic Population of this Island, and to every Protestant of enlightenment or liberality, as unjustly reflecting upon and grievously injuring a majority of the population, the present measure by proposing to increase the Protestant majority in the representation to an extent far beyond what was contemplated in the former, excites the reprobation of the public. That under these circumstances and because it is unwise and impolitic to enter upon a course of religious persecution in the present enlightened state of society, and because it is unjust in the extreme

J. P. Mullooney and others, St. John's:

and highly unconstitutional to seek to establish an ascendancy of the few over the many—to endeavour through the agency of a majority of persons composed of persons nominated by the Crown and unconstitutionally infused into the Assembly, and several of whom hold high offices under the Crown, and are removable from those offices at pleasure—to endeavour by a majority so constituted to effect the subjugation of the many to the domination of the few; and praying therefore that the House would reject the said Bill.

On Table

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Order of day for 2nd reading of amendment of Constitution Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of a Bill to amend the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland, being read—

Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. MUNN, moved—

Motion for the second reading, Debate thereon.

That the said Bill be now read a second time :—And a debate ensuing thereon,

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS—

Debate adjourned.

Ordered,—That the debate be adjourned.

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



TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1844.

Notice of Bill to regulate Seal Fishery.

MR. MUNN gave notice that on Tuesday next he would move for leave bring in a Bill to regulate the Seal Fishery.

Report of Committee to present Address for estimate of expense of Cape Pine Light House.

The Hon. Mr. KENT reported from the Committee to present to His Excellency the Address praying for an estimate of the expense of maintaining a Light House on Cape Pine, that the Committee had presented the said Address, and that in reply, His Excellency was pleased to say he would cause the estimate sought for to be laid before the House.

The Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB, seconded by Mr. NUGENT, moved—

Motion for going into Committee on Insolvent Debtors Act, amendment Bill

That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to amend the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in execution;—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, it passed in the affirmative.

Carried.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

House in Committee thereon.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress and leave.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration of the same;—and thereupon,

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST, moved—

That the House do now resolve itself again into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the said Bill ;—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, *nine* ; against it, *eleven* :

Motion thereon again to go into Committee on said Bill.

For the Motion.

Against the Motion.

The Hon. Mr. Kent
 “ “ Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. Nugent
 “ Prendergast
 “ Hanrahan
 “ Parsons
 “ S. Morris
 “ Dillon
 “ Benning

The Hon. the Attorney General.
 “ Mr. Thomas
 “ Mr Row
 “ Mr. Bennett
 “ Mr. Robinson
 “ Mr. Ridley
 Mr. Slade
 “ Barnes.
 “ Munn.
 “ Glen.
 “ Carter.

Division,

So it passed in the negative.

Motion lost.

Pursuant to Order the adjourned debate on the motion that the Bill to amend the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland, be read a second time—was resumed—

Adjourned debate resumed.

And the said debate being continued for some time—

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST, moved—

That the debate be adjourned :—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, *eight* ; against it, *eleven* :

Motion to adjourn the Debate.

For the Motion—

Against the Motion —

The Hon. Mr. Morris
 “ “ Mr. Kent
 “ “ Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. S. Morris
 Mr. Nugent
 Mr. Hanrahan
 Mr. Parsons
 Mr. Prendergast

The Hon. the Attorney-General
 “ Mr. Thomas
 “ Mr. Row
 “ Mr. Noad
 “ Mr. Bennett
 “ Mr. Robinson
 “ Mr. Ridley
 Mr. Glen
 “ Barnes
 “ Carter
 “ Munn.

Division.

So it passed in the negative.

Motion lost.

And thereupon, Mr. NUGENT seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST, moved,

Motion of adjournment.

That the House do now adjourn;—whereupon the House dividing, there appeared for the adjournment, *nine*; against it *twelve*.

For the Adjournment.

Against the Adjournment.

Division.

The Hon. Mr. Morris

“ Mr. Kent

“ Mr. O’Brien

Mr. S. Morris

Mr. Nugent

Mr. Hanrahan

Mr. Parsons

Mr. Prendergast

Mr. Dillon

The Hon. the Attorney General

“ Mr. Row

“ Mr. Noad

“ Mr. Bennett

“ Mr. Robinson

“ Mr. Ridley

“ Mr. Dunscomb

“ Mr. Thomas

“ Carter

“ Barnes

“ Munn

“ Glen.

Lost.

So it passed in the negative.

Galleries cleared,

And disorder having occurred in the gallery, by direction of the Hon. Mr. MR. SPEAKER, strangers were ordered to withdraw from the galleries.

And the Galleries having been accordingly cleared of strangers:—

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. O’BRIEN, moved,

Motion to re-admit strangers.

That Strangers be re-admitted to the Galleries:—whereupon the House divided as follows:—

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

Division thereon.

The Hon. Mr. Morris

“ “ Mr. O’Brien

Mr. Nugent

“ Prendergast

“ Hanrahan

“ Parsons

“ S. Morris

“ Dillon

The Hon. the Attorney-General

“ Mr. Thomas

“ Mr. Noad

“ Mr. Bennett

“ Mr. Robinson

“ Mr. Ridley

“ Mr. Dunscomb

“ Mr. Barnes.

“ “ Munn.

“ Glen.

“ Carter.

Motion lost.

So it passed in the negative.

Then on the motion of the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. RIDLEY,

Debate on the Bill, adjourned until to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Constitution of the Government of this Colony, be adjourned until to-morrow at a quarter past one o’clock.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1844.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD acquainted the House that he had four Messages from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the same to the House. And the said Messages were read by the Honourable Mr. SPEAKER (all the Members being uncovered) and are as follows:

Messages from His Excellency.

M E S S A G E :

J. HARVEY.

The Governor acquaints the House of Assembly that the sum of £500 voted in the last Session for the payment of School Masters, who had continued their Schools after the expiration of the late Education Act, has been expended in discharge of such claims as were laid before him, but that others of equally strong character have since been brought under his consideration.

On the subject of Additional Grant for Schoolmasters under late Education Act.

The Governor, therefore, suggests that the further sum of £200 should be placed at his disposal for the liquidation of these additional claims.

J. H.

Government-House, }
3rd April, 1844. }

Ordered,—That the said Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

M E S S A G E :

J. HARVEY.

In transmitting to the House of Assembly certain claims for remuneration for services performed and expenses incurred in taking the lists of voters for the current year, the Governor suggests to the House that the sum of £150 should be placed at his disposal to enable him to discharge these claims, and others of a similar character which may be expected from the different Districts of the Island.

For further Grant to defray charges for registration of Voters.

J. H.

Government-House, }
2nd April, 1844. }

For the Documents accompanying the said Message

(*See Appendix.*)

Ordered,—That the said Message and Documents be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

M E S S A G E :

J. HARVEY,

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly the amount of the Contingent Expenses of the Board of Controul, together with a Letter from its Chairman, —and recommends that provision be made both for such expenses and for the usual allowance to the Officers of that Board.

Contingent Expenses of Board of Controul.

J. H.

GOVERNMENT-HOUSE, }
2 April 1844. }

For the Letter and Documents accompanying the said Message.

(See Appendix.)

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Message and Documents be referred to the Committee of Supply.

MESSAGE.

J. HARVEY.

Transmitting Petitions of J. Templeman and C. Ayre, for increase of salary.

In transmitting to the House of Assembly the accompanying Petitions of Messrs. Templeman and Ayre, Clerks in the Secretary's Office, the Governor acquaints the House that, should the long and faithful services of these Gentlemen be considered as entitling them to an increase of their respective salaries, His Excellency will be ready to concur in any Grant for this purpose to an amount not exceeding £30 per annum.

and suggesting grant to protect from loss scientific authors.

His Excellency would also suggest the propriety of a sum not exceeding £15 per annum, being placed at his disposal, to enable him to protect from loss the person preparing an Almanac, or any other work of a character likely to be useful to the Colony.

Government-House,
2nd April, 1844.

J. H.

For the Memorials and Documents accompanying the said Message.

(See Appendix.)

Referred Committee Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Message and Documents be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Copy of Despatch in reply to Address of last Session relative to Salary of Judge of the Admiralty,

The Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, also presented to the House the copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to the Address of the House to Her Majesty, last Session, praying that a sum of money being a droit of the Admiralty may be applied in discharge of the arrears of the Salary of the late Judge Carter.

The said Letter was read by the Clerk.

(See Appendix.)

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie on the Table.

Letter of C. Benning, Esq., repairs of Burin Court House.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, also presented a copy of a Letter from Clement Benning, Esq., representing the necessity of a grant for repairing the Court-house at Burin.

(See Appendix.)

Referred to Committee Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Letter be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Adjourned Debate resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the adjourned Debate upon the motion that the Bill to amend the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland be read a second time, was resumed—

And after considerable time spent in debate thereon.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved.

That the debate be further adjourned until this day week;—and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, *eleven*; against it, *ten*.

Motion made that the debate be adjourned further for a week.

For the Motion

Against the Motion.

The Hon. Mr. Kent
 “ “ Mr. Ridley
 “ “ Mr. O’Brien
 Mr. Prendergast
 “ S. Morris
 “ Benning
 “ Munn
 “ Dillon
 “ Nugent
 “ Parsons
 “ Hanrahan

The Hon. the Attorney General
 “ “ Mr. Thomas
 “ “ Mr. Dunscomb
 “ “ Mr. Row
 “ “ Mr. Bennett
 “ “ Mr. Robinson
 “ Slade
 “ Carter
 “ Glen
 “ Barnes

Division

So it passed in the affirmative.

Motion carried.

A Petition of Robert Job and others, Inhabitants of the Town of St. John’s, was presented by the Hon. Mr. KENT, and the same was received and read, setting forth that Petitioners are desirous of introducing an improvement so generally enjoyed not only by towns in England and Ireland but by those in the surrounding Colonies, namely, that of Lighting this Town with Gas—That to facilitate this object the sum of £4000 and upwards has been already subscribed for in shares of Ten Pounds each. That Petitioners being desirous of proceeding in their work with the least possible delay, and feeling confident of the fostering care of the Legislature in promoting so general a benefit, they pray the House to pass an Act of Incorporation to enable the Gas Light Company of St. John’s to proceed with safety in so interesting an undertaking.

Petition of R. Job and others for Act to Incorporate Joint Stock Gas Company.

Ordered—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On table.

The Hon. Mr. KENT gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate a Gas Light Company in the Town of St. John’s.

Notice of Gas Light Company Bill.

Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST, moved.

That the House do adjourn until this day week at one o’Clock :

Motions to adjourn and amendments

And thereupon the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved in amendment—

That the House do adjourn until Saturday next at one of the Clock—which being put passed in the negative.

The question upon the original motion was then put, and passed in the affirmative.

And the House adjourned until this day week at one of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1844.

House meet

THE House met pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Commissioners on probable amount of annual expense of Cape Pine Light House.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD presented to the House by command of His Excellency the Governor, in compliance with an Address of the House a Report from the Commissioners of Light Houses, on the subject of the probable annual expense of maintaining a Light House and establishing a Bell on Cape Pine.

(See Appendix.)

Documents laid before the House.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD also presented to the House by command of His Excellency the Governor (in compliance with an Address of the House) the following Documents, viz :

Appropriation of Poor Grant.

Return of the appropriation of the Grant for the Poor of the Island.

Statement of Expenditure for aged, infant and idiot Paupers,

Statement of Monies paid for the support of aged, infant and idiot Paupers, with incidentals, between the 1st July and 30th September, 1843.

Statement of Expenditure for aged, infant and idiot Paupers,

Statement of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for aged, infant and idiot Paupers between the 1st of October and 31st December, 1843.

Return of paupers in St. John's Hospital at the expense of the colony, and attended by Hospital Surgeon.

Return of all Pauper Patients which have been placed in the St. John's Hospital, (at the expense of the Colony) and attended by the Surgeon of the said Hospital between the 1st July, 1843, and 30th March, 1844, distinguishing Lunatics from other cases.

Return from the District Surgeon.

Return of Sick Paupers attended by the District Surgeon since his appointment

For the said Documents—

(See Appendix.)

On table.

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie on the Table.

Petition of T. M'Grath and others, St. John's.

A Petition of Thomas McGrath and others, Inhabitants of St. John's, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Noad, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose,) and the same was received and read, praying that a Sum of money may be granted to repair Flahavan's Lane in the Town of St. John's.

Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

On motion of the Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD,

3rd reading of Crown Lands Bill for Saturday.

Ordered,—That the Crown Lands Bill be read a third time on Saturday next, and that it be the first Order of the day.

Gas Light Incorporation Bill read 1st time.

The Hon. Mr. KENT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to Incorporate a Gas Light Company in the town of St. John's, and the same was read a first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be printed for the use of the members of this House.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned Debate upon the motion for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland, was resumed—and thereupon,

Adjourned debate resumed on motion for 2d reading of Constitution Bill.

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, moved,

That the Order of the day for the second reading of the said Bill be discharged—and a debate ensuing thereon,

Motion thereon that the order of day be discharged

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS, moved,

That the House do now adjourn ;—and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eight ; against it, ten :

Motion thereon to adjourn.

For the Adjournment—

Against the Adjournment—

The Hon. Mr. Kent
 “ “ Mr. O’Brien
 Mr. Nugent
 “ Parsons
 “ Benning
 “ Hanrahan
 “ S. Morris
 “ Dillon

The Hon. the Attorney-General
 “ Mr. Noad
 “ “ Bennett
 “ “ Robinson
 “ “ Ridley
 Mr. Barnes
 “ Glen
 “ Munn
 “ Carter
 “ Slade

Division.

So it passed in the negative.

And the House having sat until after 12 o’clock at night—

Adjournment lost.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1844.

AND the question being put upon the motion that the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill be discharged, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eight ; against it, eleven :

Question put for discharging Order of the day

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

The Hon. Mr. Kent
 “ “ O’Brien
 “ Nugent
 “ Parsons
 “ Benning
 “ Hanrahan
 “ S. Morris
 “ Dillon

The Hon. the Attorney-General
 “ Mr. Dunscomb
 “ “ Noad
 “ “ Bennett
 “ “ Robinson
 “ “ Ridley
 Mr. Barnes
 “ Glen
 “ Munn
 “ Carter
 “ Slade

Division.

So it passed in the negative.

Lost.

Disorder having occurred in the Galleries, by direction of the Hon. Mr. Speaker, the Galleries were cleared of Strangers.

Galleries cleared.

And Strangers having retired,

The Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by NUGENT, moved,

Motion that the doors be opened

That the doors be opened—and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine ; against it, ten :

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

Division.

The Hon. Mr. Dunscomb

The Hon. the Attorney-General

“ Mr. Kent

“ Mr. Noad

“ Mr. O’Brien

“ “ Bennett

Mr. Nugent

“ “ Robinson

“ Parsons

“ “ Ridley

“ Benning

Mr. Barnes

“ Hanrahan

“ Glen

“ S. Morris

“ Munn

“ Dillon

“ Carter

“ Slade

Lost.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. MUNN, seconded by the Hon. Mr. BENNETT, then moved,

Previous question moved

That the question upon the main motion be now put :—whereupon,

The Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. O’BRIEN, moved,

Second motion that the doors be opened

That the doors be opened :—which being put, the House divided thereon as follows :—

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

Division.

The Hon. Mr. Dunscomb

The Hon. the Attorney-General

“ “ Kent

“ Mr Noad

“ “ O’Brien

“ “ Bennett

“ Nugent

“ “ Robinson

“ Parsons

“ “ Ridley

“ Benning

Mr. Barnes

“ Munn

“ Carter

Lost

So it passed in the negative.

The Hon. Mr. O’BRIEN, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT, then moved,

That the House do now adjourn—whereupon the House divided as follows:—

Adjournment moved.

For the Adjournment—

Against the Adjournment—

Division.

The Hon. Mr. Kent

The Hon. the Attorney-General

“ Mr. O’Brien

“ Mr. Noad

Mr. Nugent

“ “ Bennett

“ Parsons

“ “ Robinson

“ Benning

“ “ Ridley

“ Hanrahan

Mr. Barnes

“ S. Morris

“ Glen

“ Dillon

“ Munn

“ Carter

“ Slade

So it passed in the negative.

Motion of Adjournment lost.

And the question being put—“ that the question on the main motion be now put”—

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS, moved,

That the debate be adjourned:—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eight; against it, ten.

Motion to adjourn the debate made and lost.

So it passed in the negative.

And further discussion having ensued—

On motion of Mr. BARNES, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD,

Ordered,—That the debate be adjourned until two o’clock, P. M., this day.

Debate adjourned.

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. O’BRIEN, moved,

That the House do adjourn until Friday at one o’clock—whereupon

Motion to adjourn until Friday.

The Hon. Mr. RIDLEY, seconded by Mr. BARNES, moved in amendment,

That the House do adjourn until two o’clock, P. M., this day.

Amendment to adjourn until 2 p. m.

Which being put, passed in the affirmative.

And the House adjourned accordingly.



THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1844.

THE House met at two o’clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Bill for abatement of Nuisances read 1st time.

The Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for the more speedy abatement of Nuisances—and the same was read a first time.

Petition of Michael Dyer and others, Logy Bay.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Saturday next.

A Petition of Michael Dyer and others, inhabitants of Logy Bay, was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read—praying for a grant towards repairing a portion of the road leading to Logy Bay.

Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Petition of W. W. Bemister and others Conception Bay, against Outport administration of Justice Bill.

A Petition of William W. Bemister and others, inhabitants of the District of Conception Bay, was presented by Mr. MUNN, and the same was received and read, setting forth, that if the change in the Administration of Justice in the Outports be made, as contemplated by the Bill now before the House, it will, in the opinion of Petitioners, operate unfairly and partially upon the Administration of Justice in the said District. The only complaint of the present system which Petitioners have to make, is the too early closing of the Circuit Court in the autumn—Petitioners are also of opinion that the present jurisdiction of the Courts of Session is amply large, and any extension of it would but lead to increased litigation and endless appeals. That the present system of Registering Deeds is highly approved of, and any change would cause much dissatisfaction—and praying that the present mode of administering Justice and of Registering Deeds may not be altered.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

Petition of Gerge Ellidge and others Conception Bay in favour of Constitution Bill.

A Petition of George Ellidge and others, inhabitants of the District of Conception Bay, was presented by the Hon. Mr. RIDLEY, and the same was received and read, setting forth, that at a period when the best interests and future prosperity of the Colony are so deeply involved in the proceedings and determinations of the House upon the Bill now before it for amending the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland, the Petitioners beg to represent that the experience of the past has afforded them incontrovertible proof of the inefficiency of the Constitution in its past and present A malgamated form to meet the existing necessities of the people. To provide a suitable remedy for an evil so justly and generally deplored, and that the inhabitants may be enabled constitutionally to express their wants and wishes thro' the medium of Representatives residing and possessing an extensive and individual interest in their respective Districts, Petitioners implore the House to support and pass into law the Bill introduced by the Hon. Member for Trinity as a measure in the opinion of Petitioners eminently calculated to extend to the Inhabitants of every settlement of this Colony a just participation in the blessings of the Constitution and secure to them the enjoyment of their civil and religious liberties.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Order of day read for resuming adjourned debate.

The Order of the day for resuming the adjourned debate on the motion that the Bill to amend the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland be read a second time, being read—

Mr. BARNES, seconded by the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, moved that it be—

Motion thereon that the Bill be withdrawn.

Resolved—That as the question now before the House for the second reading of the Bill for amending the Constitution of the Government of this Colony has been some time under discussion, and the debate thereon has been several times adjourned; and as the Session now drawing to a close does not afford sufficient time to perfect the said Bill should its second reading be carried, it is the opinion of this House that it would be inexpedient to prolong further discussion upon it at the present time, and that the introducer of the Bill be permitted to withdraw the same:—

Which being put, passed in the affirmative—and

Motion carried.

Ordered,—Accordingly.

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



FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1844.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council confirming the Revenue Act of last Session and the Act for the commutation of Fees of the office of Sheriff—for which

Order in Council confirming Revenue and Sheriff's Fees Acts.

(See Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said Document do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the same to the House; and the said Message was read by the Hon. Mr. Speaker (all the members being uncovered) and is as follows:—

Message from Governor enclosing Letter for Chairman of Road Commissioners St. John's, as to actions of trespass brought against him.

M E S S A G E .

J. HARVEY.

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a letter from the Chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners for the District of St. John's, and recommends that provision should be made in either the Road Bill or the Appropriation Bill for cases of the description adverted to in this Letter.

J. H.

Government House, }
April 11, 1844. }

The Document accompanying the said Message was read by the Clerk; for which—

(See Appendix.)

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered—That the said Message and Document be referred to the Committee of Supply.

House in Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTER took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress and leave.

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

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

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



SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1844.

Petition of Geo. Lilly and others, St. John's.

A PETITION of George Lilly and others, inhabitants of Gower Street, in the town of St. John's, was presented by Mr. CARTER, and the same was received and read, setting forth the unfinished state of the repairs in the said Street, and the great danger to passengers as well as inconvenience to the neighboring residents in consequence—and praying for redress on the premises.

On Table,

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

Message from Governor with Report of Executive Council on the protection of the Fisheries.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the same to the House—and the said Message was read by the Hon. Mr. Speaker (all the Members being uncovered), and is as follows :

M E S S A G E .

J. HARVEY.

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a Report made by a Committee of the Executive Council on the “ means it may be necessary to adopt for the protection of the Fisheries on the South-west coasts of this Island ;” and recommends this very important subject to the serious consideration of the Legislature.

J. H:

Government House, }
April 11, 1844. }

Report read,

The Report accompanying the said Message was read by the Clerk—for which

(See Appendix.)

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON gave notice that, on Wednesday next, he would move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Message.

Notice of Committee of whole House on said Message.

A Petition of Richard Parmiter and others, inhabitants of Kelligrews, was presented by Mr. HANRAHAN, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant to repair the main road leading through Kelligrews aforesaid.

Petition of Richard Parmiter and others, Kelligrews.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Roads and Bridges.

A Petition of the Rev. T. F. H. Bridge and others, inhabitants of St. John's, was presented by the Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, and the same was received and read, setting forth, that Petitioners have learned that a Bill is now before the Legislature to provide out of the funds of the Colony for the establishment of an Academy upon the avowed principle of excluding therefrom all religious instruction—That Petitioners feel bound to record their dissent from any system of Education which shall involve the neglect of the religious principles of any portion of the youth of this country, and especially at that period of life when the mind is most susceptible of impressions whether of good or evil. That while Petitioners concede to others full religious liberty, they respectfully, tho' firmly, demand for their children "that early instruction in the faith and fear of the Lord which is only to be found in the Scriptures, and to which every child that is born in a christian land has an undoubted right." Petitioners, therefore, earnestly pray the House not to pass the said Bill in its present shape, which will have the effect of excluding religion from the only public Seminary for learning about to be established in this town.

Petition of T. F. H. Bridge and others, against the Academy Bill.

Ordered,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

On Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

House in Committee of Supply,

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTER took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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

Progress

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at one of the clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1844.

Crown Lands Bill read a 3rd time.

PURSUANT to the Order of the day, an engrossed Bill to make provision for the sale and disposal of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Lands in Newfoundland and its Dependencies, was read a third time—and thereupon.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. NOAD, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT—

Resolved,—That the Fourteenth Section of the Bill be expunged, and the following be substituted for the same, as the Fourteenth Section,—viz :

New Section substituted for the 14th one.

“ And be it further enacted, that all Persons who, previous to the 1st January, 1840, had been by themselves or their Tenants, and since then and until the passing of this Act, shall have continued to be in the *bona fide* occupation of any ungranted land and who shall have made meritorious improvements thereon, and who shall within the period of Four Years from and after the time of the passing of this Act apply to have the same surveyed by the proper Officer appointed by the Governor for that purpose, shall be entitled to hold the same and they are hereby confirmed in the possession thereof, and shall upon application be further entitled to receive a grant for the same, subject only to the charge named in the Sixteenth Section of this Act: Provided always that the quantity of Land so to be given as aforesaid, shall not in the case of any one person be permitted to exceed 20 Acres, unless the same shall have been brought into a state of cultivation; Provided, that nothing herein contained shall affect the interests of parties disputing the right to the possession of any such Land as aforesaid, and provided further that unless the parties occupying such land as aforesaid, shall within the period of 8 Years from the passing of this Act, apply for, and take up, such Grant as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Crown to resume possession of the said Land upon giving to the occupant or person claiming possession thereof 12 Months notice in writing of the intention to resume such possession.”

And the said Amendment was made at the Clerks table accordingly—

On motion of the Hon. Mr. NOAD, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT—

Bill passed.

Title.

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be “ An Act to make provision for the disposal and sale of unoccupied and ungranted Crown Lands within the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and for other purposes.”

House in Committee on Insolvent Debtors Act Amendment Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to amend the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in execution.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments adopted.

Ordered,—That the said Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Bill to be engrossed, &c.

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



TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1844.

THE Hon. Mr. NOAD acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency, and he presented the same to the House—and the said Message was read by the Hon. Mr. Speaker (all the Members being uncovered) and is as follows:—

Message from the Governor transmitting Petition of Dr. Kielley, and documents in reference to costs of Suit Kielley v. Carson and others.

M E S S A G E .

J. HARVEY.

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a Petition of Edward Kielley, Esq., praying that the Costs incurred by him in the Suit of Kielley *versus* Carson and others, may be defrayed from the Public Funds of the Colony.

The Governor recommends this Petition to the favourable consideration of the Legislature, on the same grounds as were expressed in his Message of last Session when bringing one of a similar character, from Mr. Kent, under its consideration.

Government House, }
April 16, 1844. }

For the Documents accompanying the said Message—

(See *Appendix*.)

Ordered—That the said Message and Documents be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply.

A Petition of Laurence Murphy, Ferryman at Salmonier, was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying compensation for his services for a number of years past in affording accommodation to the public gratuitously as Ferryman at Salmonier.

Petition of L. Murphy, Ferryman, Salmonier.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature during the present Session.

Notice of Select Committee on Contingencies.

Governor's assent to appropriation for Contingencies signified.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD also acquainted the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor, that His Excellency assents to the House making such appropriations as may be deemed necessary for defraying the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. NUGENT.

Message and Documents relative to Kielley versus Carson to be printed.

Ordered,—That the Message of His Excellency, this day presented, and all the Documents in reference to the expenses in the case of *Kielley v. Carson* be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. SIMON MORRIS, seconded by Mr. NUGENT.

Petition of T. Hickey referred to Committee of Supply

Ordered—That the Petition of Thomas Hickey, Ferryman at Placentia, now lying on the Table of the House be referred to the Committee of Supply.

House in Committee of Supply

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTER took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress and leave.

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

Ordered,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

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



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1844.

ON motion of the Hon. Mr. NOAD, seconded by Mr. NUGENT.

Select Committee upon Contingencies of Legislature appointed

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature during the present Session.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Mr. NOAD, Mr. NUGENT, and Mr. GLEN, do form such Committee.

Hospital Dues appropriation Bill, read 2nd time,

Pursuant to the Order of the day, a Bill to appropriate certain monies stopped and detained under the provision of the Act for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen, Fishermen, and not appropriated, was read a second time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Committed

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the more efficient Administration of Justice in the Outports being read—

Order of day read

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by Mr. CARTER, moved,

That the said Bill be now read a second time—whereupon the House divided as follows :—

Motion for 2nd reading of Outport Administration of Justice Bill.

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

Division

The Hon. the Attorney-General
 “ Mr. Thomas
 “ “ Bennett
 “ “ Robinson
 Mr. Barnes
 “ Glen
 “ Carter

The Hon. Mr. Morris
 “ “ Kent
 Mr. Nugent
 “ S. Morris
 “ Hanrahan
 “ Benning
 “ Parsons

And the House being equally divided, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in favour of the motion—

Mr Speaker gives his casting vote in favor of the motion, and Bill read a second time

So it passed in the affirmative, and the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

and committed

Pursuant to the Order of the day, a Bill to prevent the importation of Spurious Copper and the circulation thereof in this Colony, and to provide a sufficient Copper Coinage for the same, was read a second time.

Copper Coinage Bill read a second time,

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

and committed

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. MORRIS,

Ordered,—That the Reports of the Judges of the Supreme Court and of Her Majesty's Attorney-General in 1831, on the state of the Administration of Justice be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Report of the Judges and Attorney-General on the Judicature in 1831 to be printed

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to declare the relative rights of Merchants, Planters, and Fishermen, and to explain the laws in force for regulating the Fisheries, &c.

House in Committee on the Fishery bill

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. GLEN took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Committee rise without reporting.

And the Committee rose without making any report.

Motion for going into Committee of Supply to-morrow.

Mr. GLEN, seconded by the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, moved, That the House do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Supply granted to Her Majesty—whereupon

Amendment that Friday and Saturday be specially set down for Supply.

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. NUGENT, moved in amendment,

Amendment carried.

That on Friday and Saturday next the Committee of the whole on Supply do stand first on the Orders of the day.

Which being put passed in the affirmative—and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by Mr. CARTER, moved,

Motion that the Governor's Message on the Fisheries be the first Order of the day for to-morrow—
Carried by casting vote of Mr. Speaker.

That the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency's Message relative to the protection of the Fisheries be the first Order of the day for to-morrow;—which being put, and the House being equally divided, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, and so it passed in the affirmative—and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

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



THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1844.

Petition of Curators of Agricultural Museum.

A PETITION of Andrew Milroy and Henry Hunt Stabb, Curators of the Museum of the Agricultural Society, was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of His Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, setting forth, the great utility of the said Institution to the interests of Science in general no less than to the promotion of Agriculture—and praying a grant in aid of the objects of the same.

Referred to Supply.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of the Reporter of the "Morning Post."

A Petition of Thomas J. Pope, Reporter of the "Morning Post" Newspaper, was presented by the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, and the same was received and read, setting forth, that during the current Session of the Legislature the Petitioner has fully and faithfully reported the Debates of the House, which now appear in the "Morning Post," in a continuous and compact form, and have been copied by the majority of the Newspapers in the Colony—That Petitioner's labours have been constant and arduous, and for which he solicits such compensation as the House may deem reasonable.

Referred to Contingency Committee.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee upon Contingencies.

A Petition of William James Ward and Joseph Woods, Proprietors of the "Morning Post" Newspaper, was presented by Mr. GLEN, and the same was received and read, setting forth, that Petitioners had made extensive arrangements for publishing the Report of the Debates of the House, in their paper which is issued three times a week, and had already published upwards of Two Hundred and Fifty columns of the original Debates and proceedings of the House—and praying such remuneration for the same as the House may deem just.

Petition of Proprietors of the "Morning Post."

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee upon Contingencies.

Referred to Contingency Committee.

Pursuant to Order an engrossed Bill to amend the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in Execution was read a third time—and thereupon

Bill to amend Insolvent Debtors Relief Act read 3rd time.

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB, moved that the following Section be added as a Ryder to the Bill, viz. :—

Additional Section moved as a Ryder.

And be it further enacted that in case any Debtor who shall be brought up for examination and discharge before any Court or Judge as aforesaid, shall wilfully refuse to deliver up to his Trustees any Money, Property, Deeds, Accounts, Books or other Documents pursuant to any order of such Court or Judge, it shall and may be lawful for such Court or Judge to remand to prison such debtor, from time to time, until he shall conform to such order of the said Court or Judge.

Which being put passed in the affirmative—and

The said Section having been read three several times, was added to the Bill accordingly.

Adopted and added,

The Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, seconded by the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, then moved that the following Section be added as a Ryder to the Bill, viz. :—

Further Section moved as a Ryder.

And be it further enacted, that if any such debtor or debtors shall, before or after his or their imprisonment, being in insolvent circumstances, voluntarily convey, assign, transfer, charge, deliver or make over any estate, real or personal, or any money, security for money, property, goods or effects whatsoever to any creditor or creditors, every such conveyance, assignment, transfer, charge, delivery and making over shall be deemed and is hereby declared to be fraudulent and void, as against any Trustees to be appointed under the aforesaid Act: Provided always that no such conveyance, assignment, transfer, charge, delivery, or making over shall be deemed fraudulent and void, unless made within three months before the commencement of such imprisonment, or with the view or intention by the party so conveying, assigning or transferring, charging, delivering or making over, of petitioning the said Court for his discharge from custody under the said Act.

Which being put, passed in the negative.

and lost.

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB,

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the Title be an An Act to amend the Law for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in execution.

Bill passed.
Title.

House in Committee on Governor's Message relative to protection of the Fisheries.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Message of His Excellency the Governor, transmitted to the House on Saturday last, on the subject of the protection of the Fisheries on the Southern and Western Coasts of this Island.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. SLADE took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Resolutions reported from the Committee.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions therein which they had directed him to report to the House: and he delivered the said resolutions in at the Clerks table, where they were again read, and are as follows:

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Trade and Fisheries of this Colony are seriously injured by the traffic in Bait, which is carried on between the British Fishermen in Newfoundland and the subjects of Foreign States.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a duty of Fifteen Shillings per barrel, as well packed as in bulk, be imposed upon all fresh, pickled or salted Caplin (not dried) exported from any place within the Government of Newfoundland; and that no herrings be exported therefrom except in tierces, barrels, or half-barrels, and packed, inspected, and headed pursuant to the provisions of the Act to regulate the packing and inspection of Pickled Fish for exportation.

Resolved,—That an humble Address be presented to the Governor, submitting to His Excellency the propriety of his issuing a Proclamation, declaratory of the existing laws against the illicit trade in Bait between the subjects of the British Crown in Newfoundland and the subjects of Foreign States.

Resolved,—That a dutiful Petition be presented by this House to Her Gracious Majesty, urgently pressing upon Her Majesty the necessity of placing two or three small armed vessels, or a Steamer, upon this station to protect the British Fisheries on the Western and Southern Shores of Newfoundland.

Resolutions adopted

And the said Resolutions having been severally read a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN,

Select Committee to prepare Addresses

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare the Addresses mentioned in the said Resolutions.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Messrs. Robinson, O'Brien, and Bennett be a Committee for that purpose.

Colonial House act amendment Bill read 2nd time

Pursuant to Order, a Bill to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of His late Majesty's Reign entitled "An Act for the erection of a Colonial Building in the town of St. John's, and the raising by loan of a sum of money for that purpose," was read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Row, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow. and committed.

Pursuant to order a Bill to incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Bank, was read a second time. Bank incorporation Bill read 2nd time and committed,

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Row, seconded by Mr. BARNES.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Pursuant to order a Bill to incorporate a Company under the style and title of the St. John's Gas Company was read a second time. Gas Company, Bill read 2nd time and committed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. NUGENT.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow. Registry of Deeds Amendment Bill read 2d time and committed,

Pursuant to order a bill to amend the laws now in force for the Registering of Deeds in this colony, was read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Row, seconded by the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, a Bill to continue an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of St. John's," was read a second time ; Bill to continue Pilots Act read second time and committed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, a Bill to continue an Act made in the third year of the Reign of her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to amend several Acts now in force respecting Light Houses, and to make further provision for the said Light Houses and to consolidate the Laws respecting the same," was read a second time. Bill to continue Light Houses Act read second time and committed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. DILLON.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, a Bill for the maintenance of a Light House on Cape Pine was read a second time. Cape Pine Light House Bill read second time and committed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. NUGENT.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, a Bill to continue an Act passed in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies, Bill to continue Revenue Act, read second time & committed.

and for repealing, from and after the Fifth Day of July next, an Act passed in the present session of the Legislature, entitled an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, and to revive certain parts of an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of her said Majesty, entitled an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, was read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. THOMAS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. MORRIS,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Notice of motion for Select Committee on Petition for Light House on Wadham Island.

Mr. SLADE gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move that the petition of William Tucker and others, praying for the establishment of a Light House on the Wadham Islands, be referred to a Select Committee to enquire into and report on.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1844.

Petition for a Light House on the Wadham Islands referred to a Select Committee to report upon.

ON motion of Mr. SLADE, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

Resolved,—That the Petition of William Tucker and others, praying for the establishment of a Light House on the outer Wadham Islands be referred to a Select Committee to enquire into and report upon the utility and practicability of establishing a Light House on the said Islands.

Nuisance Bill read second time and committed.

Ordered,—That Mr. SLADE, Mr. CARTER, and the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, do form such committee.

Pursuant to order a bill for the more speedy abatement of nuisances was read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB, seconded by Mr. SLADE,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. SLADE,

Presentment of the Grand Jury of Greenspond relative to a Lock-up-House there referred to Committee of Supply.

Ordered,—That the presentment of the Grand Jury at Greenspond, sent to the House last Session, relative to a Lock-up-House at Greenspond, aforesaid, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to the order of the day the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the supply granted to Her Majesty.

House in Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. CARTER took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress.

Ordered,—That the said committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1844.

PURSUANT to order, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the supply granted to Her Majesty.

House in Committee of Supply.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. CARTER took the chair of the committee.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress.

Ordered,—That the said committee have leave to sit again accordingly.

Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at one of the clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1844.

A Petition of James Mulloy, and others, inhabitants of Fermeuse, was presented by Mr. Glen, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor for that purpose) and the same was re-

Petition of James Mulloy and others Fermeuse.

ceived and read, praying for a grant of money to open up a Branch Road from the Harbor of Fermeuse to the River Head, for the purpose of joining the same with the main line of road to Renewse, and thereby connect the two harbours.

Referred to Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Ordered,—That the said petition be referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

Petition of James O'Neil, Fermeuse.

A Petition of James O'Neil and others, inhabitants of Fermeuse, was presented by Mr. GLEN (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor for that purpose), and the same was received and read, praying for a grant to build a Bridge by embankment at the River-head of Aqualorte, in the place surveyed by Mr. Byrne, as being in the more desirable line of communication between Ferryland and Renewse; as the crossing of Aqualorte harbour by means of a Ferry Boat has been attended with great inconvenience and danger; and praying also for a grant to improve the main line of road along the shore to Trepassey.

Referred to committee of Roads and Bridges,

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Roads and Bridges.

Despatch from Secretary of State relative to Act for abolition of Oaths laid before the House.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD, by command of his Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the copy of a despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to an Act of last Session, abolishing the Oaths now by Law to be taken by Members of the Legislature, and substituting an Oath of allegiance instead thereof—and the same was read by the Clerk,

(See Appendix.)

On table.

Ordered,—That the said document do lie on the table.

Notice of Address on the subject thereof.

Mr. NUGENT gave notice that to-morrow he would move that a committee be appointed to prepare an Address to her Majesty on the subject of the said despatch.

Intimation of His Excellency's intention to prorogue the Legislature on Saturday.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House, by command of his Excellency the Governor, that it was his Excellency's intention to prorogue the present Session of the Legislature on Saturday next.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1844.

House in Committee of Supply.

PURSUANT to the order of the day the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the supply granted to Her Majesty.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. CARTER took the chair of the committee.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Progress.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the said committee have leave to sit again accordingly.

On motion of Mr. SLADE, seconded by Mr. GLEN,

Ordered,—That the petition of W. Q. Harris, now lying on the table of the House be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition of W. Q. Harris referred to Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Ordered,—That the petition of the inhabitants of Harbour Grace, for a grant to open a middle street in the said town be referred to the committee of supply.

Petition from Harbour Grace referred to Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Mr. BENNING,

Ordered,—That the petition of Felix McCarthy and Edward Dwyer be referred to the Commissioners appointed to investigate the claims of persons for compensation for land taken for roads.

Petition of F. McCarthy and E. Dwyer referred to Committee of Supply.

The hon. Mr. NOAD reported from the select committee appointed to investigate and report upon the contingent expenses of the Legislature during the present Session, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was again read and is as follows :

Report of Select Committee on Contingent Expenses of the Legislature

The Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the contingent expenses of the General Assembly during the present Session, beg leave to report that they have examined into the following accounts submitted to them, and they find them to be correct, viz. :—

Proprietors of the Newfoundlander for printing the Journals :—			
Balance due from Journals of last year	£178	0	0
Estimate for those of present Session	120	0	0
Messrs. Ryan & Withers, account for printing bills and papers			£298 0 0
Henry Winton, binding Journals			175 7 0
A. McIver & Co., stationery	12	15	5
Ditto ditto account for arrears to last House of Assembly	23	2	3
McCoubrey Brothers, account for stationery			35 17 5
McMurdo & Co. do. do.			1 4 4
W. Freeman, account Carpenter's work			2 3 7
Samuel Creed, account Cabinet-maker's work			67 13 4
James K. Moore, account painting and gilding			17 11 0
Thomas M'Grath's account Smith's work			5 7 6
J. P. Mallowney, sundries			2 7 1
J. Sinnott, wood			3 1 10
C. F. Bennett & Co., sundries			0 17 4
E. M. Archibald, disbursements for books and charts			0 4 6
W. P. Clarke, cleaning, repairing, and varnishing portrait of Sir Francis Forbes			7 14 2
Thomas Byrne, for Road Scale, and publication (ordered last year			10 0 0
Amount due for newspapers furnished during past year, and arrears			5 0 0
			12 3 6

Report	Estimate of expense of two copies of each paper, to be furnished during the present year	19	17	7
	Accounts for printing orders of the day	6	1	0
	House-keeper	20	0	0
	Account for Coals furnished	15	0	0

Your committee beg leave further to report that they recommend the following sums as salaries of the undermentioned officers, and towards defraying the expenses of the Members of the House, by reason of their attendance during the present Session, viz. :—

The hon. the Speaker	200	0	0
Usher of the Black Rod	70	0	0
Clerk, and to cover indexing and superintending printing of Journals	200	0	0
Clerk Assistant	100	0	0
Solicitor	150	0	0
Chairman of Committee of Supply	50	0	0
Sergeant-at-Arms	100	0	0
Doorkeeper	45	0	0
Messenger	40	0	0
Assistant ditto	35	0	0
Under-doorkeeper	35	0	0
Assistant Doorkeeper, Messenger, and Attendant	20	0	0
Librarian	25	0	0
To twenty three Members of the General Assembly, (Speaker not included) being £42 each for 16 Members resident in St. John's, and £63 each for seven Outport Members, not resident in St. John's	1,113	0	0

Your committee beg to add that they have left for the consideration of the House, the compensation to be allowed for reporting and publishing the debates during the present Session.

JOSEPH NOAD, Chairman.

Committee Room, }
April 22d, 1844. }

Ordered,—That the report be received.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. NOAD, seconded by Mr. NUGENT.

Select committee to prepare contingency bill,

Resolved,—That a select committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature during the present Session.

Committee

Ordered,—That the Hon. Mr. NOAD, Mr. NUGENT, and Mr. GLEN, do form such committee.

Petition of W. Beck, late Reporter of debates,

A petition of William Beck, late Reporter of the debates in the House, was presented by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (who stated in his place that he had obtained the consent of his Excellency the Governor for that purpose) and the same was received and read, praying for some compensation for his services during the early part of the present Session, and also for having resigned his situation, in order that his not contending therein might not be any bar to the House making such

arrangements as might be deemed desirable for reporting the debates in the House.

Ordered,—That the said petition be referred to the committee of supply.

Referred to committee of supply.

Mr. Nugent gave notice that to-morrow he would move an address to his Excellency the Governor, setting forth the circumstances stated in the petition of William Irwin, and praying for a remission or reduction of the rent paid by him on the land held by him from the Crown.

Notice of address upon petition of W. Irwin.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. NOAD, seconded by Mr. BARNES.

Resolved,—That when this House adjourn, it do adjourn until twelve o'clock to-morrow, and sit thence until four o'clock, P.M., then to adjourn for two hours, and meet again at six o'clock, P.M.

Adjournment to be until 12, and House to meet in the evening.

Then the House adjourned accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1844.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD reported from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to provide for the contingent expenses of the Legislature during the present Session, that the Committee had prepared the draft of a Bill for that purpose and he presented the same to the House; and the said Bill was read a first time.

Contingency Bill brought in and read a first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be read a 2nd time.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move the suspension of the 36th Rule of the House so far as relates to the passing of all Bills now before the House.

Notice of motion to suspend rules as to passing of bills.

On motion,

The Petition of William Irwin, now lying on the table of the House, was read, and thereupon,

Petition of W. Irwin read

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, pursuant to notice, and seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :

Address to the Governor on the subject of W. Irwin's petition.

To His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight, Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency :—

The House of Assembly having taken into consideration the petition of William Irwin, of St. John's, Yeoman, representing the claims and services of his

late father Walter Irwin in the service of his country, and the difficulties and expenses incurred by him in clearing and bringing into a state of cultivation the small farm held by him in the vicinity of St. John's, respectfully beg leave to recommend his case to the favorable consideration of your Excellency.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency by a Committee for that purpose.

Committee to present.

Ordered,—That Mr. NUGENT and Mr. S. MORRIS, do form such Committee.

Report of select committee to prepare address to her Majesty on the subject of the fisheries.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, in pursuance of the report from the Committee of the whole House upon the Message of His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the protection of the Fisheries on the South Western Coasts of the Island, reported that the Committee had prepared the draft of an Address accordingly and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's table where it was read throughout a first and second time.

Address read 1st and 2d time,

On motion of the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by the Hon. Mr. KENT,

committed.

Ordered,—That the said Address be now referred to a Committee of the whole House,

And the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House thereon accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. CARTER took the chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair,

Address reported with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Address, paragraph by paragraph, and had agreed to the same with some amendments which were agreed to by the House ;

And the said Address as amended was read throughout by the Clerk and is as follows :

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Address.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the General Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, approach Your Majesty with sentiments of sincere and affectionate attachment to Your Majesty's person and Government, and humbly crave Your Most Gracious Majesty's attention to the condition of this ancient appendage to Your Majesty's crown.

The value of the Trade and Fisheries of Newfoundland has for centuries been acknowledged by the Government of England, as a nursery for seamen wherewith to man Your Majesty's navy ; its extreme importance has ever been recognised in time of peace, and realized in time of war.

Its insular situation—the multitude of its safe and commodious harbours—the healthfulness of its climate—and its proximity to Great Britain, whilst it is the key to the western world must ever make the maintainance and prosperity of this Colony a matter of national importance.

The inexhaustable mine of wealth in her seal and cod fisheries which a bountiful providence has opened to the enterprise and industry of her people, would enable Newfoundland to assume and preserve that rank in Your Majesty's Colonial possessions to which she is entitled had she been permitted to enjoy the full use and benefit of all her fisheries, and had she been spared the injurious consequences which flow from the competition, within her own bosom of a foreign nation.

The population of Newfoundland at present amounts to nearly 100,000 souls, altogether of British birth or extraction. They consume annually the produce of other countries to an amount exceeding £300,000 sterling. They annually export produce equal in value to one million sterling, and there are employed in its fisheries alone not less than 20,000 active, enterprising and able bodied seamen.

The most valuable description of our fish, and such alone as is suitable for the Spanish and Portuguese markets, is taken on the Western Coast and on the Banks of Newfoundland.

The bait essential to these Fisheries is caplin and herring. These fish periodically visit certain parts of the bays and shores of this Island, attracting after them shoals of codfish; they annually return in increased quantities to these localities, where they are not molested, and there occasion a corresponding increase of the fish which make them their prey.

An illicit traffic has of late years been opened between some of your Majesty's subjects in this Island and the French settlers at St. Pierre and Miquelon, which we have no power to check, and by means of which the vessels of the latter are abundantly supplied with bait to the prejudice of the fishermen on our shores, who for want of it are often times unable to prosecute their fisheries, or even to procure a sufficiency of food for their daily consumption. Payment for this bait is made partly in cash, but chiefly in spirits and other articles of French manufacture, which the large bounties given by the French Government to encourage their fisheries enabled the settlers to give liberally in return for so essential an accomodation. These articles are smuggled into our ports to the serious damage of our revenues, and to the demoralization of your Majesty's subjects. A few years ago the French fisheries at St. Pierre was seriously diminished by the exhaustion of the bait within their boundaries, and the French authorities were constrained to forbid the taking of any caplin or herrings around their islands, except for the use of their small open boats. Their necessity stimulated the illicit traffic with the British, whereby their wants have become supplied at our expense, and in consequence of the preservation of their bait, codfish now swarm in their waters, whilst they desert the opposite shores of Newfoundland. We beg to remark that the French fishery is limited only by the supply of bait, and since the supply from our shores has been obtained it has greatly increased: already nearly 300 square rigged vessels, varying from a 100 to 400 tons burthen, besides a multitude of open boats, carrying on the cod fishery from St. Pierre and Miquelon. These obtained last year from the shores of Newfoundland upwards of 70,000 barrels of fresh caplin and about 28,000 barrels of fresh herring; and so intent are the French upon this fishery, and so anxious are they to extend it, that owing to the facilities above referred to, fifty additional square rigged vessels were last summer sent to St. Pierre from France. The consequence is that whilst the British fisheries in the Bays of Placentia and Fortune, and on the Banks, are annu-

ally diminishing, those of the French are progressively increasing; in proof whereof we humbly crave permission to state, that last year the French caught nearly one million four hundred thousand quintals codfish, whilst your Majesty's subjects all over this Island, have not taken more than one million quintals. The number of French fishermen annually employed in these fisheries already amounts to nearly 20,000; and we feel assured that unless your Majesty's Government will interpose for our protection the most valuable of the British Fisheries of Newfoundland,—those on the Western shores,—will speedily become lost to your Majesty's subjects, and pass into the hands of the people of France.

An apparatus for screwing fish preparatory to its shipment for the South American and West Indian markets has been recently established at St. Pierre, and during the last year your Majesty's subjects have had to compete in Brazils, in the West Indies, and in Portugal with French made fish, caught by British bait.

The Legislature of this Colony, in the year 1836, attempted to arrest, by local enactment, the destructive progress of this illicit trade, but without success. The commanders of your Majesty's ships of war, who from time to time have cruised along our coasts, have successively represented the urgent necessity that exists for the establishment of sufficient protection to our fisheries on the Western shore.

The Revenues of the Colony are wholly insufficient for such a purpose, but even were that not so, the service appears to participate more of an Imperial than of a local character.

The presence, during the summer months, of two small armed sailing vessels, or of a steam vessel, would alone suffice for so important a service; and we earnestly hope that when your Majesty recollects that the evils which oppress us arise from causes over which we have no controul, it will not be deemed unreasonable in us to crave from the Parent state assistance in those difficulties which the policy of the parent state occasioned.

We know that your Majesty cannot directly prevent the French Government increasing their fisheries in Newfoundland, neither do we ask or expect that your Majesty will grant to your Majesty's subjects a bounty similar to that which so effectually stimulates and invigorates the subjects of France and the citizens of the United States to prosecute the cod fisheries of Newfoundland; but we look with confidence to the maternal solicitude of your most gracious Majesty for that protection in our rights which can only come from the Imperial Government.

We beg to remark that in the year after the treaty and declaration of Versailles in 1783, an Act was passed by the Parliament of England, in the 26th year of the reign of your Majesty's august predecessor of blessed memory, King George the third, absolutely prohibiting any of your Majesty's subjects in Newfoundland from selling to foreigners any bait whatsoever. All we now most dutifully ask of your Majesty is such assistance as may be necessary to carry the said enactment into practical operation. The mode in which that assistance may be accorded we submit to the wisdom of your Majesty, confident that the prosperity of this colony will engage your most gracious Majesty's solicitude, and that such measures will be adopted by your Majesty's Government as will secure to your Majesty's loyal subjects in Newfoundland that protection which none living under the benign though vigorous sway of the British sceptre, ask in vain.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill to suspend the 19th section of the Act for the encouragement of education, being read,

Order of day for committee on bill to repeal 19th section of Education Act read, and discharged,

On motion of Mr. GLEN, seconded by Mr. BARNES,

Ordered,—That the said order of the day be discharged, and the said Bill be withdrawn.

and bill withdrawn.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill to define and extend the powers and privileges of the General Assembly, and the Members thereof, respectively, being read—

Order of day read for committee on privileges of Assembly bill,

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Ordered,—That the said order of the day be discharged and the said bill be withdrawn.

and bill withdrawn.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges.

House in committee of whole on Roads and Bridges.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. PRENDERGAST took the chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

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

Progress.

Ordered,—That the said committee have leave to sit again this day.

The Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. BENNETT, moved,

That the House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill for the establishment of an Academy in St. John's—whereupon

Motion for going into committee of whole on Academy Bill, St. John's

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, moved in amendment, that the House do now adjourn until six o'clock, P.M., this day:—

Motion of adjournment thereon moved and carried.

Which being put, passed in the affirmative.

And the House adjourned until six o'clock P.M., accordingly.

Adjourned.

At six o'clock P.M., the House met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges.

Committee of whole on Roads and Bridges.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

The Hon. Mr. NOAD took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Resolutions reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered of the matters to them referred, and had come to certain resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he delivered the report in at the Clerk's table.

and read.

And the said resolutions were read by the Clerk, and are as follow :—

Report.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this committee that from and out of such monies as shall from time to time remain in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer, and unappropriated, there shall be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the sum of Eight Thousand Pounds, towards defraying the expense of opening, making, and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges in this Colony.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Thousand and Thirty Pounds be appropriated for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges within the District of St. John's, in the manner following :

Towards finishing the Torbay Road	£350	0	0
From Torbay Bridge towards Pouch Cove	100	0	0
From Goff's Bridge to the Public Wharf, Portugal Cove	15	0	0
Towards completing the Petty Harbour Road	150	0	0
Towards completing the Road from Brine's Bridge towards the Portugal Cove Road	80	0	0
To complete the Road from Major Green's, by William Irwin's, to Rennie's Mill Road	60	0	0
To complete the Outer Cove Road	100	0	0
To finish the Safety Wall at Pitts's Ground	30	0	0
Towards finishing the Road from Ryan's Room, Logy Bay, to the School House	30	0	0
Towards finishing the Road from Martin's at White Hills to Edward Byrne's Farm	30	0	0
Towards finishing the Road from J. Fergus's, by Dreelan's well Road, towards Monday's Pond	75	0	0
For a Road from Dennis Nowlan's farm around the North side of Monday's Pond	30	0	0
Towards finishing the Circular Road	50	0	0
To repair the Road from the Queen's Bridge to meet the Torbay and Outer Cove Road	20	0	0
To repair the Road leading from the Outer Cove Road to meet the Branch Road leading to Dyer's and Ryan's Room	30	0	0
To build a Bridge over the South River on the Road through Pearl's Town	50	0	0
To build a Bridge over the South River on the Old Placentia Road	30	0	0
Towards making the Road from Middle Cove to St. John's, as far as Savage's Bridge, by the Old Road	30	0	0
Towards repairing Mahon's Lane	30	0	0
Towards making a drain from the lane West of the House of Charles Simms, Esq., across Duckworth Street	30	0	0
Bridge across the Stream leading to the Well at Gill's Shute	5	0	0
Towards opening and making a Road from the Meeting-House Hill Road into Tarrahan's Town	30	0	0

Amount carried forward £1355 0 0

Amount brought forward £1355 0 0

Towards making the Road from Ryan's Bridge towards Cadigan's Room	50	0	0
Towards repairing Buchanan Street	30	0	0
Towards repairing Road from Portugal Cove Road towards Friendly Hall	25	0	0
Towards repairing Road from Portugal Cove Road to One Island Pond	50	0	0
Towards repairing Road leading to Edghill's Farm	35	0	0
Towards completing the Road from King's Bridge to the Old Portugal Cove Road at West's Hill	25	0	0
Towards erecting a Bridge on the Oxenden Pond Road over the River running into Long Pond	30	0	0
Towards completing the Road from the Torbay Road to Middle Cove	35	0	0
Towards making a Road from the Topsail Road, near Kean's, to the Black Marsh at the George's Pond Road	40	0	0
Towards completing Quidi Vidi Road towards Quidi Vidi Pond Bridge	80	0	0
Towards erecting Bridge over the Stream at Torbay Beach	30	0	0
Towards building Bridge on the Road from Torbay to Middle Cove	30	0	0
Towards finishing Pennywell Path Road	40	0	0
Towards finishing Cockpit Road	50	0	0
Towards repairing Road from Rennie's Mill to Upper Long Pond Bridge	60	0	0
To be placed at the disposal of the Board of Commissioners towards repairing Roads and Bridges within the District not herein provided for	70	0	0
	<u>£2030</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds be appropriated for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges within the District of Conception Bay, in the following manner:

Main Road from Holyrood Southern Brook to Salmon Cove Brook	£120	0	0
Street, North and South side Holyrood	55	0	0
Harbour Main Street	25	0	0
Bacon Cove to Cat's Cove	45	0	0
James Cove to Southern Cove (Colliers)	45	0	0
O'Keefe Road, Hearn's, Colliers, to Wades, Cat's Cove	25	0	0
Bull Cove to English Cove	25	0	0
Delaney's, Brigus, to N. A. School House	25	0	0
Main Road, towards Goose Pond	50	0	0
Juniper Stump Road	15	0	0
Burnt Point to Cupids	40	0	0
Cupids Street	20	0	0
Salmon Cove Bridge to Brigus	60	0	0
Hibbs' Hole to Main Road	75	0	0
Bay Roberts to Spaniards Bay Bridge	40	0	0
Cold East Point Road	25	0	0
Hearts Content Road	120	0	0
Hard Path Road to New Harbor Road	150	0	0

Amount carried forward £960 0 0

	Amount brought forward	£960	0	0
Main Road Bay de Verds to Grates Cove	75	0	0	
Valley Road	70	0	0	
Bunker's Hill Road	40	0	0	
Jones Road	30	0	0	
Hiscock Hill Road towards Beaver Pond	50	0	0	
English Hill Road	30	0	0	
Main Beach Bridge	20	0	0	
Middle Street and Drain	35	0	0	
London Road	20	0	0	
Blowmedown Road	30	0	0	
Crockers Cove to Spout Cove	130	0	0	
Bennett hill Road	30	0	0	
Battery Road	20	0	0	
Spout Cove to Lower Island Cove	75	0	0	
Western Bay, through Bradley's Cove to Adam's Cove	30	0	0	
Mulley's Cove Road to Broad Cove	15	0	0	
Job's Cove Street towards Redland	15	0	0	
Lower Island Cove Main Brook to Bay de Verds	130	0	0	
Low Point to Main Road	25	0	0	
Broderick's to Canvas Town Lower Island Cove	20	0	0	
Small Point to Main Road	13	0	0	
Harbour Grace South Side Road	50	0	0	
Cooper Corner and Hard Path Roads	20	0	0	
Dungarven Road	20	0	0	
Cork Road and St. Marks Road	50	0	0	
Newtown Road and Scotland Road	50	0	0	
Devonshire Road	15	0	0	
Sullivan Hill Road	20	0	0	
Native Road	30	0	0	
Cottage Road	30	0	0	
Crowdy Road	50	0	0	
From Robert Lee's to Harriet Lodge, for Road not to exceed 20 feet in width	30	0	0	
Holbrook Road	5	0	0	
Woodville Road	35	0	0	
Prendergast Lane	20	0	0	
Forbes' Road	20	0	0	
From River Head of Harbour Grace to Island Cove	30	0	0	
Bryan's Cove North Side to Spaniard's Bay Road	50	0	0	
Bryan's Cove to Charles Robinson's	15	0	0	
Spaniards' Bay to Island Cove	20	0	0	
Musquitto Valley Road	35	0	0	
For expenses incurred by Harbour Grace District Board of Road Commissioners	17	0	0	
Main Street to Episcopal Church Brigus	25	0	0	
	£2500	0	0	

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Seven Hundred and Forty Pounds be appropriated for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges within the District of Trinity Bay, in the following manner:—

Towards completing the Road and erecting a Bridge from Heart's Content to Carbonear	£50	0	0
Towards completing the Road from New Harbour to Conception Bay	50	0	0
Towards completing the Road from Seal Cove to Old Perlican	75	0	0
Towards completing the Road from Seal Cove to Silly Cove, passing through Hant's Harbour	75	0	0
Towards Repairing Roads in the Town of Trinity	50	0	0
Towards making a Road from Bird Island Cove to the Main Road from Catalina to Bonavista	75	0	0
Towards making a Road and constructing 2 bridges from Catalina to Little Catalina	60	0	0
To construct a Bridge over the Main Brook of Catalina	30	0	0
Towards making a Road from the Grate's Cove to Bay de Verds	25	0	0
Towards completing the Road from Bonaventure to Trinity	75	0	0
Towards completing the Road from Trinity to Catalina	75	0	0
Towards completing the Road from Catalina to Trinity	100	0	0
	£740	0	0

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Five Hundred and Thirty Pounds be appropriated towards the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges within the District of Bonavista Bay, in the manner following:—

Main line of Road from Bonavista towards Catalina	£140	0	0
Ditto ditto King's Cove towards Plate Cove or Open Hall and Red Cliff	100	0	0
Road through Tickle Cove and towards the Main Line from King's Cove to open Hall, &c.	40	0	0
Streets and Bridges in King's Cove	45	0	0
Streets, &c. in Greenspond	95	0	0
Ditto ' in Fair Island	15	0	0
Ditto ' in Gooseberry Island	15	0	0
Ditto ' in Bonavista	50	0	0
New line of Road from Lance Cove towards Bayley's Cove	20	0	0
Line from Lance Cove towards the Bird Island Cove Road	10	0	0
	530	0	0

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Five Hundred and Ten Pounds be appropriated towards the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges within the District of Fogo, in the manner following:—

For making and repairing Roads in Moreton's Harbour	£50	0	0
For opening a Road from Tizzard's Harbour to Moreton's Harbor	50	0	0
For making and repairing Roads in the Harbour of Exploits Burnt Island	70	0	0
For making and repairing Roads in the Island of Fogo	140	0	0
For making and repairing Roads in the Island of Twillingate	200	0	0
	£510	0	0

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds be appropriated towards the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges, within the District of Fortune Bay, in the manner following :—

Road from Harbor Britain to the West Side of Connaigre Bay, and from the South Side of Connaigre Bay to Hermitage Cove	£150	0	0
Bellorem to St. Jaques	100	0	0
At disposal of Commissioners	80	0	0
	£ 330	0	0

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Five Hundred and Thirty Pounds be appropriated towards the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges within the District of Ferryland, in the manner following :—

This sum for a Bridge over Cully's River, Bay Bulls	£50	0	0
This sum for a Bridge near Landrigan's House, Witless Bay	20	0	0
This sum for a Road through the Harbour of Mobile	30	0	0
This sum for a Road in Fermeuse to meet Main Road	30	0	0
	£130	0	0
For the Main Line of Road	400	0	0
	£530	0	0

N. B.—The Board of Road Commissioners in the Bay Bulls part of the District, and the Board of Road Commissioners in the Ferryland part of the District to have the appropriating of £200 each, to be spent expressly on the Main line of Road.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds be appropriated towards the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges within the District of Burin in the manner following :

To continue the Road from Burin to Grand Bank, in Fortune Bay	£80	0	0
For a Road in Lamelin	35	0	0
For a Road in Lawn	25	0	0
To complete the Road between Great St. Lawrence and Little St. Lawrence	25	0	0
To complete Bull's Cove and Port-au-Bras Road	20	0	0
To continue the Road from Port-au-Brau to Mortier Bay	40	0	0
To make a Road to School House at Rock Harbour	30	0	0
To make a Road from John-de-Bay to Spanish Room	20	0	0
To make a Road from Beau Bois to Little Bay to the School House	40	0	0
To continue a Road from Olive Point to Great Burin	15	0	0
	£330	0	0

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds be appropriated towards the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges within the District of Placentia and St. Mary's, in the manner following:—

Towards opening a Road from St. Mary's to Salmonier	£92 0 0
For opening Road Harbour Buffett and Muscle Harbour, Long Island, Placentia	12 0 0
Harbour Buffett, Placentia Bay, for approaches to a School	50 0 0
For Roads and Streets, Great Placentia Harbour	50 0 0
A Road to unite the Road at the Beach of Great Merasheen with the Road in Little Merasheen	35 0 0
For Roads and Streets in Little Placentia	80 0 0
Road from Placentia to Distress Cove	40 0 0
For a Road to Meadow and Muddy Hole Lavaline	6 0 0
A Road connecting N. Harbour with the Bays of St. Mary's and Placentia	60 0 0
A Road Point Mall, near Little Placentia	25 0 0
N. E. Arm of Great Placentia	50 0 0
	£500 0 0

On motion of the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Resolved,— That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the making and repairing of Roads, Streets and Bridges, pursuant to the foregoing Report of the Committee of the whole House.

Select committee to prepare Road Bill.

Ordered,—That the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, Mr. NUGENT, and the Hon. Mr. NOAD do form such Committee.

Committee.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for the establishment of an Academy in St. John's, being read,—

Order of day for committee of whole on Academy Bill read.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by Mr. CARTER, moved,

That the said order of the day be discharged:—which being put, passed in the negative.

Motion that the order of day be discharged made and lost.

Pursuant to order, the House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

House in committee on the Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Bill reported with amendments.

And the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

To be engrossed and read
3d time

Ordered,—That the said Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Bank and Revenue Bills
1st and 2d orders of the
day for to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Committee of the whole on the Bill to incorporate certain persons by the name of the Newfoundland Bank, be the first order of the day for to-morrow; and that the Committee of the whole on the Bill to continue the Revenue Act be the second order of the day for to-morrow.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1844.

Petition of J. Whitney,

A Petition of James Whitney was presented by the Hon. Mr. THOMAS, and the same was received and read, setting forth that he has entered into a contract for conveying Her Majesty's Mails from Halifax to this Island by Steam Vessels, and praying that he may be exempted from the payment of Pilotage dues on entering and sailing from the Port of St. John's.

Referred to committee on
Pilots Bill.

Ordered—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Bill for regulating the Pilots and Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of St. John's.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN.

Address to the Governor
praying him to transmit
and recommend Petition
for protection of Fisher-
ies.

Resolved—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :

*To His Excellency Major General Sir
John Harvey, Knight, Commander
of the Most Honourable Military
Order of the Bath, Knight, Com-
mander of the Royal Hanoverian
Guelphic Order, Governor and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Is-
land of Newfoundland and its De-
pendencies, &c. &c. &c.*

May it please your Excellency,

The General Assembly of Newfoundland humbly request your Excellency will be pleased to forward to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, the accompanying Petition to Her Majesty the Queen upon the subject of the fisheries on the South Western Shores of this Island; and the House earnestly request that Your Excellency will be pleased to add to the representations of the Assembly the powerful weight of Your Excellency's influence to obtain a favorable consideration of the prayer of the said petition.

Committee to present
same.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and that the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON and the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, be a Committee to present the same to his Excellency the Governor.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD.

Resolved—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :

To His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight, Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

Address to the Governor praying him to issue a Proclamation on the subject of the Fisheries.

May it please Your Excellency,

The General Assembly beg leave respectfully to submit to Your Excellency the following Resolution adopted by the House on the subject of the Fisheries carried on upon the Western Shores of this Island, and the House respectfully crave Your Excellency's favourable consideration of the suggestion contained in the said Resolution :—*Resolved*—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor submitting to his Excellency the propriety of his issuing a Proclamation declaratory of the existing Laws against the illicit trade in Bait, between the subjects of the British Crown in Newfoundland, and the subjects of Foreign States.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed, and that the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, and the Hon. Mr. BENNETT, be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency.

Committee to present.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. NOAD, (pursuant to notice) and seconded by Mr. NUGENT.

Resolved,—That the Rules of the House concerning the passing of Bills, be suspended, in reference to all Bills now before the House.

Rules as to passing of Bills suspended.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor, that His Excellency would receive the Committees appointed to present Addresses to him to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Time for reception of Addresses fixed.

The Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN reported from the Select Committee appointed to prepare a Bill in compliance with the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the subject of Roads and Bridges, and he accordingly presented to the House the draft of a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges within this Colony and its Dependencies, and for other purposes, and the same was read a first time.

Road Bill reported by Select Committee and read first time.

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

Read second time.

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

and committed.

Pursuant to order, a Bill to provide for the Contingent expenses of the Legislature was read a second time.

Contingency Bill read 2d time

Committed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. NOAD, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

St. John's Academy Bill
read 3d time

Pursuant to order, an engrossed Bill for the establishment of an Academy in the Town of St. John's, was read a third time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. NUGENT;

and passed.
Title.

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be "an Act to provide for the establishment of An Academy at St. John's."

House in committee on
Bank Bill.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to incorporate certain persons by the name and style of the Newfoundland Bank.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Bill reported with amend-
ments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill and had made some amendments therein which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Amendments adopted.

And the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Bill engrossed.

Ordered,—That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

House in committee on
Bill to continue Revenue
Act.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to continue an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of her present Majesty, entitled "an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," and for repealing from and after the Fifth Day of July next, an Act passed in the present session of the Legislature, entitled "an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," and to revive certain parts of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies."

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. CARTER took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Bill reported without
amendments.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment; and he delivered in the said Bill at the Clerk's table.

To be engrossed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Then at four o'clock, P.M., the House adjourned for two hours.

House adjourned for two hours.

At six o'clock, P.M., the House met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill to declare vacant the seats of Members of the House of Assembly in certain cases, and to make provision for the election of Members in their stead.

House in committee on Bill to declare vacant seats of Members.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BARNES took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

And the said committee rose without making any report.

Committee rise without reporting.

Pursuant to order the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill to provide for the collection and appropriation of all monies stopped or detained by any person or persons by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of his late Majesty, entitled "An Act for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen, Fishermen, and other persons," and not appropriated to the purposes of the said Act.

Committee of whole on Hospital dues appropriation bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

The Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN took the chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill and had made some amendments therein which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Bill reported with amendments.

And the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Report adopted.

Ordered,—That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Bill engrossed.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill for the more efficient administration of Justice in the Outports being read,—

Order of day read for committee on Outport Administration of Justice bill.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by the Hon. Mr. BENNETT,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

Bill withdrawn.

Pursuant to order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill to prevent the importation and circulation of Spurious Copper Coin within this Colony and its Dependencies, and to make provision for a good and sufficient Copper Coinage therein.

Committee of whole on Copper Coinage Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Report adopted.

And the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Bill engrossed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on bill to amend Colonial House Act.

Pursuant to order the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of his late Majesty, entitled "An Act to authorize the erection of a Colonial House in the town of St. John's, and the raising by loan of a sum of money for that purpose."

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair,

The Hon. Mr. KENT took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the said Bill and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Report adopted.

And the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Bill engrossed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill with the amendments be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Registering of Deeds bill.

Pursuant to order the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the laws now in force for the registering of Deeds in this Colony.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. NUGENT took the Chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Progress and leave to sit again.

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

Ordered—That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of St. John's.

House in committee on Pilots Act continuation Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

The Hon. Mr. ROW took the chair of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment ; and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's table.

Bill reported without amendment.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

To be engrossed.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill to continue the Act to amend the several Acts in force relating to Light Houses and to make further provision for the said Light Houses and to consolidate the Laws respecting the same.

House in committee on bill to continue Light House Act.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

The Hon. Mr. ROBINSON took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment ; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's table.

Reported without amendment.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Engrossed.

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. NUGENT, moved,

That the House do now adjourn ;—which, being put, passed in the negative.

Motion to adjourn made and negatived.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill to provide for the maintenance of a Light House on Cape Pine.

House in committee on Cape Pine Light House Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. SLADE took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made some amendments therein which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Bill reported with amendments.

And the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments adopted

Ordered,—That the said Bill with the amendments be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow,

Engrossed.

House in committee on bill to incorporate Gas Company.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate a company under the style and title of the St. John's Gas Company.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. GLEN took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Bill reported with amendments

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made some amendments therein which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Amendments adopted &c.

And the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill with the amendments be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Order of day read for committee of whole on Nuisance bill.

The Order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill for the more speedy abatement of nuisances, being read,

The Hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, seconded by Mr. NUGENT, moved,

Motion to discharge it made and negatived.

That the said order of the day be discharged;—which, being put, passed in the negative.

Road bill 2d order for to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the Committee of the whole House on the Road Bill be the second order of the day to-morrow.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1844.

Report of Ship Harbour Road laid before the House.

THE Hon. Mr. BENNETT by command of his Excellency the Governor, laid before the house a Report of a survey and exploration of a line of Road from Cat's Cove to Ship Harbour in Placentia Bay.

[See *Appendix*.]

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. BARNES,

To be printed.

Ordered—That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Report of Select Committee on Petition for a Light House on the Wadham Islands.

Mr. SLADE reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Tucker and others, praying for the establishment of a Light House on the Outer Wadham Islands; and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was again read,—

(See *Appendix*)

On table.

Ordered—That the said Report do lie on the table.

Mr. SLADE gave notice that he would next session move for leave to bring in a Bill for the establishment of a Light House on the Wadham Islands.

Notice of Bill for a Light House on Wadham Islands.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to amend the Laws in force for the Registering of Deeds in this Colony.

House in committee on Registration of Deeds Bill.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. NUGENT took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill and had made some amendments therein which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Bill reported with amendments.

And the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Hon. Mr. Robinson reported from the Committee appointed to present to his Excellency the Governor the Addresses on the subject of the protection of the Fisheries on the South Western Coasts of this Island, that the Committee had presented the said Addresses, and that, in reply thereto, His Excellency was pleased to say he would give the same his most favourable consideration.

Report of committee to present Addresses relative to Fisheries on South ern and Western Coasts.

Mr. NUGENT reported from the Select Committee appointed to present to his Excellency the Governor, the Address of the House on the subject of the petition of William Irwin, that the Committee had presented the said Address, and that, in reply thereto, His Excellency was pleased to say he would take the subject matter thereof into his favourable consideration.

Report of committee to present Address relative to Wm. Irwin.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

House in committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. CARTER took the chair of the committee.

The Hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had considered of the matters to them referred, and had agreed to certain resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he delivered the said resolutions in at the Clerk's table, where they were read throughout and are as follow, viz :—

Committee rise and report Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Private Secretary to his Excellency the Governor, for

Salary of Private Secretary, 200*l*.

the year ending the thirtieth of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five.

Clerk of the Council
200*l*.

2. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Clerk of the Council for the same period.

Two Clerks in the Secretary's Office, 400*l*.

3. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Four Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of Two Clerks in the Secretary's Office for the same period.

Office Keeper to the Secretary's Office, 60*l*.

4. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of an Office Keeper to the Secretary's Office for the same period.

Messenger to the Secretary's Office, 60*l*.

5. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of a Messenger in the Secretary's Office for the same period.

Colonial Treasurer 500*l*.

6. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Colonial Treasurer for the same period.

Clerk of Northern Circuit Court 200*l*.

7. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Clerk of the Northern Circuit Court for the same period.

Clerk of Southern Circuit Court, 200*l*.

8. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Clerk of the Southern Circuit Court for the same period.

Crier and Tipstaff Supreme Court, 60*l*.

9. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Crier and Tipstaff of the Supreme Court for the same period.

Gaoler at St. John's, 150*l*.

10. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Gaoler at St. John's, in lieu of all Fees of Office, which are to be accounted for, and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer, for the same period.

Three Police Magistrates St. John's, 900*l*.

11. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Nine Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of Three Police Magistrates at St. John's for the same period.

Chief Constable, 80*l*.

12. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Eighty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Chief Constable at St. John's, for the same period.

Police Constables, 360*l*.

13. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds Sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of Eight Police Constables for St. John's for the same period.

Gaol Surgeon St. John's, 40*l*.

14. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Forty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Gaol Surgeon at St. John's for the same period.

15. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of **Thirty Pounds sterling** be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Gaol Surgeon at Harbour Grace for the same period. Gaol Surgeon at Harbor Grace, 30*l.*
16. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of **Twenty Six Pounds sterling** be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of a Gate Keeper at Government House for the same period. Gate Keeper Government House, 26*l.*
17. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of **Fifteen Pounds sterling** be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Gaol Barber at St. John's for the same period. Gaol Barber at St. John's 15*l.*
18. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of **Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling** be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the Fees of Office of the Attorney General for the same period. Attorney General's Fees 250*l.*
19. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of **Two Hundred Pounds sterling** be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the Fees of Office of the Solicitor General for the same period. Solicitor General's Fees 200*l.*
20. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of **One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling** be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the District Surgeon at St. John's for the same period. District Surgeon 150*l.*
21. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of **One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling** be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Surgeon of the St. John's Hospital for the same period. Surgeon St. John's Hospital, 150*l.*
22. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of **Thirty Six Pounds Ten Shillings sterling** be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expense of Fog Guns at Fort Amherst for the same period. Fog guns at Fort Amherst, 36*l.*
23. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of **Two Thousand and Thirty Pounds sterling** be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the Salaries of Stipendiary Magistrates in the Outports for the same period as follows :—
- A Magistrate at Harbor Grace, One Hundred and Eighty Pounds.
 - A Second Magistrate at Harbour Grace, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.
 - A Magistrate at Carbonear, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.
 - A Magistrate for Brigus and Port-de-Grave, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.
 - A Magistrate at Ferryland, One Hundred Pounds.
 - A Magistrate for Bay Bulls, One Hundred Pounds.
 - A Magistrate for Burin, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.
 - A Magistrate for Lamaline, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.
 - A Magistrate for Saint Mary's, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.
 - A Magistrate for Harbour Britain, One Hundred Pounds.
 - A Magistrate for Grand Bank, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.
 - A Magistrate for Trinity, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.
 - A Magistrate for Bonavista, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.
 - A Magistrate for Twillingate and Fogo, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.
 - A Magistrate for Placentia, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.
- Outport Stipendiary Magistrates 2030*l.*

Clerks of the Peace at
Outports, 405.

24. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Four Hundred and Five Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the undermentioned Clerk's of the Peace in the Outports as follows:

A Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Grace, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace for Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Sixty Pounds.

Clerk of the Peace at Ferryland, Sixty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace for Placentia, Thirty Five Pounds: Provided that all Fees of Office received by the Clerks of the Peace for Harbour Grace, Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Ferryland and Placentia, shall be accounted for and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer.

A Clerk of the Peace at Burin, Twenty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace for Harbour Britain, Twenty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace for Trinity, Twenty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace for Bonavista, Twenty Pounds

A Clerk of the Peace for Twillingate and Fogo, Twenty Pounds.

Gaolers at Outports, 1907

25. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of One Hundred and Ninety Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Gaolers in the Outports as follows:

A Gaoler at Harbour Grace, Ninety Pounds: Provided that all Fees of Office received by him shall be accounted for, and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer.

A Gaoler at Ferryland, Twenty Five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Placentia, Twenty Five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Burin, Twenty Five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Trinity, Twenty Five Pounds.

Constables at Outports
\$067,

26. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Nine Hundred and Six Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Constables in the Outports as follows:

Three Constables at Harbor Grace, One Hundred Pounds.

Three Constables at Carbonear, Seventy five Pounds.

Two Constables at Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Fifty Pounds.

A Constable at Ferryland, Twenty Five Pounds.

A Constable at Bay Bulls, Twenty Five Pounds

A Constable at Burin, Twenty Five Pounds.

A Constable at Lameline, Twenty Pounds.

A Constable at Saint Mary's, Twenty Five Pounds.

A Constable at Harbor Britain, Twelve Pounds.

A Constable at Grand Bank, Twelve Pounds.

Two Constables at Trinity, Thirty Seven Pounds.

A Constable at Bonavista, Twenty Five Pounds.

Three Constables at Twillingate and Fogo, Forty Nine Pounds.

A Constable at Placentia, Twenty Five Pounds.

A Constable at Bay-de-Verds, Twelve Pounds.

A Constable at Harbour Main, Twelve Pounds.

A Constable at Cat's Cove, Twelve Pounds.

- A Constable at Western Bay, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at South Shore, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Brigus, South. Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Witless Bay, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Renewse, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Toads Cove, Twelve Pounds,
 A Constable at Cape Broyle, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Caplin Bay, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Aquaforte, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Fermeuse, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Barren Island, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Merasheen, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Little Placentia, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Saint Lawrence, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Trepassey, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Catalina, Twenty Five Poands,
 A Constable at Perlican, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Hearts Content, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Hants Harbour, Twelve Pounds
 A Constable at New Harbour, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Greenspond, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Exploits Bay, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Petty Harbour, Twenty Pounds.
 A Constable at Portugal Cove, Twenty Pounds.
 A Constable at Torbay, Twenty Pounds.
 A Constable at Kings Cove, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Tickle Cove, Twelve Pounds.
 A Constable at Salvage. Twelve Pounds.

27. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of Printing, Advertising and Stationery for the same period.

Printing, Advertising & Stationery 400l.

28. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of Civil and Criminal Prosecutions for the same period.

Civil and Criminal Prosecutions 300l.

29. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Gaols for the same period,

Expenses of Gaols 500l.

30. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Coroners Accounts for the same period.

Coroner's Accounts 150l.

31. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Four Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of Fuel and Light for Public Buildings for same period,

Fuel and Light for Public Buildings 400l.

Postages, &c., 150*l*.

32. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expense of postages and other incidentals for the same period.

Circuit Courts 750*l*.

33. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expense of conveyance of the Judges and all other expenses of the Circuits for the same period.

Unforeseen Contingencies 500*l*.

34. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of unforeseen contingencies for the same period.

Expenses of repairs of Court Houses and Gaols 200*l*.

35. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of repairs of Court Houses and Gaols throughout the Island for the same period.

Lunatic Paupers 500*l*.

36. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Lunatic Paupers for the same period.

Sick Poor in the Hospital 250*l*.

37. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Sick Poor in the Hospital for the same period.

Paupers on permanent list 1200*l*.

38. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Twelve Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Paupers on the Permanent List for the same period.

Casual Poor 1000*l*.

39. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of One Thousand Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of the support of Casual Poor for the same period.

Outport permanent Poor 200*l*.

40. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expense of Outport Permanent Poor for the same period.

Law Books for Court of Sessions 100*l*.

41.—*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards purchasing Law Books for the different Courts of Sessions in this Island.

Allowance for Rent for Post Office 25*l*.

42. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Twenty Five Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expense of the Office Rent of the Deputy Post-Master, provided such Office be kept in a Stone Building.

Executors Sale Hon. W. Carson 42*l*.

43. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Forty Two Pounds stg. be granted to her Majesty to be paid to the Executors of the late William Carson, being the allowance for his attendance as Member of the Legislature during the last Session.

Duties on Wines consumed by the Military 50*l*.

44. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated to the payment of

duties upon Wines imported or purchased for the use of the Military stationed in the Colony.

45. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated towards discharging expenses incurred in the collection of Assessed Rates under the Statute Labour Act.

Collecting rates under Statute Labour Act 20*l*.

46.—*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Three Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated towards the erection of a Court House at Bonavista, and to cover the expense of purchasing a site for the same.

Court House at Bonavista 300*l*.

47. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Twenty Five Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated towards defraying the expense of completing Fishery Returns for the District of St. John's.

Fishery Returns 25*l*.

48. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of purchasing a site for the Carbonear Grammar School.

Carbonear Grammar School 100*l*.

49. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Three Hundred and Forty Six Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Sevenpence stg. be granted to her Majesty towards discharging a balance due by the Commissioners for the erection of Bonavista Light House.

Balance due for erection of Bonavista Light House 346 16 7.

50. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated in the erection of a Lock-up-House at Fogo.

Lock up House at Fogo 100*l*.

51. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards discharging arrears due for taking and revising Lists of Voters.

Taking and revising lists of Voters 150.

52. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying arrears of Salary due to Teachers of Schools appointed by Boards of Education under the late Education Act.

Arrears of Salary due to School Masters under late Education Act 200*l*.

53. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of Seventeen Pounds Eight Shillings sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the Contingent Expenses of the Board of Control.

Expenses of the Board of Control 17 8 0.

54. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Clerk of the Board of Control.

Clerk of the Board of Control 50*l*.

55. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the Salary of the Chairman of the Board of Control.

Chairman Board of Control 100*l*.

56. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Fifteen Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards protecting from loss any person or persons compiling an Almanack or other useful scientific work.

Compiling Almanack 15*l*.

57. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying damages

Compensation of Road Commissioners 100*l*.

and expenses sustained and occasioned by the Central Board of Commissioners under the late Road Act in carrying into effect the provisions of the said Act.

Newfoundland School Society 300.

58. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards enabling the Newfoundland School Society to repair the School Rooms and Buildings of the Society : Provided the sum hereby granted shall not be drawn from the Treasury until after the expiration of Twelve Months from the passing of this Act.

Court Houses and Gaols 200.

59. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the further Sum of Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of repairing Court Houses and Gaols throughout the Island.

Roman Catholic Board of Education at Tilton Harbor 20.

60. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be paid to the Roman Catholic Board of Education at Tilton Harbour in addition to any sum that may be paid that Board under the Education Act.

Wesleyan Methodists to erect School House 106.

61. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of One Hundred and Six Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards enabling the Wesleyan Methodists of Saint John's to erect a School House at that place : Provided that the sum hereby granted shall not be drawn from the Treasury until the expiration of twelve months after the passing of this Act.

Orphan Asylum School 150.

62.—*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of the repairs to the Orphan Asylum School. Provided that the sum hereby granted shall not be drawn from the Treasury until after the expiration of twelve months from the passing of this Act.

Widow of the late James Blaikie 50.

63.—*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying the annual allowance made to the Widow of the late James Blaikie.

Bartholomew Rourke 20.

64. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards remunerating Bartholomew Rourke for his services in saving the lives of Eleven Persons off the Calf Rock at Saint Mary's.

Boats crew of ditto 10.

65. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Ten Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards remunerating the Boat's crew of the said Bartholomew Rourke for their services on the occasion aforesaid.

Dorcas Society 50.

66. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be applied in aid of the funds of the Dorcas Society.

St. John's Factory 100.

67. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be applied in aid of the funds of the Saint John's Factory.

Late Clerk Assistant Assembly, 100.

68. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty to be paid to the late

Clerk Assistant to the Assembly as compensation for extra services and loss of Office.

69. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards clearing Roads and Streets in the District of Saint John's from snow, such sum to be expended by contract under the superintendance of the Board of Road Commissioners. For clearing Streets and Roads in the District of St. John's from snow 100*l*.
70. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Thirty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be paid as a gratuity to the Widow of the late Geo. Holbrook, Esq., in consideration of the services of her said husband. Widow of the late G. Holbrook 30*l*.
71. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Twenty Six Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty to be paid to Matthew Stevenson late Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Grace in compensation for past services. Matthew Stevenson, Harbor Grace 26*l*.
72. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of Fifteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Three Pence sterling be granted to Her Majesty to be paid William Magill for expenses incurred by him in repairing the Cross-road between the old and New Portugal Cove Roads. W. Magill 15*l* 13*s*.
73. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of Ten Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be paid to Richard Quick in compensation for his services as Ferryman at Little Saint Lawrence. Richard Quirk, Ferryman Little St. Lawrence 10*l*.
74. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be applied in aid of the funds of the Newfoundland Agricultural Society. Agricultural Society 150*l*.
75. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Ten Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be paid to Benjamin Squires in compensation for his services as Ferryman at Emanuels Gut. Benjamin Squires Emanuels Gut, 10*l*.
76. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be paid as an addition to the salary of the Colonial Tide Surveyor for the Year ending 30th Day of June, A. D. 1845. Colonial Tide Surveyor, 50*l*.
77. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be paid as an addition to the salary of the Clerk of the Collector in the Colonial Department of the Customs for the same period. Clerk to Collector, 50*l*.
78. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Twenty Five Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated in defraying the expense of removing a block of Houses in Duckworth Street belonging to Roger Flahavan. Removing house belonging to Roger Flahavan, 25*l*.
- 79.—*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Ten Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards compensating Thomas Walsh for Land taken for opening a Road to the Barracks at Harbour Grace. Thomas Walsh, Harbor Grace, 10*l*.
80. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards compensating Martin

Martin Walsh, 60*l*,

Walsh for loss sustained on a Contract for building a Public Wharf at Portugal Cove.

Breakwater at Grand Bank or Fortne, 200*l.*

81. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated in the erection of a Breakwater at Grand Bank.

To deepen Tickle at Twillingate, 250*l.*

82. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated in deepening the Tickle at Twillingate and in erecting a Bridge across the same : Provided that an equal sum be contributed by the Inhabitants of Twillingate for the purposes aforesaid.

Quidi Vidi Harbour 20*l.*

83. *Resolved*.—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated in removing obstructions in the Mouth of Quidi Vidi Harbour.

Ferryman at Great Placentia, 25*l.*

84. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Twenty Five Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards compensating the Ferryman at Great Placentia for his services.

Shipwrecked Sealers, 100*l.*

85. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards defraying expenses incurred in relief of Shipwrecked Sealers.

Towards carrying out provisions of Crown Lands Bill, 300*l.*

86. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated in carrying into effect the provisions of the Crown Lands Bill.

W. Andrews Port de Grave, 10*l.*

87. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of Ten Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be paid as a gratuity to William Andrews of Port-de-Grave in compensation for past services as a Constable.

Outport Poor, 100*l.*

88. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the further Sum of one Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated in defraying expenses of the support of Outport Poor.

Ferryman at Burin and Spoon Cove, 20*l.*

89. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards compensating the Ferryman at Burin and Spoon Cove for their services.

For erection of a School House for Wesleyan Methodists at Carbonear, 75*l.*

90. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of Seventy Five Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be appropriated in the erection of a School House to be under the management of the Wesleyan Methodists at Carbonear.

R. Q. Harris, 20*l.*

91. *Resolved*.—That it is the opinion of this committee that the sum of Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty to be paid towards compensating Robert Q. Harris for injury and damage sustained by him in the performance of his duty as Special Consable at the Election at Saint John's in the Year 1840.

Harvey Street Harbour Grace, 250*l.*

92. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to her Majesty towards opening and making a street in Harbour Grace to be called Harvey Street, such sum to be expended by the Commissioners to be appointed for such purpose by his Excellency the Governor,

93. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that a Select Committee should be appointed to enquire into, and report upon the petition of William W. Carter, and others, praying for compensation for services performed as Special Constables at the Election for the District of St. John's, in 1840.

That petition of W. W. Carter and others be referred to Select Committee.

94. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, praying his Excellency in Council to enquire into and discharge any debt that may appear due to Bridget Gorman, widow of Richard Gorman, formerly Clerk of the Peace and Gaoler at Ferryland, for unpaid services of the said Richard Gorman, and that the House of Assembly will indemnify his Excellency for the same at its next Session.

That address to Governor be presented relative to petition of R. Gorman.

95. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that the Petition of James Toole, praying for compensation for extra services in opening drains on the Bay Bulls Road, be also in like manner brought under the notice of his Excellency the Governor, and that it be embraced in the Address to his Excellency on the subject of the Petition of Bridget Gorman.

Petition of James Toole,

96. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this committee that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting his Excellency, by and with the advice of her Majesty's Council, to cause the respective accounts of charges incurred either for damages or costs in the cause of *Kielley v. Carson*, the Speaker, and certain Members and Officers of the late House of Assembly, to be examined, and to defray the same, and that the House in the next ensuing Session of the Assembly will indemnify his Excellency by passing a grant in the Bill of Appropriation to defray the amount justly found to be due.

That address be presented to the Governor to defray damages and costs in *Kielley v. Carson* and others.

And all of the said Resolutions, save the last one, being read, and the question of concurrence being put thereon, the same were agreed to by the House.

Report concurred in save as to last resolution.

And the said last Resolution being read—

Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. GLEN, moved,

Amendment of last resolution moved.

That all the words of the said Resolution, after the words "opinion of this committee" be expunged, and that the following words be substituted instead thereof, viz. :—"That the claims for expenses incurred in the case of *Kielley v. Carson* and others should be submitted to a Select Committee of the House for investigation as to the justness of the several charges contained in the Bills laid before the committee, and reported upon, before the aggregate amount of those bills shall be voted by this committee, or any authority be given to his Excellency the Governor to pay the same."

Which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, *five*; against it, *eleven*;

Division thereon.

FOR THE MOTION—

AGAINST THE MOTION—

The Hon. Mr. Dunscomb
 Mr. Barnes
 Mr. Glen
 Mr. Slade
 Mr. Carter

The Hon. Mr. Morris
 “ “ Mr. Noad
 “ “ Mr. Bennett
 “ “ Mr. Kent
 “ “ Mr. Robinson
 “ “ Mr. Ridley
 “ “ Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. Nugent
 Mr. Munn
 Mr. Prendergast
 Mr. Hanrahan.

Amendment lost.

So it passed in the negative.

2d amendment moved.

And thereupon, Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. SLADE, moved,

That all the words of the said Resolution, after the words “opinion of this committee,” be expunged, and that the following words be substituted in lieu thereof, viz :—“That as the Session is now drawing to a close, and sufficient time does not remain to investigate the justness of the charges contained in the Bills sent down to the House by his Excellency the Governor, as containing the claims unliquidated in the case *Kielley v. Carson*, and others, the same should be permitted to stand over for consideration in the next Session of the Legislature.”

Which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, *five* ; against it, *ten* ;

Division.

FOR THE MOTION—

AGAINST THE MOTION—

The Hon. Mr. Dunscomb
 Mr. Barnes
 Mr. Glen
 Mr. Slade
 Mr. Carter

The Hon. Mr. Morris
 “ “ Mr. Noad
 “ “ Mr. Bennett
 “ “ Mr. Kent
 “ “ Mr. Robinson
 “ “ Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. Nugent
 Mr. Munn
 Mr. Prendergast
 Mr. Hanrahan

Amendment lost.

So it passed in the negative.

2d amendment moved

And thereupon Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. SLADE, moved,

That all the words of the said Resolution, after the word “Resolved” be expunged, and that the following words be substituted in lieu thereof, viz. :—“That this committee regret that they are not at present in a situation to determine the propriety of voting or refusing the money required to liquidate the claims in the case of *Kielley v. Carson*, and others, so lately laid before them in a printed form, as they are of opinion that the same should be taxed prior to any sum being set down for that purpose, and that it would be inconvenient for them to do so at the present time.”

Which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, *seven* ; against it, *ten* ;

FOR THE MOTION—

The Hon. Mr. Dunscomb
 “ “ Mr. Thomas
 “ “ Mr. Bennett
 “ “ Mr. Barnes
 Mr. Glen
 Mr. Slade
 Mr. Carter

AGAINST THE MOTION—

The Hon. Mr. Morris
 “ “ Mr. Noad
 “ “ Mr. Ridley
 “ “ Mr. Kent
 “ “ Mr. Robinson
 “ “ Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. Nugent
 Mr. Munn
 Mr. Prendergast
 Mr. Hanrahan

Division,

So it passed in the negative.

3rd Amendment lost,

And the question of concurrence being put upon the said Resolution, it was agreed to by the House.

Original Resolution adopted.

On motion of the hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by the hon. Mr. NOAD,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill of Supply and Appropriation, in compliance with the Resolutions reported from the committee of the whole House on Supply.

Select Committee to prepare and bring in Supply Bill.

Ordered,—The hon. Mr. MORRIS, the hon. Mr. NOAD, and Mr. CARTER do form such committee.

Committee.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill for granting to her Majesty a sum of money towards defraying the expense of making and repairing Roads Streets, and bridges in this Colony, and for other purposes.

House in Committee on Road Bill,

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

The hon. Mr. NOAD took the chair of the committee.

The hon. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration of the same.

Progress and leave.

Ordered,—That the said committee have leave to sit again this day.

Then at four o'clock, P. M., the House adjourned for two hours.

House adjourn for two hours.

At six o'clock P. M. the House met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to order, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill for granting to her Majesty

House in Committee on Road Bill.

a sum of money towards defraying the expense of making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges in this Colony, and for other purposes.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

The hon. Mr. NOAD took the chair of the committee.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill and had made some amendments therein, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments adopted.

And the said amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

engrossed.

Ordered,—That the said Bill with the amendments be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Notice of motion to re-commit Bill.

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT gave notice that on the motion for the third reading of the said Bill he would move that the same be re-committed for the purpose of altering the scale of sub-division of money granted for roads in the District of Placentia and St. Mary's.

Supply Bill brought in and read a first and second time,

The Hon. Mr. MORRIS reported from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill of Supply and appropriation, in compliance with the Resolutions reported from the Committee of the whole House on Supply, and he presented to the House the draft of a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of the Colony, for the year ending on the Thirtieth Day of June One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five, and for other purposes, and the same was read a first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bill be now read a second time,

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. MORRIS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD.

and committed,

Ordered,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1844.

Prorogation of Legislature on Monday next intimated.

THE Hon. Mr. SPEAKER acquainted the House, by command of His Excellency, that it was His Excellency's intention to prorogue the session of the Legislature on Monday next at three o'clock.

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:

Address to Governor adopted relative to costs in *Kielley v. Carson*,

To His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight, Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

The General Assembly beg leave respectfully to acquaint Your Excellency, that the parties in the case of *Kielley vs Carson and others*, having, in compliance with the opinion expressed by the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council, come to an amicable arrangement, referring the entire question to the arbitration of indifferent parties, and the said first mentioned parties having petitioned the House of Assembly for the defrayal of the expenses attendant upon the suit, this House caused the prayer to be laid before a Committee of the whole House on Supply, who reported it as their opinion that the House should address Your Excellency, praying Your Excellency by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Council to enquire into and defray the damages and costs that shall be proved to have been justly incurred, and the House will, in the next session, indemnify Your Excellency for the same.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency by a Committee for that purpose,

Address to be engrossed, &c.

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS,

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:

To His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight, Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

Address to Governor adopted relative to petition of Bridget Gorman and James Toole.

May it please Your Excellency,

The General Assembly respectfully beg leave to acquaint Your Excellency, that in compliance with a recommendation from a Committee of the whole House on Supply, to whom petitions from Mrs. Bridget Gorman and James Toole had been referred, the House requests that Your Excellency in Council will cause the facts in the said petitions stated, to be enquired into and to defray such sums to the said Bridget Gorman and the said James Toole as shall be found justly due, and this House will, in its next session, indemnify Your Excellency for the same.

To be engrossed, &c.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to his Excellency by a committee for that purpose.

Committee to present addresses.

Ordered,—That Mr. NUGENT and Mr. Simon MORRIS be a committee to present the foregoing Addresses to his Excellency the Governor.

House in Committee of whole on Supply Bill.

Pursuant to the order of the day the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the Bill for granting to her Majesty a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Civil Government of the Colony for the year ending the thirtieth day of June, 1845.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. CARTER took the chair of the committee.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Bill reported without amendments.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the said Bill and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Engrossed and to be read a 3rd time this day.

Resolved,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day.

House in Committee on Contingency Bill.

Pursuant to order the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to provide for the contingent expenses of the Legislature.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. CARTER took the chair of the committee.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Progress and leave.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof this day.

Ordered,—That the said committee have leave to sit again this day.

House adjourn for two hours.

Then at four o'clock P. M., the House adjourned for two hours.

At six o'clock P. M., the House met pursuant to adjournment.

House in Committee on Contingency Bill.

Pursuant to order the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill to provide for the contingent expenses of the Legislature.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. CARTER took the chair of the committee.

The hon. Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

Bill reported with amendments.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through said bill and had made some amendments therein, which they had dir-

to report to the House, and he delivered the bill with the amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the said Bill with the amendments be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Engrossed and to be read 3d time this day.

Pursuant to Order an engrossed Bill to incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Bank was read a third time.

Newfoundland Bank bill read 3d time,

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Row, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bennett,

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be “an Act to incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Bank.”

and passed.
Title.

Pursuant to order an engrossed Bill to continue an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty entitled “an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies, and for repealing from and after the Fifth Day of July next an Act passed in the present Session of the Legislature entitled “an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies, and to revive certain parts of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of her said Majesty entitled “an Act for granting to her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies,” was read a third time.

Revenue bill read a third time,

On motion of the Hon. Mr. THOMAS, seconded by the Hon. Mr. MORRIS;

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass and that the title be “an Act to continue an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty entitled “an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies, and for repealing from and after the Fifth Day of July next an act passed in the present session of the Legislature entitled “an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies, and to revive certain parts of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty entitled, “an Act for granting to her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies.”

and passed,
Title.

Pursuant to Order, an engrossed Bill to prevent the importation and circulation of spurious Copper Coin within this Colony and its dependencies, and to make provision for a good and sufficient Copper Coinage therein, was read a third time.

Copper Coinage bill read a 3d time,

On motion of the Hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. BARNES,

Resolved.—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be “an Act to prevent the importation and circulation of spurious Copper Coin within this Colony and its dependencies.”

and passed.
Title.

Pursuant to Order, an engrossed Bill to amend an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, entitled “an Act to authorise the erec-

Bill to amend Colonial House Act read a third time,

tion of a Colonial House in the town of St. John's, and the raising by loan of a Sum of Money for that purpose," was read a third time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Row, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Noad,

and passed.
Title.

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be "an Act to amend an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, entitled "an Act to authorize the erection of a Colonial House in the Town of St. John's, and the raising by loan of a sum of money for that purpose."

Bill to continue Pilots
Act read 3d time,

Pursuant to Order, an engrossed Bill to amend and continue an Act passed in the second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "an Act for the regulation of Pilots and Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of St. John's," was read a third time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Kent, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Morris,

and passed.
Title.

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be "An Act to amend and continue an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of Vessels at the port of St. John's."

Bill to continue Light
Houses Act read a third
time,

Pursuant to Order, an engrossed Bill to continue an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to amend the several Acts now in force respecting Light Houses, and to make further provisions for the said Light Houses, and to consolidate the Laws respecting the same," was read a third time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Kent, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Bennett,

and passed.
Title.

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass and that the title be "An Act to continue an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act to amend the several Acts now in force respecting Light Houses, and to make further provision for the said Light Houses, and to consolidate the Laws respecting the same.'"

Cape Pine Light House
bill read a third time,

Pursuant to Order, an engrossed Bill for the maintenance of a Light House on Cape Pine, was read a third time.

On motion of the Hon Mr. Kent, seconded by Mr. Nugent,

and passed.
Title.

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be "An Act for the maintenance of a Light House on Cape Pine."

Bill to amend Hospital
Act read a third time,

Pursuant to Order, an engrossed Bill to provide for the collection and appropriation of all monies stopped or detained by any person or persons by virtue of the provisions of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, entitled "An Act for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen, Fishermen and other Persons" and not appropriated to the purposes of the said Act, was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. Prendergast, seconded by Mr. Barnes,

and passed.
Title.

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be "An Act to provide for the collection and appropriation of all monies stopped or detained by any

person or persons by virtue of the provisions of an act passed in the Sixth Year of the reign of His late Majesty, entitled "An Act for the relief of Sick and Disabled Seamen, Fishermen and other Persons and not appropriated to the purposes of the said Act."

Pursuant to Order, an engrossed Bill to amend the Laws now in force for the Registering of Deeds in this Colony, was read a third time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Row, seconded by the Hon. Mr. ROBINSON,

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be "An Act to amend the Laws now in force for the Registering of Deeds in this Colony."

Pursuant to Order, an engrossed Bill to incorporate a company under the style and title of the St. John's Gas Company, was read a third time.

On motion of the hon. Mr. KENT, seconded by the hon. Mr. O'Brien,

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be "An Act to incorporate a company under the style and title of the St. John's Gas Light Company."

Pursuant to order, an engrossed Bill for granting to her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of the Colony for the year ending the Thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five, and for other purposes, was read a third time.

On motion of the hon. Mr. THOMAS, seconded by the hon. Mr. MORRIS,

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be "An Act for granting to her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of the Colony for the year ending the Thirtieth day of June One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five, and for other purposes."

Pursuant to order, an engrossed Bill for granting to her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges within this Colony and its Dependencies, and for other purposes, was read a third time, whereupon,

The hon. Mr. BENNETT, seconded by Mr. BARNES, moved,

That the said Bill be re-committed to a committee of the whole House.

And a debate having ensued upon the said motion,

On motion of Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the hon. Mr. O'BRIEN,

Ordered,—That the said debate be adjourned.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at eleven o'clock.

Registration of Deeds
bill read a third time,

and passed.
Title.

Bill to incorporate St.
John's Gas Company
read a third time,

and passed.
Title.

Supply bill read a 3d time

and passed.
Title.

Road Bill read a third
time.

Motion that the Bill be
re-committed.

Debate thereon adjourn-
ed.

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1844.

ON motion of Mr. NUGENT, seconded by Mr. S. MORRIS,

Address to the Governor adopted praying His Excellency to appoint a Ferryman at Salmonier, &c.

Resolved,—That the following Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, Knight, Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,—

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the propriety of establishing a Ferry at Salmonier, but having omitted to make suitable provision for the same, pray your Excellency to appoint a Ferryman at Salmonier, for the accommodation of travellers to and from Placentia; and in their next Session the House will, in their Appropriation Bill, indemnify your Excellency for the sum of twelve pounds as the salary of the said Ferryman for the year ending the Thirtieth day of June One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five.

Committee to present.

Ordered,—That the said address be engrossed, and that Mr. NUGENT and Mr. S. MORRIS be a committee to present the same to his Excellency.

Adjourned debate upon the motion to recommit the Road Bill resumed.

Pursuant to the order of the day the adjourned debate on the motion that the Bill for granting to her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges within this Colony and its Dependencies, and for other purposes be re-committed to a committee of the whole House, was resumed.

Question put and negatived.

And the question being put on the said motion, it passed in the negative.

Then on motion of the hon. Mr. O'BRIEN, seconded by Mr. NUGENT,

Road Bill passed.
Title,

Resolved,—That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be "An Act for granting to her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges within this Colony and its Dependencies, and for other purposes,"

Order of day read for 2nd reading of Contingency Bill.

The Order of the day for the third reading of an engrossed Bill to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature during the present Session being read—

Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. GLEN, moved,

Motion thereon that the Bill be recommitted.

That the said Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House;—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seven; against it, eleven;

FOR THE MOTION—

The Hon. The Attorney General
 “ “ Mr. Dunscomb
 “ “ Mr. Row
 Mr. Slade
 Mr. Munn
 Mr. Barnes
 Mr. Glen

AGAINST THE MOTION—

The Hon. Mr. Thomas
 “ “ Mr. Noad
 “ “ Mr. Kent
 “ “ Mr. Robinson
 “ “ Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. Nugent
 Mr. S. Morris
 Mr. Prendergast
 Mr. Dillon
 Mr. Parsons
 Mr. Hanrahan.

Division;

So it passed in the negative.

Pursuant to the order of the day the said Bill was then read a third time, and thereupon

Motion lost

and bill read a third time.

Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. MORRIS, moved,

That the words “ To Thomas Pope the sum of Sixty Eight Pounds for his “ services in reporting the debates of the House during the present session,— “ and the sum of Fifty Six Pounds each to Henry Winton and Ambrose Shea for “ their services in reporting the debates of the House during the present session,” —in the last sheet of the said Bill be expunged, and the following words substituted therefor, viz.,—“ The sum of Sixty Pounds each to Messrs. Shea, Winton and Pope for their services as reporters during the present session,”

Motion thereon to amend the bill.

Which being put, passed in the negative.

Motion lost.

Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. MUNN, then moved,

Second amendment moved.

That the words “ To Thomas Pope, the sum of Sixty-eight Pounds for his “ services in reporting the debates of the House during the present Session, and “ the sum of Fifty-six Pounds each to Henry Winton and Ambrose Shea for “ their services in reporting the debates of the House during the present Session,” in the last sheet of the said Bill be expunged, and that the following words be inserted in lieu thereof, viz. :—“ That the sum of Fifty-six Pounds each, be granted to Messrs. Shea, Winton and Pope, as a gratuity for reporting the debates during the present Session.”

Which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, *seven* ; against it, *eleven* ;

FOR THE MOTION.

The Hon. the Attorney General
 “ “ Mr. Row
 Mr. Barnes
 Mr. Munn
 Mr. Slade
 Mr. Glen
 Mr. Carter

AGAINST THE MOTION.

The Hon. Mr. Thomas
 “ “ Mr. Dunscomb
 “ “ Mr. Morris
 “ “ Mr. Noad
 “ “ Mr. Bennett
 “ “ Mr. Kent
 “ “ Mr. O'Brien
 Mr. Nugent
 Mr. Parsons
 Mr. Hanrahan
 Mr. Prendergast

Division thereon.

2d amendment lost.

So it passed in the negative.

3d amendment moved,

Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. GLEN, then moved,

That the words "the sum of Sixty Eight Pounds" after the words "Thomas Pope" in the said Bill, be expunged, and that the words "the sum of Fifty Six Pounds" be inserted in lieu thereof:—

and lost.

Which being but, passed in the negative.

The Hon. Mr. BENNETT, seconded by Mr. NOAD, then moved,

Motion made & seconded that the bill do pass.

That the said Bill do pass, and that the title be "an Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature during the present session," whereupon

Amendment moved thereon.

Mr. BARNES, seconded by Mr. MUNN, moved, that all the words of the said motion after the word "That" be expunged, and the following words be substituted therefor, viz., The words "for his services" in the third line from the bottom of the last sheet, and the words "for their services" in the second line from the bottom of the same sheet, be expunged, and that the words "as a gratuity for" be in each place inserted in lieu thereof;

Amendment lost.

Which being put, passed in the negative.

Previous question moved and carried in the affirmative.

Mr. NUGENT, seconded by the Hon. Mr. NOAD, then moved the previous question, viz :

That "this question" be now put—

And the question "shall this question be now put"—being put, it passed in the affirmative.

Question on the main motion put and resolved in the affirmative, and

And thereupon the question was forthwith put upon the main motion, and it passed in the affirmative, and

bill passed.
Title.

Resolved accordingly, that the said Bill do pass, and that the title be "An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature during the present Session."

Notice of Jury bill for next Session.

The hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL gave notice that early in the next Session he will move for leave to bring in a bill to establish the qualification of Jurors, and to regulate the empannelling of Juries.

Notice of bill to explain the Act extending the English Criminal Law to this Colony.

The hon. Mr. MORRIS gave notice that in the next Session of the Legislature he will move for leave to introduce a Bill to explain an Act passed in the first year of her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act to extend the Criminal Laws of England to this Colony, under certain modifications."

Notice of Resolution relative to taking away of Books during the present Session,

The hon. Mr. DUNSCOMB also gave notice that on the first day of the next Session he would move that it be

Resolved, that whereas inconvenience has been experienced by the taking Books from the Library during the Session, in order to remedy such inconvenience, that no book belonging to the Library be taken from the House during the Session.

At three o'clock the House having retired to the principal Committee Room.

A message from his Excellency the Governor was delivered by Joseph Templeman Esq., Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,—

His Excellency the Governor commands your attendance, immediately, in the General Assembly Room.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the Members attended his Excellency in the General Assembly, when his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following, viz. :—

A Bill entitled "An Act to make provision for the disposal and sale of ungranted and unoccupied Crown Land within the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, and for other purposes."

A Bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fourth year of his late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in execution."

A Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of an Academy at St. John's."

A Bill entitled "An Act to prevent the importation and circulation of spurious Copper Coin within this Colony and its Dependencies, and to make provision for a good and sufficient Copper Coinage therein."

A Bill entitled "An Act to continue an Act made in the third year of the reign of her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to amend several Acts now in force respecting Light Houses, and to make further provision for the said Light Houses, and to consolidate the Laws respecting the same."

A Bill entitled "An Act to amend and continue an Act passed in the second year of the reign of her present Majesty entitled "An Act for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of St. John's."

A Bill entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of his late Majesty, entitled "An Act to authorize the erection of a Colonial House in the town of St. John's and the raising by loan of a sum of money for that purpose."

A Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Laws now in force for the registering of Deeds in this Colony."

A Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Bank."

A Bill entitled "An Act to incorporate a Company under the style and title of the St. John's Gas Light Company."

A Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the collection and appropriation of all monies stopped or detained by any person or persons by virtue of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of his late Majesty entitled "An Act for the relief

Message from the Governor, commanding the attendance of the House.

House attend his Excellency in the General Assembly Room.

Bills assented to by his Excellency.

Crown Lands bill.

Insolvent Debtors Relief bill.

St. John's Academy bill.

Copper Coinage bill.

Light House Act continuation bill.

Pilots Act continuation Bill.

Colonial House Act Amendment Bill.

Registration of Deeds Bill.

Newfoundland Bank Bill

Gas Light Company Bill

Hospital Dues Bill.

of sick and disabled Seamen, Fishermen, and other Persons, and not appropriated to the purposes of the said Act."

After which the hon. Mr. Speaker addressed his Excellency as follows:—

May it please your Excellency,—

The General Assembly have passed several Bills granting monies for the support of the Civil Government of the Colony—for the raising of a Revenue—for the maintenance of a Light House on the Southern Shores of the Island—and for the internal improvement of the Colony, by the construction and repairs of Roads and Bridges; and on behalf of the General Assembly I have now to present these Bills to your Excellency, and humbly crave your Excellency's assent to the same.

Whereupon his Excellency was pleased, in the name of Her Majesty, to give his assent to the said Bills, which are severally entitled as follows:—

Money Bills assented to.

Revenue Bill.

A Bill entitled "An Act to continue an act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies,' and for repealing from and after the Fifth Day of July next, an Act passed in the present session of the Legislature, entitled 'an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies,' and to revive certain parts of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, entitled 'an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its dependencies.'"

Cape Pine Light House Bill,

A Bill entitled "An Act for the maintenance of a Light House on Cape Pine."

Road Bill.

A Bill entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges within this Colony and its dependencies, and for other purposes."

Supply Bill,

A Bill entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the Year ending the Thirtieth Day of June One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five, and for other purposes."

Contingency Bill.

A Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature during the present Session."

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following speech:

His Excellency's speech.

Mr. Speaker, Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen:

In releasing you from your Legislative duties, and in closing this second Session of the General Assembly of Newfoundland under its present form of Constitution, I do not refrain from a renewed expression of satisfaction as well at those enactments (several of them of great interest and importance) which have been perfected in the course of it, as at the continued disposition which has been manifested throughout the Session to render its labours beneficial to the Colony.

This feeling of satisfaction extends itself to the course which you have adopted in respect to several highly important constitutional measures upon which the

final action of the House has been, as I think, wisely postponed, after reasonable discussion, until your constituency shall have been afforded an opportunity of expressing their sentiments.

But among the measures which have been passed, and to which I have now had the satisfaction, as the Representative of our Gracious Sovereign, of announcing my assent, there is one which appears to me to connect itself so intimately with the future welfare of this Island, as to call for a separate and more particular notice on my part, the more especially as it may be regarded as owing its origin in some measure to a suggestion which I felt it my duty to offer to Her Majesty's Government.

I refer to the Act by which the future proceeds of the Territorial Possessions of the Crown in Newfoundland are, with certain inconsiderable reservations, graciously placed by the Sovereign at the disposal and under the controul of the Local Legislature.

From the passing of this Act I entertain a sanguine hope that a new and favourable agricultural Era will date its origin—reports having very recently been made to me which have gone far to verify the impression which from an early period after my arrival in this Island I had received, that it will be found to possess agricultural resources and settlement capabilities far beyond what has heretofore been generally supposed.

These resources and capabilities, as far as respects those parts of the Island through which the lines of our principal communications are intended to pass—the means which you have so liberally voted, during the last and present Sessions for the surveys and explorations, construction and repair of Roads and Bridges (amounting to little less than £40,000 stg.) will enable the Executive Government to ascertain, and to a certain extent to develope.

In thanking you therefore on behalf of her Majesty's loyal subjects of this Island for that liberality, I do not hesitate in characterizing it—in connection with your educational grants—as the best and most useful investment of the public monies at your disposal, which you could possibly have made of them—one which, if I do not greatly err, will not fail to secure for those whom I now see before me the grateful applause of thousands yet unborn—as towards the patriotic and enlightened originators and promoters of the first steps in the march of internal improvement of a colony whose territorial resources had been suffered to be dormant for ages.

Although I am unable to offer you my congratulations upon the generally successful result of the "Seal Fishery" of the present season, I will nevertheless add the expression of my conviction that this branch of the Newfoundland Fisheries is fast assuming a rank and importance among its staple productions commensurate with its valuable and unfailing character.

The auspicious commencement of our steam communication with the mother country and the neighbouring continent I also regard as a matter of reasonable congratulation.

In conclusion I would observe, that without expressing any opinion as to how far the present form of constitution may or may not be that which is best adapted to the actual condition of this colony, or how far it may be susceptible of modification or improvement, it is highly satisfactory to know that a sounder condi-

tion or better assured sources of public revenue—a legislative appropriation of it to more useful purposes—a more remarkable absence of crime—more generally prevailing habits of industry and sobriety—a stronger attachment to the parent state—a more general diffusion of loyal and peaceable dispositions, and I will add of contentment and satisfaction—among all classes of the people—could scarcely have existed under any other constitutional form of Government in this or any other of her Majesty's colonial dominions.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,—

In the name of our Gracious Queen I thank you for the amount of benefit which during these two sessions, under a novel and experimental form of constitution, you have made yourselves the instruments of conferring upon her Majesty's loyal subjects of Newfoundland; and in now bidding you a temporary adieu, I desire to assure you that in whatever manner her Majesty may be graciously pleased hereafter to dispose of my services, I shall always regard it as one of the most gratifying services of my public life, that I have been associated with, and have experienced, such harmonious co-operation from you, in the interesting legislative experiment in which we have been jointly engaged, and which has been productive of results of a character so beneficial to this ancient and important possession of the British Crown.

Which being finished, the Hon. Her Majesty's Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Governor, said,

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,—

It is his Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly do stand prorogued until Monday, the Twenty Fourth day of June next: and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued until the said Monday the Twenty fourth day of June next.

Assembly prorogued until 24th June next.

EDWARD M. ARCHIBALD,

Clerk of the General Assembly.

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ESTIMATES AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

ESTIMATE

Of the Charge of defraying the Public Expenditure of the Island of Newfoundland for the Year ending 30th June, 1845.

£14,306 10s.

PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF THE ABOVE SUM.

Salary of Private Secretary	.....	£200	0	0
“ Clerk of the Council	.....	200	0	0
“ Two Clerks in the Secretary’s Office	.....	400	0	0
“ Office Keeper ditto	.....	60	0	0
“ Messenger ditto	.....	60	0	0
“ Colonial Treasurer	.....	500	0	0
“ Clerk of the Northern Circuit Court	.....	200	0	0
“ Ditto Southern ditto	.....	200	0	0
“ Crier and Tipstaff	.....	60	0	0
“ Gaoler, St. John’s	.....	150	0	0
“ Three Police Magistrates, St. John’s	.....	900	0	0
“ Chief Constable, ditto	.....	80	0	0
“ Eight Police Constables ditto	.....	360	0	0
“ Gaol Surgeon, ditto	.....	40	0	0
“ Ditto Harbor Grace	.....	30	0	0
“ Gate Keeper, Government House	.....	26	0	0
“ Gaol Barber	.....	15	0	0
To defray Attorney-General’s Fees	.....	250	0	0
“ Solicitor-General’s Fees	.....	200	0	0
“ Salary of District Surgeon	.....	150	0	0
“ Ditto Surgeon of St. John’s Hospital	.....	150	0	0
“ Allowance to Artillery Man at Fort Amherst	.....	36	10	0
“ Salaries of Stipendiary Magistrates of Outports	.....	2030	0	0
“ Ditto Clerks of the Peace, Gaolers, &c., of ditto	.....	1489	0	0
		£7,786	10	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

Printing, Advertising and Stationery	.....	£450	0	0
Civil and Criminal Prosecutions	.....	300	0	0
Gaol Expenses	.....	500	0	0
Coroner’s Accounts	.....	150	0	0
Fuel and Light	.....	400	0	0
Postages and other Incidentals	.....	120	0	0
Expenses of Circuit Courts	.....	750	0	0
Unforeseen Contingencies	500	0	0
Repairs of Court Houses, Gaols, &c.	200	0	0
		£3,370	0	0

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POOR.

Lunatic Paupers	500	0	0
Sick Poor in Hospital	250	0	0
Paupers on the Permanent List	1,200	0	0
Casual Poor	....	....	....	1,000	0	0
Outport Permanent Poor	....	....	....	200	0	0
				<u>£3,150</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

RECAPITULATION.

—oo—

Salaries, &c., of Civil List	.....	.....	£7,786	10	0
Miscellaneous Services	.....	.....	3,370	0	0
Support of the Poor	....	.....	3,150	0	0
		Grand Total	<u>£14,306</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

DETAIL

Of Salaries and Allowances to Stipendiary Magistrates, Clerks of the Peace, Gaolers and Constables, at the undermentioned Outports.

OUTPORTS.	Magistrates.	Clerks of the Peace	Constables.		Gaolers.	Total.
			No.	Salary.		
Harbor Grace	{ £180 150	£150	{ 1 2	£50 50	£90	£670
Carbonear	150		3	75		225
Brigus and Port-de-Grave	150	60	2	50		260
Ferryland	100	60	1	25	25	210
Bay Bulls	100		1	25		125
Burin	150	20	1	25	25	220
Lameline	130		1	12		142
St. Mary's	130		1	25		155
Amount carried forward	£1240	£290	13	£337	£140	£2007

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DETAIL

Of Salaries and Allowances to Stipendiary Magistrates, Clerks of the Peace, Gaolers and Constables, at the undermentioned Outports.

OUTPORTS.	Magistrates.	Clerks of the Peace	Constables.		Gaolers.	Total.
			No.	Salary.		
Amount brought forward	£1240	£290	13	£337	£140	£2007
Harbor Britain	100	20	1	12		132
Grand Bank	130		1	12		142
Trinity	150	20	1	25	25	220
Bonavista	150	20	1	25		195
Twillingate and Fogo	130	20	{ 1 2	{ 25 24		199
Placentia	130	35	1	25	25	215
Bay de Verds			1	12		12
Harbor Main			1	12		12
Cats' Cove			1	12		12
Western Bay			1	12		12
South Shore			1	12		12
Brigus, South			1	12		12
Witless Bay			1	12		12
Renews			1	12		12
Toads Cove			1	12		12
Cape Broyle			1	12		12
Caplin Bay			1	12		12
Aquafort			1	12		12
Fermeuse			1	12		12
Barren Island			1	12		12
Merasheen			1	12		12
Little Placentia			1	12		12
St. Lawrence			1	12		12
Trepassey			1	12		12
Catalina			1	25		25
Perlican			1	12		12
Hearts Content			1	12		12
Hants Harbor			1	12		12
New Harbor			1	12		12
Greenspond			1	12		12
Exploits Bay			1	12		12
Petty Harbor			1	20		20
Portugal Cove			1	20		20
Torbay			1	20		20
King's Cove			1	12		12
Tickle Cove			1	12		12
Salvage			1	12		12
Total	£2030	405	52	894	190	£3519

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1843.

DR.

To Balance from last Quarter	£12,006 17 2½
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CR.

Feb. 6.—	By Sundries	Warrant No. 249	£21 17 0
	Ditto	250	64 3 0
March 22.	Gaol Expenses	251	145 16 0
	Sundries	252	27 13 8
	Ditto	253	43 7 9
	The Poor	254	34 13 4
	Ditto	255	50 0 0
	Coroners	256	59 19 0
31.	Sundries	257	48 6 3
	Ditto	258	46 7 9
	Ditto	259	311 10 10
	Salaries	260	565 0 0
	Ditto	261	377 10 0
	Ditto	262	115 10 0
	Ditto	263	71 5 0
	Ditto	264	45 15 0
	Ditto	265	49 0 0
	Ditto	266	183 15 0
	Ditto	267	159 0 0
	Sundries	268	387 10 0
	The Poor	269	413 0 0
	Sundries	270	345 3 0
	Interest paid Elizabeth Chancey account Loan to		
	Bonavista Light House (omitted in former account)		2 10 3
	Balance to next Quarter		8438 4 4½
			£12,006 17 2½

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PATRICK MORRIS,

Colonial Treasurer.

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1843.

DR.

To Balance from last Quarter		£8438	4	4½
Received from R. Carter, Esq., Ferryland, account License Fund	£6 15 0			
Account Fines and Forfeitures	1 11 0		8	6 0
Received from B. Sweetland, Esq., Trinity, account License Fund and Fines for 1842.			26	3 4
Received from B. Sweetland, Esq., Trinity, account License Fund and Fines for 1843.			26	12 6
Received from William Sweetland, Esq., Bonavista, License Fund and Fines.			42	10 0
Received from F. L. Bradshaw, Placentia, account License Fund.			1	14 8
Received from R. J. Pinsent, Esq., Brigus, account License Fund and Fines.			4	0 6
Received from B. G. Garrett, Esq., High Sheriff, Fees, Quarter ending 31st March, Saint John's District.	8 17 8			
Northern District.	3 0 0			
Southern District.	0 5 0		12	2 8
Received from B. G. Garrett, Esq., High Sheriff, Fees, Quarter ending 30th June, Saint John's District.	25 0 0			
Northern Ditto	25 0 0		50	0 0
Received from Thomas E. Gaden, Esq., Harbour Briton, account License Fund.			6	15 0
Received from J. Winter, Esq., Greenspond, ac- count License Fund.			15	15 0
Received from A. Hogsett, Esq., Clerk of the Peace, Fees from the 22nd of May to the 30th June.			4	16 6
To amount carried forward		£8637	0	6½

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1843.

DR.

	To Amount brought forward	£8,637	0	6½
Loan from the Hon. W. B. Row, Act 6 Victoria, 3 years Debentures, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.		1000	0	0
Ditto from Valentine Merchant, 3 years Debenture, No. 11.		600	0	0
Ditto from Michael Power, 3 years Debenture, No. 12.		300	0	0
Ditto from Thomas Lynch, 3 years Debenture, No. 13.		100	0	0
Ditto from John Gregory, 4 years Debentures, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.		1400	0	0
Ditto from Thomas McGrath, 4 years Debentures, No. 6 & 7.		400	0	0
Ditto from Maurice Fitzgerald, 4 years Debenture, No. 8.		200	0	0
Ditto from Kenneth McLea, 4 years Debenture, No. 9.		1000	0	0
Ditto from John Grist, 5 years Debentures, No. 1, 2, and 3.		600	0	0
Ditto from A. Hannon, 5 years Debenture, No. 4.		400	0	0
Ditto from James Tobin, 5 years Debenture No. 5.		1000	0	0
Ditto from Ann, Susan, Mary and E. Eales, 5 years Debenture, No. 6		500	0	0
Ditto from H. W. Hoyles, 5 years Debenture, No. 7		200	0	0
Ditto from Lucretia Hoyles, 5 years Debenture, No. 8		100	0	0
Ditto from Felix M'Carthy, 5 years Debenture, No. 9		200	0	0
Ditto from Executors of the late Walter Whelan, 5 years, Debenture No. 10		800	0	0
Ditto from Thomas Dunford, 5 years Debenture, No. 11		500	0	0
Ditto from John Murphy, 5 years Debenture, No. 12.		450	0	0
Ditto from the Hon. James Crowdy, 6 years Debenture, No. 1.		250	0	0
	To amount carried forward	£18637	0	6½

TEASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1843.

DR.

	To Amount brought forward	£18,637	0	6½
To Loan from Christopher Ayre, Esq., 6 years Debenture, No. 2.		400	0	0
Ditto from the Honourable James Tobin, 6 years Debentures, No. 4 and 5.		1500	0	0
Ditto from Andrew Hannon, 6 years Debenture, No. 3.		400	0	0
Ditto from John Gregory, 6 years Debenture, No. 6.		500	0	0
Ditto from Michael Dunphy, 6 years Debenture, No. 7.		150	0	0
Received from J. M. Spearman, account Revenue present Quarter,		2612	7	5
Received from ditto account Light Dues.		369	4	0
This Sum refunded by J. B. Bulley, overpaid him account of Election expenses.		10	0	0
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		£24,578	11	11½

CR.

April 6.	By the Poor	Warrant No.	271	£17	6	8
	Sundries		272	23	5	7
	The Poor		273	14	6	0
16.	Ditto		274	64	16	8
	Circuit Courts per Judge Lilly		275	25	0	0
	The Poor		276	37	0	7
20.	Sundries		277	7	1	3
21.	Ditto		278	34	1	0
27.	Ditto		279	31	5	6
	Ditto		280	101	9	3
May 2.	Ditto		281	11	11	2
4.	Ditto		282	34	10	8
	The Poor		283	36	18	3
	Light Houses		284	37	10	0
6.	Sundries		285	26	8	2
12.	Ditto		286	112	3	10
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	To amount carried forward			£614	14	6

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1843.

CR.

		Amount brought forward	£614	14	6
May 12.	By Roads and Bridges	Warrant No. 287	23	13	9
17.	Gaol Expenses	288	11	5	0
21.	Contingencies Legislature, Session 1843,	289	860	0	0
	Ditto	Ditto 290	260	0	0
	Ditto	Ditto 291	531	13	3
	Ditto	Ditto 292	297	12	10
	Ditto	Ditto 293	672	0	0
	Ditto	Ditto 294	378	0	0
25.	Sundries	295	745	0	0
	Special votes	296	288	10	0
	Ditto	297	740	0	0
26.	Ditto	298	376	0	0
	Ditto	299	706	0	0
	Gaol Expenses	300	89	15	6
	Sundries	301	18	15	4
27.	Ditto	302	67	3	7
	Special votes	303	1021	10	6
	Ditto	304	530	0	0
29.	Ditto	305	336	0	0
	Election Expenses	306	25	0	0
30.	Special votes	307	237	2	0
31.	Sundries	308	276	7	5
June 2.	Ditto	309	292	10	0
	Education	310	300	0	0
	The Poor	311	7	3	0
3.	Sundries	312	15	9	10
6	Ditto	313	72	13	4
	Ditto	314	183	4	0
12.	Ditto	315	689	0	0
	The Poor	316	4	6	8
	Ditto	317	661	14	7
16.	Sundries	318	344	8	4
	Election Expenses	319	82	0	0
19.	Sundries	320	279	16	6
21.	Ditto	321	43	10	2
	Roads and Bridges	322	8	0	1
			£12,090	0	3

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1843.

CR.

	To amount brought forward	£12,090 0 3
June 30.	Salaries Warrant No. 323	465 0 0
	Ditto 324	602 10 0
	Ditto 325	115 10 0
	Ditto 326	71 5 0
	Ditto 327	45 15 0
	Ditto 328	49 0 0
	Ditto 329	183 15 0
	Ditto 330	91 10 0
	Sundries 331	111 14 3
	Education 332	125 13 5
	Ditto 333	155 5 5
	Six months Interest account Bonavista	
	Light House, paid E. Chancey	9 0 0
	Sundries 334	406 5 0
	Six months Interest account Cape Spear	
	Light House, paid A. Hannon	15 0 0
	Six months Interest account Bonavista	
	Light House, paid Hon. J. Noad	9 0 0
	Sundries 335	29 18 6
	Ditto 336	167 15 7
	Ditto 337	325 0 0
	Ditto 338	104 11 7
	Education 339	39 3 11
	Ditto 340	88 19 7
	Sundries 341	12 19 6
	Ditto 342	67 9 6
	Ditto 343	99 4 9
	Ditto 344	24 13 5
	Ditto 345	33 18 10
	Six Months Interest, account Harbor	
	Grace Light House, paid George Crane	21 0 0
	Sundries 346	19 18 9
	Ditto 347	18 4 10
	Ditto 348	176 3 0
	Ditto 349	82 18 3
	Ditto 350	209 4 8
	Ditto 351	92 12 1
	Printing and Stationery 352	148 6 9
	Sundries 353	178 18 0
	Ditto 354	31 0 9
	Balance to next Quarter	8060 6 4½
		£24,578 11 11½

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1843.

DR.

	To Balance from last Quarter	£8060	6	4½
July.	Loan from William Walsh, 6 years Debenture, No. 8.	1000	0	0
	Ditto from Christopher Ayre, Esq., 6 years Debentures, No. 9, 10, 11, 12.	550	0	0
	Cash refunded by F. L. Bradshaw, Esq., Placentia, over paid him	5	8	4
Aug. 26.	Received from J. M. Spearman, Esq., Light Dues, Quarter ending 30th June	543	16	6
	Received from J. M. Spearman, Esq., account Imperial Revenue	77	15	7
	Account Colonial ditto	3172	4	5
	Received from William Evans, Esq., Grand Bank, account License Fund	2	5	0
	Received from A. Hogsett, Esq, Clerk of the Peace, Saint John's	11	11	4
	Received from Richard Perchard, Gaoler, St. John's, (Fees)	8	13	4
	W. J. Stentaford, Brigus, Clerk of the Peace, Fees to 30th September	0	15	0
	Received from Alfred Mayne, Esq, Clerk of the Peace, Harbor Grace, Fees to 30th Sep.	5	17	0
	Received from B. G. Garrett, Esq., High Sheriff, Fees, Quarter ending 30th Sept.	47	1	9
	Received from A. Mayne, Esq., Clerk of the Peace, Harbour Grace, account License Fund	64	5	6
	Received from B. G. Garrett, Esq., High Sheriff, Fees, Quarter ending 30th September	73	9	2
	Received from H. G. Clow, Clerk of the Peace at Ferryland, Fees, Quarter ending 30th September	1	19	10
	Loan from the Honourable James Crowdy, 6 years Debenture, No. 13	250	0	0
	Loan from the Honorable Judge Des Barres, 5 years Debenture, No. 13.	250	0	0
	Received from J. M. Spearman, Esq., account Revenue present Quarter	2166	13	4
	Received from J. M. Spearman, Esq., account Revenue present Quarter Duties	£3860	19	2
	Light Dues	472	7	6
	Received from J. M. Spearman, Esq., account Revenue present Quarter	4333	6	8
	Received from J. M. Spearman, Esq., account Revenue present Quarter	1516	13	4
	Received from J. M. Spearman, Esq., account Revenue present Quarter.	1733	6	8
		<u>£23,875</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1½</u>

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1843.

CR.

July 27.	By Sundries	Warrant No. 355	£104	4	10
August 1.	Ditto	356	61	11	1
	Ditto	357	166	13	8
	Six months Interest paid H. W. Hoyles, Esq., account Colonial Building			7	10 0
	Sundries	358	39	6	1
3.	Six months Interest paid E. M. Archibald, Esq., account Cape Spear Light House			19	16 5
7.	Sundries	359	53	0	6
	Roads and Bridges	1	17	6	8
8.	Sundries	360	361	0	9
	Ditto	361	51	7	0
	Roads and Bridges	2	54	3	4
14.	Ditto	3	91	8	8
19.	Ditto	4	166	5	10
	Ditto	5	128	18	4
	Ditto	6	80	4	6
20.	Sundries	362	240	18	1
	Roads and Bridges	7	48	19	4
	Six months Interest paid Hon. W. B. Row, account Light Houses			10	10 0
26.	Roads and Bridges (old account)	363	5	4	0
	Roads and Bridges	8	31	5	2
	Ditto	9	57	12	5
	Ditto	10	46	7	1
29.	Sundries	364	52	17	9
	Roads and Bridges	11	43	4	1
	Ditto	12	61	8	8
Sept. 1.	Sundries	365	483	6	8
	Roads and Bridges (old account)	366	95	15	10
	Ditto	367	113	18	1
	Special votes	368	69	10	0
	Sundries	369	63	9	4
	Roads and Bridges	13	24	19	2
	Contingencies	370	26	0	0
6.	Registration Voters	371	38	7	1
	Ditto	372	74	3	8
Amount carried forward			£2,990	14	1

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1843.

CR.

		Amount brought forward	£2990	14	1
Sept. 6.	By Registration Voters	Warrant No. 373	65	3	2
	Ditto	374	32	4	7
	Sundries	375	162	14	0
	The Poor	376	10	3	8
9.	Roads and Bridges	14	164	14	6
	Ditto	15	71	15	7
11.	Unforeseen Contingencies	377	9	10	8
16.	Roads and Bridges	16	59	5	4
	Ditto	17	14	19	5
20.	Ditto	18	40	4	9
	Light Houses	378	266	5	0
21.	Roads and Bridges	19	50	10	11
	Ditto	20	45	1	4
26.	Ditto	21	44	11	6
	Ditto	22	178	15	5
	Ditto	23	79	3	6
28.	Ditto	24	52	7	4
	Education	379	845	0	0
30.	Salaries	380	490	0	0
	Ditto	381	507	10	0
	Ditto	382	115	10	0
	Ditto	383	71	5	0
	Ditto	384	58	0	0
	Ditto	385	45	15	0
	Ditto	386	358	15	0
	Ditto	387	169	9	2
	Ditto	388	99	0	0
	Sundries	389	201	14	8
	Roads and Bridges	25	37	3	9
	Ditto	26	127	1	8
	Ditto	27	25	8	8
	Ditto	28	23	3	8
	Ditto	29	177	10	0
	Ditto	30	58	17	6
	Sundries	390	155	3	10
		Amount carried forward	£7899	12	8

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1843.

CR.

		Amount brought forward	£7899 12 8
Sept. 30.	By Roads and Bridges	Warrant No. 31	131 15 7
	Ditto	32	40 15 6
	Sundries	391	81 3 4
	Ditto	392	73 16 0
	Roads and Bridges	33	25 19 3
	Sundries	393	19 2 8
	Roads and Bridges	34	60 13 5
	Education	394	560 0 0
	Roads and Bridges	35	132 7 11
	Ditto	36	15 13 4
	Sundries	395	27 17 11
	Roads and Bridges	37	86 11 2
	Ditto	38	54 15 0
	Ditto	39	70 1 6
	Ditto	40	54 2 0
	Ditto	41	33 7 7
	Ditto	42	155 17 10
	Ditto	43	79 3 10
	Ditto	44	54 12 7
	Ditto	45	16 5 0
	Ditto	46	28 2 4
	Sundries	396	318 6 8
	Roads and Bridges	47	43 0 11
	Ditto	48	44 4 11
	Sundries	397	47 19 8
	Ditto	398	89 18 1
	Roads and Bridges	49	35 18 3
	Sundries	399	221 10 4
	Roads and Bridges	50	35 8 4
	Ditto	51	65 3 0
	Ditto	52	42 8 8
Amount carried forward			£10645 15 3

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1843.

CR.

	Amount brought forward	£10645 15 3
Sept. 30.	By Roads and Bridges Warrant No. 53	30 8 1
	Ditto	54 26 11 8
	Ditto	55 140 17 4
	Ditto	56 148 2 11
	Ditto	57 90 7 0
	Ditto	58 31 17 10
	Sundries	400 319 1 11
	Roads and Bridges	59 44 16 1
	Ditto	60 53 6 8
	Ditto	61 46 5 3
	Ditto	62 14 1 4
	Sundries	401 98 1 5
	Ditto	402 37 10 0
	Roads and Bridges	63 63 18 7
	Ditto	64 42 9 4
	Ditto	65 55 0 0
	Ditto	66 121 4 11
	Ditto	67 87 9 5
	Ditto	68 98 12 9
	Circuit Courts	403 187 0 0
	Roads and Bridges	69 30 2 2
	Ditto	70 79 5 5
	Ditto	71 89 14 0
	Ditto	72 100 9 4
	Sundries	404 86 0 0
	12 Months Interest paid H. W. Hoyles, Esq., account Bonavista Light House.	30 0 0
	Roads and Bridges	73 37 2 4
	Sundries	405 317 10 0
	Roads and Bridges	74 53 6 1
	Ditto	75 58 18 8
	Sundries	406 62 8 2
	Roads and Bridges	76 124 2 4
	Circuit Courts	407 173 15 10
	Balance to next Quarter	10,249 17 0½
		£23,875 9 1½

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1843.

DR.

To Balance from last Quarter	£10,249 17 0½
This Sum Received from A. Hogsett, Esq., account License Fund for 1842.	121 6 8
Cash received from Aaron Hogsett, Esq., Clerk of the Peace, License Fund.	215 0 0
Received from A. Mayne, Esq., Clerk Peace, Fees, Quarter ending Dec. 31st	9 18 0
Received from Richard Perchard, Gaoler, Fees, Quarter ending December 31st	6 13 4
Received from A. Hogsett, Esq., account Fees	18 0 6
Received from ditto account Fines and Forfeitures	11 15 10
W. T. Stentaford, Fees, Quarter ending December 31st	2 0 1
Received from C. Cozens, Fines	0 7 6
Received from A. Hogsett ditto	0 8 6
Received from E. M. Archibald, Fees, Quarter ending December 31st	125 17 6
Received from the Hon. J. M. Spearman, account Colonial Revenue	3250 0 0
Light Dues	283 5 4
Colonial Revenue	3250 0 0
Colonial Revenue	2166 13 4
Colonial Revenue	444 18 8
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	£20,156 2 3½

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1843.

CR.

Nov. 16.	By Roads and Bridges	Warrant No. 77	£51	2	1
	Ditto	78	75	7	8
	Ditto	79	38	0	0
	Ditto	80	56	13	10
17.	Ditto	81	65	12	5
	Roads and Bridges (old account)	408	104	14	1
	Repairs Court Houses and Gaols	409	12	10	10
	Roads and Bridges	82	134	10	0
	Ditto	83	69	0	5
	Ditto	84	32	6	4
	Ditto	85	65	14	7
20.	Sundries	410	43	3	1
	Ditto	411	40	16	3
	Roads and Bridges	86	70	1	2
	Ditto	87	49	1	4
	Ditto	88	30	3	11
	Ditto	89	57	19	8
	Ditto	90	65	19	9
21.	Ditto	91	61	5	0
	Ditto	92	11	6	8
	Ditto	93	92	4	8
22.	Ditto	94	54	16	11
	Ditto	95	52	1	8
	Ditto	96	68	19	2
	Ditto	97	14	8	4
23.	Ditto	98	65	12	8
	Sundries	412	25	2	8
	Roads and Bridges	99	21	8	8
	Ditto	100	45	10	5
	Ditto	101	72	16	3
	Ditto	102	79	1	9
	Ditto	103	49	13	10
	Ditto	104	17	11	0
	Ditto	105	20	3	0
	Ditto	106	47	0	0
	Sundries	413	208	11	5
	Roads and Bridges	107	38	13	3
	Ditto	108	155	7	8
30.	Ditto	109	94	1	5

Amount carried forward

£2358 13 10

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1843.

CR.

		Amount brought forward	£2358	13	10
Nov. 30.	Education	Warrant No. 414	512	5	0
	Ditto	415	302	10	0
Dec. 1.	Roads and Bridges	110	24	3	6
2.	Ditto	111	129	4	1
	Ditto	112	21	1	4
	Ditto	113	95	6	1
	Sundries	416	345	8	1
4.	Roads and Bridges	114	72	0	4
	Ditto	115	59	19	2
	Ditto	116	66	9	4
	Ditto	117	52	6	4
	The Poor	417	71	1	3
	Sundries	418	155	4	0
6.	Roads and Bridges	118	65	8	8
	Ditto	119	163	19	4
	Ditto	120	100	7	0
	Ditto	121	64	5	1
	Ditto	122	84	0	9
	Ditto	123	124	0	2
	Ditto	124	63	5	4
	Ditto	125	53	5	1
	Ditto	126	42	11	7
7.	Ditto	127	39	9	5
	Ditto	128	80	17	9
	Ditto	129	95	19	0
8.	Gaol Expenses	419	77	2	8
	Ditto	420	20	2	0
	Sundries	421	58	13	6
	Ditto	422	60	3	9
	Ditto	423	38	1	4
	Ditto	424	59	15	6
	Education	425	118	15	0
	Roads and Bridges	130	38	15	4
	Ditto	131	94	17	9
	Sundries	426	51	14	1
	Roads and Bridges	132	19	10	0
	Sundries	427	51	6	6
Amount carried forward			£5931	18	11

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1843.

CR.

	Amount brought forward		£5931	18	11
Dec. 12.	Roads and Bridges	Warrant No. 133	148	14	4
	Ditto	134	86	2	7
	Sundries	428	84	19	4
14.	Roads and Bridges	135	44	19	4
	Ditto	136	22	3	4
15.	Ditto	137	98	15	9
	Ditto	138	111	3	6
16.	Ditto	139	21	15	1
	Ditto	140	22	4	6
	Sundries	429	53	7	6
	Roads and Bridges	141	40	6	11
	Sundries	430	25	16	11
18.	Roads and Bridges	142	54	15	9
	Ditto	143	113	2	11
21.	Ditto	144	60	6	8
22.	Ditto	145	115	15	4
	Ditto	146	62	0	0
	Ditto	147	77	2	0
	Ditto	148	103	7	3
	Ditto	149	194	11	8
28.	Ditto	150	61	19	11
	Sundries	431	60	8	1
	Roads and Bridges	151	26	5	3
	Sundries	432	127	4	8
	Roads and Bridges	152	137	8	5
31.	Salaries	433	474	0	0
	Ditto	434	361	5	0
	Ditto	435	507	10	0
	Ditto	436	91	5	0
	Ditto	437	160	0	0
	Ditto	438	102	0	0
	Ditto	439	71	5	0
	Ditto	440	42	15	0
	Ditto	441	51	15	0
	Ditto	442	42	15	0
	Ditto	443	486	5	0
	A. Hannon, Interest on Loan		42	3	0
	Thomas McGrath ditto		13	8	11
	H. W. Hoyles ditto		34	3	4
	Amount carried forward		£10,367	6	2

TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1843.

CR.

	Amount brought forward	£10,367	6	2
Dec. 31.	Savings Bank, Interest on Loan	120	12	6
	E. Chancey Ditto	9	0	0
	John Gregory, Ditto	62	12	5
	George Crane, Ditto	21	0	0
	Christopher Ayre, Esq., Ditto	28	10	0
	Roads and Bridges Warrant No. 153	63	4	9
	Ditto 154	145	6	8
	Ditto 155	179	19	0
	Commissioners Pilots, Interest on Loan	6	0	0
	Kenneth McLea, Esq., ditto	32	0	0
	Sundries 444	220	1	10
	Roads and Bridges 156	65	18	7
	Hon. James Crowdy, Interest on Loan	49	8	1
	Hon. W. B. Row, Ditto	42	18	9
	Roads and Bridges 157	79	9	0
	Sundries 445	28	10	3
	William Walsh, Interest on Loan	27	18	10
	Sundries 446	90	5	8
	Valentine Merchant Interest on Loan	20	9	3
	Michael Power ditto	10	4	8
	Roads and Bridges 158	51	7	7
	Ditto 159	78	13	7
	Hon. Judge Des Barres Interest on Loan	11	16	8
	Roads and Bridges 160	20	15	7
	J. Murphy Interest on Loan	13	5	8
	Balance to next Quarter	8309	6	9½
		£20,156	2	2½

PATRICK MORRIS, Colonial Treasurer.

Audited.

C. F. BENNETT
 LAURENCE O'BRIEN
 THOMAS GLEN
 JOHN KENT.

*Port of St. John's, Newfoundland.***A CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT**

Of the Goods imported in the Year, ended 5th day of January, 1844, shewing the aggregate Quantities and Values of the various Articles, with the Amount of Duty collected thereon.

ARTICLES IMPORTED.	QUANTITY IMPORTED.	VALUE.			DUTY.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Wine, <i>videlicet</i> :—	656 1-5 Gallons	290	16	0	75	16	5
in bottles	27419 "	5059	15	1	1519	2	6
Spirits, <i>videlicet</i> :—							
Brandy, Geneva and Cordials	18159½ "	3078	5	11	1134	1	9
Rum and Whiskey	52229 "	4134	16	10	2570	12	6
Ale, Porter, Beer, Cider and Perry		1825	7	1	127	5	7
Apples	2383½ Barrels	1825	6	4	168	4	9
Bread or Biscuit.....	116725 Cwts. 3q. 15 lb.	69831	17	6	1459	2	1
Butter	19082 Cwt. 2q. 3 lb.	51346	9	10	1643	14	1
Coals	17738¼ Tons.	12871	18	1	886	18	3
Flour	88096 Barrels	97528	13	7	5512	12	9
Furniture (Household)		559	13	8	55	19	5
Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, } not otherwise enumerated or } described		235825	7	11	12059	3	2½
Lumber	4,178,500 Feet	8648	13	1	534	16	6
Meat (salted or cured)	49501 Cwts. 2q. 17 lb.	49982	18	11	3127	4	6
Molasses	273755 Gallons	13745	0	6	1710	19	5
Oatmeal	1931 Barrels	1495	0	11	48	6	0
Timber, (Ton) and Balk, of all } kinds, including Scantling.. }	1433 Tons	1391	5	5	107	9	8
Tobacco (Manufactured & Leaf)	297830 lbs.	4221	14	11	1504	12	0
Stems	672 "	110	0	0		12	0
Cigars	201550	368	12	8	110	15	6
Shingles	4697000	2237	10	0	234	17	0
Sugar (refined)	1674 Cwts. 2q. 10 lb.	2640	7	2	417	7	0
(unrefined or clayed)....	2492 " 0 4	2174	17	8	616	12	2
Tea	364036 lbs.	26041	18	0	3984	4	4
Preserved Fruit.....	9 Cwt.	8	0	0	2	5	0
TOTALS.....		£596,435	17	1	£39,612	14	4½

Custom-House, St John's, }
The 13th day of January, 1844. }

J. M. SPEARMAN,

Collector.

Port of St. John's.

A CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT CURRENT

Of Receipts and Payments for the Year, ended the 5th day of January, 1844.

DR.

		£	s.	d.
1841.—	To Balance from last year	142	10	0
	Out-Bay Receipts, viz.,			
	5th January, 1843.	£1379	7	0½
	5th April “	105	12	8
	5th July “	2409	17	7
	10th October “	2366	15	9
1844.		6261	13	0½
January 5.	Duties on Goods imported this date	3335	1	4
		£39,755	4	4½

I do hereby declare that the foregoing Accounts are just and true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Custom-House, St John's, }
The 13th day of January, 1844. }

J. M. SPEARMAN,

Collector.

Port of St. John's.

A CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT CURRENT

Of Receipts and Payments for the Year, ended the 5th day of January, 1844.

CR.

			£	s.	d.
1844. By Out-Bay Balances, viz.,					
Burin, 5th July, 1843			38	12	4
Trinity, 10th Oct. "			199	13	2
Carbonear " "			68	17	7
Harbour Grace " "			496	6	6
Little Bay " "			245	4	5
Duties not collected, viz.,					
St. John's	2132	9	10		
Out-Bays	1479	6	6½		
			3611	16	4½
Incidents			29	17	5
Expenses attending Seizure French Boats			25	0	0
Returned Duties			77	14	3
Drawbacks			84	15	0
Over Entries			95	11	11
Cost of New Boat			30	0	0
Salaries, viz.,					
E. L. Moore	£200	0	0		
William Lilly	150	0	0		
John Canning	130	0	0	480	0
J. M. Winter, Fogo	100	0	0		
L. Moore, Greenspond	100	0	0		
J. L. M'Kie, Bay Bulls	50	0	0		
J. Winter, Lamaline	100	0	0		
J. Reid, La Poile	100	0	0	450	0
Tide Waiters Day pay			180	1	0
Boatmen			186	13	4
Remuneration to Imperial Officers			100	19	3
Reserved Salaries			3275	0	0
Outstanding Bonds			5905	5	6
Paid Treasurer			24172	16	4
			£39,755	4	4½

We do hereby certify that we have duly Audited the foregoing Accounts, and that we have finally settled and closed the same.

C. F. BENNETT }
L. O'BRIEN } Auditors.
THOMAS GLEN }

St. Johns, Newfoundland, }
The 18th day of January, 1844. }

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT

Of the Colonial Treasurer's Accounts, for the Year ending
December 31st 1843.

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QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31st 1843.

DR.

To Balance from last Quarter	£12,006 17 2½
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CR.

By Amount of General Warrants from No. 249 to 270 Inclusive	3566 2 7
Interest on Loans	3 10 3
Balance to next Quarter	8438 4 4½
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	£12,006 17 2½
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QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30TH 1843.

DR.

To Balance brought down	£8438 4 4½
“ Loans	12950 0 0
“ License Fund and Fines	131 17 0
“ Sheriffs Fees	62 2 8
“ Clerks of the Peace Fees	4 16 6
“ Received from the Collector (Duties)	2612 7 5
“ “ “ the Collector (Light Dues)	369 4 0
“ Amount refunded by J. B. Bulley, Esq.,	10 0 0½
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	£24,578 11 11½

CR.

By amount of General Warrants from No. 271 to 354 Inclusive	£16464 5 7
“ Interests on Loans	54 0 0
“ Balance to next Quarter	8060 6 4½
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	£24 578 11 11

QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1843.

DR.

To Balance brought down	£8060	6	4½
“ Loans	2050	0	0
“ Received from the Collector, Colonial Duties	12449	16	11
“ Received from ditto Imperial ditto	77	15	7
“ Received from ditto Light Dues	1016	4	0
“ License Fund	66	10	6
“ Sheriff's Fees	120	10	11
“ Clerks of the Peace Fees	20	3	2
“ Gaolers Fees	8	13	4
“ Amount Refunded by F. L. Bradshaw, Esq.	5	8	4
	£23875	9	1½

CR.

By Amount of General Warrants from No. 355 to 407 inclusive	£8485	0	2
“ Amount of Roads and Bridges, Warrants from No. 1 to 76 inclusive	5072	15	6
“ Interest on Loans	67	16	5
“ Balance to next Quarter	10249	17	0½
	£23875	9	1½

DR.

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31ST 1843.

To Balance brought down	£10249	17	0½
“ License Fund and Fines	348	18	6
“ Clerks of the Peace Fees	29	18	7
“ Gaolers Fees	6	13	4
“ Clerk of Central Circuit and Supreme Courts Fees	125	17	6
“ Received from the Collector Colonial Duties	9111	12	0
“ Received from ditto Light Dues	283	5	4
	£20156	2	3½

CR.

By Amount of Road Warrants from No. 77 to 160 inclusive	£5862	13	2
“ Amount of General Warrants from No. 408 to 446 inclusive	5438	10	3
“ Interest on Loans	545	12	1
“ Balance to next Quarter	£8309	6	9½
	£20,156	2	3½

Audited—Balance of Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, on the thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three, of Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Nine Pounds, Six Shillings and Nine Pence Half-penny.

C. F. BENNETT
L. O'BRIEN
THOMAS GLEN
JOHN KENT.

STATEMENT

Of all Monies paid to the Colonial Treasurer on account of the undermentioned Services;
Year ended 5th January, 1844.

QUARTERS	DUTIES		LIGHT DUES	TOTAL.
	IMPERIAL	COLONIAL		
5th April 1843.			369 4 0	369 4 0
5th July “	£77 15 7	£3942 4 1	543 16 6	4563 16 2
10th Oct. “		9386 13 7	472 7 6	9859 1 1
5th Jan. 1844.		10844 18 8	283 5 4	11128 4 0
Total	£77 15 7	24,173 16 4	1668 13 4	25920 5 3

Custom House,
St. John's, 22nd January, 1844. }

J. M. SPEARMAN.

CASUAL POOR VOTE £1,000

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION TO THE 6TH APRIL, 1844.

District	Amount paid
St. John's	£213 2 3
Conception Bay	134 5 4
Bonavista Bay	13 9 4
Placentia	162 16 1
Ferryland	30 12 8
Twillingate	2 15 6
Trinity	4 16 10
Fortune Bay:	2 7 8
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	£564 5 8

Secretary's Office, 8th April, 1844.

JAMES CROWDY.

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of July to the thirtieth day of September, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.		
		Months.	Days.		s.	d.	
William Atkins	James Brine	3		6d	2	6	0
Margaret Butler	Margaret Fogarthy	3		4d	1	15	5
John Bolan	Edward Bolan	3		"	1	15	5
Ellen Breen	Occupier	3		"	1	15	5
Ann Byrne	Ditto	3		"	1	10	8
John Breen	Samuel Beer	3		"	1	15	5
Eliza Barnes	Occupier	3		£4	1	0	0
Alice Brine	Ditto	3		3	0	15	0
Margaret Burne	Grand Mother	3		1	0	5	0
Henry Buttress	Mary Henneberry	3		4d	1	15	5
Mary Brennan	Occupier	3		1s	4	12	0
John Bray	John Freeman	3		6d	2	13	0
Elizabeth Bolan	Occupier	3		4d	1	10	8
Jane Butler	Ditto	3		£5	1	5	0
Bridget Clooney	Ditto	3		4d	1	10	8
Ellen Clare	Ditto	3		£2	0	10	0
Judith Connelly	Ditto	3		"	0	10	0
Margaret Carrigan	Ditto	3		4d	1	10	8
Joanna Cashin	Thomas Brine	3		"	1	10	8
Edward Cashin	Ditto	3		"	1	10	8
Bridget Commerford	Occupier	3		1s	4	12	0
Catherine Coady	Ditto	3		4d	1	10	8
John Dailey	Martin Tracey	3		"	1	10	8
Margaret Dooley	Occupier	3		£4 12s	1	3	0
Catherine Dillon	Ditto	3		2	0	10	0
Ambrose Dunne	Mary Quinn	3		4d	1	15	5
Mary Fleming	Edward Blake	3		"	1	10	8
Mary Fitzpatrick	Occupier	3		£3	0	15	0
Bridget Fitzgerald	Ditto	3		2	0	10	0
Mary Perkins	Thomas Morton	3		4d	1	15	5
Edward Prior	Elizabeth Williams	3		6d	2	13	0
Mary Ryan	Occupier	3		£2 10	0	12	6
Edward Reynolds	Mary Eagan	3		6d	2	13	0
Catherine Scanlon	Occupier	3		4d	1	10	8
Mary Tobin	Margaret Fogarthy	3		"	1	15	5
Mary Tibbs	Occupier	3		£2	0	10	0
Marcella Underhay	James Richards	3		2	0	10	0
Amount carried forward					£57	14	6

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of July to the thirtieth day of September, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.
		Months.	Days.		
	Amount brought forward				£57 14 6
Eleanor Walsh	Occupier	3		£4 12	1 3 0
Margaret Walsh	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
Mary Anne Murphy	Patrick Feehan	3		6d	2 6 0
James Barnott	Mary Stansbury	3		"	2 13 0
Henry Bishop	Michael Carney	3		"	2 6 0
John Culleton	William Sinnott	3		1s	4 12 0
Wineford Coady	Patrick Gallivan	3		£5 6	1 6 6
Anastatia Commerford	Occupier	3		2	0 10 0
Matthew Costello	Mother	3		5 4	1 6 0
James Cummins	Eleanor Sullivan	3		4d	1 15 5
Catherine Delaney	John Fling	3		"	1 10 8
John Finn	William Goss	3		1s	4 12 0
Elizabeth Fahey	Father	3		2d	0 17 8
William Fitzsimmons	Mother	3		4d	1 10 8
James Fardy	Patrick Neary	3		£2	0 10 0
James Gladney	Mother	3		4d	1 10 8
Elizabeth Golsworthy	Occupier	3		£2	0 10 0
Martin Griffin	Martin Darley	1	27	6d	1 12 10
John Hickey	Occupier	3		4d	1 10 8
Eleanor Hayes	Eleanor Cummins	3		6d	2 13 0
Michael Haydon	Occupier	3		4d	1 10 8
Thomas Hogan	Ditto		19	6d	0 9 6
Thomas Kelley	Ditto	3		£5	1 5 0
John Kelley	Mother	3		1 10	0 7 6
Catherine Kelley	Occupier	3		6d	2 13 0
Catherine Findlater	Mary Brine	3		4d	1 15 5
Francis Fryo	Joseph Score	1	5	6d	1 0 2
Eleanor Glascott	Occupier	3		£3	0 15 0
Mary Grant	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
Harriet Hayes	Ditto	3		"	1 10 8
Bridget Hickey	Ditto	3		"	1 10 8
Nancy Hurley	Ditto	3		6d	2 13 0
Edward Haberline	James Cleary	3		4d	1 10 8
Catherine Hartery	Occupier	3		9d	3 9 0
John Kelley	Denis Slater	3		4d	1 15 5
Margaret Kenedy	Occupier	3		1s	4 12 0
Honora Keefe	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
	Amount carried forward				£124 0 3

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of July to the thirtieth day of September, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.
		Months.	Days.		
	Amount brought forward				£124 0 3
James Lacey	Margaret Cleary	3		4d	1 15 5
Catherine Leary	Occupier	3		£4 12	1 3 0
Mary Leonard	Ditto	3		2	0 10 0
Patrick Murner	Mother	3		4	1 0 0
John Marshall	Joanna Brine	3		5	1 5 0
Mary M'Lean	Bridget Roach	3			0 0 0
Richard M'Lean		3		4d	1 15 5
Margaret McLean	Occupier	3		"	1 10 8
Margaret Mackay	Thomas Morton	3		"	1 15 5
Joseph Macassay	Occupier	3		£2	0 10 0
Mary Martin	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
Ellen Meagher	Ditto	3		"	1 10 8
Ann Morrissey	Ditto	3		"	1 10 8
Mary Moran	Ditto	3		"	1 10 8
Elizabeth Moakler	Ditto	3		£3	0 15 0
Catherine Norris	Ditto	3		9d	3 9 0
Moses Night	Elizabeth Joney	3		6d	2 13 0
Bridget Oates	Occupier	3		4d	1 10 8
William Oreford	Mary Power	4	1	6d	3 10 11
Bridget Power	Occupier	3		£2	0 10 0
Bridget Power	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
Anthony Minchington	Mary Stansbury	3		6d	2 13 0
Margaret McManiers	James McManiers	3		"	2 13 0
Stephen Miller	Mother	3		4d	1 10 8
Michael Murphy	Ditto	3		6d	2 13 0
John Murphy	Occupier	3		"	2 6 0
Eleanor McGrath	Mother	3		£3	0 15 0
Mary Murray	Henry Hewett	3		6d	2 6 0
Henry Meagher	Occupier	3		1s.	0 16 0
Mary Ann Nugent	James Septon	3		4d	1 10 8
Edward Prendergast	James Breenock	3		£56s.	1 6 6
Richard Prendergast	Mother	3		9d	3 9 0
Philip Pippy	Occupier	3		"	3 9 0
Eleanor Quirk	Honora Mackey	3		1s.	4 12 0
Adam Rose	John Goff	3		4d	1 10 8
Eleanor Redmond	Occupier	3		6d	2 6 0
Thomas Sinnott	Ditto	3		£3	0 15 0
	Amount carried forward				£188 7 11

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of July to the thirtieth day of September, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.	
		Months.	Days.		£	s
	Amount brought forward					£188 7 11
Mary Sullivan	Mother	3		4d		1 15 5
Edward Snow	Sarah Peach	3		"		1 15 5
Thomas Shockrrough	Alice Donovan	3		£1		0 5 0
Edward Walsh	Mary Stansbury	3		6d		2 13 0
Geoffrey Walsh	Occupier	3		£2 10		0 12 6
James Walsh	Bridget Dunphy	3		6d		2 13 0
Mary Ann Walsh	Mary Morrissey	3		"		2 6 0
Sarah Best	Susannah Todridge	3		4d		1 15 5
Edward Bradbury	Occupier	3		£5		1 5 0
David Bolan	Ditto	3		1		0 5 0
Philip Brown	Timothy Harrigan	3		4d		1 15 5
Mary Butler	Occupier	3		£2		0 10 0
Joanna Cahill	Ditto	3		4d		1 10 8
Nancy Coyle	Ditto	3		"		1 10 8
Jane Cooke	Robert Droken	3		£3 0 8		0 15 2
Catherine Cleary	Sarah Cleary	3		4d		1 10 8
Thomas Clarke	Occupier	3		"		1 15 5
Margaret Connell	William Byrne	3		"		1 10 8
Catherine Coughlan	William Landregan	3		"		1 15 5
Ann Campbell	William Campbell	3		"		1 15 5
John Cotter	Occupier	3		6d		2 6 0
Robert Courage	John Cotter	3		4d		1 10 8
John Core	John Freeman	3		1s		4 12 0
Judith Doyle	Occupier	3		£5		1 5 0
John Durdle	Ditto	3		3 15		0 18 9
Thomas Doughtney	Patrick Kinsela	3		6d		2 6 0
Alice Doughton	Occupier	3		£2		0 10 0
Alice Donovan	Ditto	3		1 10		0 7 6
Margaret Dunn	Ditto	3		1 10		0 7 6
Bridget Dunphy	Ditto	3		£2		0 10 0
William Day	James Frost	3		9d		3 9 0
James Daulton	Occupier	3		9d		3 9 0
Jane Donovan	Mathew Toucher	3		4d		1 10 8
Rodger Fahey	Occupier	3		2d		0 17 8
Mary Fahey	Ditto	3		2d		0 17 8
Mary Fardy	Ditto	3		£4 12		1 3 0
Ann Fitzgerald	John Dunn	3		5		1 5 0
	Amount carried forward					£245 8 7

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of July to the thirtieth day of September, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.
		Months.	Days.		
	Amount brought forward				£245 8 7
William Fitzgerald	Matthew Joy	3		4d	1 15 5
Ann Granville	William Butler	3		6d	2 13 0
John Haydon	William Fling	3		£5	1 5 0
Honora Haney	Occupier	3		9d	3 9 0
William Hickey	Bridget Hickey	3		4d	1 15 5
Patrick Hearney	John Power	3		1s	4 12 0
Susannah Jeans	Catherine Houlihan	3		£4	1 0 0
Judith Kean	Lawrence Larkin	3		5	1 5 0
Mary Keating	William Walsh	3		4 12 8	1 3 2
Mary Kenney	Eleanor Whelan	3		2 13	0 13 3
Rose Kelley	Son in Law	3		4d	1 10 8
James Keefe	Bridget Breen	3		6d	2 6 0
Anastatia Murphy	Occupier	3		£2	0 10 0
Elizabeth Mumford	James Grant	3		4d	1 15 5
Mary Murren	John Murren	3		£1	0 5 0
Bridget Murphy	Occupier	3		4	1 0 0
Thomas Meagher	Bridget Dunphy	3		6d	2 13 0
Anthony Moore	Alice Meagher	3		1s	4 12 0
Andrew Murphy	John Murphy	3		"	4 12 0
Martin Malone	Elizabeth Croke	3		4d	1 15 5
Edward Morathy	Occupier	3		6d	2 13 0
Elizabeth Mackey	Margaret Dwyer	3		4d	1 15 5
John Neale	Occupier	3		9d	3 9 0
Martha Power	William Power	3		4d	1 15 5
Henry Pynn	Occupier	3		"	1 15 5
Margaret Phelan	James Angulam	3		£2	0 10 0
Joanna Phealan	Occupier	3		2	0 10 0
Joanna Purcell	John Walsh	3		4d	1 10 8
Martin Power	John Cotter	3		9d	3 9 0
Susan Quinton	Elizabeth Joney	3		4d	1 15 5
Mathew Ryan	Occupier	3		£4 12	1 3 0
Thomas Ronan	Ditto	3		6d	2 6 0
Ann Smart	Charles Antell	3		"	2 13 0
George Soper	Nicholas Whelan	3		"	2 13 0
John M. Spry	Occupier	3		"	2 13 0
Thomas Stevens	Charles Dailey	3		"	2 13 0
James Sexton	Occupier	3		"	2 13 0
	Amount carried forward				£321 16 8

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of July to the thirtieth day of September, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.
		Months.	Days.		
	Amount brought forward				£321 16 8
Emanuel Tucker	William Delaney	3		6d	2 6 0
Eleanor Valley	Occupier	3		4d	1 15 5
Mary Whealan	Thomas Ryal	3		£1 10	0 7 6
Anastatia Walsh	Robert Dailey	3		1	0 5 0
Thomas White	Patrick Walsh	3		1	0 5 0
Margaret Whelan	Occupier	3		4d	1 15 5
Thomas Walsh	Charles Daily	3		1s	4 12 0
Ellen White	James Fitzgerald	3		4d	1 15 5
John Bowe	John Downey	0	28	1s	1 8 0
Bridget Connors	David Connors	3		6d	2 13 0
Mary Ann Clooney	Mary Morrissey	2		4d	1 3 9
Ann Moore	Alice Meagher	1	7	"	0 14 7
Sarah Earle	Nancy Hurley	0	3	6d	0 1 9
INCIDENTALS.					
To Jonas Barter's account for one Coffin furnished					0 12 6
" Wilson & Co., account of Clothing furnished					1 16 9
" John Freeman's Salary for attendance on Permanent and Casual Poor, say, £12 10 sterling equal to Currency					14 8 6
Ditto for Stationery and travelling expenses					2 10 0
Currency					£359 15 3
Sterling					£311 15 11
CR.					
By amount received from the Colonial Treasurer					£359 15 3
Sterling					£311 15 11
November 2nd, 1843					Currency £359 15 3
					Sterling £311 15 11
Approved					
(Signed)					
P. W. CARTER, J P.					
CHARLES SIMMS, J. P.					
PATRICK DOYLE, J. P.					

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of October to the thirty first day of December, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.		
		Months.	Days.		£	s.	d
Atkins William	James Brine	3		6d	2	6	0
Butler Margaret	Margaret Fogarthy	0		4d	1	15	5
Bolan John	Edward Bolan	3		4d	1	15	5
Breen Ellen	Occupier	3		4d	1	15	5
Byrne Ann	Ditto	3		4d	1	10	8
Breen John	Samuel Beer	3		4d	1	15	5
Barnes Eliza	Occupier	3		£4	1	0	0
Buttress Henry	Mary Henebery	3		4d	1	15	5
Brennan Mary	Occupier	3		6d	2	13	0
Bray John	John Freeman	3		6d	2	13	0
Bolan Elizabeth	Occupier	3		4d	1	10	8
Butler Jane	Ditto	3		£5	1	5	0
Best Sarah	Susanna Todridge	3		6d	2	13	0
Bradbury Edward	Occupier	3		£5	1	5	0
Bolan David	Ditto	3		£1	0	5	0
Brown Philip	Timothy Murphy	3		6d	2	13	0
Butler Mary	Occupier	3		£2	0	10	0
Barnott James	Mary Stansbury	3		6d	2	13	0
Bishop Henry	Michael Kearney	3		6d	2	6	0
Bulger Pierce	John Downey	1	6	10s. week	2	12	10
Bayley Robert	Charles Dailey		17	1s	0	17	0
Clare Ellen	Occupier	3		£2	0	10	0
Connelly Judith	Ditto	3		£2	0	10	0
Carrigan Margaret	Ditto	3		2d	0	17	8
Cashen Edward	Thomas Brine	3		4d	1	10	8
Commerford Bridget	Occupier	3		9d	3	9	0
Coady Catherine	Ditto	3		4d	1	10	8
Culleton John	William Sinnott	3		1s	4	12	0
Coady Wineford	Patrick Gallivan	3		£5 6s	1	6	6
Commerford Anastatia	Occupier	3		£2	0	10	0
Costello Matthew	Mother	3		£5 4s	1	6	0
Cummins James	Eleanor Cummins	3		6d	2	13	0
Coyle Nancy	Occupier	3		4d	1	10	8
Cooke Jane	Robert Droken	3		6d	2	13	0
Cleary Catherine	Sarah Cleary	3		4d	1	15	5
Clarke Thomas	Occupier	3		4d	1	15	5
Connell Margaret	William Burn	3		4d	1	10	8
Amount carried forward					£65	10	0

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of October to the thirty-first day of December, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.
		Months.	Days.		
	Amount brought forward				£65 10 11
Coughlan Catherine	William Landregan	3		4d	1 15 5
Campbell Ann	William Campbell	3		"	1 15 5
Cotter John	Occupier	3		6d	2 6 0
Courage Robert	John Cotter	3		4d	1 10 8
Core John	John Freeman	2	4	1s	3 5 0
Connors Bridget	David Connors	0	15	6d	0 7 6
Cahill Joanna	Occupier	3		4d	1 10 8
Core John	Ditto	0	27	6d	0 15 7
Dooley Margaret	Ditto	3		£4 12	1 3 0
Dillon Catherine	Ditto	3		2	0 10 0
Dunn Ambrose	Mary Quinn	3		4d	1 15 5
Delaney Catherine	John Flinn	3		"	1 10 8
Doyle Judith	Occupier	3		£5	1 5 0
Durdle John	Ditto	3		3 15	0 18 9
Doughney James	John Stanton	3		6d	2 6 0
Doughton Alice	Occupier	3		£2	0 10 0
Donovan Alice	Ditto	3		1 10	0 7 6
Dunn Margaret	Ditto	3		1 10	0 7 6
Dunphy Bridget	Ditto	3		2	0 10 0
Day William	James Frost	3		9d	3 9 0
Daulton James	Occupier	3		"	3 9 0
Donovan Jane	Matthew Toucher	3		4d	1 10 8
Earle Sarah	Nancy Hurley	3		6d	2 13 0
Fitzpatrick Mary	Occupier	3		£3	0 15 0
Fitzgerald Bridget	Ditto	3		2	0 10 0
Finn John	William Goss	3		1s	4 12 0
Fahey Elizabeth	Father	3		4d	1 10 8
Fitzsimmons William	Mother	3		"	1 10 8
Fardy James	Patrick Neary	3		"	1 10 8
Findlater Catherine	Mary Brine	3		"	1 15 5
Fays Francis	Joseph Score	3		6d	2 13 0
Fahey Rodger	Occupier	3		4d	1 10 8
Fahey Mary	Ditto	3		"	1 10 8
Fardy Mary	Ditto	3		"	1 15 5
Fitzgerald Ann	John Dunn	3		"	1 15 5
Fitzgerald William	Charles Dailey	3		6d	2 13 0
Furlong Walter	Denis Brine	3		4d	1 10 8
	Amount carried forward				£126 15 11

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of October to the thirty first day of December, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.
		Months.	Days.		
	Amount brought forward				£126 15 11
Furlong Mary	Occupier	1	13	4d	0 14 8
Fleming Patrick	Eleanor Cummins	0	17	1s.	0 17 0
Gladney James	Mother	3		4d	1 10 8
Golsworthy Elizabeth	Occupier	3		£2	0 10 0
Griffin Martin	Charles Dailey	3		6d	2 13 0
Glascott Eleanor	Occupier	3		£3	0 15 0
Grant Mary	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
Granville Ann	William Butler	3		6d	2 13 0
Gaven Thomas	Occupier	3		1s	4 12 0
Hickey John	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
Hayes Eleanor	Jane Reddy	3		6d	2 13 0
Haydon Michael	Occupier	3		4d	1 10 8
Hogan Thomas	Ditto	3		1s	4 12 0
Hayes Harriet	Ditto	3		2d	0 17 8
Hickey Bridget	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
Hurley Nancy	Ditto	3		6d	2 13 0
Haberline Edward	Jane Cleary	3		4d	1 10 8
Hartery Catherine	Occupier	3		9d	3 9 0
Haydon John	William Flinn	3		£5	1 5 0
Haney Honora	Occupier	3		9d	3 9 0
Hickey William	Bridget Hickey	3		4d	1 15 5
Harney Patrick	John Power	3		1s	4 12 0
Janes Susannah	Catherine Houlahan	3		4d	1 15 5
Kelley Thomas	Occupier	3		£5	1 5 0
Kelley John	Mother	3		6d	2 13 0
Kelley Catherine	Occupier	3		"	2 13 0
Kelley John	Denis Slater	3		4d	1 15 5
Kenedy Margaret	Occupier	3		9d	3 9 0
Keefe Honora	Ditto	3		2d	0 17 8
Kean Judith	Lawrence Larkin	3		4d	1 15 5
Keating Mary	William Walsh	3		£4 12 8	1 3 2
Kenney Mary	Eleanor Phelan	3		4d	1 15 5
Kelly Rose	Son in Law	3		2d	0 17 8
Keefe James	Bridget Breen	3		6d	2 13 0
Lacey James	Margaret Cleary	3		4d	1 15 5
Leary Catherine	Occupier	3		£4 12	1 3 0
Lacey William	Ditto	3		4d	1 15 5
	Amount carried forward				£200 17 8

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of October to the thirty-first day of December, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.
		Months.	Days.		
	Amount brought forward				£200 17 8
Lacey Diana	Occupier	1	20	4d	0 19 7
Murphy Mary Ann	Patrick Feehan	3		6d	2 6 0
Marshall John	Joanna Brine	3		£5	1 5 0
Mackey Margaret	Occupier	3		2d	0 17 8
Maccassay Joseph	Thomas Morton	3		4d	1 15 5
Martin Mary	Occupier	3		£2	0 10 0
Meagher Ellen	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
Morrissey Ann	Ditto	3		2d	0 17 8
Moran Mary	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
Minchinton Anthony	Mary Stansbury	3		6d	2 13 0
McManus Margaret	James McManus	3		"	2 13 0
Miller Stephen	Mother	3		4d	1 10 8
Murphy Michael	Mother	3		6d	2 13 0
Murphy John	Occupier	3		"	2 6 0
McGrath Eleanor	Mother	3		4d	1 15 5
Murray Mary	Henry Hewett	3		6d	2 6 0
Meagher Henry	Occupier	3		1s	4 12 0
Murphy Anastatia	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
Mumford Elizabeth	James Grant	3		"	1 15 5
Murren Mary	John Murren	3		£1	0 5 0
Murphy Bridget	Occupier	3		4	1 0 0
Meagher Thomas	Bridget Dunphy	3		6d	2 13 0
Moore Anthony	James Frost	3		1s	4 12 0
Murphy Andrew	John Murphy	3		"	4 12 0
Malone Martin	Elizabeth Croke	3		6d	2 13 0
Morathy Edward	Occupier	3		"	2 13 0
Mackey Elizabeth	Margaret Dwyer	3		4d	1 15 5
McDonnell Ann	Occupier	3		"	1 10 8
Norris Catherine	Ditto	3		9d	3 9 0
Night Moses	Elizabeth Joney	3		6d	1 10 8
Nugent Mary Ann	James Sexton	3		4d	2 13 0
Neale John	Occupier	3		9d	3 9 0
Oates Bridget	Ditto	3		4d	1 10 8
Oreford William	Mary Power	3		6d	2 13 0
Owens John	Thomas Melvin	1		1s	1 11 0
Perkins Mary	Thomas Morton	3		4d	1 15 5
Prior Edward	Elizabeth Williams	3		6d	2 13 0
	Amount carried forward				£279 14 4

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of October to the thirty first day of December, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.	
		Months.	Days.		£	s
	Amount brought forward					£279 14 4
Power Bridget 1st	Occupier	3		£2		0 10 0
Power Bridget 2nd	Ditto	3			4d	1 10 8
Prendergast Edward	James Breenock	3		£5 6s		1 6 6
Pendergast Richard	Mother	3			9d	3 9 0
Pippy Phillip	Occupier	3			9d	3 9 0
Power Martha	William Power	3			4d	1 15 5
Pynn Henry	Occupier	3			4d	1 15 5
Purcell Joanna	James Angulum	3		£2		0 10 0
Phelan Margaret	Occupier	3		£2		0 10 0
Phelan Joanna	John Walsh	3			4d	1 10 8
Power Martin	Thomas Gorman	3			9d	3 9 0
Quirk Eleanor	Honora Mackay	3			6d	2 6 0
Quinton Susan	Elizabeth Joney	3			6d	2 13 0
Ryan Mary	Occupier	3		£2 10s		0 12 6
Reynolds Edward	Mary Eagan	3			6d	2 13 0
Rose Adam	John Goff	3			4d	1 10 8
Redmond Eleanor	Parents	3			6d	2 6 0
Ryan Mathew	Occupier	3		£4 12s		1 3 0
Ronan Thomas	Ditto	3			6d	2 6 0
Reed Joseph	John Downey	2	15		1s	3 16 0
Scanlan Catherine	Occupier	3			2d	0 17 8
Sinnott Thomas	Ditto	3		£3		0 15 0
Sullivan Mary	Mother	3			4d	1 15 5
Snow Edward	Sarah Peach	3			4d	1 15 5
Shockrough Thomas	Alice Donovan	3			4d	1 10 8
Smart Ann	Charles Antell	3			6d	2 13 0
Soper George	Nicholas Whealon	3			6d	2 13 0
Spry John M.	Occupier	3			6d	2 13 0
Stevens Thomas	Ditto	3			6d	2 13 0
Sexton James	Ditto	3			6d	2 13 0
Tobin Mary	Margaret Fogarthy	3			4d	1 15 5
Tibbs Mary	Occupier	3		£2		0 10 0
Tucker Emanuel	William Delany	3			6d	2 6 0
Underhay Marcella	James Richards	3		£2		0 10 0
Valley Eleanor	Occupier	3			4d	1 15 5
Walsh Eleanor	Ditto	3		£4 12		1 3 0
Walsh Margaret	Ditto	3			4d	1 10 8
	Amount carried forward					£348 5 10

ACCOUNT

Of Monies paid by the Colonial Government for the support of Aged, Infant, and Idiot Paupers, with Incidentals connected, from the first day of October to the thirty-first day of December, 1843.

NAMES.	WITH WHOM LIVING.	TIME.		ALLOWANCE PER DAY AND PER ANNUM.	AMOUNT IN CURRENCY.
		Months.	Days.		
	Amount brought forward				£348 5 10
Walsh Edward	Mary Stansbury	3		6d	2 13 0
Walsh Geoffrey	Occupier	3		£2 10	0 12 6
Walsh James	Bridget Dunphy	3		6d	2 13 0
Walsh Mary Ann	Mary Morrisey	3		6d	2 6 0
Whelan Mary	Thomas Ryal	3		£1 10	0 7 6
Walsh Anastatia	Robert Dailey	3		£1	0 5 0
White Thomas	Patrick Walsh	3		6d	2 13 0
Whelan Margaret	Occupier	3		4d	1 15 5
Walsh Thomas	Charles Dailey	3		1s	4 12 0
White Ellen	James Fitzgerald	3		4d	1 15 5
Walsh Mary	Mary Stansbury	3		6d	2 13 0
Walsh Thomas	Occupier	3		6d	2 13 0

INCIDENTALS.

To Wilson & Co., account of Clothing furnished		0 8 2
“ John Freeman account of Clothing furnished		0 4 0
“ Ditto for Salary for attendance on permanent and casual Poor say £12 10 sterling, equal to		14 8 6
“ Ditto for Stationery and travelling expenses		2 10 0
	Currency . . .	£390 15 4
	Sterling . . .	£338 13 4

CR,

By amount received from Aaron Hogsett, Esq., for the support of Edward Prier's illegitimate child, exacted by Law, say £20 sterling equal to		£23 1 6
Balance due, Currency		£367 13 10
	Currency	£390 15 4
	Sterling	£338 13 4

Approved—(Signed,)

P. W. CARTER, J. P. P.
CHARLES SIMMS, J. P.
PATRICK DOYLE, J. P.

RETURN

Of Sick Paupers attended by the District Surgeon since his appointment.

(Pursuant to Address of the House of Assembly.)

Statistics of the Casual Sick Poor, from the 14th February to the 31st December 1842.—
Showing the number of Patients treated, the Diseases, Mortality, Cures, &c., &c.

DISEASES.	No. Cases	Cured.	Died.	Relieved.	Incurable	REMARKS.
Measles	104	98	6			
Ophthalmicæ	4	4				
Erysipelas	4	4				
Cataract	1			1		The operation of Couching was performed.
Wounds and Ulcers	13	13				
Venereal	8	8				
Porrigo	3	3				
Typhus	8	6	2			
Delirium Tremens	2	1	1			
Mania	6				6	Three sent to the St. John's Hospital
Scrofula	3		1		2	
Climacteric	7		3		4	
Bronchitis	19	18	1			
Fractures and Dislocations	4	4				
Hæmorrhage	4	4				
Asthma	2			2		
Worms	13	13				
Hooping Cough	4	4				
Dropsy	3	1	2			
Phrenitis	3	2	1			
Ruptured Womb	1		1			
Diarrhea	7	7				
Diseased Bladder	1			1		
Pneumonia	6	6				
Puerperal Fever	2	2				
Hepatitis	3	3				
Labours	3	3				
Pluritis	4	3	1			
Palsy	3			3		
Consumption	4		2		2	
Constipation	6	6				
Rheumatism	10	10				
Total	265	223	21	7	14	N. B.—Number of visits paid, One Thousand One Hundred and thirteen.

RETURN

Of Sick Paupers attended by the District Surgeon since his appointment.

(Pursuant to Address of the House of Assembly.)

Statistics of the Casual Sick Poor, from the 1st January to the 31st December 1843.—
Showing the number of Patients relieved, the Diseases, Mortality, Cures, &c., &c.

DISEASES.	No. Cases	Cured.	Died.	Relieved.	Incurable	REMARKS.
Bronchitis	16	15	1			
Measles	42	38	4			
Pneumonia	10	9	1			
Hæmorrhage	8	8				
Wounds and Ulcers	18	17		1		
Abscess	8	7		1		
Diseased Heart	1			1		
Apoplexy	1		1			
Labours	6	6				
Worms	13	13				
Climacteric	9		3		6	
Hysteria	2	2				
Hydrocele	1			1		This Patient was in his 80th year.
Inflammation Kidneys	2	2				
Fractures	2	2				
Mania	6	1			5	Sent to St. John's Hospital,
Idiotcy	2				2	
Chlorosis	2	2				
Serofula	5	4		1		
Rheumatism	3	3				
Jaundice	3	3				
Amaurosis and Cataract	2	1			1	
Diarrhea	6	6				
Paralysis	5			3	2	
Diseased Hip-Joint	2			2		
Dyspepsia	2	2				
Typhus	4	4				
Consumption	4		2		2	Still under Medical treatment.
Cancer internals	2		2			
Enteritis	3	3				
Uteritis	3	3				
Brain Fever	1	1				
Diabetis	1				1	
Venereal	6	6			1	Sent to Hospital.
Feigned	1	1				
Total	202	159	14	10	19	

N. B.—Number of visits paid, One Thousand and Seventy.

RECAPITULATION

DISEASES.	No. Cases.	Cured.	Died.	Relieved.	Incurable.	REMARKS.
Number of Patients attended from the 14th February to the 31st December, 1842	265	223	21	7	14	
Number of Patients attended from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1843.	202	159	14	10	19	
Total	467	382	35	17	33	

Permanent Paupers.

Number of Resident Poor in the Central District, supported by the Colony, and under the Management of a Board of Commissioners, subject to the attendance of the District Surgeon :—

Males, adult,	74
Females, do.	116
Boys	110
Girls	74

Total 374

The District Surgeon has kept no return of Medical attendance on the above class of the Indigent Sick. Mr. John Freeman, the superintendent who visits them daily in cases of sickness, notifies him of the necessity of professional assistance.

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Vaccinations.

In the month of May last the small Pox was introduced in the Barque "Ocean," a Passenger Vessel from Ireland, when the District Surgeon was commanded by His Excellency the Governor to vaccinate the Children of the Poor.—Between the Date of which order May 9th and the 14th July, 878 Children were Vaccinated.

Correspondence with the Executive.

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His Excellency the Governor in all cases where relief is sought under the plea of Sickness, transmits the Petition of the applicant, with an order to the District Surgeon to visit and report upon the case. During the past year the District Surgeon has reported upon the cases of 34 Petitioners, some of whom required to be visited at a distance of Ten and Twelve miles from the Capital.

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Saint John's, March 30th, 1844

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th inst., conveying to me His Excellency's command that I should furnish a "statement of particulars relative to my office as District Surgeon required by an annexed extract of an address from the General Assembly."

I beg leave to observe in reply, that I have prepared an abstract statement of the cases which have come under my care, (as herewith transmitted) since my appointment to the office of District Surgeon up to the 31st December last. I have kept a regular Record of all the individual cases I have had to treat, but this was designed only with a view to my own government, as a matter for professional reference. It is not, I think, such a return as could be useful, or at all available as a guide to the Legislature in the determination of any question affecting the District Paupers, while it appears to me that to furnish such a detail as the terms of the address would seem to contemplate, would be open to serious objections to which I shall presently refer.

I have, however, in the return by which this is accompanied, and in which I have conformed to the practice universally pursued in Great Britain, classified the number of Patients, with particular diseases, under distinct heads, which will place the information in the most practically useful shape for the purposes of the Legislature.

A detailed statement of the names of Patients and their diseases respectively, would be loose, vague and valueless as *data*, without the abstract now transmitted, while the objection to such a statement may, I think, be made to appear sufficiently strong and manifest. Between a Medical Practitioner and those placed under his professional care, a well recognised understanding demands at his hands on the subject of their diseases *the observance of rigid secrecy*, and it is regarded as an obligation to which, I apprehend, the character of sacred may be rightly applied. I am fully sensible that I am now called upon by authority to supply this information, but I would respectfully submit, that my explanation may present the matter under a new aspect, and I cannot believe that the principle would be asserted that, the casualties and misfortunes of life should operate against the individuals in excluding them from the benefit of any privilege to which society at large may be entitled from the profession to which I belong.

Although not immediately referred to in your letter, still, as bearing on the general question of the discharge of the Duties of District Surgeon, I trust it will not be deemed irrelevant or improper, that I should take this occasion to remark that, in consequence of a discussion upon the subject some short time since in the General Assembly, I deemed it proper to call for an expression of opinion on the discharge of my functions of District Surgeon, from those under whose immediate direction and cognizance I have for the most part acted—and, I accordingly addressed a letter for the purpose to the Commissioners of the Poor, a body composed of the Clergymen of the District, whose clerical duties, moreover, gave them ample opportunities of acquiring information on the subject on which I addressed them. Their reply to my communication I now take the liberty to forward, and in pursuing this course I am solely influenced by a desire to remove any misapprehension which may have existed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

SAMUEL CARSON, M. D.

District Surgeon.

The Hon. JAMES CROWDY, &c. &c. &c.

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[Copy.]

Saint John's, 9th February, 1844.

The Commissioners for the relief of the Poor having, at a meeting holden this day, read the communication addressed to them, on the 7th Current, by Samuel Carson, Esq. M. D., District Surgeon, have the greatest pleasure and confidence in bearing their testimony to the skill, zeal, and kindness with which, as far as their extensive observation have enabled them to judge of them, Dr. Carson has invariably discharged the onerous and responsible duties of the situation which he holds. To every case which the Commissioners have brought under his notice, the District Surgeon has paid both prompt and constant attention, and the Board have not any hesitation in expressing their conviction that he has been instrumental in alleviating much of the suffering with which the Sick Poor have been visited.

On behalf of the Commissioners,

[Signed,]

THOMAS F. H. BRIDGE,

Chairman.

S. Carson, Esq., M. D., District Surgeon.

RETURN

Of all Pauper Patients which have been placed in the St. John's Hospital (at the expense of the Colony) and attended by the Surgeon of the said Hospital, between the 1st July, 1843, and 30th March, 1844, distinguishing Lunatics from other cases.

(Pursuant to Address of the House of Assembly.)

No.	Name of Patient.	Age.	When admitted.	Where from.	Diseases.	When discharged.
1	Mary Mooney	(a) 49	Nov. 18—1833.	St. John's	Idiocy.	
2	Stephen Brazil	33	Sept. 1—1837	St. John's	Lunacy.	
3	Francis Pacton	(b) 68	Do. do.	St. John's	Hemiplegia	
4	Charles Lush	(c) 49	Oct. 17—1837	Greenspond	Lunacy	
5	Charity Bickford	(d) 61	Nov. 28—1839.	St. John's	Mania	
6	Wm. Fitzgerald	(e) 45	Dec. 18—1836	St. John's Gaol	Mental derangemt.	
7	Mary M'Donald	(f) 29	Dec. 27—1839	Harber Grace.	Idiocy	Nov. 1 '43
8	Mary Foley	(g) 40	Jan. 20—1840	St. John's Gaol	Lunacy	
9	Thomas Ingram	31	July 8—1841	St. John's	Asthma and Dropsy	
10	Susan Bickham	(h) 30	Oct. 27—1841	St. John's	Idiocy	
11	Cath. Connelly	(i) 52	Jan. 12—1842	St. John's Gaol	Total Blindness & Debility	
12	James Donovan	(j) 30	July 23—1842	St. John's	Manalgia	
13	Bridget Grace	(k)		St. John's	Lunacy	Dec. 15
14	Mary Caroline	(l)	June 3—1843	St. John's	Lunacy	Nov. 14
15	Petsev Keel	(m)		St. John's	Distorted Spine	
16	Sarah Bartlett		Jan. 4—1843		Mental Affection	Jan. 6
17	Dianna Bussey		Jan. 7—1843	St. John's	Tempor'y Insanity	
18	Wm. Quigley	(n)	April 14—1843	St. John's	Lunacy	May 30

[a] Confined to her bed for the last ten years having no controul over her person in any way.

[b] Produced from fatigue and cold.

[c] Laboured under this Mental affection several years before admission into Hospital, —he is occasionally violent.

[d] For the last thirty years very eccentric and harmless.

[e] Produced by excessive use of ardent spirits, and under which excitement he committed Infanticide—for the last five years she has been perfectly correct.

[f] She has lately been so quiet I have placed her as an out-door Patient at Six Shillings per week.

[g] Periodically violent and mischievous. She was pregnant when admitted and soon after delivered of a fine son.

[h] Confined to her bed and having no control over her limbs, &c.

[i] She has been a Soldier's wife and unfortunate in her habits.

[j] Laboured under Hypochondriasis for a long time before admitted into Hospital.

[k] On her admission she was violent and destructive—lately very much improved, and is now living with her sister at Logy Bay on an allowance of 6s. per week.

[l] On allowance of 6s. per week.

[m] She had no use of her limbs when admitted—now on an allowance of 6s. per week.

[n] Frequently attacked with Epilepsy and very violent.

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(Pursuant to Address of the House of Assembly.)

No.	Name of Patient.	Age.	When admitted.	Where from.	Diseases.	When discharged.
19	Susan Oxford		May 3—1843			1843
20	Patrick Hastings (a)		June 21—'43	Harbor Grace.	Cancer of the Pylo- rus	Aug. 29
21	Henry Gillard (b)		July 6—'43	Harbor Grace	Delirium Tremens	Sep. 9
22	Thos. Costigan (c)		August 2—'43	H. Grace Gaol	Delirium Tremens	Sep. 8
23	James Abbott (d)		August 16—'43		Paraplegia	
24	Jonathan Parsons (e)		August 28—'43	Harbor Grace	Idiocy	Oct. 25
25	James Anderson (f)		Oct. 25—'43	St. John's	Hypochondriasis	Nov. 1
26	Geo. White (g)		Nov. 2—'43	St. John's	Tempor'y Insanity	Nov. 28
27	Robert Hilliar (h)		Nov. 20—'43	St. John's	Lunacy	
28	Henry Aitkins (i)		Nov. 25—'43		Hypochondriasis	
29	Boliney Borno (j)		Nov. 27—'43	Bay of Exploits	Melancholia	
30	Rob. Thompson (k)		Jan. 13—'44	Carbonear	Atraphy	
31	Emily Wix (l)		Jan. 16—'44	St. John's Gaol	Syphilis	
32	Christi. Jerrard (m)		Jan. 31—'44	Novascotia	Mental Affection	1844
33	Rich. Murray (n)		Feb. 3—'44	St. John's Gaol	Manalgia	March 3
34	John Picco		March 8—'44	Portugal Cove	Mania	
35	Paul Foley (o)					

[a] Died a perfect Skeleton.

[b] From Intemperance.

[c] From Intemperance.

[d] From distorted Spine.

[e] From his infancy.

[f] From Organic disease.

[g] From Dyspepsia and Intemperance.

[h] Improving.

[i] From general organic derangement.

[j] She is very harmless and quiet.

[k] From chronic disease of the liver.

[l] An unfortunate young creature that would be glad to be removed from St. John's.

[m] Hereditary.

[n] Committed self destruction by hanging.

[o] The child of Mary Foley is living with Mrs. Stoneman from 31st Dec., 1843, at 5s] per week.

STATEMENT

OF FEES RECEIVED AT THE SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

(Pursuant to Address of the House of Assembly.)

	Surveyor General's Fees.	Chainman's Fees.
For the Year 1839	£36 17 6	£8 18 0
Ditto 1840	44 11 0	11 0 0
Ditto 1841	11 5 0	3 12 0
Ditto 1842	12 7 0	2 14 0
Ditto 1843	14 6 0	5 2 0
	£119 6 6	£31 6 0
J. NOAD, Surveyor General, } 30th January, 1844. }		

RETURN

Of all Fees received on Grants of Crown Lands on account of the Great Seal of the
Island, and by the Colonial Secretary, in the Five Years ending the 31st De-
cember, 1843.

[Pursuant to Address of the House of Assembly.]

Years.	Great Seal.	Colonial Secretary.
1839	£5 15 0	£15 15 0
40	11 5 0	19 0 0
41	6 0 0	12 6 0
42	3 10 0	11 4 0
43	2 15 0	10 1 0

APPROPRIATION OF THE GREAT SEAL FUND IN THE PERIOD ABOVE SPECIFIED.

1839—The Governor's Orderly, One Year's pay to 31st August	£5 15 0
Repairing Office Spy Glass	0 18 0
1840—The Orderly, One Year to 31st August....	5 15 0
Ditto Four Months Salary to 31st December	1 18 4
Boat Hire	0 2 0
1841—The Orderly, One Year to 31st December	5 15 0
Sundry Postages 7s. 6d., Cambist 2s. 11d.	0 10 5
Paid for filling up an Old Cellar in Street	0 5 0
1842—The Orderly One Year	5 15 0
1843—Ditto	5 15 0

ROAD REPORTS.

REPORT**Of the Board of Road Commissioners for the Central District.**

THE BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS for the Central District in submitting this Report to His Excellency the Governor, beg leave briefly to notice the various improvements which have been made and entered upon on the Roads, Streets, and Bridges during the short season since the Road Act, Victoria 6, cap. 4, came into operation.

In entering on the improvements of the numerous Roads under their direction, the Commissioners have strictly confined their operations, both as regarded draining and making, to the worst parts of each, leaving the other parts for further consideration and future Grants of the Legislature.

BAY OF BULLS ROAD.

This Road being the main outlet to all the Settlements south of the Capital, Contracts were, in consequence, early entered into to drain and partially make all the swampy and bad parts situate between the entrance into "Sweeney's Marsh" and the "Goolds," and although several of the Contracts are in a state of forwardness, only one has been completed. The whole of "Sweeney's Marsh," however, which was heretofore almost impassable, has been converted into a beautiful line of road. All the other Contracts entered into between this Marsh and the "Goolds" will be completed early in the ensuing Summer.

Contracts have also been entered into for draining, clearing and making two miles of this road next to "Bay Bulls" which the Commissioners anticipate will be commenced with spirit in the ensuing Spring, and finished early during the summer following.—The residue of the Grant for this service will be applied by the Commissioners as soon as the Spring opens.

TOPSAIL ROAD.

About $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles of this road were in a condition almost impassable, and to enter into Contracts for making and draining it were amongst the first acts of the present Commissioners.

One-half of the above distance has, from a state the most rugged imaginable, been converted into an excellent and substantial road, and the other Contracts, the Commissioners are assured, will be completed early in the ensuing Summer.

The greater part of the sum granted by the Legislature for this service will be expended in finishing the Contracts referred to. Part of the road next to Topsail is yet in an unfinished state. The road between "Brookfield" and Kean's is also much out of repair. When the remaining sum is applied, it will go far to make the whole of this beautiful line of road fit for the use of Carts and Carriages.

That part of the Road situate between St. John's and "Brookfield" has been Contracted for, and will undergo suitable repairs the ensuing season,

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TOPSAIL AND HOLYROOD ROAD.

On this line of road little had been done beyond clearing it of stumps and roots, partially draining the swamps, and erecting Bridges upon it. A great many Contracts, however, have been recently entered into, and the worst parts of the road are in course of being made to the width of eight feet in the centre, and are well drained. Plans and Specifications for suitable Bridges have been prepared, and the Commissioners will shortly be in a situation to receive Tenders for Bridging the principal rivers and brooks along the whole line.

This Road, in whichever way we view it, is by far the most important one in the Island, and in a short time will become the grand connecting link between the populous District of Conception Bay and Saint John's, as also all the Western and Northern Settlements of the Colony. At Holyrood it will be joined to the Saint Mary's Road by Salmonier, and also by the Great Western Road which is about to be opened to "Ship Harbour" in Placentia Bay.

PETTY HARBOR ROAD.

The unimproved parts of this Road have been contracted for as far as the Catholic Cemetry which overlooks the Harbor, but the advanced period of the season prevented the Contractors from proceeding with the work. Two Contracts, however, were entered into soon after the Commissioners were appointed, one of which has been finished, and the other is in a forward state, so that in course of the ensuing Summer this desirable road will be pushed forward close to the village of Petty Harbor. The Grant of the Legislature, however, for this service will be inadequate to make the Road the whole distance, and that part of it which is next to Saint John's is greatly out of repair.

The Commissioners deem it necessary to observe that the natural difficulties of the country through which the road runs, has greatly increased the rate of cost per mile for making.

In entering the village, the Road will unavoidably pass through private property for which compensation will have to be allowed; this fact when taken in connection with the natural impediments which occur at almost every step will considerably increase the expense, and at a moderate estimate Two Hundred Pounds will be required to complete the unmade part and repair the remainder.

TORBAY ROAD.

Impressed with the claims of this most useful line of Road, the Commissioners entered without delay into contracts for making and repairing the worst parts thereof, several of which are in a very forward state, and will be completed early in the ensuing spring.

Of the two Contracts entered into for that part of this Road next to St. John's, one has been completed much to the satisfaction of the Commissioners.

The early falls of snow and the commencement of winter alone prevented the completion of the other Contracts. The alterations and improvements effected on this part of the road cannot fail to be productive of great and essential benefit to the Farmers and others located on this line, by affording additional facility to their intercourse with the town.

A Bridge has been built over "Dooling's Brook," the span of which is of sufficient dimensions to allow the vast accumulation of water at this point to flow through. This

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river or brook has hitherto offered the most serious obstructions to all the Settlers residing to the Northward, and has frequently in the Spring of the year been swollen to such an extent that the passage of it was attended with much danger. To obtain a better level, as also to connect the Torbay with the "Biscayn Cove Road" by one leading line, a departure from the old road at the entrance into the village of Torbay was unavoidable. The Commissioners were, in consequence of this deviation, obliged to run the road through small lots of private property, for which compensation was claimed and allowed. The advantages gained, however, by a departure from the old line of road cannot fail to be productive of lasting benefit particularly to the North side of Torbay, Flat-rock, Pouch Cove, &c., &c.

TORBAY AND BISCAYN COVE ROAD.

Contracts for draining and partially making a considerable extent of this road have been entered into and partly accomplished. The whole of the available means for this service will be applied early in the ensuing Spring.

PORTUGAL COVE ROAD.

The whole of this important and much frequented Road was in great need of extensive and general repairs, and almost every Bridge and Cross-drain along the whole line were beginning to give way. How to apply the small sum appropriated by the Legislature with advantage over a surface of nine and a-half miles, was found a matter of considerable difficulty. Great care was taken in examining this road to guide the Commissioners in framing Specifications which should meet the sum at their disposal, and at the same time effect such amendments as were indispensable to maintain it in a passable state. Specifications were drawn up strictly in accordance with these views, yet was no tender lodged at the office of the Board which did not involve a sum more than double the amount granted for this service. The state of the road required that something should be done, and the Commissioners caused it to be re-advertised, and fresh Specifications much more modified than the first were framed, which only embraced the bad parts—scouring the side and cross-drains, and re-building such cross-drains as were actually broken down and in an unsafe state—still did all the Tenders which were put in, except one, far exceed the Grant. This tender which came within the limits was accepted, and the Contract was entered into for partially repairing the road and bridges, the whole distance between St. John's and Portugal Cove, at the reduced rate of 2s. 1d. currency per perch, a rate little more than sufficient to clear and deepen the side drains. The Contractor was employed during the Autumn in repairing the worst parts of the road, but no particular part of it has yet been finished. When the Spring opens the work will be resumed.

This road from long and constant wearing has sunk in many parts considerably below the level of the adjoining land, and has suffered much injury by water running over or soaking into it. To remedy this defect and to put the road into a thorough state of repair, the surface should be raised at least 18 inches in the centre, which would contribute to harden it by keeping it dry, and an ultimate saving of no inconsiderable amount to the Colony would be gained.

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ROAD FROM GOFF'S BRIDGE, PORTUGAL COVE, TO THE PUBLIC WHARF:

To make this road of sufficient width for a thoroughfare between the Public Wharf and the main road, the Commissioners had to enter upon private property for which they allowed the proprietors adequate remuneration. This sum, although inconsiderable, so lessened the means set apart for this desirable object that the Commissioners have only been enabled to accept one Contract which embraces about one-half the distance. To remove the rock at the Western end of Mr. Coughlan's house was the first object of the Commissioners. This has been accordingly done, and no time will be lost in completing that part of the road. To enable the Commissioners to enter upon and finish the remainder of it a further sum of £25 will be required.

WIGMORE GULLEY ROAD.

To the Eastward of Moses Neil's house at Fresh Water this road enters a valley which is perfectly flat, and over which the water from the higher ground to the South and West flowed without having been confined to any particular channell, which frequently, during heavy rains, made it impassable. To render it dry and safe a causeway has been made across the valley and three bridges have been erected at suitable distances apart which receive the water by means of side-drains. By these improvements this part of the road which was at times difficult and dangerous to pass, is now both safe and commodious.

The improvements though not quite finished on this part of the road have given very general satisfaction, and the beneficial effects are becoming every day more manifest in the intercourse afforded, without interruption, to the inhabitants who live to the Westward of the valley above alluded to.

KEN MOUNT ROAD.

Contracts have been entered into to open, drain and partially make this Road to within a quarter of a mile of the farm of Ken Mount. The work is in a forward state and will be completed early the ensuing summer.

If this Road were pushed forward to the extent of two and a half or three miles beyond that part which is already in progress of making, it would serve to open up by far the finest agricultural neighbourhood which is to be found in the immediate vicinity of Saint John's, and would prove of great benefit to the numerous settlers located upon it.

NEWTOWN ROAD.

This Road which joins the Garrison Hill Road near the Cathedral is in a very forward state. The contract entered into for making it will be completed early in the ensuing Spring.

ROAD FROM LONG POND TO THREE PONDS.

This Road is opened and partly formed, and will be finished early the ensuing Summer. The Bridge near Thomas Ambroses is nearly completed.

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ROAD LEADING FROM UPPER LONG POND

Road, by the Eastern side of the Farm of the Right Reverend Doctor Fleming, to meet Rennie's Mill Road. This Road which has been fairly formed and partly drained will be completed early the ensuing Summer.

ROAD FROM BRINE'S BRIDGE TO THE PORTUGAL COVE ROAD.

This Road is in a forward state but the grant for the service is inadequate to complete it. It is an important Road, being one of the principal connecting links to a populous District. The part now contracted for will be finished the ensuing spring.

ROAD NEAR WYATT'S COTTAGE

This Road is fairly formed, the side-drains made, and will be completed early in the ensuing spring.

BRINE'S BRIDGE ROAD.

This Road which was in great need of repairs, and being in the immediate vicinity of Saint John's, and an outlet to a populous part of the District, received the early attention of the Commissioners, and several important alterations have been made in various parts of it.

The Hill near Mitchell's house has been cut down and the Road between that point and Brine's Bridge reduced to planes of easy inclination. The hollow between the residence of James Clift and Joseph Templeman, Esquires, has been raised, and the Hill opposite the residence of Edward Francis, Esq., lowered so as greatly to diminish the labor of horses in ascending it.

Similar alterations have been made on other parts and suitable Drains have been cut where required.

ROAD LEADING FROM MAJOR GREEN'S TO WILLIAM IRWIN'S AND THENCE TO RENNIE'S MILL ROAD.

This Road has been contracted for as far as the Grant of the Legislature would allow the Commissioners to proceed, and considerable progress has been made in the work. Several very important and essential alterations and improvements have been made, especially on that part situate beyond Irwin's farm house. An excellent Bridge has been nearly completed across the stream which divides the valley, and the road when finished will be raised in the hollow on the south side of the bridge to the height of 7 feet, which will reduce the steepest part of the hill, near Irwin's, to an easy inclination. This decided improvement, however, will be wholly lost to the public, unless the road be pushed forward to meet Rennie's Mill road. To effect this essentially necessary service a further sum of £90 will be required.

ROAD FROM THE OUTER COVE ROAD TO THE WHITE HILLS.

This Road is undergoing a thorough repair which will be completed early in the ensuing Spring.

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ROAD FROM QUIDI VIDI BRIDGE TO THE WHITE HILLS.

The whole of the sum granted for this Road has been applied and the work completed, and on no road in this District has so much labor been done for so small an amount of money.

ROAD FROM COAKER'S FARM TO QUIDI VIDI.

By the kindness of Mr. Coaker in allowing the Commissioners to straighten and widen this Road, it has been greatly improved and is now almost completed. The Road is well formed, and when finished cannot fail to be of great benefit to all the Farmers in this neighbourhood, by affording easy access to the village of Quidi Vidi where fish offal can be had in great abundance; and when this Road shall have been joined to the Road which is in progress of making round the South-side of the Pond, the Road round the Pond will offer one of the finest promenades which is any where to be found.

OUTER COVE ROAD.

This Road which connects Outer Cove and Middle Cove with Saint John's, will be opened and partially bridged, drained and made into the village of Outer Cove early the ensuing summer. The worst parts of the line are already contracted for, and considerable progress has been made in the work. The balance of the grant which still remains in hand will be applied to making and repairing such other parts of the Road as shall most require attention, so that the Commissioners look forward with confidence to having this useful and beautiful Road in full operation by the month of September next, when the Planters residing in the Settlements alluded to will be enabled to bring their fish and oil and other produce to the capital, with a facility equal to the inhabitants of Portugal Cove.

ROAD FROM MR. BENNETT'S COTTAGE TO THE BRIDGE AT QUIDI VIDI.

There is not a bye-road in the District which was more in need of general formation and repairs, and certainly none had a fairer claim to the consideration of the Legislature, than the road leading round the beautiful and picturesque lake of Quidi Vidi, and running as it does through one of the oldest Settlements in the Colony.

The sum appropriated by the Legislature has been contracted for, and the most difficult parts of the road to be made have already been overcome, and two of the Contracts are pretty far progressed towards completion.

On several parts of this Road deep cuts had to be made, and in others much filling was required, and in many parts rocks of considerable magnitude and extent had to be blasted and removed, which has been accomplished with much success. To render fully available the parts which have been contracted for, and which will be finished early the ensuing summer, it will be indispensably requisite that a further sum should be granted to enable the Commissioners at least to make passable the bad part a little to the Eastward of the Honourable C. F. Bennett's Lime Kiln, as also to push the Road forward to the village of Quidi Vidi.

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ROAD FROM THE ORDNANCE COAL YARD TO THE QUIDI VIDI ROAD
THROUGH THE FOREST

When this Road was contracted for the season was too far advanced for the Commissioners to entertain a hope that it would be finished before the winter set in, nevertheless, the work was commenced with spirit, and has progressed beyond what was anticipated. A Bridge has been built over the Forest Brook which is passable with comfort and safety, and the whole will be completed early in the ensuing summer.

ROAD FROM FORT WILLIAM TO SIGNAL HILL.

The improvements in this Road are so manifest to all who travel upon it that it will suffice to remark, that from the Garrison to the Ordnance boundary it has been (so far as circumstances would allow) brought into planes of much easier inclinations than heretofore. Formerly this Road was much damaged by the water from the high grounds to the Eastward running over it, and to remedy this defect a paved gutter of suitable dimensions has been made, commencing at the Ordnance Boundary and ending at Magoty Cove Bridge, which will afford that protection which the Road so much wanted.

GOWER STREET.

In this hitherto neglected Street several decided improvements have been adopted and partly effected. At the entrance to the residence of Peter Carter, Esq., J. P., near the Theatre, the Street has been lowered so as greatly to diminish the ascent between Duckworth Street and this point. A substantial Bridge has been built on the Line of this Street over the stream which runs into "Beck's Cove" and raised so as to meet the embankments on either side of it. Opposite the residence of Robert Carter, Esq., M. G. A., the Street has been lowered to the depth of Seven and a-half feet and between this point and the bridge the hollow has been raised so as to correspond with the alterations made on the other parts of the Street. A paved gutter has also been contracted for of sufficient dimensions to catch and discharge the water which accumulates from the high ground to the rear or Westward of this Street. The contract for the performance of this work is still in a very unfinished state, and has only progressed so far as to indicate the alterations above stated.

To give full effect to the other improvements the Commissioners found it expedient to widen the Street, to accomplish which they had to enter upon private property, for which it was necessary to allow compensation. This circumstance, together with other incidental expenses, involved considerable outlay, which has reduced the funds for this service. The Commissioners, however, assume that the benefit which will be derived by the public fully justifies the expenditure: In that part of the Street situate between the Episcopal residence and the King's Road, very important alterations have been entered upon and partly accomplished.

From the top of the Court House Lane to the Meeting House Lane the Street has been greatly improved, and this locality which was hitherto one of the filthiest parts of the Town, is clean and comfortable. An excellent Bridge has been built over the streamlet which runs into Hunters Cove, and embankments have been raised across the valley to the height of Nine Feet and to a level with the top of the bridge. The hill

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has been cut down to a depth of Six Feet, which, taken in connexion with the other alterations that have been made, has reduced the steepest parts of this undulating street into planes of easy inclination. The balance which remains on hand will be applied in the ensuing Spring.

DUCKWORTH STREET.

Nearly the whole line of this populous Street, was on inspection found to be greatly in need of extensive general repairs. Many of the catch-water drains were filled with unwholesome deposit, and in several places new ones were required. Three contracts embracing the whole of the Street from Fort William to the top of Queen Street have been entered into, two of which are nearly completed. That part situate between the Court House and the Old Garrison has undergone a thorough repair. The cross-drains have all been scoured and repaired. The main road way, together with the side walks and gutters, have been distinctly marked out where practicable, and the work as particularized in the specification has been well performed by the Contractor. One most essential requisite is still, however, wanting in this, as in most of the other streets of the Town—paved gutters—which would not only serve to keep the Streets in their proper form, but would also be the means of preventing those hollows in the side gutters in which is collected those unwholesome pools of stagnant filth, which every where disgrace our lanes and streets.

Between “Beck’s Cove Bridge” and the Court-house considerable improvements have been made. The hollows have been raised and the high and uneven places lowered, and the whole brought into planes of easier inclination than heretofore. This part of the street is still susceptible of further improvements, especially near the Safety Wall opposite M’Bride’s Cove. These amendments the Commissioners have deemed it expedient to postpone until the Safety Wall shall have been re-built. However, as confining the water to proper channels is one of the first requisites for preserving roads and streets from wear and decay, it may be right to observe that several catch-water drains have been made in the part of the street just alluded to.

On that part of this street situate between the top of Queen-street and Beck’s Cove Bridge, no material improvement had hitherto been made. The Contract for this locality embraces several material alterations. The hill near Queen-street has been lowered, and the hollow between that part and Codner’s Cove Lane has been raised, and several substantial cross-drains, which were indispensable, have also been built. As the work on the whole of this Contract is in a very unfinished state, the Commissioners refrain from further remark for the present.

WATER STREET.

Water-Street being the principal street in which the general business of the town is transacted—the great thoroughfare for carts and vehicles of every description—the tear and wear of it is proportionate to the business therein transacted.

In the year 1839 this street underwent extensive alterations and repairs, since that period the traffic carried on in the town by means of carts, &c., has more than doubled,

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and is mainly confined to this street. The constant and continuous wearing for the space of four years, without the application of any road materiel to keep it in order, had greatly impaired the whole street. The small sum appropriated by the Legislature for this service caused the Commissioners to restrict their operations to limited repairs only, which they hoped would enable them to extend repairs to the whole of the street. The scarcity of proper road materiel in the vicinity of this street prompted the Commissioners to try the effects of stones broken small, and the better to test how this system would answer on streets where very light carts are only in use, a coating of stones was thickly laid on in that part of the street between the Bank and M'Bride's Cove, and although much larger stones than those generally used in the repairing of roads were used, they speedily united and were in a very short time reduced to a smooth and durable surface.

The result of this experiment, therefore, affords ample evidence that the system of Macadamizing may with great advantage be adopted in repairing the streets of the town, but more especially in Water-street where the intercourse by means of horses and carts is so very great.

The sum at which this Contract was let per perch was by no means adequate to enable the Contractor to Macadamize the remainder of the street without suffering a serious loss, and moreover, being bound only to use gravel in the work, the broken stones were discontinued. This street is still in an unfinished state, the Contractor having been obliged to leave off work when the winter set in. The work will be resumed so soon as the Spring shall open.

The Commissioners embrace this opportunity of expressing their conviction that this street would be greatly benefitted by having a paved or planked gutter made on each side to keep it in proper form, as also to preserve it from injury and decay.

GARRISON HILL ROAD.

This road which connects the Military Road near the Catholic Cathedral with Duckworth-street, has undergone a thorough repair, and some very beneficial alterations opposite the Orphan Asylum School. The street has been raised and the steep part of the hill has been brought into planes, whereby the ascent has been considerably diminished. To protect the street a paved gutter has been made to take up the water which flows from the high ground in the neighbourhood of Fort Townshend, and which conveys it into the under-ground drain in front of the Factory. Between the Episcopal Church and Duckworth-street the street has been much lowered, the ascent greatly diminished, and the part which was heretofore abrupt and even dangerous is now safe and commodious.

RETAINING WALL AT PITTS' GROUND.

The sum granted for the erection of this Wall was found, after several attempts had been made to Contract for it, much too small. It was ultimately thought desirable to set it out at so much per perch, which was accordingly done, and the Wall has been built to about one-half its proper height. To finish it and make good the street, and defray other incidental expenses, the sum of £60 will be required.

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KING'S BRIDGE.

This fine Bridge had from long neglect become much dilapidated. On inspection the retaining walls were found to have given way almost at every point, the Arch alone being in a sound state. The retaining walls and parapets have been re-built in a most substantial manner, and the whole of the old work which was found safe to disturb has been taken down and re-placed with fresh materiel. This Bridge with a little attention will stand secure for many years at little cost to the Colony.

THE QUEEN'S BRIDGE.

This Bridge which was in a complete state of decay has been re-constructed. The abutments which were formerly built of Wood are now solid Stone Work. This Bridge will remain good for many years.

KING'S ROAD.

This Street has undergone a thorough repair. From the Military Road to Duckworth Street paved gutters have been made on each side the street, and gratings placed at short distances apart to catch and carry away the water which accumulates in the side-drains into the main one. This, in the opinion of the Commissioners, will tend greatly to preserve this Street, which hitherto suffered much damage from the flow of water in heavy rains which frequently ran over and destroyed the main road way.

COCKPIT ROAD.

This Road branches off from the Topsail Road, a little beyond the farm house of Mr. Palk at River Head, and running onwards in a South-westerly direction again joins the Topsail line at Neville's Farm. The sum appropriated for this Road being quite inadequate to improve the whole distance, a contract was entered into to repair a part of it which is next to Saint John's. This contract which begins at the Topsail Road and ends at Skinners land is in a forward state, and will be completed when the spring shall open, and when the small surplus remaining from this Grant will be expended on the worst of the unimproved parts.

This Road is a very old one and intersects a fine district which is thickly studded with fine farms, which would be greatly benefitted by continuing the repairs of the Road to where it meets the Brookfield and Topsail Road.

THE ROAD FROM JEREMIAH MERRIGAN'S TO GEORGE'S POND.

This road has been contracted for as far as the Grant for it would permit, and the work as specified in the Contract is nearly accomplished. The Black Marsh which, during the summer season, had hitherto been impassable or passed with much risk, has been well drained and a good road made across it. Beyond the Marsh is a fine Agricultural tract of unoccupied land.

OLD PLACENTIA ROAD, THROUGH PEARL TOWN.

Part of this road has been contracted for, the season, however, was too far advanced to admit of the Contractor proceeding with the work. It is in consequence postponed

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until the Spring opens. Several other roads are in a similar condition which renders it unnecessary for the Commissioners to advert to them.

ROAD FROM BROAD COVE TO JOIN THE PORTUGAL COVE ROAD.

A Contract has been entered into for opening, draining and partially making a part of this Road next to Broad Cove. This being by far the most difficult part of the Road it was thought expedient to commence with it. The early commencement of winter prevented the Contractor from accomplishing much work. To make and drain the marshes and other bad parts will be the first objects with the Commissioners as regards this Road, when the season will admit of their resuming the Road Works.

THE ROAD FROM OUTER COVE ROAD TO DYER'S ROOM, LOGY BAY.

In the Year 1839 this Road was laid out and partly made on a very limited scale to within half a-mile of Logy Bay. Here the Road branches off to the right and left and sweeping round a small hill reaches the cove at the extreme points of the settlement.—To make good the unimproved parts being the first object of the Commissioners, contracts were entered into beginning where the improvements in 1839 were left off and ending at Logy Bay. On both branches of this Road very desirable alterations have been made, the distance shortened, and a much more level road formed.

This Road which will be completed in the course of the ensuing summer, will be of great use to settlers on this line and also to the inhabitants of Logy Bay.

ROAD FROM MIDDLE COVE TO MEET THE OUTER COVE ROAD.

Middle Cove is divided from Outer Cove by a steep hill of considerable elevation, and to effect a junction of the two roads it was necessary to brest the hill on the Middle Cove side. This has been done in the best manner that circumstances would admit of, by slanting the steepest parts, the Road may be worked with horses and carts, which circumstance will be of much advantage to all the inhabitants particularly the people of Middle Cove, for whose comfort and convenience the road was devised and the Grant given to make it.

ROAD TO THE WHITE HILLS CROSSING THE RIVER NEAR KEARNEY'S TOWARDS BYRNE'S FARM.

When this Road was first advertised no tender was put in for it, the season favorable to road making was therefore far advanced before it was contracted for, nevertheless, the work was promptly commenced and has progressed beyond what was anticipated.

The Mason Work of a most substantial bridge 20 Feet span has been built near Kearney's across the stream which intersects the Grove Farm, and to make it useful during the present winter a temporary covering has been put thereon. Embankments which were requisite have been partly raised at each end of the Bridge, which will afford an easy entrance on to it from the South-west, and considerably diminish the steep inclination of the road on the side of the river next to the White-hills.

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When the alterations which have been adopted on the road shall have been carried out, it will offer to the public a far more commodious and direct road to the White hills than the road by the Grove Farm. The residue of the Grant for this service will be expended in the course of the ensuing summer.

ROAD LEADING FROM RYAN'S ROOM TO THE SCHOOL HOUSE.

To form and prepare part of this road for the reception of gravel, Contracts have been entered into, and the work is in a forward state and will be finished in accordance with the Specification early in the ensuing Summer. The unapplied portion of the Grant for this service will be expended immediately on the opening of the Spring in the erection of a Bridge across a gulley or small stream on this line of road, and in repairing the bad parts thereof.

This road when finished will be of much service to the Farmers and other Settlers in the neighbourhood. It will enable them to reach Logy Bay with horses, carts, &c., where a very considerable supply of fish offal and other useful manure can be had. The sum of £90 would accomplish the formation of this road and make it passable for the purposes adverted to.

SALMONIER ROAD.

This interesting line of road which is intended to connect Saint Mary's Bay with Conception Bay and St. John's had, by means of a Grant of the Legislature in the Appropriation Act of 1836, been opened to a distance of four miles from Holyrood. To open and clear the remaining fifteen miles of this road Contracts were entered into by the present Board of Road Commissioners last Autumn. Shortly after the work had been commenced frequent and heavy falls of snow indicated the speedy approach of Winter, which set in early and put a stop to the further progress of the work. Nevertheless, the Contractors succeeded in clearing four miles which leaves eleven miles still to be opened.

The vigorous manner in which the work was begun and prosecuted gives every assurance to the Commissioners that the opening of the remaining parts will be accomplished early in the ensuing Spring. Not fewer than twenty Bridges will be required on this line of road over streams and brooks varying in width from 10 to 70 feet.

Plans and Specifications are in course of preparation, and the Commissioners will shortly be in a condition to receive Tenders for erecting Bridges along the whole line.

The attention of the Commissioners has been drawn to the benefit which would accrue to the public by the erection of two or more tilts at suitable distances apart on the Salmonier Road, which would not alone afford shelter to travellers but be of great use to poor Contractors, who are unable to build suitable habitations for their accommodation whilst employed on the road. A sum comparatively small in amount would accomplish this desirable object:

ROAD FROM THE HEAD OF CONCEPTION BAY TO SHIP HARBOR IN PLACENTIA BAY.

In the summer of 1842 Mr. Byrne, Superintending Surveyor to the Board, was instructed to proceed to Ship Harbor in Placentia Bay, there to commence an exploration

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of the country between that Harbor and the head of Conception Bay, mainly with a view to obtain the most direct and level line for a road to connect Placentia Bay with the head of Conception Bay and with St. John's. As Mr. Byrne's report is already before the public, it will suffice to remark that he made a preliminary survey from Ship Harbor to Spread Eagle Peak at the Head of Trinity Bay. The nature of the country between the Head of Conception Bay and Spread Eagle Peak, being but little known, and the information which had been collected relative thereto of a most uncertain description, the Commissioners were desirous that the survey should be commenced without delay on the unexplored part.

On the application of the Board to His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency was pleased to appoint Frederick R. Page, Esq., to the duty of Exploring the Country in order correctly to ascertain the most advantageous line for the Road.

On the 25th of October last the following instructions were delivered to Mr. Page, which, together with the copy of a letter received from that Gentleman since commencing the survey, will supply all the official information which the Commissioners are in possession of.

COPY OF INSTRUCTIONS TO MR. PAGE.

Mr. Frederick R. Page,

SIR,—I am instructed by the Board of Road Commissioners for the Central District to acquaint you that, at their request, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint you to the duty of exploring the country and completing the preliminary survey between the head of Conception Bay and Ship Harbor in the Bay of Placentia, and they desire you to proceed with all possible despatch to the Head of Conception Bay and there commence the survey.

From the best information the Commissioners have been able to obtain, they are of opinion that at or near Salmon Cove is the place most suitable to join the Northern Road with the Road at the Head of Conception Bay.

This, however, is a matter for you carefully to examine and report upon to the Commissioners. In exploring the Country to the North and West of Salmon Cove and Colliers, it is requisite that you should proceed in a line as direct as circumstances will admit of to Spread Eagle Peak at the head of Trinity Bay, with a view to meet the line traced by Mr. Byrne from Ship Harbor to that place.

It is desirable that the line of Road which you are about to Survey should form part of the Northern Road which is intended to connect the distant settlements on the Eastern and Western Shores of the Island with the capital, but particularly with the view of opening a communication with the populous districts of Placentia Bay, Trinity, and Bonavista Bays. You will, however, take notice that the remarks relative to a main Northern Road are only applicable to that part which is next to Conception and Trinity Bays, and it will be for you to find and fix precisely the point where the road ought to diverge to the South and West so as to run in the immediate direction of Ship Harbor. In the course of the survey should any difficulty occur to prevent your acting in these general instructions, it will be your duty immediately to communicate with the Com-

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missioners, who will be always ready to impart the information and afford the assistance which you may require.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble Servant,
(Signed,)

JAMES DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

P. S.—Notwithstanding the wishes of the Board as expressed with reference to the point at which they would desire you to commence the survey, you are authorised to commence at whatever point you may think proper.

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COPY OF LETTER FROM MR. PAGE.

Tilt No. 3, Goolds River, }
25th November, 1843. }

James Douglas, Esq., Chairman of Board of Road Commissioners.

SIR—Agreably to your request on my leaving St. John's, I beg to embrace an opportunity now offering of making you acquainted with my proceedings relative to the exploration of the Great Western line of Road between Colliers Bay and Ship Harbor, doing so, if the weather has been the same in Saint John's as in the interior of the Country, it will be unnecessary for me to say it has been such as to considerably retard my progress, and to add in a proportionate degree to my toil and discomfort.

I have, however, much pleasure in assuring you that, notwithstanding all impediments, I have great reason to be much pleased not only with the progress already made, but the most excellent level lay and the direct course which with a very few trifling deviations it runs, viz., North 67. 30, West.

Time and space will not admit of my descending to particulars, suffice it then to say I am in advance of the Goolds river and was yesterday engaged in examining about the Great Pond, Snows Pond, and other ponds in the vicinity of Hodge River where to-day the men are engaged in erecting another tilt being No. 4. No person could possibly form any idea of the number of ponds already avoided, or the number and size of those still continuing to present themselves, particularly in the place our line is now advanced to, but the greater difficulty is now obviated by knowing the direction I have to proceed to avoid them. The line passes through immense forests of Trees, and excellent land. I had a fine view yesterday of Spread Eagle Peak, next Saturday I hope to see it more distinctly, and that the Saturday following will bring me near enough to grapple with him. I have yet to meet with traces of Byrne's line for at present I have not discovered the slightest. So far as I am already in advance I may venture to say that there is not a superior line of road throughout the Island to what this will be when completed, if proper attention be paid both to the opening and making. I think I can safely affirm that the line so far as gone on with is free from any hill equal to the one between the King's Bridge and the Surveyor-General's Office.

It would be unkind in me not to mention the hardships the men have endured

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since we commenced the survey, without a murmur. I believe it is only two days but what they have returned to the Tilt completely saturated and exhausted. I have also to acquaint you for the information of the Board of Commissioners, that having after some few days been engaged in the interior found it impossible to make desirable progress with the number of men allowed me, from the inundated state of the country and such constant rainy weather, I deemed it both necessary and expedient to engage another man at Colliers to proceed with us, which I trust they will sanction when I have the opportunity of explaining the great advantage from our other assistant. From the anxiety you appear to evince as to the point where our line would form a junction with the Northern Line, I beg to say that I have left this undecided until I return, I devoted a good deal of time in examining the country about the head of Colliers and Salmon and Cat's Coves, but not fully to decide on, but I rather think it will come out near Salmon Cove Bridge. Well knowing the anxiety of the Commissioners to prosecute the Survey to a completion if possible, I have only to say I will not willingly disappoint their expectations, and that nothing short of the safety of my own and the men's lives shall induce me to abandon it, begging you will excuse haste.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,)

FREDERICK R. PAGE.

THE ROAD FROM GOFF'S BRIDGE PORTUGAL COVE, TO WESTWARD POINT.

Although it was early in the autumn when this Road was contracted for, yet has no part of the contract been performed. The Contractor for the greater part of this Road had also entered into several other contracts for roads, and having previously had too much work in hand this road was neglected. The work has been delayed until the ensuing spring, and the public have for another year been deprived of the use of the road.

Many similar instances as regards other contracts might be adduced, all of which have been productive of much inconvenience, if not positive evil, to the public. Great exertions were made by the Commissioners, as well as by their Surveyor and Inspectors, to bring into immediate and active operation all the road works within this District, yet have their best endeavours in many instances been defeated, by the provisions of the Road Act leaving the Commissioners no discretionary power, and making it compulsory upon them to accept the lowest tender, without reference to the party tendering having previously entered into other Contracts, which when taken together might involve too great an amount of labor for any one individual to accomplish. This appears to the Commissioners to be a defect in the working of the present system, and tends greatly to retard their best exertions to push forward the public works under their direction, still they have not the power to apply the remedy.

In no part of the Colony can this defect in the Road Act be so much felt as in this District, where a vast quantity of varied labor is called into requisition, and that too within a period comparatively short.

It would tend to obviate in some measure the inconvenience complained of, if the Commissioners were left to the exercise of a sound discretion, which in their opinion

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does not appear at variance with the ample powers which in other respects they possess.

In concluding this Report the Commissioners beg leave most respectfully to submit to His Excellency the Governor the expediency of a Grant being voted by the Legislature for the keeping in repair the several Roads, Streets and Bridges in the District, as in their opinion nothing would conduce more to the public benefit and prove a saving ultimately to the Colony.

JAMES DOUGLAS,

Chairman Central Board of Road Commissioners.

Saint John's Newfoundland, }
February 2nd, 1844. }

Report of Road Commissioners—District of Harbor Main:

Chapless Cove, January 24, 1844.

SIR,—I have the pleasure now to lay a Statement before you of our proceedings as regards Road making in the District I have the honor to be Chairman of.

Between Salmon Cove and Harbor Main about two miles and a-quarter of a road have been formed, levelled and most part gravelled, and four Bridges built.

In Harbour Main about one hundred and forty perches of a Road or Street have been formed, levelled and gravelled, and three Bridges built.

In Chapless Cove one-quarter of a mile of a Road or Street have been formed and most part levelled, and a large Bridge repairing.

On the main line between Chapless Cove and Holyrood about one mile and three-quarters of a road have been formed and levelled, and about one mile of the same gravelled.

Ninety-one Pounds Currency have been paid to Parties for Compensation for Garden Ground, &c., taken from them on the main line of Road in Salmon Cove, Harbor Main, Chapless Cove, and Holyrood.

There is on hand about One Hundred and Nine Pounds Currency as yet not appropriated, and according to the opinion of the Commissioners it will take about Five Hundred more to complete it.

JOHN MURPHY,

Chairman of Road Commissioners, District of Harbor Main.

Hon. James Crowdy, Colonial Secretary.

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Tenders accepted and Monies expended on Roads in the District of Harbor Main.

ROAD CONTRACTORS.		Amnt. of Contracts	Amount Paid.	Amount not Paid.
Thomas McGrath		£49 15 0	£29 11 3	£20 3 9
John Costello		48 0 0	32 0 0	16 0 0
Richard Strapp		60 0 0	40 0 0	20 0 0
John Kennedy		52 0 0	34 13 4	17 6 8
Nicholas Conoran		54 0 0	36 0 0	18 0 0
Thomas Murphy		38 0 0	25 6 8	12 13 4
Thomas Wall		54 18 0	36 12 0	18 6 0
Amount of Roads		£356 13 0	£234 3 3	£122 9 9
BRIDGE CONTRACTORS.		Amnt. of Contracts	Amount Paid.	Amount not Paid.
Comple. Contracts	Edmond Flaherty	£12 0 0	£12 0 0	0 0 0
	Elias Hawko	3 18 0	3 18 0	0 0 0
	Lawrence O'Brien	9 10 0	9 10 0	0 0 0
	Elias Hawko	22 18 0	22 18 0	0 0 0
Amount of Bridges		£48 6 0	£48 6 0	0 0 0
COMPENSATIONS TO		Amt. of Compensa.	Amount Paid.	Amount not Paid.
Mrs. Costello		£2 10 0	£2 10 0	0 0 0
Philip Butler		8 0 0	8 0 0	0 0 0
Patrick MacGee		6 0 0	6 0 0	0 0 0
Martin Moores		3 10 0	3 10 0	0 0 0
Edmond Cleary		1 10 0	1 10 0	0 0 0
James Wall		23 10 0	23 10 0	0 0 0
Edmond Hannon		14 0 0	14 0 0	0 0 0
William Woodford		4 10 0	4 10 0	0 0 0
Cornelius Sullivan		8 0 0	8 0 0	0 0 0
John Fling		2 0 0	2 0 0	0 0 0
Edmond Power		10 0 0	0 0 0	10 0 0
Philip Whelan		7 0 0	7 0 0	0 0 0
Patrick Healey		0 10 0	0 10 0	0 0 0
For Compensation		£91 0 0	£81 0 0	£10 0 0
FOR ASSESSMENTS.			Paid.	
Thomas Keefe		0 0 0	£4 0 0	0 0 0
Total for Main Line		£496 19 0	£367 9 3	£132 9 9

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HARBOR MAIN STREETS OR ROADS.

ROAD CONTRACTORS.		Amnt. of Contracts	Amount Paid.	Amount not Paid.	
Complet. Contracts	}	James Wall	£4 0 0	£4 0 0	£0 0 0
		Michael Ezeicle	3 5 2	3 5 2	0 0 0
		Walter Power	11 15 0	11 15 0	0 0 0
		James Walsh	11 10 0	11 10 0	0 0 0
		Michael Gorman	24 15 0	8 5 0	16 10 0
Amount of Roads or Streets		£55 5 2	£38 15 2	£16 10 0	

HARBOR MAIN BRIDGES.

Complet. Contract	}	Walter Power	£4 15 0	£4 15 0	£0 0 0
		Ditto ditto	4 0 0	4 0 0	0 0 0
		Martin Costello	4 0 0	4 0 0	0 0 0
Amount of Bridges		£12 15 0	£12 15 0	£0 0 0	
Total for Harbor Main		£68 0 2	£51 10 2	£16 10 0	

CHAPLESS COVE STREETS OR ROAD.

John Mackey	£14 19 0	£9 19 4	£4 19 8
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REPAIRS OF CHAPLESS COVE BRIDGE.

Michael Murphy	£11 5 0	£7 10 0	£3 15 0
Total for Chapless Cove	£26 4 0	£17 9 4	£8 14 8

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REPORT**Of Road Commissioners—District of Brigus**

Port-de-Grave, 24th January, 1844.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose an account of the Expenditure of Monies granted for the making and repairing of Roads in the District of Brigus, under "Act 6. Vic. cap. 4," as well as the detailed Report of the construction and repairs of Roads in the District.

Owing to the neglected state of the Roads in this Division, some parts of it never before the last Grant having any money expended on them, has not enabled the Commissioners to complete the Roads which they have commenced, and in which the whole sums voted by the Legislature have been expended.

I am of opinion that no better proof can be shewn of the wants of this District in respect of Roads than the almost unprecedented despatch with which the Contracts have been completed, and the expenditure of the sums at our disposal in so short a time, and to such advantages as shewn in the Detailed Report.

I beg to observe that annexed to the detailed Report is a probable statement of the probable sums which will be required to complete the several Roads in this District which has been already commenced.—And have to request that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend a further Grant towards their completion.

In conclusion I beg leave to call His Excellency's attention to the very inadequate sum allowed me for my services as Chairman of the Board, particularly when compared with the sum allowed the Surveyor and Inspector, and also taking into consideration that I have to find all the Stationery required for the Contracts, &c. &c. &c., as well as to find my own Clerk, pay all postages and every other expense attending the situation.

Sir, I have the honour to be your obedient Servant,

JOHN JACOB,

Chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners for the District of Brigus.

The Honourable JAMES CROWDY,
Colonial Secretary, &c. &c. &c., Saint John's. }

A DETAILED

Report of Repairs and Construction of Roads in the District of Brigus, with the sums required to complete them.

From Salmon Cove to Brigus, distance 12 miles, the road constructed on a base of 20 feet exclusive of side-drains—On which 20 new cross-drains has been made and completed, the side-drains the whole distance cleared, 1 wooden Bridge 60 feet long built, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the worst part of the road repaired and gravelled, and some small hills levelled.

Required for the completion of this line, some parts being still in bad condition £400.

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From Brigus to Spaniards Bay, distance 9 miles, the road constructed on a base of 20 feet exclusive of side-drains, on which four and a-half miles of the worst part of it has been repaired, gravelled, and the hills cut down. The Northern and Southern Gut Bridges repaired and paved, 6 cross-drains made and completed, one party compensated for loss of ground with £5.

Required for the completion of this line, £180.

From the Main Road to Cat's Cove and Bacon Cove, distance 4 miles, on which nearly three-quarters of a mile of road has been opened 14 feet wide, formed, drained and made fit for gravelling. Nothing has been expended on this line previous to the present Grant, and it is in a miserable and almost impassable condition.

Required for the completion of this line £300.

From the main road to Colliers, distance four miles, on which three-quarters of a mile of a road has been opened 10 feet wide, levelled, drained and gravelled. Nothing has been expended on this line previous to the present Grant, and the condition equally bad with that of the Cat's Cove and Bacon Cove line.

Required for its completion £300.

From Frog Marsh to the Battery, in Brigus, on which line about 100 yards of solid rock has been blasted, about the same distance of retaining wall built, the road made 8 feet wide for half a mile, and the most dangerous places railed, 3 wooden Bridges built 10 feet wide each, the long Bridge in Brigus (on the line) repaired, one-quarter of a mile of road repaired and gravelled 10 feet wide.

Required for the completion of this line, mostly on the South side of Brigus, which is principally required for blasting rocks £100.

Town of Brigus—1 wooden Bridge built 16 feet long 20 feet wide, 200 yards of retaining wall built 5 feet high, the road made the distance of 200 yards 12 feet wide and gravelled, 2 small Bridges built, 2 stone bridges repaired, and 100 yards of road made 14 feet wide and gravelled, and one party remunerated with £2 for loss of ground.

Required for the town of Brigus £70.

From Brigus to Bull Cove, distance upwards of one and a-half miles, the whole distance has been opened, levelled and gravelled 6 feet wide, all side and cross-drains completed, and two parties remunerated for loss of ground with £3 9s.

From Brigus to Cupids, distance one and a quarter miles, upwards of one mile has been opened, levelled, and made fit for gravelling 14 feet wide, 1 wooden bridge built 16 feet long 12 feet wide.

Required for the completion of this line £50.

From the Main Road to Cupids, distance upwards of one and a half miles, which has been opened 14 feet wide, levelled and gravelled 7 feet wide in the centre and otherwise completed, 1 wooden bridge built 17 feet span at the river-head of Cupids, and one party remunerated with £10 for loss of ground. Here it may be necessary to explain that no money has ever been granted for the town of Cupids, and to continue the line from the main road through that Harbor would take £100, which I would strongly recommend for His Excellency's consideration.

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From Hibb's Hole to the Church in Port-de-Grave, distant 2 Miles on which line upwards of a-half a Mile has been opened 7 feet wide, and gravelled, and a-half a Mile previously opened has been levelled and gravelled Ten Feet wide, One Wooden Bridge built, and a Retaining Wall built Thirty yards long averaging two feet high, and one party remunerated with £1 for loss of ground.

Requiring for the completion of this line including compensation to several parties for loss of Ground £100,

From the Main Road to Port-de-Grave, distance Four and a-half Miles, on which line Two Miles has been opened, levelled and gravelled seven feet wide, and One and three-quarter Miles opened Fourteen feet wide, levelled and made fit for gravelling.

Here it may be necessary to explain that on this line nothing has been expended previous to the present grant, being a Road of considerable importance, a great number of inhabitants living and occupying both sides of it a great part of the way, the same Road passing through the settlement of Barehead.

Required for the completion of this line including compensation to several parties for loss of Ground £200.

Town of Port-de-Grave—Improving those places requiring the greatest repair, building Retaining Walls about One Hundred yards long, making and repairing about One-half Mile of Road altogether and graveling the same.

Required for the completion of the Roads in this place, including the two Roads leading to the upper and lower back coves which connect the neighbouring settlement of Bay Roberts to this on which nothing has yet been expended £80.

From the Main Road to Pack's, Bay Roberts, distance One and one-fourth Mile, on which the Road has been opened One and one-eighth Mile Fourteen feet wide, levelled and gravelled, one party remunerated with £1 for loss of Ground.

Required for the full completion of this line, and compensation to parties for loss of Ground £25.

From French's Cove to the Church, Bay Roberts, distance One and one-fourth Miles, on which line the Road has been formed from Eight to Ten feet wide, and gravelled, also Retaining Walls built Seventy yards long from Three to Four feet high, and a considerable quantity of large rocks blasted and removed, one Wooden Bridge built Ten feet span Fourteen feet wide.

Required for the completion of this line £30. Here it may be well to remark that nothing from the present Grant has been expended between Pack's and the Church which is a distance of one Mile, on which line something is to be done, requiring about £25.

From the main road to the Juniper Stump, distance 3 miles, on which line one-side drain has been cut two miles, the road opened 8 feet wide, ruts filled up and partly gravelled.

Required for the completion of this line £30

From Southern Gut Bridge towards Burnt Point, distance 3 miles, on which line nearly three-quarters of a mile has been opened 14 feet wide, levelled and made fit for gravelling.

Required for the completion of this line to answer all the purposes for the present £50.

JOHN JACOB,

Chairman of the Brigus Board of Road Commissioners.

Port-de-Grave, January 24, 1844.

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AN ACCOUNT

Of the Expenditure of Money by the Brigus Board of Road Commissioners, 1843.

	Currency.
Amount of Grant from Salmon Cove to Brigus	£173 1 6
To Laurence O'Brien's Contract	£45 10 0
" Thomas St. John's "	47 0 0
" McDonald & Foley's "	27 0 0
" Jeremiah Sheehan's "	30 0 0
" Thomas Bride's "	10 0 0
" Jeremiah Nowlan's "	13 11 6
	£173 1 6
By amount of Grant from Brigus to Spaniard's Bay	£173 1 6
To John Hearn's Contract	£61 0 0
" Thomas Foley's "	60 0 0
" James Rafter's "	7 0 0
" Bartholomew Corban's "	6 0 0
" James Hunt's "	25 0 0
" Cornelius Brien's "	9 1 6
" Michael Shea remuneration for Ground	5 0 0
	£173 1 6
By amount of Grant from Main Road to Colliers	£51 18 5
To Thomas Foley's Contract	£51 18 5
By amount of Grant from Main Road to Cat's Cove and Bacon Cove	£40 7 8
To Laurence O'Brien's Contract	£40 7 8
By amount of Grant from Frog Marsh to the Battery, Brigus	£173 1 6
To Patrick Brian's Contract	£28 16 11
" Michael Sullivan's "	40 0 0
" Thomas Landy's "	47 0 0
" Thomas Moore's "	29 19 0
" James Breaker's "	7 10 0
" John Kelley's "	6 0 0
" Jeremiah Nowlan's "	12 1 2
" Grant for town of Brigus	1 6 6
	£172 13 7
" Ballance remaining	0 7 11
	£173 1 6

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By Grant for the Town of Brigus		£69	4	7
“ “ from Frogmarsh to the Battery		1	6	6
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		£70	11	1
To Daniel Breen's Contract	£55	0	0	
“ Michael Cole's “	11	13	1	
“ Mrs. Quinlan, remuneration for Ground	2	0	0	
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		£70	11	1
By amount of Grant from Brigus to Bull Cove		£69	4	7
To Ambrose Spark Contract	£43	17	0	
“ Spark's and Noel's “	21	18	5	
“ William Spark's remuneration for loss of Ground	1	10	0	
“ James Norman ditto ditto	1	19	0	
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		69	4	5
Balance remaining		0	0	2
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		£69	4	5
By amount of Grant from Brigus to Cupids		£46	3	0
To David Flin's Contract	£18	0	0	
“ Thomas Curtis's “	16	0	0	
“ Thomas Wilson's “	9	8	0	
		£43	8	0
Balance remaining		2	15	0
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		£46	3	0
By Grant from Main Road to Cupids, and Bridge		£161	10	9
To Richard Webber's Contract	17	0	0	
“ Michael Heaphy's “	45	0	0	
“ Thomas Bride's “	39	15	0	
“ Thomas Landy's “	46	13	10	
“ Simon Spracklin's “	3	1	11	
“ Phillip Bennett, remuneration for loss of Ground	10	0	0	
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		£161	10	9
By Grant from Hibb's Hole to Port-de-Grave		£57	13	10
To William Daw's Contract	£18	0	0	
“ George Heath's	12	10	0	
“ Thomas Wilson's	26	3	10	
“ William Daw's remuneration for lose of Ground	1	0	0	
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		£57	13	0
By Grant from Main Road to Port-de-Grave		£173	1	6
To Mark Henebery's Contract	£92	0	0	
“ Richard Power's “	48	0	0	
“ Jeremiah Sheehan's “	33	1	6	
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		£173	1	6

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By Grant from the Town of Port-de-Grave			£34 12 3
To George Heath's Contract	£12 10 0		
“ Frederick Kenney's “	8 0 0		
“ Ditto ditto “	7 10 0		
“ Edward Kellegrew's “	5 15 0		
“ Thomas Butler's “	0 17 3		£34 12 3
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By Grant from the Main Road to Pack's, Bay Roberts			£80 15 4
To Thomas Moore's Contract	£69 10 0		
“ Grant from French's Cove to the Church, B. Roberts	7 4 8		
“ Thomas Butler, remuneration for loss of Ground	1 0 0		
			77 14 8
Balance remaining			3 0 8
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			£80 15 4
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By Grant from French's Cove to the Church, Bay Roberts			£80 15 4
“ “ “ Main Road to Pack's, Bay Roberts			7 4 8
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			£88 0 0
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To Philip Whelan's Contract	£75 0 0		
“ James Dawson “	13 0 0		
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			£88 0 0
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By Grant from the Main Road to Juniper Stump			£57 13 10
To Charles Cozens's Contract	£57 12 8		
“ Balance remaining	1 2		
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			£57 13 10
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By Grant from Southern Gut Bridge towards Burnt Point			£34 12 3
To David Flynn's Contract			£34 12 3
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From Frogmarsh to the Battery, Brigus	£0 7 11		
“ Brigus to Cupids	2 15 0		
“ “ “ Bull Cove	0 0 2		
“ Main Road to Pack's, Bay Roberts	3 0 8		
“ “ “ “ Juniper Stump	0 1 2		
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			£ 6 4 11
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JOHN JACOB,
Chairman of the Brigus Board of Road Commissioners,
Port-de-Grave, Newfoundland, January 24, 1844.

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STATEMENT

Of the Expenditure of the Money granted for the making, constructing and repairing of Roads, Streets and Bridges under Colonial Act 6 Vic. cap. 4, within the District of Harbor Grace.

Names of Contractors and others.	Amnt paid.	Contracts, &c.	Amount Appropriated.	Locality.
William Whelan	£15 10 0	Southern and Ryan's bridge	£46 10 0	Spaniard's Bay Road
William Whelan	1 6 8	Middle do	4 0 0	Harbor Grace Street.
Thomas Kitchen	3 0 0	Fox's do	9 0 0	Do.
Michael Neill	23 0 9	Martin's do	34 10 4	Do.
Patrick & Pierce Butler	46 0 9	Powell's do	46 0 9	Powell's brook bridge
Michael Douig	16 0 4	170 Perches	20 0 0	Hard-path road
Thomas Learey	60 0 0	2 miles	72 13 4	Spd's bay & B's. Cove.
John Ash	32 13 4	1 mile	32 13 4	Lady Pond Road
Thomas Phelan	20 0 0	1 mile	30 0 0	Spds' bay & B's. Cove
Abraham Norcott	35 14 0	357 perches	35 14 0	South side road
John Cody	16 17 6	162 perches	16 17 6	Lady Pond road
William Bray	19 0 0	160 perches	19 0 0	Do.
William Brien	23 13 4	232 perches	23 13 4	Spd's bay & B's. Cove
James Moore, Thomas Clance, Patrick Collins and William McCarthy	63 3 4	2 miles	94 15 0	Do.
Timothy Ryan	52 18 0	529 perches	52 18 0	Bryant's Cove road.
Michael Hickey and William Connelly	37 10 0	$0\frac{3}{4}$ mile	37 10 0	Harbor Grace street
John Dooling	17 0 0	$0\frac{3}{4}$ mile	25 10 0	Mosquito South
Thomas Kitchen	14 10 0	Northern bridge	14 10 0	Harbor Grace street
Richard Singleton and Joseph Norcott	23 6 8	1 mile	35 0 0	Fr. point to B's Cove.
James Lannon	20 13 3	152 perches	20 13 3	Lady Pond Road.
Daniel McCarthy	36 14 6	461 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches	36 14 6	South Side Road.
Michael Cormick	33 5 6	248 perches	33 5 6	
Edward Shennahan	14 10 0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles	45 0 0	Musquitto Road, Nrt.
Michael Cormick	4 3 4	100 perches	12 10 0	H. Path & C. C. road
James Butler	26 13 4	320 perches	26 13 4	Bears Cove Road
Richard Shea	9 13 4	$1\frac{1}{2}$ mile	29 0 0	Fisherman's Road.
James Lannon	12 0 0	$0\frac{1}{2}$ mile	36 0 0	Harbor Grace Street
Richadd Power	9 15 0	Valley bridge	9 15 0	Ditto
Michael Keefe	9 0 0	Pond do	9 0 0	Musquitto North
Jane Andrews	3 0 0	Compensation	3 0 0	Ditto
William Ash	1 15 0	Do	1 15 0	Harbor Grace Street
Patience Ash	1 15 0	Do	1 15 0	Ditto
Amount carried forward	£704 2 11		£923 7 2	

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STATEMENT

Of the Expenditure of the Money granted for the making, constructing and repairing of Roads, Streets and Bridges under Colonial Act 6 Vic. cap. 4, within the District of Harbor Grace.

Names of Contractors and others.	Amnt paid.	Contracts, &c.	Amount Appropriated.	Locality.
Amount brought forward	£704 2 11		£923 7 2	
Thomas Snow	1 15 0	Compensation	1 15 0	Harbor Grace Street
William Barrett	3 0 0	Do	3 0 0	Spds Bay & B's. Cove
Nathaniel Barrett	1 10 0	Do	1 10 0	Ditto
Francis Martin	3 5 6	Do	3 5 0	Harbor Grace Street
R. J. Pinsent, J. C. Nuttall and James Fox	1 14 7	Arbitration.	1 14 7	Ditto
Michael Reardon	5 0 0	½ mile	15 0 0	Sullivan's Hill Road
John Snow	5 19 0	Compensation	5 10 0	Ditto
Mansel Alcock	1 13 0	Do	1 13 0	Harbor Grace Street
Francis Williams, Solomon and Robert Ash	3 6 0	Do	3 6 0	Sullivan's Hill Road
Daniel McCarthy	16 18 5	180½ perches	16 18 5	Fr. Pt. to Bryt's Cove
Patrick & Pierce Butler	5 0 0	Part	15 0 0	Carbonear Road
George Pippy	24 0 0	Compensation	24 0 0	Harbor Grace Street
Thomas Danson, J. C. Nuttall and James Fox	1 14 7	Arbitration	1 14 7	Ditto
William Smith	23 0 5	204 perches	23 0 5	Spds. Bay & B's. Cove
William Curtis	3 15 0	Compensation	3 15 0	Sullivan's Hill Road
James McDonald	18 0 0	Do	18 0 0	Harbor Grace Street
Thomas Danson, J. C. Nuttall and James Fox	1 14 7	Arbitration	1 14 7	Ditto
Susan Seymour	2 0 0	Compensation	2 0 0	Spds. Bay thro' B's C.
James Mugford	1 0 0	Do	1 0 0	Ditto
William Baker	0 15 0	Do	0 15 0	Ditto
John Dobbin	1 5 0	Do	1 5 0	Spds. Bay Rd. to B's. C.
Mary Pippy	1 5 0	Do	1 5 0	Harbor Grace Street
William C. St. John	10 19 2	Advertising	10 19 2	Contingent Fund.
John C. Nuttall	46 3 0	Surveyor	80 15 4	Ditto
Andrew Drysdale	2 3 6	Postages	2 3 6	Ditto
Michael Hickey and William Connelly	0 0 0	½ mile	23 10 0	Harbor Grace Street
John Burn	0 0 0	0.85 perches	29 0 0	Ditto
David Connors	0 0 0	Part	29 0 0	Carbonear Road
James Lannon	0 0 0	Part	29 0 0	Ditto
Patrick & Pierce Butler	0 0 0	Part	23 1 6	Ditto
Currency	£890 10 2		£1297 18 3	
Sterling	£771 15 6		£1124 17 2	

Harbor Grace, 22nd January 1844.

JAMES L. PRENDERGAST,

Chairman Board of Commissioners of Roads and District of Harbor Grace.

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Report of Road Commissioners—Carbonear District.

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The Board of Road Commissioners for the Carbonear District beg to report for His Excellency's information that, with the amount of money placed at their disposal, they have been enabled to contract for the repairing of 11 miles of Road on the Heart's Content Line at a cost of Three Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds Five Shillings and Four-pence, 1 Mile of which is completed and the remainder will be finished in a short time after the spring shall have opened. On the Road from Carbonear to Spout Cove they have repaired Seven and a-half Miles of Road at a cost of Two Hundred and Sixty One Pounds One Shilling and Eight Pence, all of which Contracts have passed survey. On the Road from Pack's Bridge to Crocker's Cove Bridge which comprehends the main street of Carbonear they have lowered a steep Hill at the entrance of the Town, built a Stone Arched Bridge over McCarthy's Brook, and otherwise repaired the Streets by constructing sewers and fixing gratings so that the streets are rendered more comfortable in wet weather, the whole cost of which was one Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Fourpence ; the whole of these Contracts have also been completed.

The following Roads have also been Contracted for and finished.

The London Road
 " Battery Hill Road

As well as a Drain half a mile in length made in connection with the Middle Street which is found to have answered the purposes for which it was intended.

The following Bye-roads have been Contracted for, and will be finished early in the coming summer.

The South Side Road
 " Middle Street
 Pike's Bridge and one Mile of Road.

The Board have also been enabled out of surplus money remaining from votes on Bye-roads to repair the following Roads.

The Road up Bunker's Hill
 " The Road from the Main Street to the Wesleyan Chapel
 " The Road from Patrick Street leading to the Roman Catholic Burying Ground.

From the neglected state in which the Board on their appointment found the main lines and wishing to give the whole some repair, they were obliged to confine the repairs to the making of a solid foundation, and earnestly recommend that a further outlay of Twenty-five Pounds per mile be immediately laid down on the Heart's Content Road, and from Carbonear to Spout Cove for the purpose of gravelling and cutting through some small Hills. This sum being immediately spent on the Roads will ultimately save the Colony a great expense, for if Roads are left in an unfinished state the foundations get torn up and otherwise damaged from the constant hauling of Timber on them.

The Board also beg to represent that there is a River running through Salmon Cove which at its widest part intersects the Road from Carbonear to Spout Cove, over which there is a very old Bridge quite in a delapidated state and cannot by any possibility withstand the next springs freshets, the River now after heavy rains rising over the

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floor of the Bridge, the breadth of the River at its highest is two Hundred feet ; they therefore, recommend that a sum of Money be placed at their disposal to erect a new one.

The Board would also respectfully draw his Excellency's attention to the necessity of erecting a chain of small Tilts along the Road leading across the Barrens to Heart's Content the distance of Three Miles, together with other land marks, as within the past few years several lives have been lost in snow storms which might not have been the case, it is apprehended if something of the sort now proposed had been done.

THOMAS GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Carbonear 17th February, 1844.

STATEMENT

Of Expenditure of the Board of Road Commissioners for the Carbonear District.

Heart's Content Road, amount of Contracts	£388 5 4
Unappropriated	11 14 8
Amount of vote	£400 0 0
Pack's Bridge to Crockers Cove Bridge, amount of Contracts	£177 13 4
Unappropriated	22 6 8
Amount of vote	£200 0 0
Crockers Cove Bridge to Spout Cove, amount of Contracts	£261 1 8
Unappropriated	13 18 4
Proportion of vote	£275 0 0
Bye-roads, amount of Contracts	£273 11 4
Unappropriated	51 8 8
Amount of votes	£325 0 0

Report of Road Commissioners—District of Western Bay.

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(Copy.)

Western Bay, December 30th, 1843:

SIR,—As Chairman of Board of Road Commissioners from Spout Cove to Island Cove Main Brook, for which the sum of £525 was voted by the Legislature, and the further sum of £95 for branch Roads, I beg to Report for the information of His Excellency that on the main line of Road, a distance of about 20 miles, throughout the whole of which every bad and dangerous place have been made substantially, good and safe, fit for any vehicle in the land to pass over. It is well known that many parts of this line were so bad that neither man nor beast could pass over before,

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Our Board being fully aware that the above sum was not sufficient to make one-half of the Road, exclusive of bridges, and that without the latter the Road would be of little use, we passed a resolution that all the bad places should be first made good, and the Bridges built afterwards if any money remained to be laid out to the best advantage. To this we paid due attention, and in the opinion of all persons who have any knowledge of the District proved to be the best that could have been adopted with the means at our disposal.

On the main line £530 11s. 7d. has been laid out including bridges, and for the different Branch Roads the sum of £67 1s. 6d. leaving a balance of £22 6s. 10d. to be disposed of. I beg to state that I went over the whole line of Road before the Commissioners met together, and took a survey of the marshes, &c., to enable me to make my calculations correctly—I saw nearly the whole line (in every part requiring immediate repair) measured twice, I took care to have the marshes and swamps among the first lots advertised, so as to have the work done in those parts before the wet cold season set in, which proved advantageous.

I beg to call your attention to the general account by which it will appear that 19 Bridges have been erected, 5 over Main Brooks, and 2 of those on a better plan both for durability and convenience than any that were formerly erected in this district at enormous expense. It is an indubitable fact that one of those built on the expensive plan over a common Brook cost more than our Nineteen, and strange to say one of those ill-constructed bridges was in a delapsd state—to save it from certain ruin the Board had one of the butments completely rebuilt which cost £3 out of the sum voted.

A great part of this line of Road was in the first cutting or marking out taken through marshes which increased the expense of the present repair nearly double what it would have been, had this been carefully guarded against. I gave myself some extra trouble by making many of the lots so small, and advertising so frequently, the cause of this was first that the poor men might be able to make a few perches of Road who could not take a large lot, I am of opinion that the poor received on this shore a greater benefit by the sum granted for roads than they would from double the amount had it been gratuitously distributed.

I had another inducement to make so many lots, namely, that the work would be sooner done, and by receiving tenders from poor men of good character, who consented to require no advance to do the work sufficiently to pass and let that be their security, by this expedient one great benefit was conferred on them, by teaching them how to make Roads, and gave many poor families the means of securing bread. By repeatedly advertising and rejecting unreasonable tenders, some of the lots were brought down to about one half.

By my calculation about one-third of the whole line of Road is made substantially good ; leaving two-thirds yet untouched, which might be done about £40 per mile.

I have to the best of my ability faithfully discharged the duty which devolved on me by accepting the office of Chairman which His Excellency the Governor was pleased to confer.

Hoping that His Excellency's laudable views with regard to Education, Improvement of Roads, and his ardent desire to benefit the Colony may be fully realized.

I have, &c.
(Signed)

WM. BENNETT.

Chairman Board Road Commissioners from Spout Cove to Island Cove Main Brook.

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CHAIRMAN

Of Road Commissioners General Account for the District of Western Bay—Main Line.

Lots.	Contractors Names.	Place of Residence.	Where work performed.	No. of perches and at what rate.		Sum for each Lot.		
				s	d	£	s	d
1	William Lacey	Mulley's Cove	Spout Cove	102	4 3	£21	13	6
2	Thomas Le Grove	Broad Cove	Small Point	30	4 6	6	15	0
3	Peter Le Grove	Do.	Small Point Marsh	76	4 0	15	4	0
4	John Nicoll	Black Head	Black Head	85	4 0	17	0	0
5	Stephen Murphy	Gussets Cove	Adams Cove	106	4 5	23	8	2
6	William Murray & Co.	Adams Cove	Do.	42	4 11	10	6	6
7	Nicholas Moors	Do.	Bradley's Cove	60	4 3	12	15	0
8	Thomas Bouzan	Western Bay	Western Bay Bridge	10	6 6	3	5	0
9	Do.	Do.	Do. at North Bridge	17	4 2	3	10	10
10	Thomas Sullivan	Do.	Do. at North side	123	4 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	30	12	5
11	Thomas Bouzan	Do.	Tinkers Marsh	90	6 6	29	5	0
12	Jeremiah Ford	Do.	Ochre Pitts	21	5 0	5	5	0
13	E. Fitzgerald	Do.	Do. near Church	50	3 11	9	15	10
14	James Weeks	Burnt Point	Job's Cove	6	1 11	1	9	6
15	Do.	Do.	Do.	10	4 11	2	9	2
16	Edward English	Job's Cove	Do	18	5 0	4	10	0
17	Michael Doyle	Do.	Do	16	4 5	3	10	8
18	Do.	Do.	Burnt Point	30	5 0	7	10	0
19	Do.	Do.	Gull Island	8	4 11	1	19	4
20	James Weeks	Burnt Cove	B. P. Marsh	43	4 11	10	11	5
21	William English	Job's Cove	McGinley's Marsh	42	5 0	10	10	0
22	James Hogan	Northern Bay	Gull Island	28	5 0	7	0	0
23	J. Donohue	Do.	Long Beach	12	4 11	2	19	0
24	Do.	Do.	Moors Marsh	30	4 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	8	9
25	Do.	Do.	Northern Bay	10	4 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	9	7
26	Do.	Do.	Do	23	4 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	14	0
27	Do.	Do.	Black Beach	20	4 11	4	18	4
28	Do.	Do.	Do	29	4 10	7	0	2
29	Do.	Do.	H. Cole's	29	4 10	7	0	2
30	Do.	Do.	Do	35	4 10	8	9	2
31	John Whelan	Ochre Pitts	Back McGuire's	15	4 6	3	7	6
32	Do.	Do.	D. Walsh's	22	5 0	5	10	0
33	Charles M'Carthy	Western Bay	At Mobeley's Brook	20	4 6	4	10	0
34	John Kennell	Do.	H. Wadens	20	4 4	4	6	8
35	Cumming & Evans	Do.	Ochre Pitts	70	2 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	1	3
36	Clem. Puddister	Northern Bay	Northern Bay	10	4 4	2	3	4
Amnt. brought forward				1358		£63	0	7

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CHAIRMAN

Of Road Commissioners General Account for the District of Western Bay—Main Line.

Lots.	Contractors Names.	Place of Residence.	Where work performed.	No. of perches and at what rate.		Sum for each Lot.		
				s	d	£	s	d
	Amnt. brought forward			1358		£63	0	7
37	Wm. Butt, jun.	Broad Cove	Broad Cove	28	2 5	3	7	8
38	Thomas Nottell	Do.	Do	28	2 5½	3	8	10
39	Peter Pippy	Black Head	Black Head	8	3 3	1	6	0
40	Ditto	Do.	Do	19	2 0	1	18	0
41	Ditto	Do.	Do. G. C.	7	2 3	0	15	9
42	Ditto	Do.	Adams Cove	5	2 3	0	11	3
43	T. Fitzgerald	Western Bay	Western Bay	20	2 3	2	5	0
44	Edward Fahey	Do.	Adams Cove	20	2 5½	2	9	2
45	Philip Fahey	Do.	Bradley's Cove	6	2 5	0	14	6
46	T. Fitzgerald	Do.	Do.	16	2 0	1	12	0
47	Do.	Do.	Adams Cove	20	2 5½	2	9	2
				1535		£335	1	7
	From Spout Cove to Job's Cove 1535 perches of road completely repaired, being all the bad places in the above, and from Job's Cove to Lower Island Cove all the bad road repaired for						50	0 0
	Erecting 19 Bridges and repairing 1						145	10 0
	Total amount of Expenditure for Roads and Bridges on main line from Spout Cove Bridge to Island Cove Main Brook, a distance of 20 miles.					£530	11	7
	Sum expended on the Road from S. S. W. Bay to Main Road					£31	19	6
	Ditto Road through Black Head to Adams Cove					16	12	0
	Ditto Road from W. Johnson's, Island Cove to main road					18	10	0
						£67	1	6

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CHAIRMAN

Of Road Commissioners General Account of Bridges erected between Spout Cove and Island Cove, on Main Line of Road, viz. :-

No.	Contractors Names.	Where Residing.	Place where erected	No. of Bridges.	Amount of each.		
1	John Trickett Do. for quarrying, leveling and filling up at both sides of the Bridges, by valuation of 40 shillings, without which the bridge would be incomplete	Spout Cove	Broad Cove	1 Bridge	£33	17	0
2	William Butt	Black Head	Black Head	1 "	24	0	0
3	Robert Baggs	Adams Cove	Adams Cove	1 "	9	15	0
4	P. Le Grove	Broad Cove	Broad Cove South	1 "	8	8	0
5	C. McCarthy	Western Bay	Morley's Brook	1 "	1	10	0
6	Thomas Colford	Job's Cove	Job's Cove Brook	1 "	19	19	0
7	J. Stockwood	Gull Island	Gull Island Brook	1 "	13	16	0
8	J. Ford	Western Bay	Ochre Pitts	1 "	2	2	0
9	T. Le Grove	Broad Cove	Small Point	1 "	4	0	0
10	Michael Doyle	Job's Cove	Island Cove Marsh	2 "	2	0	0
11	J. Donahue	Northern Bay	Hogan's Brook	1 "	2	0	0
12	Ditto	Do.	Near H. Cole's	2 "	2	0	0
13	Whelan & Co.	Ochre Pitts	M. R. Brook	2 "	2	0	0
14	J. Hogan	Northern Bay	Gull Island Marsh	1 "	13	0	0
15	P. Pippy	Black Head	S. S. Black Head	1 "	1	11	0
16	T. Fitzgerald	Western Bay	N. S. Western Bay	1 "	1	0	0
17	T. Bouzan	Do.	Rebuilding butts.	S. Bridge	3	0	0
				19	£145	10	0

Western Bay, 30th December, 1843.

(Signed)

WILLIAM BENNETT,

Chairman Board of Road Commissioners.

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Bay-de-Verds, 21st December, 1843.

SIR—As Chairman of Board of Road Commissioners from Main Brook Lower Island Cove to the Episcopal Church, Bay-de-Verds, for which the sum of £500 was voted by the Legislature in the last session, I beg to report to you that about seven miles of the Road have been formed and levelled, and one and a-half mile of the Road from Caplin Cove leading to Main Brook, Lower Island, Cove have been partly repaired and the marshy places dried and a Bridge built. Three miles of the Caplin Cove Road leading to Old Perlican have been formed and levelled and a Bridge built on Bake Apple Marsh Brook. The line of Road has been commenced at the Episcopal Church, Bay-de-Verds, and has been carried from thence through some private property in the said place, for which compensation has been made to the different parties for £45 10s. sterling. It is continued from thence over Kenneal Hill where the expenditure has been very great in consequence of the steepness of ascent. This part of the Road is now rendered available for all purposes. On the first half mile from Kenneal Hill the expenditure has been much greater in proportion than on any other parts owing to the difficulties the Contractors had to encounter. This portion of the Road having been completed has opened an easy communication to the woods and cultivable ground. I regret exceedingly that the sum voted has not been sufficient to complete the whole line, about two miles remain unfinished. Bonny Brook River which is so wide and steep as to render it impassable requires a Bridge to be built which will cost £20 Stlg., and near Low Point is another River which requires a Bridge across which may cost £15 Sterling, making for the two Bridges £35 sterling.

In the Judgment of the Board we think £150 will complete the roads at present untouched, when they are finished there will be a fair line of Road the whole way from St. John's to Bay-de-Verds,

I remain, &c.

(Signed,)

THOMAS HUTCHINGS,

Chairman Board Road Commissioners from Main Brook Lower Island Cove to Episcopal Church, Bay-de-Verds.

Commissioners Caplin Cove Road in Account Current with Thomas Hutchings, Chairman.

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	Sterling
Sept. 20—To Half Amount Caplin Cove Bridge, Thomas Bussey	£10 0 0
John March Half Mile of Road completed but not surveyed owing to a fall of snow	15 11 1
James Read, ditto	11 5 4
Henry March	12 13 1
James Tilley £18 Sterling, John Hurder, £10 8 0	28 8 0
Received £8 14 6—William Cunningham	13 1 9
	£90 19 3
Balance to be appropriated	9 0 9
	£100 0 0

CR.

1843, April—By Grant Colonial Legislature

Sterling £50 0 0

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Commissioners Kenneal Hill in Account Current with Thomas Hutchings, Chairman.

DR.

1843.		Sterling
Sept. 20th—	To Amount order fav. George Critch for Compensation	£5 0 0
	“ Thomas Linehan ditto	4 0 0
	“ Michael Murphy (Contractor)	41 0 0
		<u>Stlg. £50 0 0</u>

CR.

1843.	April—By Grant Colonial Legislature	Stlg. £50 0 0
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Commissioners Road from Main Brook Lower Island Cove to Episcopal Church, Bay-de-Verds in Account Current with Thomas Hutchings, Chairman.

DR.

1843.		Sterling
Sept. 20—	To Amount Order fav. Thomas Neal for Compensation	£20 0 0
	John Murphy ditto	12 0 0
	Thomas Linehan ditto	3 5 0
	Wm. John Lockyer ditto	1 10 0
		<u>£36 15 0</u>
	Thomas Mason (Contractor)	10 0 0
	Thomas Hyde, Sen'r. “	45 0 0
	William Hamilton “	12 0 0
	Thomas Whalen “	16 13 4
	James Dunn “	14 0 0
	Michael Cullen “	16 0 0
	Lawrence Key “	16 0 0
	William Lockyer “	22 0 0
	Share Caplin Cove Bridge, order for Thomas Bussey	10 0 0
	George Duffett	16 0 0
	James Norris	22 0 0
	Thomas Keefe	22 0 0
	Thomas Hannan	23 0 0
	Thomas Chancey	23 0 0
	Amount carried forward	<u>£160 0 0</u>

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	Amount brought forward	£303	8	4
	James Cunningham	20	0	0
	D. Stephen Dehy	22	10	0
Oct. 20th	Thomas Veil, £7—Joseph Robins £7 14 2	14	14	2
	John Garland, £10 4s—Thomas Garland, £3 6 3	13	10	3
	Thomas Street, £2 12s. 3d.—Ditto 16s.	3	8	3
	James Garland, 15s. 6—George Robins, £1 17 0	2	12	6
	William Cooper, 18s. 6d	0	18	6
	Church Old Brook Bridge	13	10	0
		£394	12	0
	By Grant from Colonial Legislature	Sterl. 440	0	0
	Balance to be appropriated	£45	8	0

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April—By Grant from Colonial Legislature Sterling £440 0 0

Distance from Bay-de-Verds to Low Point,	6 miles.
Ditto Low Point to Caplin Cove,	3 ditto
Ditto Caplin Cove to Old Perlican,	3½ ditto
Ditto Caplin Cove to Main Brook	
Lower Island Cove,	3 ditto
	—
	15½
	—

Ten miles of the Road has been formed and levelled.

Three ditto drained and levelled and wet places made dry, half this year and half before.

Three Bridges built.

RECAPITULATION

Grant to Kenneal Hill	Sterl. £50	0	0
Grant from the Main Brook Lower Island Cove to Episcopal Church, Bay-de-Verds	440	0	0
Grant from Caplin Cove leading to Old Perlican	100	0	0
E. E.	£590	0	0

Bay-de-Verds, 21st December, 1843.

(Signed)

THOMAS HUTCHINGS,
Chairman.

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REPORT

Of a Survey of an intended Line of Road between Cat's Cove Bridge, near the head of Conception Bay, and the Bottom Arm of Ship Harbor in Placentia Bay,—being part of a Great Western Main Line of Road extending Thirty-five Miles in length, having for its object to facilitate an inter-communication between the Western Shores and the Metropolis of the Island : undertaken with a view to a Preliminary Survey only ; but now explored, and opened up to a width of four feet throughout the whole Line.

Having been nominated by the Board of Road Commissioners for the Central District, and the nomination having been confirmed by His Excellency the Governor (as per letter bearing date 23rd October, 1843,) to the duty of exploring and completing a Preliminary Survey between the head of Conception Bay and Ship Harbor in the Bay of Placentia ; in accordance with my instructions received from the Chairman, dated 26th October, I lost no time in procuring the number of men allowed, and providing all things necessary for the Expedition. This having been completed, I left St. John's on Tuesday morning the 31st October, and reached Brigus in the evening. The following day was boisterous, which prevented my going to the head of Colliers : I therefore visited the Goulds, and examined the situation of the River, and the direction of its course ; but as I shall have occasion to make reference to that River in its proper place, I shall commence by stating, that having reached the head of Colliers on Thursday the 2nd November, I proceeded at once into the interior, and examined the lay of the Country on the North side of Colliers Bridge and on the South side of Colliers Main Brook, for the purpose of discovering the most eligible point at which the intended Line should intersect or branch out from the Northern Line leading to Brigus, &c. In commencing a Survey of this extensive nature, particularly through a country altogether unknown, it is in my opinion always desirable first to ascertain something of the general features of the interior in advance, and of the obstructions which are likely to present themselves, which will eventually not only prove a great saving of time but of labour also, by preventing the necessity of altering the line or causing fresh cuttings of the same. In accordance with this view, and notwithstanding the extraordinary nature of the weather, I proceeded to examine the Hills and Ponds lying between Lees Pond Look-Out, near Salmon Cove Bridge and Colliers Main Brook, and also the country in and about the Three Island and Nine Island Ponds,—near the latter of which our first Wigwam or Tilt was erected: After examining the country very minutely about Salmon Cove, I was impressed with a strong conviction that the intended Line ought to branch off from the Brigus or the Northern Line of Road as near Salmon Cove Bridge as possible : but on examining a long hill to N. W. of the Ridge, ranging to the S. W., called the Dock Ridge, I felt considerable disappointment in finding it quite impracticable to carry a line over it any direction more favourable than the one chosen for the Road already partially made ; indeed so impassable is this Ridge that without going much too far into the interior to the S. W. the slides cannot cross over it in the Winter season, in going into the woods from Salmon Cove.—Proceeding on to Cat's Cove Bridge, which is situate on the N. W. side of and at the foot of the Dock Ridge, I found it desirable to start from this ; which may be done either by travelling out in a new line direct, or by following the present road as far as Lewis's and Butler's Tilts, being a distance of Thirty-eight chains. From the latter place I commenced opening and staking the road. Having a desire to afford every information in my power I may be considered prolix ; still I think it quite within the range of my duty

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to make one or two observations on that part of the road, which by a reference to the Plan, it will be seen, could be made available by following on from Lewis's tilt to Collier's Bridge by the present Road, thereby obviating the necessity of a New Bridge, and shortening the making of the Road by about sixty perches; but, notwithstanding this, there are two or three very strong reasons why I would not recommend its being adopted. The Marsh for instance, which it will be necessary to cross in bringing the Road from the foot of Collier's Witchhazel Ridge to the Brigus Road, is exceedingly wet and devoid of a solid bottom. That part of the Road which must then necessarily be travelled, is at present quite impassable for a horse and cart, or vehicle of any kind; indeed, in my opinion, it would require as great an outlay to put it in a passable state of repair, as the other would require in making anew. There are several parts that require to be abandoned and a new line chosen; and when I say the distance by adopting a new line will be shortened seventy one chains, or nearly one mile, it will not appear surprising, for in the short distance between Collier's Bridge and Cats Cove, being one hundred and ten chains, there are not less than thirty different courses, and any further monies expended on that Road, as the line now is, I must in justice state will be misapplied. In proceeding then direct from Butler's tilt, partly through marsh land and small woods, but where large timber has heretofore been standing, on to the Colliers River, over which a Bridge of one chain will be required, I found some little difficulty in crossing the Witchhazel Ridge lying to the N. W. of the River, and trimming towards Emberly's Gully. There will be found here a little more ascent than in any other part of the line throughout, in consequence of the narrowness of the hill, and the elevation being considerable; still it will be trifling when properly made to follow the line marked out.—Having crossed the Witchhazel Ridge, and passed through a small marsh and wood of various sizes, the line is carried out of its direct course, it being found necessary to verge to the S. W. in order to round the head of the Three Island Pond. An angle is formed by this means, which is somewhat increased in consequence of the hills which divide the Nine Island from the Three Island Pond. Ranging to the N. E. between these two ponds, very large timber has heretofore been standing, some of which yet remains; but the best has been cut. The line here crosses over some small marshes, which at this season appear boggy, but which I am informed are in the summer months perfectly dry. The soil appears good, and is much sheltered from the N. W. and other cold winds, which must render it exceedingly warm, and well calculated to promote vegetation. The timber increases in size as you approach the Nine Island Pond, and is found in abundance all around its banks; and to the N. W. scarcely a winter passes without the frames of one or two vessels being brought from it; and now I am informed another grove has been this spring discovered, nearer to the harbour and much easier to be brought out. The Nine Island Pond is a beautiful transparent sheet of water, four miles from Colliers, running in a S. W. direction upwards of Three miles, and affords one of the most animating prospects that could be desired. The islands in it are nine in number, and from which circumstance it derives its name. They have all the appearance of having being planted by the hand of man, and regularly pruned and cultured. The beauties of this pond having been already descanted upon elsewhere, I need add nothing more. It may be proper to remark here, that from the distance which this lake runs to the S. W., together with the situation of the Cat Hills and two other ridges at the head of the Pond taking a range into the country nearly eight miles, it would be a complete barrier against attempting a road direct from Holyrood to Ship Harbor without being carried so far into the interior, as to lose the woody country, and get into an intermeniable chain of ponds, rivers, and open swamps and marshes, being altogether an impoverished country and requiring numerous and extensive bridges. The greatest difficulties which have presented them-

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selves are found to originate in the ponds, brooks, and ridges, running N. E. and S. W., thereby crossing the Ship Harbor Line, in its course to the N. W., whereas in carrying a line in the direction which these take, no difficulty whatever would be found.— With a view to learn, if possible, the situation of such ponds and hills as were likely to interfere in proceeding in a direct course, and to ascertain if it would be necessary to swerve either to the right or to the left, I ascended a very elevated hill situate on the North side of the Nine Island Pond, from whence I could distinctly observe the situation of Salmon Cove Bridge, and by which I was more fully convinced it would be impossible to carry the line across the Dock Ridge to that Bridge. From this elevation I had also a commanding view of Old Shop Look-Out, at the head of Trinity Bay, and Spread Eagle Peak; and not perceiving anything in particular within the range of my visual organ to prevent my carrying this road in a direct line for Spread Eagle Peak, by taking the necessary observations I ascertained the correct bearings, and proceeded without loss of time to establish the line and to direct the men in opening the same. In following on with the road from the Nine Island Pond to the Goulds, nothing occurs particularly worthy of remark. It is a very level part of the country for the construction of a Road, with an abundance of materials for making it. There is occasionally to be found excellent Timber, and apparently good soil, particularly by the banks of the Goulds River. Having approached this River, on examining its banks for the purpose of ascertaining the most suitable place whereon to erect the Bridge for the road to pass over, I discovered a Tilt belonging to Charles Cozens, Esq. This I at once determined on occupying, which superseded the necessity of building a Wigwam. Having stated at the commencement of my Report that I should have to make reference to this River, I now in its proper place give a description of the same, by observing that the bank on either side is mostly steep and rugged, the width about seventy-five feet, the stream at a certain season is shallow, at others quite sufficient to raft down. This stream in its course is very serpentine, and therefore occupies some extent of vale, the soil of which, particularly in parts nourished by the overflowing of the stream at certain seasons, appears of a rich quality and productive. In its course this river passes through a considerable tract of land under cultivation, part of which may be known as Cochrane Dale or the Goulds farm, and Juniper Stump Farm, and loses itself in an arm of the sea called the Southern Gut of Port-de-Grave. A Road of 4 miles and three quarters is already made from Brigus to the Goulds farm; and viewing it as important to know the distance from Brigus to the interior or Ship Harbor line, I proceeded to measure it, and found it to be four miles and a quarter. A long piece of New Road in that direction has already been made by the side of the Goulds Farm, by its enterprising owner, so that if it should at any time be deemed a matter of sufficient importance to open such a large tract of country as is here to be found, and most available to the use of such a populous part of Conception Bay as Brigus, Cupids, Bay Roberts, &c., it may be accomplished by making about four miles of road only.

Having crossed the Goulds River the Road at once enters on and crosses a fine promising piece of marshy land, sixteen chains in width, but much longer, and takes a direct course through fine woods and excellent soil, both of which improve by penetrating farther into the interior. Cole's Pond, being a little more than one mile in from the Goulds River, is surrounded with fine woods, particularly to the S. W., after passing which some dry mossy barrens and assorted woods occupy the distance between that and Brigus Great Pond. About half a mile to the Westward of Cole's Pond commences a long chain of ponds originating Rocky River, which on a still morning or evening may be heard with all the sounds peculiar to a cataract. In making the endeavour to trace both this and the Hodge River to their source, as laid down by the latest chart, which I presume to be that

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of Mr. Jukes the Geologist, I find it cannot be done correctly, inasmuch as Rocky River is shewn as either originating about Spread Eagle Peak, and receiving the Hodge River as a tributary, or else the two at their immediate confluence conjointly forming Rocky River. But instead of that being the case, Rocky River takes its rise about eight miles in from Colliers; taking a W. S. W. course it receives Hodge River after passing through the Brigus Great Pond and the Long Island and other Ponds, and passes on to the Gripe's Nest Wigwam, a mile or two beyond which it again becomes subject to a considerable influx, not only from the Two Island Pond and the Long Pond, but from a number of smaller ponds in the course to the South West. Tho Otter Pond is the first of the range already adverted to, between which and the Brigus Great Pond the Road passes over dry mossy barrens and deer pasturage, producing long grass and a variety of mosses in abundance, while other parts are interspersed with underwood and woods of larger size. There are evident signs of this being a frequent resort for Deer, and it appears well calculated to afford shelter and an abundance of the necessary aliment. Leaving the men cutting on towards Brigus Great Pond, I endeavoured to make a circuit of this pond, and succeeded in rounding the S. W. and West end, and after passing over Hodge River and falling in with the Long Island Pond, I was completely overcome with astonishment, and not a little chagrined. "Here," thought I, "after nearly six weeks of indefatigable exertion and anxiety, after penetrating nearly nine miles through a most desirable and promising country, affording a line of Road far surpassing the expectations of the most sanguine,—here are all my hopes and expectations of continuing to pursue so desirable a line in a moment blighted and crushed, by the utter impossibility, to all appearance, of passing over this vast sheet of water, or continuing any farther in this direction;" and how far it might be found necessary to retrograde so as to again be enabled to pursue a direct line, was altogether a matter of conjecture. A reference to the plan will at one view evidence the extent and singularity not only of the formation but also of the position it takes up by overlapping the Brigus Great Pond. A description of these lakes would, I doubt not, be found interesting; and lest it should not be considered consonant with the formal and unmeaning manner too commonly adopted in framing such reports, and with the straightforward course I am desirous of observing, it is my intention to supply that, with other interesting matter, in an appendix. Knowing however, as I did, that in pursuing an object of this nature much perseverance was necessary, and the Ponds having been sufficiently frozen to venture on the Ice round the edges of them, I proceeded immediately to make a partial circuit of the West end of the Brigus Great Pond and the whole of the Long Island Pond. The result of my first day's travel was the discovering of a passage across a neck near which our Wigwam was afterwards erected; thereby obviating the necessity of taking a large circuit round the whole of the North end, crossing Hodge River, where it would be found considerably increased in width, and avoiding sundry steep projections attached to, and proceeding from, the edge of the pond. Proceeding now to examine the land between the latter pond and the long pond, and having made a circuit of the same without effect, the number, extent, and appearance of the Islands being such as to preclude the possibility of ascertaining whether they were connected with the main or not, I, on the following day (the ponds being frozen sufficiently to admit of my walking on them with safety) again followed up my researches, and found a practicable crossing-place a long distance to the N. E. near which were the remains of an Indian Wigwam. This appeared much too far to the N. E. having been carried so much to the S. W. in rounding the Great Pond. In returning I resolved however to make a further attempt by following up transverse directions, and it was not until the third day I gladly made out a long point of land, extending from the Main or Snow's Ridge on the N. W. side, being to all

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appearance in four several places as many Islands, and could never have been even supposed, much more discovered, that it was a peninsula, except by walking around it. I felt great satisfaction in having made this discovery, particularly when on trying the depth of water I found it in the deepest part to be less than three feet. The distance across is one hundred and seventeen yards. A Bridge may be thrown across, on the sunken wharf principle, perfectly level. There is an abundance of Juniper, witch-hazel, and other timber within two hundred yards of the spot, and also of stone, so that the Road may be made solid on each side, leaving an archway in the centre of about thirty feet. It is not subject to freshets, but is a perfect steady. All the ice which is made above this passage remains and dissolves, and the Hodge River enters and again leaves at a considerable distance below to the N. W. It is gratifying to have made this discovery, not only in one but in many points of view : for having discovered the connecting points in the two Ponds, and following them up, a most beautiful, level line is preserved through a large woody country and rich cultivable land, just skimming along by the S. W. end of Snow's Ridge and at a little distance from the head of Snow's Pond, thereby avoiding the crossing of Hodge River twice, and three or four other streams running out of ponds and gulleys, and shortening the line nearly seven miles either by rounding the N. E. or S. W. end of the Long Island Pond, which, when taking into consideration the number of Bridges, will, in my opinion, at the lowest calculation, prove a saving to the Colony of at least one thousand pounds. In the Appendix reference will be found to be made to the Long Island Pond. Before proceeding further I beg to direct the attention of the Board of Commissioners to that part of the Road lying between Brigus Great Pond and Long Island Pond, but more especially to where it is pointed out in the plan between the ninth and tenth miles. It will then be observed what an excellent branch line to Brigus may be adopted at a distance of from four to five miles to Juniper Stump Path end, and from which a good Road is already made to Brigus, being about five miles, so that the distance from Ship Harbor to Brigus will not exceed thirty-five miles. The distance may be said to be as follows, from Brigus to Juniper Stump five miles, from Juniper Stump to intersect the line between the two ponds, four and a half, and from thence to Ship Harbor twenty-five and a half. This, when even a bridle path shall have been made, will establish the certainty, that a person leaving Ship Harbor early in the morning may reach Brigus with ease in sufficient time for the Packets, and with a favourable wind and a speedy conveyance from the Cove (an accommodation much to be desired) may be in St. John's early in the afternoon of the same day. To establish internal communication is assuredly of the highest importance, and as to accomplishing this object it would in my opinion be easily effected, and prove of great importance, inasmuch as it will enable the populous Bay of Placentia, &c., to communicate with the Capital at all seasons of the year. In an extensive forest called Snow's Ridge, may be found large quantities of hardwood and other timber, luxuriating in a most fertile and promising soil. I found here one witchhazel tree apparently quite healthy, and containing in its branches wood enough for a number of ship timbers. Its girth was nearly equal to the span of two men when endeavouring to encircle it. Birch grows also very large and straight here ; juniper and pine are also intermixed in fair abundance and size : but fir and spruce are surprisingly large. I measured a spruce tree and found its girth seven feet two inches, apparently perfectly straight to the top. This tree is standing within three yards of the line of Road. This appeared to me to be a part of the country not likely to remain much longer in obscurity, being contiguous to both the Long Island and Snow's Ponds, the N. E. end of the former of which runs within three miles of the Juniper Stump Path, or the head of the Southern Gut of Port-de-Grave ; and the latter within about the same distance from the Northern Gut of Port-de-Grave. The

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ridge may be computed at not less than eight miles. I traversed the whole of that part between Snow's Pond to where the Hodge River separates it, about two miles after leaving the Long Island Pond, which I considered to be nearly five miles. The timber does not increase in size after leaving the bank at the head of Snow's Pond, but the country looks equally promising. In attempting to convey my own ideas of this part of the country I might be considered by some enthusiastic, but this much I assert without fear of contradiction that the value of its resources is incalculable, and that when a Road shall have been made into it these resources will not remain long undeveloped. That there has been a spirit abroad inimical to agricultural improvement in this Colony I am but too well convinced of, and a happy circumstance it has been for thousands that Sir Thomas Cochrane and his successors in the Government manifested so timely an interest in its prosperity, and there can be little doubt that under the fostering care of His Excellency Sir John Harvey every encouragement and facility will be given to the cultivation of the soil.

Passing on from Snow's Ridge to the twelfth mile, the Road passes through a small part of an extensive deer country. The paths are very large and appear to be beaten as much as the sheep tracks in the home country. Here I also discovered trees that had been marked, pointing out a path called Joseph Brine's or John Martin's, either or both of which at times have been used. In walking from the head of St. Mary's Bay to Carbonar by Old Snow's Pond, the Road continues on a straight course through an excellent level country, until reaching the thirteenth mile. In a fine range of woods we erected another Wigwam called the Gripes Nest Wigwam, from the circumstance of one of those bird's nests having been discovered on the top of a pine tree,—the size of which and the quantity of wood it contains is astonishing. It struck me as a singular circumstance that one of their nests should be found in the heart of the country, their usual place of building being at the edge of precipices or on inaccessible rocks. It had all the appearance of having been lately occupied, although I believe this bird, like the real Newfoundland dog, is almost extinct. The ridge on which the Gripes Nest Wigwam is built is surrounded with large heavy timber, which is at all times a sure indication of superior soil; and in grubbing up the trees and roots so as to get a foundation, I had an opportunity of examining the different qualities of soil, and in this respect I was more particular than in some places which I had already passed. I was struck with the rich appearance which the upper surface presented; it consisted of an intermixture of fine rich brown mould, and numerous roots and fibres, so much so as to cause a difficulty in breaking it up.—It was strongly impregnated with the nutritious juices of different sorts of leaves, layers of which composed the upper surface, in different stages of decomposition. The roots and fibres gave the mould an adhesive tendency (similar in that respect alone to peat) and added to it a dark tincture, giving to an under layer of earth also a colour similar to, and having all the properties of fine dark yellow-ochre. The next course was sand, and more than an inch thick, but exceedingly fine, under which was a stratum of fine marl supported by a bed of strong clay, and underneath a stratum of clay and strong gravel intermixed. Finer timber is not, I should think, to be easily found in the country, both for size and soundness, than is growing here. I measured a spruce tree which appeared to have been lately rooted up by the wind, and found its girth to be upwards of seven feet. Passing on from the Gripes Nest Wigwam I had again to encounter another chain of ponds, which although farther in extent did not produce the same difficulties in wending our way through them. The Two Island Pond is a most extensive sheet of water as is also the Long Pond, and it was very fortunate that they could be so well avoided without making any material alteration in the line. Excellent timber occupies the

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whole space between the two ponds, and to the S. W. of them. Here, as is the case in many other places, are to be found fine marshes or Deer pasturage, both on the right and left of the line, when the Road may at the same time be made to lead through woods. Deer were to be found in abundance, it being a complete thoroughfare in traversing backwards and forwards between St. Mary's and Snow's Pond. To the S. W. is a singular chain of Ponds which on reference to the Plan may be seen. Some of the edges of the naps have much the appearance of plantations, the islands in the ponds especially so, and in the summer season they must afford the most delightful prospect. Proceeding on now to the fifteenth mile, and to the N. W. side of Long Pond, the Road enters and crosses a wide marsh with long grass and wet bottom; but it is a fine grazing country, and notwithstanding it stands in an elevated position, so much so as to afford a fine view of the Flakey Downs and other hills near Witless Bay and Bay Bulls, yet a stick may be driven down several feet without reaching any hard bottom. Here also may be seen the Blue Hills near St. Mary's, the N. E. mountains of Placentia, the Cat and other Hills about Collinet;—Spread Eagle Peak, and the mountains at the Head of Trinity Bay, being shut out from view by a vast ridge of woods occupying the South side of Goose Island Pond. I continued on through a fine country with large and assorted woods and excellent soil, until I reached Goose Island Pond, to avoid which the line is necessarily carried further North. The Pond to the N. E. of the Goose Island Pond, called the One Island Pond, differs from every other I met with in the line, as it runs in a North-west and South-east direction, whereas all the others deviate but little if anything from a direct South-west and North-east course.—Goose Island Pond is remarkably long, stretching away for Collinet; and its contents, after passing through the One Island Pond, become a large brook called Broad Cove Brook, which empties itself at New Harbor, Trinity Bay. Here the level of the country undergoes a change, as all the brooks after passing the Goulds River run to the S. W. or St. Mary's Bay, and this, with all the others in advance, runs to the N. E. or Trinity Bay. A most singular gulley or still water is to be found, formed by Broad Cove Brook, about half a mile from the One Island Pond, which is surrounded with trees and beautifully shaded by overhanging branches, shoal in some parts, and in other parts deep. A marsh comes directly up to it from the S. W. and appears to be a constant resort for Deer, and by them this pool appears to me to be used not only for quenching their thirst, but for laving and enjoying the cooling stream, and for shaking off their tormenting enemy the stinging fly. Leaving these ponds and passing on to Broad Cove Brook Wigwam, the appearance of the country varies but little, unless that the woods through which the line takes its course are not so large, the absence of Birch and Witchhazel being supplied by Juniper and Pine trees. When I had penetrated thus far it had been snowing for several days, I had not therefore that opportunity of making my observations as satisfactorily as could have been desired. The description given of the woods and soil around the Gripes Nest Wigwam is applicable to the one at Broad Cove Brook. I shall therefore pass on to Southern Dildo Brook (a specification of which, as well as of all others in the line, of any importance, will be found in the Appendix) and continue the line, which takes me through a fine cultivable country up to the barrens in front of Spread Eagle Peak. Before, however, entering into any other matter, it behoves me to again make reference to the Plan of the line of Road, on which about midway between the seventeenth and eighteenth miles will be found a dotted line shewing the practicability of carrying a branch line to Southern Dildo, at about four and a quarter miles. Not having measured the distance I cannot be positive as to its being fully correct, but having walked it against time I think I am not far out. This line lays nearly parallel with the South point of the head of Trinity Bay. It may be asked what object can be

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attained by having a Branch Road in such a remote and hidden place as this? I answer that it will open up a much shorter communication between Trinity Bay and the Capital than has yet ever been thought of, and not only does it bring the head of Trinity Bay nearer to the Capital by fourteen miles than by following the Spaniard's Bay Road, but in taking this route it brings even New Harbor five and a half miles nearer than going by Spaniard's Bay, as the following tables fully demonstrate :—

Tables shewing the comparative distances from Cats Cove Bridge to Southern Dildo and New Harbour, by the Ship Harbor line ; and from Cats Cove Bridge, following the Northern line via Spaniards Bay, to New Harbor and Southern Dildo—

Cats Cove Bridge to				Cats Cove Bridge		
1½	Colliers Bridge			17½	Branch line	
8½	7	Brigus		22	4½	South Dildo
18¼	16¾	9¾	Spaniards Bay branch	26	8½	4 New Harbor
31½	30	23	13¼ New Harbor			
36	34½	27½	17¾ 4½ South Dildo			

These tables fully show that more than one-third of the whole distance has been increased in reaching Southern Dildo by the Spaniards Bay Road ; but this was the only way by which Placentia Bay or the head of Trinity Bay could be heretofore reached. Another important feature in adopting this branch line is the fact of its being within a few chains of midway between the two extremes, or rather between Colliers and Ship Harbor ; and in the winter season, in bad weather, travellers could turn down to South Dildo and be there in little more than an hour's walk, instead of facing the barrens in front of the Peak, which is the most bleak and exposed situation in the whole line of Road throughout, that is presuming the traveller is proceeding to the Westward.

Entering on the Barrens in front of Spread Eagle Peak, and ascending to the summit of them, from the verge of the woods by which they are confined on the S. E. and N. E. sides, the Peak bursts upon your view and presents its bold front in all its grandeur. Unless where small parcels of woods of inferior quality may be found standing the whole space between the eighteenth and nineteenth miles, and the Peak, is marcl barrens, and ponds. It now became desirable to examine not only up to the Peak, but on both sides, and all around it, and it was not until I had made myself fully acquainted with the country to the N. E., between the Peak and the head of Trinity Bay, and some three or four miles to the S. W., that I determined on carrying the Road on the N. E. side, where I found a most desirable level,—keeping as near to the base of the Peak as possible, and also close to the foot of Monument Hill. This latter hill is situate about a mile in rear of the Peak, and which, when viewed with the Peak, at some distance to the S. E., appears attached to it, or to be one and the same range. It is a very high hill extending considerably to the Westward, so much so that it, together with the range of long ponds to the S. W. of the Peak (the Shell Bird Pond laying to the W. N. W. of the same), must necessarily bring you in the rear of Howard's Droke, from whence much difficulty would be experienced in finding the proper lead, so as to enter the long range

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of mountains which beset the entrance to both Long Harbor and Ship Harbour.— Knowing, as I do, the difficulties to be encountered in penetrating into the interior of this country, I cannot but feel a little surprised at any speculative opinions that may be offered as to a line of Road being carried too far North or too far South for a direct line ; for this must of course altogether depend upon the obstructions to be found in the way ; but in submitting any evidence before a Committee, every regard should most certainly be had as to its correctness, lest a wrong calculation may be the result arising from uncertain information. Now in turning to the last year's Journals of the General Assembly, in the evidence taken before a Select Committee, in the Appendix, at page 425, and in part of the 5th and 6th lines, I find one gentleman saying " From Long Harbor to Chapel Arm is about seven miles and a half ;" again, at page 423, and part of the 8th and 7th lines from the bottom, another is found to assert " I know Long Harbor in Placentia Bay, and Chapel Arm in Trinity Bay,—they are about fourteen miles apart." Now I have walked it, and I am of opinion that it is not more than six miles, which is the distance reckoned by persons living both in Long Harbour and Chapel Arm. At page 425, lines 6th and 7th, it is said " From Chapel Arm to New Harbor, *by the route we took*, is about thirty-six miles." Now this is one mile more than the whole length of the road from Cat's Cove to Ship Harbor. Not having measured the distance between those places, I cannot vouch for the following scale being quite correct ; but having visited most of them, and taken the bearings, &c., by which to make a Plan, I know they are not far out, and I took it from Memoranda I made in Trinity Bay, at the time, which are as follows :

	MILES.
From New Harbor to South Dildo Brook	4
“ South Dildo Brook to Old Shop do.	1
“ Old Shop do. to Spread Eagle Pond South	2½
“ Spread Eagle Pond South to do. West	2
“ West Spread Eagle Pond to Little Gut, Chapel Arm	3
“ Little Gut to Western Cove, Chapel Arm	1¾
	14¼

Another Memorandum of distances also presents itself at the same time, which I here subjoin, and which goes to show that a branch line from that of the Main Western may be carried to any part of Trinity Bay at a very short distance, viz,

From the 21st mile from Colliers and 14 from Ship Harbour, being just abreast of the Peak, to South Dildo or Old Shop	5½ Miles.
From ditto ditto to Little Gut and S. & W. Spread Eagle	5½
Ditto ditto to South Point of Chapel Arm	6½

Spread Eagle Peak is twenty-one miles from Cat's Cove Bridge, and fourteen from Ship Harbor. It is of a singular form, particularly near the summit. The front, or rather that part fronting the S. E., falls in from a perpendicular ; whereas the N. W. has a gradual slope some distance down, having very much the appearance of a woman's old fashioned cap. I ascended its summit twice, the reaching of which is attended with considerable labour and fatigue. All sides except the Western appear to be inaccessible.— The ascent is accomplished by holding on by the trees and assisting yourself by them for a distance, until reaching a small landing place, of which there are not less than three before arriving at the top. It affords a most commanding and extensive view of the country round for several miles ; and the principal head lands both in Placentia and St. Mary's

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Bays are easily recognized ; but Trinity Bay appears as it were at the foot of it. I had no instrument with me by which to ascertain its altitude. The cold was intense and bitterly piercing. I found a stick which had been sawn and driven into the ground by some previous visitor. It was about three inches above the surface of the snow. I succeeded in loosing and getting it out, by which I discovered the depth of the snow to be about five feet. The country around the Peak is very delightful, particularly those parts which are open to a Southern aspect, and occupying the space between the Peak and the head of Trinity Bay. Many places are much sheltered from the North Wind by some handsome round coppices composed of different kinds of trees, which would have all the appearance of Plantations were there only fences around them. In the summer season the sun must be very powerful, and from what I witnessed on my return in the month of March the Spring opens very early. The land, from what I could judge from the nature of that on which we built our Wigwam, is quite of a cultivable character, and more particularly for grazing. It is a very pleasant part of the country, and what adds much to its cheerful appearance are the beautiful views which are afforded by different head lands, &c., in Trinity Bay. I could not imagine anything more delightful than that of a Party steaming it round from St. John's to the head of Trinity Bay and ascending the Peak on a Pic Nic excursion. The labour in ascending would be abundantly repaid by the gratification.

Leaving the Peak the road passes on, having Morley's Cove Pond to the right and the Monument Hill already described to the left. The appearance of the country changes but little until reaching Shell Bird Pond, or the twenty-third mile from Cat's Cove. Fine woods occupy the whole from Monument Hill to the pond, when the country becomes more open and more marshy ; consequently the soil is more damp, and there is less of a cultivable appearance about it. The woods are small and occupy detached parcels or patches of ground ; but as an open country it abounds in all the productions peculiar to it. Shell Bird Pond is a large sheet of water, and is connected with a range of Ponds to the S. W., out of which originates Little Gut River, running into Chapel Arm, Trinity Bay. A large bank of heavy wood runs the whole length of the South and the S. E. sides, from which large particular pieces of Timber have been occasionally cut and hauled out to Trinity Bay. Trout are abundant, and water-fowl numerous at certain seasons of the year. Between Shell Bird Pond and Long Harbor Island Pond the country is in some places marshy, with mossy barrens where the road takes ; but to the S. W., are some long ranges of large woods, particularly Howard's Droke and others that are nameless. A little farther in advance of Howard's Droke is a high mountain called Young's Look-out. This is the first of a Long chain extending to the sea coast of Long Harbor, Ship Harbor and the Placentias. It would be utterly impossible to carry a road over them, and threading the way between them was attended with vast difficulty. It was not till after three several attempts that I could discover the line which I afterwards adopted, and which I had reason to be pleased with. The elevation here is very considerable, and only that the descent occupies at least five miles, it would be attended with much difficulty. Unless in some few inconsiderable instances it is little more than an inclined plane. A singularly formed but steep range of mountains occupies the S. W. of Long Harbor, running from S. E. to N. W., and then changing to the S. W. forming nearly two sides of an angle, by the Western one of which the Rattling Brook runs down into Long Harbor.

The line, after leaving Young's Look-Out, passes near ponds of inferior size until reaching between the twenty-ninth and thirtieth miles, where a large pond called Coady's is just escaped. This pond runs to the S. W. three miles or upwards, so that all ingress in that quarter to Ship Harbor is completely closed, without going round the head of it,

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where I think some difficulty would be found in meeting with a suitable place to enter the windings of the mountains; and this pond it was, I believe, which carried all former lines so far to the S. W. as Long Harbor Look-Out, under which markings and tracings may be seen. Proceeding with the line on towards Ship Harbor, it crosses several hauling paths from Long Harbor, &c., some of which, on returning, I observed were abandoned, and the new line already substituted and begun to be worked upon. Coming to the Rattling Brook of Long Harbor, the noise and size of which is only excelled by the Ship Harbor Rattling Brook, and in crossing the same, the Road passes through a small Island; it can, however, be made to cross either above or below it; but as this brook, I am told, rafters almost every spring to a considerable height, it would in my opinion, (only that the brook runs very wide for a considerable distance) be better to have it below; but here, as also at Spread Eagle, it would be far safer to have two bridges over the smaller streams than one over a wide one, inasmuch as the Island would be a safeguard against the raftered ice, which at times is carried down by the pent up water with great impetuosity. The difference in the expense would be trifling when compared with their certain stability. Both stone and timber are convenient for building. A little further beyond the brook, at what is called the First Steady, is where the old foot path branches off in coming from Ship Harbor to Long Harbor, and which will be found exceedingly convenient for opening a communication with the most thickly inhabited part of Long Harbor, from which, by admeasurement, the distance is only one and a quarter mile.

If an idea has at any time been entertained that Long Harbor would prove a more favourable terminus for the Western Main Line of Road than Ship Harbour, it is an idea that I should be very much inclined to repudiate, for more than one or two reasons:—First, considerable difficulty would be found in bringing the Road down to the head of Long Harbor without some very steep descents, the space from the summit to the landwash being so very limited;—the ground too, between the mountains being full of hillocks and very uneven. It would be found more impracticable still to make a Road down by either side of the harbour; and until this was accomplished all travellers would have to walk five miles of rough and pebbly Landwash (which of all travelling is the most tiresome) before the Road could be taken. The indraught of the Harbour is not less than three leagues, with a shoal bottom for nearly two-thirds of the distance. The place where the Branch Road would enter Long Harbour is where it is most thickly inhabited by the winter residents, and is called Fleece Cove Point, and just at the foot of the Rattling Brook, where it passes into the sea, On the North side of Long Harbour three families constantly reside on an Island called Crawley's, near which appears to me to be the only safe anchorage for vessels drawing any great depth of water. This Island is situate about one league from the entrance of the harbour, and about two from the Head.

The country from the First Steady to Ship Harbor is diversified as to wood, some of which is small, in other places larger, but there is little if any hardwood. The land in some parts consists of dry barrens, marshes, and a good deal of meadow, capable of being easily improved. From the number of small ponds, and the circuitous course of the brook running into the Bottom Arm, I carefully carried out the survey of the remaining distance, so as to ascertain and perfectly convince myself of the way in which to carry the line, so as to avoid the necessity of having to alter it again.

Having passed the Rock Pond, and arrived at the thirty-second mile, on viewing the lay of the country in that neighbourhood, I was impressed with a strong conviction that this is the most eligible point from which a branch line may be carried to connect the two

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Placentias with the Ship Harbor line,—indeed I consider it to be the only one which can be easily adopted, from the mountainous nature of the country; and the utility of such a branch must be manifest when it is made known that most of the travelling during the past winter has been by that route. In the spring and fall it would have a decided preference over the Salmonier line, if only for the purpose of avoiding the crossing of two dangerous rivers, viz., Collinet and Rocky Rivers; and if I am rightly informed, or if I judge rightly myself, the distance by the Ship Harbour line will be shortened by twelve or fifteen miles. I have a rough sketch by me which will be sufficient to make a Plan shewing the situation of Little Placentia Sound, Fox Harbor, and the N. E. Arm of Great Placentia, together with the Harbours of the two Placentias, as in connection with Ship Harbor. The distance is computed to be nearly as follows, but I had not sufficient time to measure it. From the Ship Harbor line to where it will be found necessary to alter the course of the branch line between Fox Harbor and the N. E. Arm of Great Placentia, will be from eight to nine miles. A road made thus far would be very advantageous; but to answer every purpose it would require the same to be continued on to Fenesy's Bridge, being between six and seven miles further, where it would then intersect the road already made between Great and Little Placentia, and afford equal convenience for all places.

Having reached the terminus of the road, at what is called the Bottom Arm of Ship Harbor, it may be necessary, before closing my Report, to make a few remarks on the situation and capabilities of that Harbor. In passing down the head of the Bottom Arm, there is a great deal of meadow land already enclosed, and in a good state of cultivation. The whole of the N. E. side, to Conway's Point, on which there still remains a considerable quantity of wood, appears to be composed of rich soil, affording every facility for extensive gardens and excellent sites for erecting houses, &c. The distance is about one and a-half or two miles, and a road can be carried along by the side of the Harbor with perfect ease. Conway's Cove affords good anchorage, particularly at Walsh's stage, in about eight or ten fathoms of water. Here it is that Messrs. Neave and Penny's vessels were generally sent, after being laden at Little Placentia, to await a fair wind; and I am credibly informed by a person born and living at Placentia all his life time, that not the smallest accident ever occurred to them at any season. Several gardens at the edge of this Cove are already under cultivation. From Conway's Cove I proceeded to the Rattling Brook Arm, where I found it to be so open and exposed to the Bay, as to be subject to heavy swells when the wind blows directly across. In following up the lead, I found it would carry the line altogether in a Southerly direction, much too far to be available, even were the ascent less, and the making a road upon it not so difficult. I retraced my steps and proceeded further towards the Bottom Arm, on the same side, and entered a small indented place called Lee's Cove, just to the west of Little Rattling Brook. Here the anchorage is pretty good, but it is a place much exposed, and the construction of wharves, or building stores, &c. there, would be attended with much difficulty, it being an exceedingly rocky declivity. Following up this valley about a mile, it breaks into the one which the Little Rattling Brook takes in its descent; and continuing to the S. E. I found it impossible to get through the mountains unless by keeping to the Eastward, which eventually brought me to the same opening the line had already taken.

Ship Harbor is of easy access. Its entrance is nearly five miles in width, and it affords safe anchorage. The soundings vary from twelve to twenty fathoms; the deepest water being towards the South Shore. The "Moratties" are the only rocks likely to pick up a vessel; but from their lying, as they do, directly in the course between Fox

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Island and the North Point of Ship Harbor, they will at no time be dangerous, unless when vessels beating in may stand too far across at the N. E.; and when generally known it appears to be a harbor as easy of access as almost any in Placentia Bay.

FREDERICK R. PAGE, Surveyor.

 APPENDIX.

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DESCRIPTION OF BRIGUS GREAT POND.

This, like the generality of Ponds yet met with, runs in a S. W. direction, and is little short of five miles in length from the egress of Hodge River, at the S. W. end, to Clark's Hill at the N. E. corner. The breadth varies from one and a-half mile to a quarter of a mile, which is occasioned by the great number of peninsulated points jutting out in some places, in others by the arms of the pond taking a long range inland. This pond takes its rise about one and a half mile from Juniper Stump, near the head of the southern Gut, Port-de-Grave. What is termed the head is bounded by and washes the foot of a long ranging black ridge called Clark's Hill, which is easily recognized far in the interior. A view of the extremity is intercepted by a number of large Islands and a curve which it acquires about two-thirds of its length up towards the Northward. The principal outlet is Hodge River, which, notwithstanding its nearness to Conception Bay, empties itself at Colinet in St. Mary's Bay. This pond abounds with Eels and Trout; Salmon are sometimes also found in it, but not in such numbers as may be in some parts of the season met with in Snow's Pond. Most of the points of land jutting into this pond have a bold but gloomy appearance, from their high bluff heads, covered with wood to the top; and the necks which are to be found in most of them are narrow and easily crossed, in doing which a considerable distance is saved. At a small distance in from the S. W. end are large marshes, exhibiting wide and deeply trodden Deer tracks; there are other symptoms of their having been long and often frequented by those noble animals. But even this remote and hidden territory could not long remain concealed, for I saw several places where slips had been placed and two had caught their victims. Their bones were remaining on the spot bleaching in the winds.—Trackings of Hares and Partridges were observed around the edges of the Pond and about the marshes, although not numerous; but those of the Fox and Martin Cat were very much so. An Otter's track may now and again be seen, but the Beaver I think must be nearly all destroyed,—which is not surprising, as many traces still remain, about this and the other ponds to the S. E. of Spread Eagle Peak, of dead-falls, &c. used by the Indians for killing that animal. There are also to be found remains of wigwams, and at the edges of the ponds curiously hewn pieces of timber, used by the Indians in making rafts to navigate the ponds with.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE LONG ISLAND POND.

This extensive Pond lays in a parallel direction with, and is about a quarter of a mile from, the Brigus Great Pond, extending much farther to the S. W., but not so far to the N. E.. Unless at the S. W., which is open to a bleak marshy country, it is bounded on all sides by large woods, but particularly on the N. and N. W. sides by Snow's Ridge, which abounds with heavy timber, and which forms a separation between it and Old Snow's Pond, particular reference to which will be found in the Report. It differs but little in appearance from the Great Pond, except in width, and the Islands being far more in number. The remains of an Indian Wigwam, and some dead-falls for killing Otter, Beaver, &c., are to be seen on a neck separating the Pond at the N. E. end.—The peninsulated point of land running nearly across the Pond occupied much time in exploring, having in some places the appearance of separate Islands; being singularly formed and encroached on by the water, leaving in two or three places little more width than may be required for a road. Its distance from the S. E. point to the shore is about one hundred and twenty yards, where a bridge may be easily constructed. The lower part of the pond at the S. W. end is, between the islands, exposed to a long drift, passing over an extensive range of open country, which must sometimes cause a considerable swell. Travelling over that part of the Pond when blowing strong, I found a motion of the ice similar to what may be experienced in crossing the Arm of a Bay, the ice having been broken up at the windward edges. The Hodge River passes through the S. W. end, and assumes on leaving it a formidable stream. The direction which the Road takes in avoiding the Pond and passing along on the isthmus, will afford, when the Road shall have been made, one of the most handsome drives imaginable, and through scenery the most picturesque.

ERRATA.

From the hasty manner in which this Report was obliged to be drawn up and copied, a few errors have occurred therein—among them may be noticed the following:—

In the 87th page—17th to 21st lines, inclusive, the sentence commencing "Here I also discovered trees, &c." should read thus—"Here I discovered trees that had been marked, pointing out a path called Joe Brine's or John Martin's, which at times had been used by them in walking from the head of St Mary's Bay to Carbonear by Snow's Pond. The road continues on a straight course," &c.

In the same page, 11th line from the bottom, instead of "sand and more than an inch thick," read "sand not more;" &c.

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SPECIFICATION

Of the Number and Names of Rivers crossing the intended Line of Road between Collier's in Conception Bay and Ship Harbour, in Placentia Bay, shewing their Origin, Confluence, Width, &c.

No.	NAMES.	SOURCE.	CONFLUENCE.	WIDTH. Chns. Lnks.
1	Goulds River	Ponds and marshes far in the interior	Juniper Stump or Southern Gut Post-de-Grave	1 —
2	Hodge ditto	Clark's Hill or Brigus Great Pond	Harry Cove, Colinet, St. Mary's Bay	75
3	Bridge at Long Island Pond	Snow's Ridge or Long Island Pond	Hodge River	5 25
4	Broad Cove River	Goose Island Pond	New Harbor, Trinity Bay	1 —
5	South Dildo ditto	Ponds and Marshes near St. M's. Bay	Head of Southern Dildo, Trinity Bay	90
6	Arm of ditto	Ditto	W. Cove Spread Eagle Trinity Bay	75
7	Spread Eagle ditto	Ponds about the S. part of Blue Hills.	W. Cove Spread Eagle Trinity Bay	1 50
8	Spread Eagle Peak ditto	Ponds about the Western Parts of do.	Morley's Cove ditto	85
9	Morley's Cove ditto	Ponds to the S. W. between Spread Eagle Peak and the Monument		1 —
10	S. E. Arm of Little Gut	Ponds between the Monument and a large Ridge to the Westward	Little Gut, Chapel Arm, ditto	95
11	Little Gut ditto	Ponds to the Westward of said Ridge	Western Cove, Chapel Arm, ditto	75
12	Western Cove ditto	Ponds under a hill called the S. W. Look Out		50
13	Long Harbor ditto	Ponds near Howard's Droke	Long Harbor Bottom Arm	40
14	Rattling Brook ditto	Ponds to the S. of Long Harbor Look Out	Fleece Cove, Long Harbor	1 50
15	Bottom Arm, Ship Harbor ditto	Ponds to the W. of Coady's Pond	Ship Harbor Bottom Arm	40
16	Colliers River	Blue Hills and Cat Hills	Colliers Arm, Conception Bay.	1 —

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LETTER

From the Board of Control transmitting a Report shewing the amount of Money expended under the Act 6 Vict., cap. 4, on Contracts completed and approved, together with an abstract of Work performed on different Lines of Road.

Board of Control, }
24th, January, 1844. }

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit for the information of His Excellency the Governor a Report of the Board shewing the amount of money expended under the Act Vic. 6, cap. 4, on Contracts completed and approved, together with an abstract of the work performed on the different lines of Road and the proportion of the expenditure for each Board respectively.

I have the honour to be Sir,
Your obedt. Servant,

THOMAS BENNETT,
Chairman.

To Honorable JAMES CROWDY, Colonial Secretary, &c. &c. &c.

STATEMENT

Shewing the amount of Money expended under the Act 6 Vic. cap. 4, on Contracts completed and approved, together with an Abstract of the work performed on each Line of Road and the proportion of the Expenditure for each Board respectively.

District of St. John's.

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Road, King's Bridge to the North Side Torbay—	Sterling.
Contract No. 1.—115 Perches at 12s. currency per Perch	£59 16 0
Road, from Moses Neill's, Fresh Water, towards Wigmore's Gulley—	
2 Contracts—3 Bridges and Side Drains	111 11 8
Road leading from Waterford Bridge to the Goolds—	
Contract No. 1—160 Perches at 17s. currency per Perch	117 17 4
Road from Bay Bulls Road to Petty Harbor—	
Contract No. 1—121 Perches	41 18 11
Road from the Church over the Garrison Hill—	
Contract—69 Perches, 17s. currency per Perch	50 16 7
Road from King's Bridge to Brine's Bridge—	
Contract—120 Perches, 11s. currency per Perch	57 4 0

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STATEMENT

Shewing the amount of Money expended under the Act 6 Vic. cap. 4, on Contracts completed and approved, together with an Abstract of the work performed on each Line of Road and the proportion of the Expenditure for each Board respectively.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT, Continued		£439 4 6
King's Bridge and other Bridges—		
Contract—Repairing King's Bridge		119 12 0
Contract— do. Queen's ditto, and filling up a second archway		38 11 4
Road from Bridge, Quidi Vidi, to Martin's, White Hills—		
Contract—124 Perches, at 8s. 4d. currency per Perch		44 15 6
Road from Ordnance Yard towards Signal Hill—		
Contract, No. 1—92 Perches, 8s. 8 ³ / ₄ d. per Perch, cy.	£34 13 4	
Contract, No. 2—102 Perches, 16s. per perch, cy.	70 14 4	
	105 7 8	
Road from Gower Street to Tarrahan's Town—		
Contract for Road and Bridge		53 14 8
King's Road—		
Contract—81 Perches, at 2s. 4d. currency per perch		85 19 10
Road from Palk's House to Topsail—		
Contract No. 1—210 Perches at 11s. 10d. currency per perch		107 13 8
		£994 19 2

Conception Bay.

HARBOUR MAIN DISTRICT.

Road from Holyrood Southern Bridge to Salmon Cove Bridge, inclusive—		
3 Contracts—4 Bridges, viz., Lees Pond River, Harbor Main } Gulley, Hick's Beach, and Butler's Brook }		41 17 2
Roads in Harbor Main—		
5 Contracts—87 Perches road and 3 Bridges		37 9 9
		£79 6 11

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BRIGUS DISTRICT.

Road, Salmon Cove to Brigus—

6 Contracts—17 Cross-drains, cutting down Hill, repairing Bridges and one Mile and $96\frac{3}{4}$ Perches of Road, and a Bridge over Three Island Pond River.	£150 0 0
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Road, Brigus to Spaniard's Bay Southern Gut—

6 Contracts—Levelling the Hills, and repairing Road from Bride's Garden to Green's Farm, thence to Northern Gut Bridge, the Road between N. and S. Gut Bridges and Bay Roberts Bridge and Spaniard's Bay Bridge, repairing drains and cross-drains, and the Northern and Southern Gut Bridges, £145 13 3—and compensation M. Shea £4 6 9. (Road 14 and 20 feet wide, gravelled 7 feet wide.)	150 0 0
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Road from Main Road to Colliers—

Contract—1143 yards at £80 Currency, per mile Road 14 feet wide, Gravelled 10 feet, side and cross-drains, 6 inches Gravel.	45 0 0
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Road from Main Road to Cat's Cove and Bacon Cove—

Contract—one-half Mile and 135 yards, with drains and cross-drains Road 14 feet wide, fit for gravelling, cleared and levelled,	35 0 0
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Road, Frog Marsh to the Battery—

8 Contracts—Sundry repairs along this line to Roads and Bridges, Building Walls and Blasting for Road, and Road from Wesleyan Ground to Bartlett's Bridge.	149 14 8
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Town of Brigus—

2 Contracts—Bridge and Road in front of the School House, and repairing Roads and cross-drains	£58 5 2
Compensation to Elizabeth Quinlon	1 14 10
	60 0 0

Brigus to Bull Cove—

2 Contracts— $1\frac{1}{2}$ Mile Road, (14 Feet wide, gravelled six feet, with drains and cross drains)	57 0 0
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Shewing the amount of Money expended under the Act 6 Vic. cap. 4, on Contracts completed and approved, together with an Abstract of the work performed on each Line of Road and the proportion of the Expenditure for each Board respectively.

BRIGUS DISTRICT. (CONTINUED)		£646 14 0
Brigus to Cupids—		
3 Contracts—1 Mile Road and 1 Bridge (14 feet wide, cleared and levelled, fit for gravelling.)		37 12 3
Road from Main Road to Cupids—		
5 Contracts—1½ Mile and 82½ yards Road, Bridge and work at Cupids, Compensation to Phillip Bennett (Road 14 feet, gravelled 7 feet, cross and side drains.)	£131 6 6 8 13 6 —————	140 0 0
Hibb's Hole to Port-de-Grave—		
3 Contracts—Sundry repairs on the road, Retaining Walls, and 196 Perches Road		49 2 7
Road from Main Road to Port-de-Grave—		
3 Contracts—Road from Dwyer's, Port-de-Grave to Hennebury's, Bare Need, and 2½ miles and 332 yards Road 14 feet wide, with Side and Cross-drains—from Dwyer's to Hennebury's, and 1 mile gravelled 7 feet wide. 1½ miles and 332 yards fit for gravelling.		150 0 0
Road, French Cove to Port-de-Grave Church—		
2 Contracts—Bridge £11 5s. 4d. stg., and Road, Retaining Walls, Blasting for Road, &c. £58 14 8		70 0 0
Road from Main Road to Juniper Stump—		
Contract for whole distance (Gravelled, with Side and Cross-drains.)		49 19 0
Road from Southern Gut Bridge, Salmon Cove, to Burnt Point—		
Contract, 1256 yards Road £48 10s. Currency per mile (14 feet wide, with Drains, fit for gravelling)		30 0 0
Town of Port-de-Grave—		
4 Contracts—Repairing sundry Roads in the Town		30 0 0
Road from Main Road to Pack's House, Bay Roberts—		
2 Contracts—Road whole line (14 feet wide, with Drains and Cross Drains gravelled 7 feet)		66 10 0
		£1269 18 6

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STATEMENT

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HARBOR GRACE DISTRICT.

Road from Southern Bridge to Bear's Cove— Contract—Repairing Northern Bridge	£12 11 4
Powell's Brook Bridge— Contract for Bridge (Stone)	39 18 0
Road from Southern Brook, River Head, to Feather Point— 2 Contracts—Lots 1 and 5. 812 Perches Road	61 18 11
Road, South Side to Bryan's Cove— Contract, 529 Perches at £48 currency per mile and a half	45 16 11
Spaniard's Bay Road to Island Cove and Bishop's Cove— 2 Contracts—496 Perches Road and a Bridge	40 17 10½
Feather Point to Bryan's Cove— Contract—180½ Perches at £30 currency per mile	14 13 3
Hard and Cooper's Path and Fisherman's Road— Contract—320 Perches, or one mile, at 1s. 8d. cy. per Perch	23 2 2
Lady Pond Road— 3 Contracts—634 Perches (2 miles less 6 perches) All the above roads are 14 feet wide, made fit for gravelling.	60 16 9
Musquito to North and South Point— 3 Contracts—2 Bridges and 248 Perches Road as per specification	45 1 9
	£344 16 11½

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CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Road from Pack's Bridge to Crocker's Cove Bridge— 4 Contracts—Road from Pack's Bridge to Joy's Corner, thence to McCarthy's Bridge, with Bridge, and thence to Harbor Rock Hill, and a Sewer £16 currency	177 1 4
	£177 1 4

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STATEMENT

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CARBONEAR DISTRICT (CONTINUED)	£177	1	4
Road from Carbonear to Heart's Content—			
2 Contracts—Repairing Bridge and 1660 yards Road at £39 15s. currency per mile	48	14	5
Battery Hill Road—			
2 Contracts—Road £29 currency, Drains 45s. currency, Retaining Wall, £15 currency	40	1	8
London Road—			
2 Contracts—Road from Rieley's Corner to Conner's House, and thence to White's Plantation	41	11	1
Middle Street and Drain, Carbonear—			
Contract for Drain	24	0	0
Crocker's Cove Bridge to Lower Island Cove Brook, section from } Crocker's Cove to Spout Cove—			
5 Contracts—Road from Bridge to Moor's House, £17 6s. 8d. stg. and 5½ Miles and 43 Perches Road £198 15s. 8d. sterling	216	2	4
The Roads in this District (by the Contracts) are made as per Specification.			
	<u>£547</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

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WESTERN BAY DISTRICT.

Crocker's Cove Bridge to Lower Island Cove Brook, Section from Spout } Cove to Island Cove—			
48 Contracts—11 Bridges £83 stg., and 4½ Miles and 62 Perches Road as per Specification	413	9	7
Black Head, through Gussett's Cove, to Adam's Cove—			
Contract—Road from New Road to Catholic Chapel	3	15	0
Job's Cove to Main Road—			
Contract—150 Perches Road as per Specification	18	10	0
Western Bay South Side—			
4 Contracts—Repairing Roads and cutting down Hill	31	14	6
	<u>£467</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

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BAY DE VERD DISTRICT.

Road from Lower Island Cove to Bay de Verds—

27 Contracts—382 Perches Road and 1 Bridge from Island to Caplin Cove ; 6 miles Road from Caplin Cove to Bay de Verds (£244 13s. 4d. stg.) and three lots in the Town of Bay de Verds (£54 10s.) Compensation to five persons, £36 15s. stg.	} 391 2 0
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Road over Kinneal Hill—

Contract for Road £41. Compensation £9	50 0 0
(The Contracts state as per Specification except one, which is a Road 14 feet, made fit for gravelling.)	

£441 2 0

Trinity Bay.

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OLD PERLICAN DISTRICT.

Road from Bay de Verds to Grates Cove—

6 Contracts—4 Miles as per specification	47 4 8
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Road from Grates Cove to Old Perlican—

7 Contracts—2 Bridges, and 3 miles Road as per Specification	£97 5 8	
Compensation to 3 persons	5 4 0	
	102 9 8	

Bridge over Admiral's River—

Contract—For Bridge	50 0 0
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Road, Old Perlican to Hants Harbor—

8 Contracts— $1\frac{1}{2}$ Mile, and a Bridge from Perlican, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ Mile from Hants Harbor as per specification	144 6 0
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£344 0 4

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

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HEARTS CONTENT DISTRICT.

Road, Hants Harbor to Scilly Cove—

Contract—Bridge over Half way Brook £15 11 1

Road from Scilly Cove to New Perlican—

2 Contracts—Bridge at Turks Cove Brook £20 0 0—1½ Mile and 160 yards Road work, at £26 10s per mile, and compensation to 5 persons £7 11 0 61 9 0

The Contract states this Road to be repaired, side-drains cleared, cross drains to be made when required, and gravelled 7 feet wide.

Road from New Perlican to Heart's Content—

3 Contracts—Bridge over Jeffrey's Brook, £34 cy. Road from ditto to Half-way Rock, and $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile and 351 yards Road.— Compensation to 6 persons, £14 cy. 94 12 5
(Road 12 feet wide, Gravelled 7 feet, with cross and side drains.)

Road from Hearts Content to Hearts Delight—

4 Contracts—2 Bridges at Terance's and Button's Brooks £23 11 cy. 2 Miles and 414 yards Road £77 14s. 4d. currency. 91 4 5
Compensation for ground £3 9 4 stg.
(Roads gravelled 7 feet, side and cross drains, 1 Contract states the Road to be 12 feet wide.)

£262 16 11

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TRINITY BAY NORTH DISTRICT.

Road, Trinity to Catalina—

3 Contracts—2 Bridges and Drains and Road from Robin Hood Beach to Salmon Cove Brook £54 stg. Compensation for Ground £8 13 4 62 13 4
(Road 16 feet wide, drained and levelled fit for gravelling.)

Amount brought over £62 13 4

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

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TRINITY BAY NORTH DISTRICT (CONTINUED.)		£62 13 4
Road, Trinity to New Bonaventure—		
6 Contracts—2 Bridges with Road and Drains £35 18s. 8d., a Dry Wall 303 yards, with Road at Lobster Cove Head with Hand rail &c., £27, and (17½ Miles and 3½ Chains) say 2 Miles of Road £29 8 10		92 7 6
Roads in the Town of Trinity—		
3 Contracts—Repairing Simpson's Lane, &c. £35 9 0		
Compensation	1 6 0	
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		£191 15 10
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Bonavista Bay.

BONAVISTA BOARD.

Road, Bonavista to Catalina—		
20 Contracts—4 Bridges, £32, and 2½ Miles and 51 Perches of Road £300 1 7		332 1 7
Town of Catalina—		
4 Contracts—92½ Perches Road and a Bridge		39 13 0
Road from Bonavista to Bird Island Cove—		
3 Contracts—Opening 1 Mile Road	£5 19 0	
Making 112 Perches Road	23 6 3	29 5 3
Road, from Walkham's Bridge, towards Bayley's Cove and Red Cove—		
4 Contracts—79 Perches Road		18 5 3
Road, Lance Cove Beach to Bayley's Cove—		
4 Contracts—Road from Lance Cove Beach to the Bank, and 192 Perches		73 19 0
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		£493 4 1
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ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

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GREENSPOND BOARD.

Streets in the Town of Greenspond—

Contract—50 yards of Road or Bridge Work at 10s. per yard Cy.	£21 13 4
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SALVAGE BOARD.

Streets in the Town of Salvage—

2 Contracts—34 Perches Road Work	£25 0 0
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Twillingate and Fogo.

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FOGO BOARD.

Town of Fogo—

3 Contracts—100 Perches Road (Road 7 feet wide and gravelled.)	£100 0 0
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TWILLINGATE BOARD.

Town of Twillingate—

4 Contracts—114 Perches Road	£85 12 0
Compensation for Ground	1 0 0
(Road as per specification by the Contract.)	86 12 0



Ferryland District.

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FERRYLAND BOARD.

Road, Cape Broyleto Ferryland—

4 Contracts—Gravelling 4 Miles Road	£56 0 10
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£56 0 10

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

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FERRYLAND BOARD (CONTINUED)	£56 0 10
Road, Ferryland to Renewse— Contract—Bridge at Quarry River	1 6 0
Road, Stone Island to Caplin Bay— 3 Contracts—A Bridge, £16, and Graveling 1 Mile	30 12 4
	£87 19 2

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Placentia and St. Mary's Bays.
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MERASHEEN, ISLE VALLEN, &c., BOARD.

Road, from Presque to Oliver's Cove— Contract—Opening the road 14 feet wide with drains, from the Beach at Presque Arm to Oliver's Cove £47 Compensation for Ground 3	50 0 0
Isle Vallén— 3 Contracts—Roads and Bridges, 80 Perches, 14 feet wide, Gravelled 7 feet.	92 6 8
Woody Island— Contract—Opening a Road from Old Cove to Grunter's Cove	3 0 0
Sound Island— Contract—Road from Holett's Brook to Gilbert's House	5 5 0
	£150 11 8

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LITTLE PLACENTIA BOARD.

Road from Little Placentia to Pond Head— 10 Contracts—210 Perches Road, £102 15 10 currency Removing a Wall 60s currency Compensation to 14 persons 9 11 10 currency	100 0 0
(Road 12 feet wide, gravelled 7 feet wide.)	

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£100

ROAD REPORTS.

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LITTLE PLACENTIA BOARD (CONTINUED.)

£100 0 0

Road from Little to Great Placentia—

8 Contracts—102 Perches Road £69 15 0 currency, and
3 Bridges and 11 Drains, 16 15 9

75 0 0

(This Road is through a Bog, and Gravelled—width of road or gravelling not stated in the Contracts.)

£175 0 0

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GREAT PLACENTIA BOARD.

Road from Great Placentia to Distress Cove—

3 Contracts—Opening and clearing, 18 feet wide, 4 Miles Road

36 0 0

7 Contracts with proof of completion for 7 Miles more of this Road are in possession of the Board, but the orders for payment have not been presented.

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ST. MARY'S BOARD.

Road from St. Mary's to Holyrood Pond—

5 Contracts—Opening 2 Miles Road

17 2 9

Road from St. Mary's to Point La Haye—

4 Contracts—Opening 1½ Mile Road

10 6 3

(The Roads under this Board are opened 20 feet wide.)

£27 9 0

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

Shewing the amount of Money expended under the Act 6 Vic. cap. 4, on Contracts completed and approved, together with an Abstract of the work performed on each Line of Road and the proportion of the Expenditure for each Board respectively.

Burin District.

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BURIN BOARD,

Road, Spoon Cove to Corbin and St. Lawrence—

3 Contracts— $1\frac{1}{2}$ Mile and 37 Perches Road £94 4 2
 (Road 7 feet wide at the top, Gravelled, with side walls, and under-drains,)

Road from Court House to Burin Bay—

4 Contracts—Repairing and making 10 Perches Road at Burin, £4 15 4. Making 233 Perches 10 feet wide, Gravelled 7 feet, £78 12 6. 84 5 2
 Compensation to Michael Brown, 20s. cy.—17s. 6d.

Road from Bull Cove to Port-au-Bras—

Contract—231 Perches Road at 8s. Currency per Perch 80 0 0

Road from Port-au-Bras to Mortier—

Contract—220 Perches Road at 4s. Currency per Perch 38 2 8

Road from Olive Point to Great Burin—

Contract—120 Perches Road at 4s 5d. Cy. per Perch 22 19 4
 (The Roads on the above three lines are 7 feet wide at the top, and Gravelled, with side walls and drains and cross-drains.)

 £319 11 4

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SAINT LAWRENCE BOARD.

Road from St. Lawrence to Lamaline—

Contract— $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile and 30 Perches Road 70 0 0

Road from Little to Great St. Lawrence—

4 Contracts— $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile and 37 Perches Road 52 13 1

(The Roads under this Board are 7 feet wide at the top, and Gravelled with side walls and side and cross-drains.)

 £122 13 1

ROAD REPORTS.

RECAPITULATION.

	Amount at the disposal of each Board.		Amount expended by the Board.
SAINT JOHN'S BOARD	£15,374 0 0	..	£994 19 2
CONCEPTION BAY.			
Harbor Main Board	610 0 0	..	79 6 11
Brigus ditto	1,280 0 0	..	1269 18 6
Harbor Grace ditto	1,425 0 0	..	344 16 11
Carbonear ditto	1,200 0 0	..	547 10 10
Western Bay ditto	620 0 0	..	467 9 1
Bay-de-Verds ditto	590 0 0	..	441 2 0
TRINITY BAY.			
Old Perlican Board	400 0 0	..	311 0 4
Hearts Content ditto	550 0 0	..	262 16 11
Trinity Bay North ditto	640 0 0	..	195 13 10
New Harbor ditto	50 0 0	..	
BONAVISTA BAY.			
Bonavista Board	765 0 0	..	493 4 1
Greenspond ditto	90 0 0	..	21 13 4
Salvage ditto	25 0 0	..	25 0 0
King's Cove ditto	70 0 0	..	
Keels ditto	50 0 0	..	
Bonavista to King's Cove	300 0 0	..	
TWILLINGATE & FOGO			
Twillingate Board	100 0 0	..	86 12 0
Fogo ditto	100 0 0	....	100 0 0
FERRYLAND DISTRICT.			
Ferryland Board	555 0 0	..	87 19 2
Bay Bulls ditto	500 0 0	..	
Renewe and Trepassey ditto ..	500 0 0	..	
PLACENTIA & St. MARY'S BAYS.			
Merasheen, Isle Vallen &c. Board ..	290 0 0	..	150 11 8
Little Placentia ditto	175 0 0	..	175 0 0
Great Placentia ditto	150 0 0	....	36 0 0
Saint Mary's ditto	165 0 0	....	27 9 0
Paradise ditto	30 0 0	..	
Oderin ditto	20 0 0	..	
Harbor Buffett ditto	25 0 0	..	
BURIN DISTRICT.			
Burin Board	470 0 0	...	319 11 4
Ditto for Exploring and opening from } Fortune to Placentia Bays. }	200 0	....	122 13 1
Saint Lawrence Board	130 0 0	..	
Grand Bank ditto	150 0 0	..	
FORTUNE BAY.			
Harbor Britain Board	300 0 0	..	
Bellorem ditto	100 0 0	..	
	£28,000 0 0		£6,593 8 2

THOMAS BENNETT,
Chairman.

Board of Coutroul, March 18th 1844.

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

Of Expenditure with Abstracts from the Contracts entered into by the Central Board of Road Commissioners.

THE COMMISSIONERS most respectfully take leave to bring under the notice of His Excellency the Governor that on most of the Roads under the direction of the Central Board, the Specifications and Contracts setting forth the work to be performed, in the greater number of instances, embrace Draining, Bridging and Making. The whole of which is included in the rate per perch. This system the Commissioners submit has been found much cheaper than by setting the Drains, Bridging and Making in separate and distinct Contracts, although it apparently increases the rate per perch in making.

STATEMENT

Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per Perch or rate per Mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Road from King's Bridge to Portugal Cove.	2s. 1d. per Perch	£300	0	0	£150	0	0	The side channels to be scoured and deepened, such of the cross-drains as have given way to be cleaned and repaired, the surface of the road to be partially repaired along the whole line.
Road from Goff's Bridge to the Public Wharf at Portugal Cove.	No. 1. £2 16 3 per Perch	70	0	0	30	0	0	The rock at the Northern end of Coughlan's house to be lowered nearly 7 feet. At Bradbury's house the road to be raised nearly 6 feet and to be brought into planes between the above named points, and to be perfectly made and gravelled to the width of 20 feet between the side channels.
Amount carried forward		£370	0	0	£180	0	0	

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per Perch or rate per Mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward Road from Goff's Bridge to Westward Point at Portugal Cove.	No. 2. 2s. 3d. per Perch	£370 0 0	112	7 10	£180 0 0	5	16 5	The side channels to be cleared, embankments repaired, and the road partially gravelled.
Road from the Torbay Road to Outer Cove by "Bally Halv."	No. 1. 2. 3. 7s 10d 9s 13s 9d. No 4. 9s 6d.	247 10 0			79 13 4			The opening, making bridging and draining of this road, in the recent Contracts, have been included in one Specification (although let in several Contracts) which circumstance greatly increases the rate per perch in making. Several parts of the road have to be lowered 4 feet, & the valleys in several parts to be raised to the height of 4 feet.
The Road from Kings Bridge to the North side of Torbay.	No. 1 2 3 4 5 12s. 12s 16s 14s 9s No. 6 16s. For building a Bridge near Doolings £57	774 9 10			406 15 8			In several parts the road has been changed, straightened, & brought to a better level, greatly improved and made anew. The heights lowered and the hollows raised from 1 to 4 feet, suitable side channels & cross-drains have been provided for in every contract. The abutments of the bridges and cross-drains are to be of solid Mason work, and to be substantially covered.
Amount carried forward		£1504 7 8			£672 5 5			(Continued over)

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per Perch or rate per Mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
<i>(Continued.)</i>								
Amount brought forward		£1504	7	8	£672	5	5	ered with scantling and plank of suitable dimensions. The road with a few exceptions will be formed to the width of 20 feet between side-drains. In the vicinity of Torbay the direction of the road has been greatly changed, and will have to be made from the foundation.
The Road from the North side of Torbay to Biscayn Cove.	No. 1. 4s. 11d. No. 6. 4s. 11d.	317	6	5	106	19	4	The Contracts entered into on the "Biscayn Cove" line of road, between "Flat-rock and Pouch Cove," provide for the cutting of side channels & cross-drains suitable to the circumstances and situation of the different parts of the road, varying from 3 to 4 feet in width. The good materiel taken from the side-channels & cross-drains to be applied to making 4 feet of the centre of the road. In that part of the Biscayn Cove road which passes thro' the village of Torbay, it will in several parts have to be raised in the hollows to the height of 6'
Amount carried forward		£1821	14	1	£779	4	9	<i>(Continued over.)</i>

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward		£1821	14	1	£779	4	9	<i>(Continued.)</i>
Road from Outer Cove to Dwyer's Room, Logy Bay.	No. 2. 10s.	65	8	0	8	6	8	feet, in other parts the hills to be lowered four feet. A Contract has been entered into for building a Bridge over "Dooling's Brook," span ten feet, height 4 feet, 21 perches of road on both sides to be made requiring high embankments. The whole to be performed for the sum set opposite. The direction of this road has been changed, a better level obtained and much improved, & will have to be made anew.
Road from "Ryan's Room to the School House."	No. 1. 9s. 6d.	33	5	0	22	3	4	The improvements contemplated and partly effected on this road are calculated to enable horses, carts, &c., to get to Logy Bay. All the roads leading to, and branching off from, Logy Bay are intended to be similar in their results, namely, to facilitate the communication of the inhabitants with each other, with Logy Bay, and with the main lines of road leading to the Capital.
Amount carried forward		£1920	7	1	£809	14	9	

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per Perch or rate per Mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward The Road from Middle Cove to join the Outer Cove Road.	16s.	£1920 92	7 0	1 0	£809 26	14 13	9 4	The alterations and amendments on this Road are intended to reduce the steep hill which divides this Cove from Outer Cove, and bring it into planes of easier ascent than heretofore. The Bridges on this Road are included in the rate per perch, dimensions of the largest is ten feet span, eight feet in height.—The road to be formed to the width of twenty feet, sixteen of which to be properly prepared for gravel. All the scantling to be in proportion to the size of the Bridge. The whole work is included in the rate per perch.
The Road from Moses Neill's at Fresh Water, towards Wigmores Gulley,	No. 1 2 3 Bridges at £90, £15, £14. No. 5 Causeway, a large drain included. 36s. 4d. per perch.	185	6	6	147	12	2	The principal improvements effected on this Road, consist in the erection of three substantial bridges at suitable distances apart, and of sufficient dimensions to discharge the water which accumulates to the South and West, & which sweeps along the Flat Valley to the North of Neill's (Continued over.)
Amount carried forward		£2197	13	9	£984	0	3	

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward		£2197	13	9	£984	0	3	(Continued.) house. A Causeway has also been raised across the valley, supported by stone embankments of sufficient strength to resist the water and protect the Road.
The Road from Moses Neill's at Fresh Water, and leading onwards by Ken Mount.	No. 1, 2. 11s., 8s. 11d.	175	8	4	82	9	1	The Contracts for the Kenmount Road provide for the making of side Channels along the road, and for cutting and covering cross drains, which are from three to five feet wide. The Road to be formed to the width of twenty feet, and thirteen feet of the centre to be prepared in a suitable manner for the reception of gravel.
The Road leading from Major Green's to William Erwins and thence to Rennie's Mill Road.	No. 1, 2. 8s. 4d. 29s.	103	16	11	54	4	6	The whole of this Road is to be brought as nearly into planes as shall be found practicable. The material alterations however contemplated will be in conformity with a section taken by the Surveyor particulars of which are fully set forth in the specification of the work.— A full description of the improvements is given in the report, which has
Amount carried forward		£2476	18	10	£1120	13	10	(Continued over.)

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per Perch or rate per Mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward		£2476	18	10	£1120	13	10	(Continued.)
The Road leading from "Waterford Bridge to the Goolds."	No. 1 2. 3. 17s 16s. 6d. 11s. No. 10. 2s.	609	15	0	337	5	0	<p>been previously submitted, and to which the Commissioners beg to refer His Excellency the Governor and the Legislature.</p> <p>The Contracts entered into for making the worst parts of this section of the Bay of Bulls Road embrace the removal from the Road of all soft materiel so as to get a solid foundation.</p> <p>The making of side Channels for the water, the opening, building and covering of as many cross-drains as may be required, so as to get quit of the water which accumulates in the side Channels and prevent it from undermining the Road. The Road to be brought into proper form to the width of twenty feet, twelve feet of which to be prepared for the reception of gravel, and the best of the Road materiel found in the side-channels and cross-drains to be spread on thirteen feet of the centre.</p>
Amount carried forward		£3086	13	10	£1457	18	10	

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.		Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
	No. 1. 8s.	2. 26s.	£	s	d	£	s	d	
Amount brought forward			£3086	13	10	£1457	18	10	
The Road from the Bay of Bulls Road to Petty Harbor.			421	10	0	142	13	0	Of all the Roads within the Central District, Petty Harbor Road is the most difficult to make. The direction of the Road is over rocky and marshy ground offering great resistance to the formation of the Road. In many places the ground is abrupt, and in not a few parts very steep, so that a tolerable road can only be obtained by winding round the hilly parts, making deep cuts in some places whilst in others much filling is required. By great expense and labor a vast quantity of rocks have been removed and blasted, marshes have been drained, so that the Road when finished, (all obstacles considered) will be much better than could have been anticipated.
The Road from Jeremiah Merrigan's to Georges Pond.	13s. 10d. per perch		86	9	2	57	12	9	The part of the George's Pond Road which has been improved is the 'Black Marsh,' it was heretofore almost impassable but is now a fine road. Suitable side
Amount carried forward			£3594	13	0	£1658	4	7	(Continued over.)

ROAD REPORTS.

STATEMENT

Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per Perch or rate per Mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward		£3594	13	0	£1658	4	7	(Continued.) channels have been cut, and cross-drains have been built and covered, and excellent material spread on the surface, the whole is included in the rate per perch.
The Road from John Carrol's leading along the Pokenham Path Road.	21s. 3d. per perch.	50	0	0	33	6	8	This Road has been widened, the fences set back and straightened. The Road has been formed twenty feet wide between side channels, and sixteen feet prepared for gravel. In several places it has been raised four feet and lowered two feet in other parts. The Bridge over Monday's Pond Brook has been repaired and other small bridges built all of which is included in the rate per perch.
The Road from Upper Long Pond to Three Ponds.]	7s. 10d. per perch.	43	9	6	14	9	10	This Road has been partly changed and a better level obtained. It is to be formed to the width of twenty feet between side drains or channels, brought into planes, and twelve feet of the centre gravelled. All the soft material
Amount carried forward		£3688	2	6	£1706	1	1	(Continued over.)

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Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward		£3688	2	6	£1706	1	1	<i>(Continued.)</i> had to be removed from the surface to get a foundation. Side Channels and cross-drains are included in the rate per perch.
The Road from Upper Long Pond road by the Eastern side of the Farm of the Right Rev. Doctor Fleming.	8s. 3d. per perch.	80	15	5	22	19	3	The whole of the Road had to be made anew, and a solid bed of good material put upon it to the depth of fifteen inches, side channels and cross drains are included in the rate per perch.
The Road from the Episcopal Church over the Garrison Hill to meet the Upper Long Pond Road.	17s. per perch.	58	13	0	58	13	0	Several important alterations have been made in the road. The contract embraces lowering the hill at the Episcopal Church, filling the hollow opposite the Orphan Asylum. The whole has been brought into planes of easier ascent than formerly. A paved gutter made from the top to the bottom of the hill and the whole gravelled. For further particulars vide Report.
Amount carried forward		£3827	10	11	£1787	13	4	

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STATEMENT

Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward Road leading from the head of the King's Bridge to Brine's Bridge.	11s. per perch.	£3827	10	11	£1787	13	4	The Contract embraced very considerable and essential alterations.—The hills in several parts were lowered and the hollows raised. The whole brought nearly into planes, side-channels and cross-drains made where required, and the whole of the surface gravelled. All the work is included in the rate per perch.
The White Hills Road leading from Ruthledge's and crossing the River near Kearney's towards Edward Byrne's Farm.	Bridge £55 No. 1 2 for Road 8s. 6d. 13s.	155	6	0	51	15	0	This Road is to be made to the width of 16 feet, and levelled in conformity with the section, 8 feet filling at each side of the Bridge. A substantial Bridge of suitable dimensions, scantling 10 inch. square, girder and braces all iron strapped, and a railing.
Repairs to King's Bridge and other Bridges.	For the King's Bridge £138 For the Queen's Bridge £44 10s	189	6	10	182	10	0	The King's Bridge has undergone a thorough repair. The wings or remaining walls have been re-constructed, and the whole of the Bridge with the exception of the Arch made new. The Queen's Bridge has also been substantially re-built at the rate set opposite.
Amount carried forward		£4238	3	9	£2087	18	4	

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Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Controul of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward The Cockpit Road.	1s. 6½ d. per perch.	£4238	3	9	£2087	18	4	The part of this Road which has been contracted for has already undergone material alterations. The Road has been raised in some parts to the height of four feet, in other parts lowered two and a-half feet, and the whole greatly improved. The specification embraces the making of side and cross drains and provides for gravelling, &c. One Bridge of considerable size has been built, the whole included in the rate per perch.
		70	8	0	46	18	8	
The Road from Fort Townshend to Newtown.	No. 1. 2. 5s. 4s.	44	18	0	29	18	8	The direction of this Road has been altered from Perkin's house until it joins the Garrison hill road near the Cathedral, which part has been made anew. The other parts of the Road have been repaired, side channels have been cut and cross-drains opened built and covered in.—The whole work is included in the rate per perch.
Amount carried forward		£4353	9	9	£2164	15	8	

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Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward The Road from Coaker's Farm to Quidi Vidi	forward 8s. 6d.	£4353	9	9	£2164	13	8	The Road has been widened, straightened and all the fences set back, made to the width of 18 feet, side-channels cut and cross-drains built it has also been raised along the edge of the pond, in addition to which the Specification provides for gravelling.
The Road from the Hon. C. F. Bennett's Cottage to Bridge at Quidi Vidi.	No. 1. 2. 39s. 11d. 22s. 6d.	230	15	4	80	13	5	The alterations embraced in the Contracts for this Road are numerous and important. Cuts to the depth of 7 feet had to be made in some parts of it, and filling in other parts to a still greater height, heavy rocks had to be blasted and removed, side-channels cut and cross-drains opened and built, all of which are included in the rate per perch.
The Road from the Outer Cove Road to the White Hills.	No. 1. 4s. 5d. per Perch.	33	18	0	22	12	0	This Road has been gravelled anew, the side channels scoured and deepened, & the whole put in a state of complete repair.
Amount carried forward	forward	£4675	7	1	£2303	3	9	

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Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward The Road from the Ordnance Coal Yard to the Quidi Vidi Road through the Forest.	13s. per perch.	£4675	7	1	£2303	3	9	The Contract on this Road provides for effecting several cuts on the various uneven and hilly parts. A substantial bridge has been built over the "Forest pond Brook, and other cross drains provided for, all of which together with making and gravelling the Road is included in the specification and rate per perch for the work.
The Road from Quidi Vidi Bridge to Martin's on the White Hills.	8s. 4d. per perch	51	13	4	51	13	4	The Quidi Vidi Bridge has been repaired, the whole of the hilly and uneven parts of the road brought into planes. The Road has been made to the width of sixteen feet, several essential cross drains have been made across the Road and extend to a considerable distance up the hill side so as to form catchwater drains from the high ground. Side channels have also been cut when required, all of which is included in the same contract, and embraced in the rate per perch.
Amount carried forward		£4802	8	5	£2379	19	9	

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Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward A Retaining wall at Pitt's Ground on the Road leading to Freshwater.	16s. per perch	£4802	8	5	£2379	19	9	The part of the wall which is already built has been done by the perch at the rate set in the column opposite.
Road from the Ordnance Yard towards Signal Hill.	No. 1 2 8s. 8d. 16s. per perch	121	12	0	121	12	0	The whole of this Road has been greatly improved, it has been raised in the centre, and a paved gutter has been made from the Ordnance boundary to Magotty Cove Bridge.—Cross-drains have been made where necessary; and the spungy and wet parts of the Road mitre drains have also been made which will serve to keep it dry.—Vide Report.
Gower Street	No. 1 2 42s. 9½d., 29s. per perch.	239	14	8	105	0	0	The Contracts entered into for the repairs of this street embrace many very essential alterations and improvements, some important bridges have been built, the street in several parts has been widened, the hills lowered and the hollows filled in, to a
Amount carried forward		£5294	10	7	£2656	11	9	(Continued over.)

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Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.			Actual Expenditure.			Remarks.
Amount brought forward		£5294	10	7	£2656	11	9	<i>(Continued)</i> depth of nine feet in some instances, the whole of the repairs are embraced in the respective specifications and included in the rate per perch—Vide Report.
Princes Street	No. 2. 34s. 9d., per perch.	54	10	6	34	1	4	This Street from the top to where it joined Water Street has been brought nearly into one plane, in the lower part of the street a large sewer has been made. The side channels are included in the contracts and will be paved. The street has also to be gravelled, and when finished will be greatly improved.
Duckworth Street.	No. 1 2 3 27s. 22s. 19s. per perch.	373	1	9	267	17	9	Many essential new cross drains have been built, over which gratings have been laid, and the whole street from Fort William to the head of Queen Street has been greatly improved. The contracts embrace the whole of the repairs contemplated in the street, and drains and bridges are included in the rate
Amount carried forward		£5722	2	10	£2958	10	10	per perch.

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Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.	Actual Expenditure.	Remarks.
Amount brought forward The Meeting house Lane to the Barrens.	10s. 11d. per perch	£5722 2 10 32 18 11	£2958 10 10 9 16 6	The contract provides for building a Bridge over the Orphan Asylum Brook, and for lowering the hill near the Congregational Meeting house, and making and gravelling the Road from the Barrens to Duckworth Street. The Bridge and other drains are included in the rate per perch for making the road.
The Road from Gower Street to Tarrahan's Town	£2 1s. 4d	62 0 0	62 0 0	A most essential and useful bridge has been built on this road, and the Road completely repaired, the bridge is over the Orphan Asylum brook or stream which runs along the road for the distance of four perches. The whole is included in the rate per perch.
Water Street.	No. 1 2 20s. 4d, 24s.	311 10 9	168 16 0	A considerable portion of the Street was macademized and found to answer, other parts have been gravelled, some essential drains have been built and others cleaned, the whole is included in the rate per perch.
Amount carried forward		£6128 12 6	£3199 3 4	

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Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.	Actual Expenditure.	Remarks.
Amount brought forward The King's Road	24s. 6d. per perch.	£6128 12 6 99 4 6	£3199 3 4 99 4 6	The whole of the street has undergone a thorough repair, many essential drains have been made communicating with the main drain in the centre of the street. The side channels from the Military Road to Duckworth Street paved. The whole of the alterations which have been made were included in the rate per perch.
The Road near Wyatt's Cottage from the Portugal Cove Road to the Torbay Road.	7s. per perch.	25 11 0	17 0 8	The Contract provides for making the Road to the width of 20 feet between side channels, several cross-drains have also been built and the whole is included in the rate per perch.
The construction of a Bridge on the West side of the River leading from the Three Ponds to Upper Long Pond near to Thos. Ambrose's.	£15	15 0 0	10 0 0	A new and substantial bridge has been contracted for, for the sum set opposite. Abutments solid mason work, beams of suitable size, and cross drains covered with 3 inch Plank.—Span 10 feet, height 5 feet with Railings &c. The whole to be performed for the sum set
Amount carried forward		£6268 8 0	£3327 8 6	opposite.

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Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.	Actual Expenditure.	Remarks.
Amount brought forward The Road from Bridge at Brine's to the Portugal Cove Road.	No. 1 2 12s. 10d, 9s. 6d,	£6268 8 0 103 16 11	£3325 8 6 34 8 0	Near to Brine's Bridge the road has been raised from 1 to 3 feet, two considerable cross-drains have been provided for in the Contract. That part of the road next to the Portugal Cove Road will by the terms of the Contract undergo considerable alterations and repairs and will have to be raised in several parts 2½ feet, and in other parts lowered 3 feet, and the whole brought as nearly into planes as possible. Cross drains and side channels are also provided for and included in the rate per perch.
The Road from Palk's Bridge to Topsail.	Topsail Line No. 1 2 4 11s. 10d, 14s. 5d. 11s. 5d. per perch. Brookfield Line. No. 2 3 4 9s. 6d. 4s. 10½d 5s. 3d.	876 2 10	294 18 11	In none of the Roads in the District have more essential alterations been made than on the Topsail Road.—In all contracts for that Road the Contractors had to contend with Rocks and almost every species of obstruction. A great number of essential cross-drains have been made, and side channels both wide and deep have been cut to carry off the water,
Amount carried forward		£7248 7 9	£3654 15 5	(Continued over.)

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Of Contracts and Expenditure for Roads and Bridges under the Control of the Board of Road Commissioners—Central District.

Roads, Bridges, &c.	Contracts with the rate per perch or rate per mile.	Amount of Contracts.	Actual Expenditure.	Remarks.
Amount brought forward		£7248 7 9	£3654 15 5	<i>(Continued.)</i>
The Road from Holy Road to Salmonier.	<p>Contracts are in Miles.</p> <p>No. 1, £9 19 0 2, 9 18 0 3, 11 15 0 4, 13 0 0 5, 14 12 0 6, 15 0 0 7, 15 10 0 8, 15 10 0 9, 16 0 0 10, 17 0 0</p>	224 17 4	46 1 4	<p>a solid foundation has been found for the road, and good gravel provided to be put thereon. The whole of the unimproved parts were so similar that the same observations nearly apply. The various contracts for making, bridging and draining have all been included in the rate per perch.</p> <p>The specifications provide for opening the road to the width of 12 feet, and clearing it of stumps, roots and other obstructions. The work to be performed at the rate per mile placed in the column of rates.</p>
The Road from Topsail to Holyroad.	<p>No. 1 2 4 5 6 7 12 19s. 16s. 5d. 12s. 12s. 12s. 13s. 6d. 12s, per perch.</p>	488 12 6	142 19 3	<p>The whole of the Contracts on this Road provide for making deep side channels, and for cutting, building, and covering of suitable cross drains. The Road to be made 8 feet in the centre. In many parts of this Road it had been only partially opened; opening, making and draining are included in the rate per perch.</p>
		£7961 17 7	£3843 16 0	

Saint John's, March. 11th 1844.

JAMES DOUGLAS,
 Chairman of the Central Board of Road Commissioners.

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STATEMENT

OF EXPENDITURE ON THE VARIOUS ROADS IN THE COLONY UNDER
ACT 6th VIC. CAP, 4., TO THE 28TH MARCH, 1844.

SAINT JOHN'S—AMOUNT OF VOTE..... £15,375.

ROAD.	AMOUNT VOTED.	AMOUNT PAID.
King's Bridge to Portugal Cove	£270	£130 0 0
Goff's Bridge to Westward Point	137	5 0 11
Ditto to Public Wharf	70	40 14 8
Broad Cove to Portugal Cove Road	220	
King's Bridge to Torbay	820	405 0 11
Torbay to Biscayan Cove	720	118 12 11
Torbay Road to Outer Cove	320	76 8 2
Outer Cove Road to Dyer's Room	90	7 4 5
Logy Bay to Ryan's Room	70	
Ryan's Room to School House	45	19 4 2
Outer Cove Road to School House	75	
Middle Cove to Outer Cove Road	90	23 2 3
Moses Neill's to Wigmore's Gully	270	127 18 5
Ditto by Ken Mount	175	71 9 2
Major Green's, Irvin's, and thence to Rennie's Mill Road	90	46 19 11
Waterford Bridge to Goolds	600	292 5 8
Bay Bulls Road to Petty Harbor	550	123 12 8
Petty Harbor to Maddocks Cove	135	
Ditto to First Pond	90	
Jeremiah Merrigan's to George's Pond	75	49 19 0
James Fergus's, to John Carroll's	130	
John Carroll's along Pokeham Path Road	50	28 17 10
James Fergus's to Mondays Pond	180	
Belle Isle Beach to Lance Cove	135	
Upper Long Pond to Three Ponds	90	12 11 2
Road to Upper Long Pond to Rennie's Mill Road	70	19 18 0
Pennywell Path from Freshwater Road	70	
Episcopal Church to Upper Long Pond Road	90	55 5 5
King's Road to Brine's Bridge	90	57 4 0
John Perkins's to Freshwater Road	55	
Old Placentia Road to Bay Bulls and Petty Har- bor Roads	100	
Rutledge's to Edward Byrne's	180	44 17 0
Sinnott's to Sweeny's Marsh	90	
Topsail Road to Pearl Town	135	2 5 6
Waterford Bridge to Dunsecmb's Bridge	70	
Amount carried over	£6447	£1758 12 2

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ROAD.	AMOUNT VOTED.	AMOUNT PAID.
Amount brought forward	£6447	£1758 12 2
Job's Bridge to Narrows	300	
King's Bridge and other Bridges	220	164 1 11
Cockpit Road	90	40 13 6
Fort Townshend to Newtown	90	25 18 10
Brine's Bridge to Portugal Cove Road	90	29 17 0
Torbay to Middle Cove	45	
Coaker's Farm to Quidi Vidi	50	34 12 2
Bennett's Farm to Bridge at Quidi Vidi	200	75 2 1
Outer Cove Road to White Hills	45	19 11 8
Ordnance Coal Yard to Quidi Vidi Road	70	21 15 8
Monday Pond to Pennywell Path Road	45	
Waterford Bridge to School House	45	
Quidi Vidi Bridge to Martin's, White Hills	45	44 15 7
Job's Bridge to Waterford Bridge, South Side	133	
Ordnance Yard to Signal Hill	150	105 7 10
Gower Street	450	145 11 6
Princes Street	50	33 7 2
Williams' Lane	30	
Duckworth Street	435	252 7 5
McBride's Cove—and lane to Catholic Chapel	230	5 9 1
Meeting House Lane to Barrens	70	11 1 10
Hill of Chips to Magotty Cove	130	
Waldegrave Street	50	
Gower Street to Tarrahan's Town	70	53 14 9
Wall at Pitts' Ground, Fresh Water Road	70	47 9 8
Water Street	270	146 5 10
Cross Streets and Lanes in St. John's	90	
King's Bridge to Long Pond Road	80	
Fort William to Fort Townshend	90	8 13 4
Court House to Orphan Asylum Lane	55	
King's Road	90	85 19 11
Fort William to King's Bridge	45	
Beck's Cove	70	4 19 4
Wyatt's Cottage to Torbay Road	45	14 15 2
Bridge near Thomas Ambrose's	20	8 13 4
Magotty Cove to Forest Road	25	
Barter's Hill	45	
Goolds to two miles of Bay Bulls	400	
Within two miles of Bay Bulls	200	27 14 8
Palk's house to Topsail	1000	275 0 9
Topsail to Hollyrood	1200	113 3 1
Hollyrood to Salmonier	1000	39 18 6
Head of Conception Bay to Ship Harbor	1000	
Whole amount	£15,375	£3594 13 9

ROAD REPORTS.

FORTUNE BAY, amount of Vote £400

ROAD	AMOUNT VOTED.	AMOUNT PAID.
Harbour Britain to West side of Connaigre Bay and South Side of Connaigre Bay to Hermitage Cove	£300	
Bellorem to St. Jacques	100	
Whole amount	£400	

Road	Amount Voted.	Amount Paid.
Renewse to Trepassey	£500	

CONCEPTION BAY, £5,725

ROAD.	AMOUNT VOTED.	AMOUNT PAID.
HARBOR MAIN.		
Hollyroad Southern Bridge to Salmon Cove Bridge	£500	£332 2 3
Chapels Cove	50	8 12 9
Harbour Main.	60	37 9 10
BRIGUS.		
Salmon Cove to Brigus	150	150 0 0
Brigus to Spaniard's Bay	150	149 19 11
Main Road to Colliers	45	44 19 11
Cats Cove to Bacon Cove	35	35 0 0
Frogmarsh to Battery	150	149 13 2
Brigus to Bull Cove	60	58 6 1
Brigus	60	59 19 11
Brigus to Cupids	40	37 12 3
Main Road to Cupids Bridge South Side	140	140 0 0
Hibbs Hole to Port-de-Grave	50	50 0 0
Main Road to Port-de-Grave	150	150 0 0
Port-de-Grave	30	29 19 11
Main Road to Pack's House Bay Roberts	70	67 7 5
French's Cove to Church, Bay Roberts	70	70 0 0
Southern Gut Bridge to Burnt Point	30	30 0 0
Main Road to Juniper Stump	50	49 19 0
HARBOR GRACE.		
Southern Gut Bridge to Southern Bridge	130	13 8 8
Southern Bridge to Bears Cove Bridge	275	114 9 7
Bears Cove Bridge to Keef's Grove	25	3 12 3
Amount carried over	£2320	£1782 12 11

ROAD REPORTS.

ROAD.	AMOUNT VOTED.	AMOUNT PAID.
Amount brought over	£2320	£1782 12 11
Martin's Brook Bridge	50	19 19 4
Carbonear Road	130	4 6 8
Powell's Brook Bridge	40	39 18 0
Southern Brook, River Head to Feather Point	100	62 7 9
South Side Road to Bryan's Cove	50	45 16 11
Spaniards Bay Road to Island Cove and Bishop's Cove	150	96 14 5
Musquitto North and South Point	100	59 16 5
Spaniards Bay through Bishop's Cove and Spoon Cove to Island Cove	100	76 9 8
Feather Point to Bryan's Cove	45	34 17 10
River Head (Harbor Grace) Hard Path, Cooper's Path and Fisherman's Road	90	49 11 3
Lady Pond, Harbor Grace	100	71 16 6
Sullivan's Hill Road, Harbor Grace	40	15 4 2
CARBONEAR.		
Pack's Bridge to Crocker's Cove Bridge	200	177 1 4
Ditto to William Penny's, South Side	80	
Crocker's Cove to Spout Cove	275	244 17 3
Carbonear to Hearts' Content	400	201 0 9
Battery Hill Road, Carbonear	70	43 15 0
London Road, Carbonear	60	55 6 7
Middle Street and Drain, Carbonear	70	50 0 0
Pike's Bridge and Road	45	7 16 0
WESTERN BAY		
Spout Cove to Lower Island Cove	525	496 5 4
Black Head to Adam's Cove	30	3 15 6
Job's Cove to Main Road	30	
Western Bay South Side to Main Road	35	31 14 6
BAY DE VERDS.		
Main Road to Episcopal Church, Bay de Verds	440	388 9 9
Kenneall Hill	50	50 0 0
Caplin Cove to Old Perlican	100	8 14 6
Whole amount	£5725	£4123 8 4
Aggregate expenditure in each Division of CONCEPTION BAY.		
Harbour Main	£610	£378 4 10
Brigus	1280	1272 17 7
Harbour Grace	1425	708 9 5
Carbonear	1200	784 16 11
Western	620	531 15 4
Bay de Verds	590	447 4 3
	£5725	£4123 8 4

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TRINITY, amount of Vote £1680

ROAD.	AMOUNT VOTED.	AMOUNT PAID.
Grates Cove to Bay de Verds	£ 50	£ 47 4 8
Ditto to Old Perlican	150	117 17 8
Old Perlican	50	50 0 0
Old Perlican to Hants Harbor	150	144 6 0
Hants Harbor to Scilly Cove	150	41 11 2
Scilly Cove to New Perlican	150	94 7 9
New Perlican to Hearts Content Bridge	100	94 12 5
Hearts Content to Hearts Delight	150	91 4 8
New Harbor to Dildo Cove	50	
Trinity North Side to Catalina	300	134 18 0
Trinity to New Bonaventure	300	184 19 6
Trinity Town	40	40 0 0
Catalina Town	40	39 12 11
Whole amount	£1680	£1089 14 9

BONAVISTA BAY, £1260.

ROAD.	AMOUNT VOTED.	AMOUNT PAID.
Bonavista to Catalina	£400	£364 0 10
Ditto to King's Cove	300	
King's Cove	70	
Keels to Broad Cove	50	
Ditto to Bird Island Cove	70	33 2 7
Walkham's Bridge	70	23 6 8
Connell's Bridge	15	
Cannaille's Bridge	10	
Ditto to Cattalina	25	
Walkham's Bridge to Bayley's Cove and Red Cove	60	40 3 8
Greenspond	90	21 13 4
Lance Cove to Bayley's Cove	75	73 18 11
Salvage	25	25 0 0
Whole amount	£1260	£581 16 0

TWILLINGATE

Amount Voted. |
£100 |Amount Paid.
£86 12 0

ROAD REPORTS.

ROAD.	AMOUNT VOTED.	AMOUNT PAID.
FOGO	£100	£100

FERRYLAND—Amount of Vote £1055

ROAD.	AMOUNT VOTED.	AMOUNT PAID.
Bay Bulls to La Manche	£300	
La Manche to Cape Broyle	100	£ 16 0 0
Cape Broyle to Ferryland	200	126 6 2
Ferryland to Renewse	100	7 7 4
Bay Bulls (Town)	100	
Witless Bay	50	
Toads Cove	50	
Renewse	50	
Fermeuse	50	
Stone Island to Caplin Bay	55	5 3 2
Whole amount	£1055	£154 16 10

PLACENTIA AND SAINT MARY'S—Amount of Vote £855

ROAD.	AMOUNT VOTED.	AMOUNT PAID.
Barren Island	£ 50	£ 12 13 4
Merasheen	50	28 18 7
Great Placentia to Distress Cove	150	36 0 0
Ditto to Little Placentia	75	75 0 0
St. Mary's Harbor (Bridge)	50	
Ditto to Hollyrood Pond	60	17 2 9
Presque to Olivers Cove	50	50 0 0
Isle of Vallen	100	92 6 8
Great to Little Paradise	30	
Woody Island	20	10 15 0
Sound Island	20	14 11 8
Harbour Buffett	25	
Oderin	20	
Little Placentia to Pond Head	100	100 0 0
Point La Haye to St. Mary's	55	10 6 3
Whole amount	£855	£447 14 3

APPENDIX.

CONCEIVED

ROAD REPORTS.

BURIN, amount of Vote

£950

ROAD.	AMOUNT VOTED.	AMOUNT PAID,
Fortune to Grand Bank	£100	£
Ditto to Lamaline	50	
St. Lawrence to Lamaline	70	70 0 0
Spoon Cove to Corbin and St. Lawrence	100	94 2 2
Little St. Lawrence to Great St. Lawrence	60	52 13 1
Olive Point to Great Burin	50	22 19 4
Court House to Burin Bay	90	39 2 2
Ditto to Bull's Cove	70	
Bull's Cove to Port-au-bras	80	80 0 0
Port-au-bras to Mortier, Beau Bois, and Mortier Bay.	80	38 2 8
Fortune Bay to Placentia Bay	200	
Whole amount	£950	£397 1 5

STATEMENT OF THE AGGREGATE PAYMENT FOR ROADS IN THE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS.

St. John's	£15375	£3594 13 9
Conception Bay	5725	4123 8 4
Trinity Bay	1680	1089 14 9
Bonavista Bay	1260	581 16 0
Twillingate and Fogo	200	186 12 0
Ferryland	1055	154 16 10
Placentia and St. Mary's	855	447 14 3
Burin	950	397 1 5
Fortune Bay	400	
Renewse to Trepassey	500	
	<u>£28,000</u>	<u>£10575 17 4</u>

Secretary's Office, 29th March, 1844.

JAMES CROWDY.

LIGHT HOUSES.

REPORT

OF THE

Commissioners of Light Houses, 1843.

The Commissioners of Light Houses beg leave to submit the following Report on the Light Houses under their direction.

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CAPE BONAVIDA.

The circumstances which prevented the Commissioners from completing this establishment in 1842, were fully set out in the Report transmitted on the 27th January last; and on the 9th February the Commissioners had the honour of receiving a communication from Mr. Secretary Crowdy in conformity with an Address from the General Assembly, requesting that the Commissioners would state “why, after a lapse of one year and ten months from the passing of the Act for Building said Light House, no Light had been exhibited”—to which they replied under date 11th of the same month, and referred to the Report they had previously furnished for a full explanation of the reasons they were requested to supply. The Commissioners are induced to believe that those reasons were deemed sufficiently satisfactory from the fact that the matter was not further referred to.

Early in the month of May last, and as soon as operations could be commenced with effect—the Commissioners despatched the Keeper of the Harbour Grace Light House (whom they had appointed to superintend the erection of the Lantern and apparatus) to Cape Bonavista, and Mr. Kough, their General Superintendent, with the Workmen who were required to finish the Building, followed shortly after. It was immediately found by Mr. Kough that the Stone Pier which was to sustain the Lantern, and which had been built by the Contractor, was so defective as to require its immediate removal and re-erection as a preliminary step—and to this object he accordingly directed his prompt attention. The doubt which the Commissioners had been led to entertain as to the stability of this important portion of the work, and their consequent apprehension that the result now ascertained would be forced upon them, formed the chief reasons why they abandoned the attempt to perfect this erection in the past year, as will be seen by a reference to their last Report.

It having been intimated to the Commissioners, early in the month of August, that the establishment was then in a state of great forwardness, they determined on making themselves satisfied on all matters connected with it, by a personal inspection, and they accordingly started on the 17th of that month for Cape Bonavista. The establishment was not yet fully completed, and they availed themselves of the opportunity which its partially finished state the better afforded them, to have a thorough and minute examination of it. The result was in the highest degree satisfactory—the work, both with reference to the materials and execution, is of the very first order, and the Building so constructed as that the expense of repairing for a great many years to come need

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not be contemplated, The Lighting apparatus, too, is of a very superior character—unequaled, the Board believe, by anything of the kind on this side of the Atlantic. Their inspection, moreover, tended to confirm the correctness of the views on which the Commissioners had determined to suspend operations in the previous season, since they were satisfied from what came under their observation, as well as from the fact of Mr. Kough's continued presence on the spot, that the time of the workmen had been fully employed, and yet there remained many portions of the work to be completed, though it had now been in hands during three long Summer Months.

Early in the Month of September, the Board having received information that the Light was in perfect readiness, they immediately determined that it should be put in operation on the 11th of that Month, and accordingly they advised his Excellency of this intention, and communicated also with the Trinity House and Lloyds' to the same effect. The Light was accordingly exhibited at the time appointed, and has since been continued, and the opinions which have been expressed of its power and brilliancy, fully realize the high opinion the Commissioners had entertained of the great superiority of the apparatus.

Soon after Mr. Kough's return from Bonavista in October, the Board having been made acquainted indirectly of some complaints as to the alleged incompleteness in which the Light House had been left, and being desirous to supply, before the setting in of Winter, any deficiency which might exist, they instructed Mr. Kough to proceed again to that station with a view to correct any wants or irregularity which he might discover.—Mr. Kough proceeded accordingly and the result of his observation showed the almost utter groundlessness of what had been communicated to the Board. There were two or three trifling matters which required adjustment, but no derangement of the apparatus was manifest: On the contrary, Mr. Kough reported most favourably as to the state of the machinery, the working of which he remained up two or three nights to observe.

The contract for the building of this Light House was originally taken by John Saunders. When it became known to the Commissioners that the Stone Pier already mentioned was likely to require to be removed and rebuilt, and that some small portion of the work embraced in the Contract had been left unperformed—they withheld the payment of the sum of £101 currency, being the apparent balance due to him.—They at length, however, consented to refer the claim to third parties for adjustment—the Board appointing as their Arbitrator Mr. James Baker, Clerk of the Ordnance Works. The result of this reference was an award to John Saunders of £36 currency; the Board to pay also the sum of Six Guineas, the expense of the Arbitration.

The accounts for this erection are now furnished in full; showing a balance due to the Commissioners of £346 16 7, being for debts now existing, and which they trust they will be furnished with means to defray as early as possible. This Balance includes the sum of £100 being the smallest sum the Commissioners could offer to Mr. Kough for his valuable services as superintendant at Cape Bonavista during three months of the past summer.—It also embraces a charge of £50 for Mr. Robert Oke, by whom were very efficiently discharged the duties of Engineer and Brazier, in the fitting and erection of the Machinery—Services for which, on former occasions, when Engineers were imported from Scotland, a cost of £200 has been incurred.

The whole expense has certainly gone beyond what the Board contemplated; but when they consider the high character of the Light, and the superior construction and enduring nature of the Building, which will not need repairs within any reasonable pe-

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riod, they feel no hesitation in expressing the opinion, that the Colony has better value for its outlay on this, than on any of the other establishments in the Island. The Commissioners would further observe, that Mr. Kough having reported that an Iron Door at the entrance of the Light Room at this station would render the machinery Fire-proof, even should the Building be destroyed—they have determined on having this suggestion carried into effect.

HARBOR GRACE ISLAND.

The Commissioners visited this Establishment on their return from Cape Bonavista and found the Apparatus in a very efficient state.—The Keeper was absent at Bonavista, but the Assistant who remained in charge appeared very competent for duty. In consequence of representations on the subject, and the Commissioners having ascertained that much benefit would result from the extension of this Light to the West side of the Lantern, they forwarded an order in July last for the purchase of Three Lamps and Reflectors, which were necessary to carry out this object. These materials were received in due course, and have recently been added to the Lantern, the value of which is much enhanced by this addition.

CAPE SPEAR.

Some trifling repairs were executed at this Station during the past Season.—It is now however in excellent condition, and the beautiful Light which is exhibited here, has lost none of its celebrity during the past year.

FORT AMHERST.

This small but very useful Light will require more than ordinary outlay in the course of the coming summer. The Building is much shaken, and the Keeper has been subjected to great annoyance and inconvenience from being confined to one single apartment for all his purposes. The Board will be obliged to rectify these defects, and some considerable expense beyond the usual charge for this Establishment, will probably be occasioned.

The Commissioners feel that they cannot conclude this Report without expressing their great regret that on the subject of a Light House at Cape Pine no information has reached them during the past Year.—That highly important object is still in abeyance, though every consideration for the safety of life and the preservation of property, concurs to render its attainment essential in the last degree. The Board trust that this matter will again be brought under the notice of Her Majesty's Government who have some time since expressed their intention to provide for the erection of a Light here. It is a question involving the interests of the whole British North American Trade, and the Commissioners trust that another season will not be allowed to pass by without some decisive step being taken to the accomplishment of this great object.

There is yet another point to which the Commissioners would be desirous to advert—viz., the establishment of a Light on Baccaloo. This has already been referred to, in two Reports under dates respectively 6th January 1840 and 12th January 1842 ;—and in addition to the reasons there offered, as forming the ground of this recommendation, such an establishment would be important as completing the chain of Lights which would then exist along so much of the Northern Coast.

THOMAS BENNETT,
Chairman.

LIGHT HOUSES:

ERECTION OF CAPE BONA VISTA LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

	<i>Ster ling.</i>	<i>Currency.</i>
1843.		
Jan. 1.	To amount Account furnished Dec 31, 1842.	£2250 17 8
18.	Paid Parker, Grey, and Walsh (Masons.)	17 12 0
June 15	Michael Allen, Lime	21 0 0
	S. Mifflin, Landing Stone	4 8 10
	Garret Hartery, Freight of Sundries	17 11 8
	£14 10 0	
Nov. 20.	George Caldwell, (Wages) } L. Parker, ditto } Masons James Grey, ditto } Lawrence Walsh, ditto } John Putt, ditto }	27 4 0 22 8 0 21 4 0 38 0 0 19 10 6
	Patrick Shanahan, Labourer	15 19 6
	James Brown, Carpenter	25 15 8
	John Morry, Labourer	2 1 4
	Samuel Hunt, Horse Hire	4 0 0
	James Grey, Cut Stone	2 19 1
	Patrick Kough, sundries— Bar Lead, Cement, &c.	10 19 1
	Account of sundry Disbursements, by R. Oke	23 8 6
	Perchard & Boag, White Lead	4 14 0
	John Morry, Labour, &c.	21 10 0
	Sundry small items for Passage, Sea Stock, &c. of Messrs. Kough and Oke	7 8 8
	John Cusack, account for Brick, &c.	20 12 11
	Paid Fennell, Morey and Fitzgerald, Labour	13 17 10
	Jer. White, Horse Hire, Man's Labour, &c.	19 2 1
	Thomas Carpenter Sand and Sundries	4 8 6
	Thomas Ryder, Cartage	5 0 0
	Dooddy, Blacksmith's Work	8 0 0
	Disbursements by R. Oke	6 13 6
	R. Oke, for Board and Lodging, 28 weeks, 2Is.	29 8 0
	James Brown, Horse Hire	1 14 7
	Robert Oke, Passages	4 17 3
	Joseph Shears, amount Account sundries	15 1 2
	John Mifflin, Carriage of Sundries to Cape	13 0 0
	Michael Allen, Lime	6 0 0
	Amount Balance of Saunders's Contract per award of Arbitrators	86 0 0
	Arbitrators' Fees	6 6 0
	Paid B. Robinson, Esq. Expenses in Suit against Saunders	5 12 3
	Paid Fitzerald, 10 days labor	2 0 0

Amount carried forward £2305 5 II

LIGHT HOUSES.

ERECTION OF CAPE BONAVISTA LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

	<i>Sterling.</i>	<i>Currency.</i>
1843.	Amount brought forward £2805 5 II	
Nov. 20.		
To amount Account Costs and expenses of		
13 Panes Plate Glass		50 2 5
Patrick Kough for his services as Super-		
intendant	£100 0 0	115 7 8
Robert Oke for his services as Engi-		
neer, &c.	50 0 0	57 13 10
		<u> </u>
		Currency £3028 9 10
		<u> </u>
		Sterling £2624 13 11

CR.

	<i>Sterling</i>	<i>Currency.</i>
1843.		
Jan. 1		
By amount Account furnished December 31, 1842		2300 17 3
Sept. 20.		
Warrant on Treasurer	£266 5 0	307 4 3
This amount from J. Mifflin, for Rope		7 0 0
Dec. 31.		
General Light House Account		13 4 8
		<u> </u>
		Currency £2618 6 2
		<u> </u>
		Sterling £2277 17 4
		To Balance due the Commissioners
		346 16 7
		<u> </u>
		£2624 13 11
		<u> </u>

E. E. December 31, 1843.

THOMAS BENNETT,

Chairman of Commissioners.

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FORT AMHERST LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

		<i>Sterling</i>	<i>Currency.</i>	
1843.				
Feb. 5.	To Philip Roach, Quarter's Salary	£13 15 0	£15 17	4
May 5.	Ditto ditto ditto		15 17	4
June 15.	114 Gallons Oil	12 17 0	14 16	6
	Robert Parker, repairing Chimney		1 0	0
Aug. 15.	Philip Roach, Quarter's Salary.	13 15 0	15 17	4
Nov. 5.	Ditto ditto		15 17	4
	W. T. Parsons, repairing Lamp		1 0	0
	Parker and Gleeson, Coals		3 15	0
	James Hickey, 1 Wheelbarrow		1 0	0
	J. & W. Stewart, Soap & Wick		1 12	0
	Proportion Printing Accounts		1 17	2
	Ditto Secretary's Disbursements		2 9	1
	Ditto ditto Salary	12 10 0	14 8	6
	Ditto Surveyor's ditto	6 11 3	7 11	5
			<u>112 19</u>	<u>0</u>

CR.

By General Account £112 19 0

CAPE SPEAR LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

		<i>Sterling</i>	<i>Currency.</i>	
1843.				
Feb. 1.	To E. Warre, Keeper, Quarter's Salary	£23 15 0	£27 8	1
May 1.	Ditto ditto ditto		27 8	1
June 15.	350 Gallons Oil at £30 per Tun	41 0 4	47 0	7
	Paid Expenses Commissioners visit, 1842		8 10	0
	Thomas McGrath, 1 Oven		4 0	0
	Patrick Fitzgerald, 1 Punt		3 0	0
July 5,	Paid for conveyance of Oil		2 0	0

Amount carried forward 123 13 6

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CAPE SPEAR LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

1843.

		<i>Sterling</i>	<i>Currency.</i>
		Amount brought forward	£123 13 6
Aug. 1.	E. Warre, Quarter's Salary		27 8 1
	Ditto Twelve Months' Fuel	£15 0 0	17 6 2
Nov. 1.	Ditto Quarter's Salary	23 15 0	27 8 1
	McBride & Kerr, White Lead, &c.		1 7 3
	Proportion Printing Accounts		1 17 4
	Ditto Secretary's Disbursements		4 8 4
	Ditto ditto Salary	12 10 0	14 8 6
	Ditto Surveyor's ditto	6 11 3	17 11 5
	Ditto Expense Commissioners visit		13 6 4
Dec. 15.	W. Walsh amount Contract for Repairs		18 10 0
	Amount, Cost and Expenses of Cotton Wick, Glasses, &c. &c.		22 4 2
	Baine, Johnston & Co., Soap, &c.		1 18 1
			£281 7 3

CR.

Dec, 31—By General Account	£281 7 3
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HARBOR GRACE ISLAND LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

		<i>Sterling</i>	<i>Currency.</i>
1843.			
Jan.	To Robert Oke, Keeper, Quarter's Salary	£26 5 0	£30 5 9
March 31.	Ditto ditto ditto	26 5 0	30 5 9
June 15.	625 Gallons Oil at £30 per Tun	73 15 0	85 1 11
	Michael Brine, Freight of Oil		2 17 0
July 1.	Robert Oke, conveyance of Oil to Light House		5 5 0
Amount carried forward			£153 15 5

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DR.

1843.

		Sterling	Currency.
	Amount brought forward		£153 15 5
July 1.	To Robert Oke, Painting [Light House		£1 5 0
	Ridley, Harrison & Co., Oil and Sundries		10 17 7
	Ditto ditto account for 1842		5 10 0
Nov.	G. Wolfrey, Blacksmiths' Account		3 17 6
	J. Westcott, repairing Clock		0 10 0
	Whelan, Postages and Passages		1 18 6
	Thomas Kitchen, repairing Chimney		2 10 0
	Bowring Brothers, Locks and Brushes		0 16 10
	Thomas Kitchen, repairing Oven		0 15 0
	C. F. Bennett, Chamois Skins		0 12 0
	R. Oke, Half Year's Salary due 30th Sept.	52 10 0	60 11 6
	Ditto Twelve Month's Fuel	20 0 0	23 1 6
	T. McMurdo, Potash, &c.		1 6 7
	Proportion Printing Accounts		1 17 4
	Ditto Secretary's Disbursements		2 13 4
	Ditto ditto Salary	12 10 0	14 8 6
	Ditto Surveyor's ditto	6 11 3	7 11 5
	Ditto Expense Commissioners Visit		13 6 4
	Amount Invoice of Three Lamps and Reflectors, } 5 Plates Glass, Freight, Exchange, &c. }		112 16 2
	Insurance and Freight of ditto to Harbor Grace		1 17 1
	Baine, Johnston & Co., Soap, &c.		1 18 1
	Amount Invoice of Lamp Glasses, Wick and Sundries, Exchange, &c.		21 3 4
			£444 19 0

CR.

Dec, 31	By General Account	£444 19 0
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CAPE BONAVISTA LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

Feb. 1.	To Jeremiah White, Keeper, Quarter's Salary	£15 10 0	£14 8 6
May 1.	Ditto ditto ditto	12 10 0	14 8 6
Nov. 1.	Ditto ditto Half Year's ditto	25 0 0	28 17 0
	Ditto ditto 12 Month's Fuel	15 0 0	17 6 2
	R. O'Dwyer & Co.		0 9 6
			£75 9 8

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DR.

1843.

	<i>Sterling</i>	<i>Currency.</i>
Amount Brought forward		£75 9 8
McBride & Kerr, Soap, Towels &c.		3 17 6
John Dillon, White Lead, &c.		1 10 6
George Dowsley, 12 Buckets		1 1 0
Maurice Coffee, Freight of Casks, &c.		3 15 0
C. F. Bennett, 2 Gallons Olive Oil		0 15 0
Printing Accounts		11 5 6
Proportion Secretary's Disbursements		1 14 7
Ditto ditto Salary	£2 10 0	14 8 6
Ditto Surveyor's ditto	6 11 5	7 11 5
Ditto Expenses of Commissioners visit		13 6 4
		<u>£134 15 0</u>

CR.

1843.		
Dec 31.	By General Account	£134 15 0

GENERAL LIGHT HOUSE WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

		<i>Currency.</i>
1843,		
Dec. 31.	To Cape Spear Light House	281 7 3
	" Harbor Grace ditto	444 19 0
	" Fort Amherst ditto	112 19 0
	" Cape Bonavista ditto	134 15 0
	" Erection of Bonavista Light House	13 4 8
	Balance in hand	37 16 1
		<u>£1025 1 0</u>

APPENDIX.

LIGHT HOUSES.

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		<i>Sterling.</i>	<i>Currency.</i>
1843.			
Jan 1.	By balance from last account		£45 16 9
18	This amount Warrant on Colonial Treasurer	£26 5 0	
Feb. 1.	Ditto ditto	23 15 0	
5.	Ditto ditto	13 15 0	
	Ditto ditto	12 10 0	
March 31.	Ditto ditto	26 5 0	
May 1.	Ditto ditto	23 15 0	
5.	Ditto ditto	13 15 0	
	Ditto ditto	12 10 0	
26	Ditto ditto	127 12 4	
July 23.	Ditto ditto	150 0 0	
Aug. 1.	Ditto ditto	23 15 0	
	Ditto ditto	15 0 0	
5.	Ditto ditto	13 15 0	
Nov. 1.	Ditto ditto	25 10 0	
	Ditto ditto	15 0 0	
	Ditto ditto	52 10 0	
	Ditto ditto	20 0 0	
	Ditto ditto	23 15 0	
5.	Ditto ditto	13 15 0	
	Ditto ditto	200 0 0	
Dec.	Ditto ditto	16 0 8	
		£848 13 0	—£979 4 3
			£1025 1 0

Errors Excepted,
St. John's, Newfoundland, December 31, 1843.

THOMAS BENNETT,

Chairman of Commissioners of Light Houses.

MESSAGE.

J. HARVEY,

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly Copies of Despatches which he has received from the Governors of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, in reply to his application to them for assistance in supporting a Light-House on Cape Pine; and also the Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley on the subject of the said Light House.

The Governor suggests to the Assembly the propriety of passing an Act for the support of the Light House in question, as the most satisfactory pledge to the Government, previous to its entering on so serious an undertaking.

Government House, 29th March, 1844.

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Copy.

Government House, Newfoundland }
27th February, 1843. }

Sir,

In transmitting to your Excellency an Extract of an Address which has been presented to me by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to a provision for the maintenance of a Light House proposed to be established on the South West Coast of Newfoundland, and in soliciting Your Excellency's support of the measure with the Legislature of Canada, and the Lower Provinces, I would beg to invite your attention to the fact (fully established by a comparison of the losses by Shipwreck during any given period) that tho' it is intended that the locality of the Light should be fixed upon the territory of this Colony, yet the advantages expected to be derived from it must necessarily be enjoyed principally by the Trade of the Colonies situated to the Westward of Newfoundland, and more especially by that homeward bound from the Bay of Chaleurs and Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Canada may therefore be justly said to have a far more direct and peculiar interest in the establishment of this proposed *National Beacon*, not only than this Island, but than any of the other Colonies of British North America. On these grounds I venture to invite and to anticipate Your Excellency's approval of the proposition which it is the object of this communication to bring under your notice.

The calculations which have been made of the probable expense of maintaining the proposed Light (one of such great importance, and situated in so remote and isolated a location,) based upon those of similar existing establishments in this Island, would lead to the conclusion that it cannot be safely assumed at less than £600 per annum. Of the relative proportions which ought fairly to be contributed by the several Colonies concerned, their respective Legislatures will be the best judges— but I trust I may be pardoned for suggesting that if *three fourths* of the whole expense be contributed by Canada and the Lower Provinces, including Prince Edwards Island, Newfoundland will willingly charge herself with the remainder.

The communication addressed to me by the Chamber of Commerce of this City (of which I enclose a copy) will enable Your Excellency to judge of the advantages which Cape Pine possesses over Cape Race as the site of the proposed Light House.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

J. HARVEY.

His Excellency

The Governor General of Canada.

MEMORANDUM—A copy of the foregoing despatch was sent to the respective Governors of Novascotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, KINGSTON, }
2nd January, 1844. }

Sir,

I regret that I have not been able to communicate an earlier reply on the subject of Your Excellency's letter of the 27th February last, relative to the contemplated establishment of a Light House on Cape Pine, Newfoundland, in which Your Excellency suggests that three-fourths of the annual expense of maintenance should be contributed by Canada and the Lower Provinces,

LIGHT HOUSES.

The subject having been referred to the Trinity Houses of Quebec and Montreal, and having subsequently come under the consideration of a Committee of the Executive Council of this Province, I have the honor to report the result to Your Excellency, and to explain the grounds upon which there will be a difficulty in making any recommendation to the Legislature of this Province to share in the proposed expense.

The site of the intended Light House has been selected, very properly, for the special use of Vessels resorting to Newfoundland, and for the coasting trade of that Island. The trade with Canada has, for many years, been extremely limited, and the number of Vessels from Europe which discharge their Cargoes in Newfoundland, and which afterwards come to Canada, in ballast, seeking Freight, may amount on an average to 35 annually, on all of which the Light Dues would be levied in Newfoundland.

It has not escaped notice that Vessels bound up the St. Lawrence, are occasionally drawn towards the land in the direction of Cape Pine, from the setting in of the current and from other causes, and that the proposed Light may be useful to Vessels so situated.

But considering the comparatively small benefit to be derived by the Trade of Canada from this Light, exclusive of what will be compensated by the Duties levied on the Vessels profiting by it, and viewing the pressing necessity for Lights in other situations for the security of that Trade, the erection of which has hitherto been prevented solely by a want of funds, there is scarcely any ground for an expectation that Your Excellency's proposition would be entertained in the Legislature of this Province.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

C. F. METCALFE.

His Excellency
Major General Sir John Harvey, &c. &c.

Fredericton, N. B. }
Dec. 8, 1842. }

Sir,

I had the honour yesterday to receive Your Excellency's letter of the 27th February last, marked "Duplicate," on the subject of a proposal to establish a Light House on Cape Pine, and which I will be prepared to recommend to the consideration of the Legislative Council and Assembly of this Province.

I have &c.

(Signed,)

W. M. G. COLBROOKE.

Major General Sir John Harvey, K. C. B. & K. C. H.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, HALIFAX, }
 April 1843. }

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter of the 27th February, with the copy of a Despatch (and of its enclosures) addressed by you to the Governor General of North America, relative to the erection of a Light House on the S. W. Coast of Newfoundland, to which, in compliance with your Excellency's request, I called the attention of the House of Assembly.

I herewith transmit to your Excellency a copy of a Report of the House on that subject, being the only proceeding had thereon.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed,)

FALKLAND.

His Excellency Sir John Harvey, K. C. B.

Copy

NOVA SCOTIA.

IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
 27th February, 1843.

The Committee on Navigation Securities report that they have considered the communications and documents laid before the Assembly by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, consisting of a letter from his Excellency Sir John Harvey the Governor of Newfoundland, and an Address of the House of Assembly of that Island, by which it appears that the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House are of opinion that the erection of a Light House on Cape Pine, on the South Eastern extremity of that Land, and of one on St. Pierre, are highly important—and the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury are prepared to recommend Parliament to grant money to pay the expense of constructing a Light House on Cape Pine provided the Legislature of Newfoundland, with or without the aid of the other North American Colonies, will maintain the same,—and the Assembly pledge themselves to pass an Act for that purpose when such Light shall be erected; and the object of the Government of Newfoundland is to ensure contribution from the funds of Nova Scotia towards the annual expense of such establishment.

The Committee have maturely considered this proposition—and although fully convinced that the contemplated structure will confer great benefits on Commerce, and lessen the danger attending Navigation, they cannot at present recommend the House to grant money towards its maintainance—the almost insular form of this Province and its position has of necessity imposed on its inhabitants the burthen of heavy charges for the erection of Light Houses and Beacons (a list of which is herewith reported,) and many of these establishments, of National more than Provincial character, are maintained exclusively by the funds of this Province, independent of liberal contributions for those of Scatterie, St. Paul's, and others of general utility. The Committee regret that the exhaust-

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ed state of the Light House Fund furnishes another reason for withholding that support which the Legislature has so liberally bestowed on that important service.

Signed,

JAS. B. UNIACKE,
Chairman.

LIST OF LIGHT HOUSES.

DIGBY
BRIER ISLAND.
YARMOUTH.
SEAL ISLAND.
SHELBURN.
CROSS ISLAND.
LIVERPOOL.
CANSO.

PICTOU.
LOW POINT.
MAUGHER'S BEACH.
SAMBRO.
LOUISBOURG.
CAPE JACK.
ST. PAUL'S.
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Copy.

Government House, Prince Edward's }
Island, April 7, 1843. }

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch and enclosures relating to the erection of a Light House upon Cape Pine in Newfoundland, and beg leave to inform your Excellency that I have placed the subject before the Houses of the Legislature, strongly recommending the measure for the advantages which to me as a Naval Officer, it would appear to confer upon Navigation connected with the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

I have, &c.
Signed,

H. V. HUNTLEY, Lieut. Gov.

His Excellency Sir John Harvey, K. C. B.

Copy.

Downing Street, 22d Dec. 1843.

Sir,

I have received your Despatch No. 45, of the 2nd ult. requesting to be apprised of the decision of Her Majesty's Government with regard to the site of the Light House proposed to be erected either on Cape Race or Cape Pine on the S. W. coast of Newfoundland.

I have in answer to refer you to my Despatch No. 11 of the 1st November, 1841, in which I informed you that no further steps would be taken on the subject until adequate provision had been made from Colonial funds for maintaining the Light, and to observe that no reply has been returned to that communication.

I have, &c.
(Signed.)

Governor

Major General Sir John Harvey, K. C. B.

STANLEY.

LIGHT HOUSES.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS—CAPE PINE.

—00—

Saint John's, April 6, 1844.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 2nd instant, requesting from the Commissioners of Light Houses certain information required by the General Assembly in reference to a Light House and Bell at Cape Pine.

With regard to the first point, viz., "the probable expense of maintaining a Light House on Cape Pine," the Commissioners would beg to observe, that an explanation of the character and size of the Light would be necessary to enable them to give a decided answer. As, however, a Light House on that important station will necessarily be of superior power to any of those built at the expense of the Colony, the Commissioners apprehend that an annual sum of Five Hundred Pounds will not be too large an appropriation for its maintenance.

The Commissioners would remark that they have taken for this estimate, the *data* furnished by the annual expenditure of the other Lights in this Colony, in connexion with their opinion as to the character of the Light which would be required for such a station as that of Cape Pine. If a reference were made to the cost of supporting similar establishments in Great Britain, a sum of less than double the amount here given, would not be sufficient for the purpose.

As to the expediency of placing a Bell or Gong at Cape Pine for the purpose of warning vessels in foggy weather—the Commissioners have already expressed strong opinions on the subject in communications under dates respectively 29th July and 15th October, 1841, addressed to J. Templeman, Esq., acting Secretary, as well as in their general Report 12th January, 1842. In these documents their opinion is expressed that the value of a Bell would be of almost primary importance, an opinion to which they still decidedly adhere.

The Commissioners would suggest that Two Bells of about 12 Cwt. each, should be provided as capable of being worked with more facility than one of greater power.—The cost they apprehend need not exceed the Sum of One Hundred Pounds.

The annual expense of these Bells would be very trifling, as they would be attended to by the Keeper of the Light House, and be in connexion with that Establishment.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obdt. Servant,

THOMAS BENNETT,

Chairman of Commissioners of Light Houses.

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DESPATCHES IN REFERENCE TO REPAIRS OF FORT WILLIAM.

No. 6.

Downing Street,
16th September, 1843. }

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 15, of the 28th of June last, with its enclosures, and to acquaint you that measures will be taken by the Master General and Board of Ordnance for repaying to the Government of Newfoundland the sum of £277, which has been expended in repairing the Barrack Building in Fort William.

I have, &c. &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Governor

Major General Sir John Harvey, K. C. B., &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 7.

Downing Street,
29th September, 1843. }

Sir,

With reference to my Despatch, No. 6, of the 16th Inst., I transmit to you enclosed a copy of a Letter which has been received from the Board of Ordnance, explaining the circumstances under which it is proposed by the Master General and Board to repay the sum of £274 12 7 to your Government as the amount expended for the repair of Fort William.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

STANLEY.

Major General Sir John Harvey, K. C. B.

DESPATCH IN REFERENCE TO STEAM COMMUNICATION.

—00—

Copy.

Downing Street, 13th October, 1843.

No. 123.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 33, of the 8th ultimo, transmitting the Copy of an Address which you had received from the Chamber of Commerce

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at St. John's, Newfoundland, praying that in the event of a Company being established to run Steam Vessels between that port and Nova Scotia, you would recommend Her Majesty's Government to allow them to convey the Mails.

Having referred this application to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, I have received an answer from their Lordship's stating that they are now about to enter into a Contract for the conveyance of the Mails by Steam between Newfoundland and Halifax.

I have &c.

(Signed,)

STANLEY.

Governor

Major General Sir John Harvey, &c. &c.

DESPATCH IN REFERENCE TO REVENUE ACT AND WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Copy.

No. 107.

Downing Street,
16th August, 1843. }

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 3, of the 26th January last, in which you enclose a Copy of the Revenue Act (No. 1 of 6th Victoria) which had been passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, and received your assent on the 25th of that Month.

Her Majesty's Government see no objection to the confirmation of this Act; but as the Copy which you have forwarded bears neither your own signatures nor the seal of the Colony, it will not be in my power to submit the Act for the decision of Her Majesty in Council in its present form. You will lose no time in supplying this omission by transmitting a copy of the act properly authenticated.

In the mean time I have to remark, that the act re-enacts various clauses of the previous Act of the Colony, amongst which is a clause requiring that the duties imposed should be paid according to British Weights and Measures in use on the 6th July, 1825. This is in exact conformity with the Imperial Possessions Act; but that provision was altered last year by the Possessions Amendment Act, which enacts that the Duties thereby imposed in the British Possessions in America shall be paid according to the Imperial Weights and Measures now in use.

It will be convenient therefore that in any future Customs Act which may be passed in Newfoundland the Duties to be imposed should be made payable according to the same Weights and measures as the Imperial Duties.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Major General Sir John Harvey, &c. &c.

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DESPATCH EXPRESSING SATISFACTION IN REFERENCE TO MEASURES
PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

Copy.
No. 95.

Downing Street, }
1st June, 1843. }

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches of the 28th of April and 11th May, reporting the proceedings of the General Assembly of Newfoundland in respect to the several important measures therein mentioned, which have been brought under the deliberation of the house during the present Session.

Her Majesty's Government derive great satisfaction from the intelligence conveyed in your Despatches on this subject. It is a matter of just congratulation to yourself and the General Assembly that the Executive and Legislative authorities should co-operate together thus successfully in maturing measures which have for their object the good Government of the Island and the advancement of its interests.

I have, &c.
(Signed)

STANLEY.

Major General Sir John Harvey, &c. &c.

DESPATCH OF SECRETARY OF STATE IN REFERENCE TO THE CROWN
LANDS' BILL.

Copy.

Downing Street, }
1st Nov., 1843, }

Sir,

Having resumed the consideration of your Despatch, No 26, of the 10th of August, and of the previous correspondence respecting the manner of disposing of the Lands of the Crown in Newfoundland, I propose to give you such instructions for your guidance in framing a new Bill on this subject as will, I hope, meet the views of the House of General Assembly.

The Address of that House of the 16th May recommends the adoption of a system of Sale by Auction in preference to Sale at a fixed and uniform price. To the first of these two systems I do not entertain any such sufficient objection as to induce me to oppose myself, and I therefore defer to the opinion expressed by the House, in this Address to you, that in Newfoundland all ungranted Lands should in future be sold by public auction. I would however recommend the introduction of a clause into the Bill, declaring that if Lands should have been once or oftener than once exposed to auction and not sold, the Government might afterwards be at liberty to dispose of them without competition at the last upset price at which they had been offered. An enactment of this nature has been found useful in other Colonies, in order to prevent the delay of which parties complain when they have in all cases to wait for periodical and public sales. If a provision of this nature should not be acceptable to the Legislature I have no wish to press it, and you will be at

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liberty to confine your consent of the Crown simply to the adoption of a system of sale by auction. Power should be given to you in the Bill to name such upset price for the Lands as you may think proper, that price not being less than some definite minimum sum, which I am of opinion should not be less than 2s. per acre. The Exchange from a fixed price to auction will require a few alterations in the New Bill. These alterations will be sufficiently obvious to the Officer whom you may depute to draft the Bill. In clause 7 which relates to the right of pre-emption to be exercised by squatters, it will be necessary to refer to the usual upset price of the district instead of the absolute price contemplated in the Bill as it now stands.

The Assembly state in their address that if the Crown should be advised to give up to give up to them the Casual and Territorial Revenue, they would pledge themselves to provide for all charges to which that Revenue is now appropriated. As I find that you recommend this proposition, and as it is consistent with the course which has been adopted in some other of the British North American Colonies, I shall be disposed to entertain a similar arrangement in Newfoundland. You will of course take care that the charges which the Crown Revenue has now to bear be embodied in the Bill itself, and that the salary of the Surveyor General be raised to £500 per annum; a proceeding which will be consonant with your recommendation.

I have, &c.
(Signed)

STANLEY.

Governor
Major General Sir John Harvey, &c. &c.

DESPATCH RELATIVE TO DROIT OF ADMIRALTY AND JUDGE CARTER'S SALARY.

Copy.
No. 107.

Downing Street,
12th Sept., 1843. }

Sir,

I have received your Despatch No. 19, of the 8th of July, enclosing an Address of the General Assembly of Newfoundland to the Queen, praying that a Droit of Admiralty amounting to £693 6 8 which is now in the Court of Vice Admiralty in that Colony, may be appropriated in part payment of the arrears of Salary which were due to the late Judge of the Court, Mr. Carter, at the time of his death.

Having laid this Address before the Queen, I have received Her Majesty's Commands to instruct you to inform the House that Her Majesty is precluded by the arrangement made by the Imperial Parliament in the Civil List Act from assenting to their proposal.

The Droits of Admiralty were placed by that act at the disposal of Parliament, and the Crown does not any longer possess the power of appropriating them.

I have, &c.
(Signed)

Major General Sir John Harvey, &c. &c.

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COPY OF DESPATCH RELATIVE TO ABOLITION OF OATHS ACT.

Copy.
No. 152

Downing Street, }
25th March, 1844. }

Sir,

I have received your Despatch, No. 6, of the 31st January, 1844, in explanation of the motives which led to the enactment by the Legislature of Newfoundland, of the local Statute, 6 Victoria, c. 9, abolishing the Oaths now by Law taken by the Members of that Body, and substituting the Oath of Allegiance instead thereof.

As this Act is suspended for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, it will not be in my power to advise Her Majesty to confirm it. I do not enter on the question whether it is, or is not right that the Oaths at present required from the various Members of the Legislature should be dispensed with, excepting only the Oath of Allegiance. My objection to this act is of another kind.

If the existing Oaths are required under the authority of Parliament, it is only by the same authority that the obligation of taking them can be annulled. If (as I rather understand the case) that obligation is imposed by the Queen in the exercise of Her Majesty's Royal Prerogative the proper course of proceeding would be, that the Legislature should address the Queen to discontinue the exercise of Her Majesty's authority. On either supposition an Act of the Local Legislature is an unfit method of introducing such a charge.

I have, &c.

(Signed).

STANLEY.

Governor Sir John Harvey, K. C. B.

COPY OF DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR ENCLOSING AN ORDER IN COUNCIL LEAVING CERTAIN ACTS TO THEIR OPERATION.

Copy. No. 15, 16.

Downing Street, }
15th December, 1843. }

Sir,

Two Acts passed by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland in the month of May last and transmitted in Despatch No. 21, 24th July, having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said acts should be left to their operation.

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I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, an order of Her Majesty in Council dated the 13th inst. approving that Report.

I have, &c. &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Major General Sir John Harvey, K. C. B., &c. &c

Copy.

At the Court at Windsor the 13th December, 1843.

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.
 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT.
 LORD PRESIDENT.
 DUKE OF WELLINGTON.
 EARL OF JERSEY.
 EARL OF ABERDEEN
 LORD STANLEY.
 SIR ROBERT PEEL, Bt.
 SIR JAMES GRAHAM, Bt.
 SIR EDWARD KNATCHBULL, Bt.

WHEREAS the Governor of Her Majesty's Island of Newfoundland with the Council and Assembly of the said Island did in the month of May, 1843, pass two acts which have been transmitted entitled as follows, viz.

No. 10—An Act to repeal an Act passed in the Fifth Year of His late Majesty, entitled "An Act to amend the Law of Attachment and to facilitate the recovery of Debt's from absent or absconding Debtors" and to make provision for the amendment of the Law of Attachment.

No. 15—An ACT to provide for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery in this Colony,

AND WHEREAS the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said acts should be left to their operation. Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report. Whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Island of Newfoundland, and all others whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

WM. L. BATHURST.

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COPY

Of a Letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor, acquainting him that the Revenue Act will receive Her Majesty's confirmation.

Copy. }
No. 138. }

DOWNING STREET, 30th December, 1843.

SIR,—In reply to your Despatch, No. 44, of the 31st October last, (which however did not reach me until the 15th ultimo) I have great satisfaction in acknowledging the receipt of the very favourable account it gives of the working of the Revenue Act, No. 5, to which you therein refer; and I am glad to be able to inform you that it will receive the confirmation of Her Majesty in Council on the next opportunity.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Governor Sir John Harvey.

ORDER IN COUNCIL APPROVING OF ACTS PASSED.

Copy.

At the Court at Windsor, the 2d October, 1843.

PRESENT :—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT.

LORD CHANCELLOR

LORD STANLEY

LORD PRESIDENT

SIR ROBERT PEEL, BART.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON

MR. CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER

LORD STEWARD

SIR JAMES GRAHAM, BART.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN

SIR EDWARD KNATCHBULL, BART.

EARL OF JERSEY.

WHEREAS the Governor of Her Majesty's Island of Newfoundland, with the Council and Assembly of the said Island, did in the Month of March and May last pass seventeen Acts which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz.

No. 1.—An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, and to revive certain parts of an act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies."

No. 2.—An Act for granting to Her Majesty a Sum of Money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony and for other purposes, for the year ending 30th June One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Three, and for regulating the expenditure of the same.

No. 3.—An Act to regulate the Trials of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly.

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No. 4.—An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for making, constructing, and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges in this Colony, and for regulating the expenditure of the same.

No. 11.—An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty entitled “an Act to combine the Office of Clerk of the Central Circuit Court with the Office of Clerk of the Supreme Court, and to make provision for the Officer discharging the duties of the said Office.”

No. 12.—An Act to extend and continue certain provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed in the 2nd and 3rd Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth.

No. 13.—An Act to continue an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act to encourage the Killing of Wolves in this Colony.”

No. 14.—An Act to amend and continue an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “an Act for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of St. John’s.”

No. 16.—An Act to continue an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “an Act to amend several Acts now in force respecting Light Houses, and to make further provision for the said Light Houses, and to consolidate the laws respecting the same.

No. 17.—An Act to render perpetual an Act passed in the third year of the Reign of his late Majesty, entitled “An Act to provide for the performance of Quarantine, and more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Island.”

No. 18.—An Act to revive and amend an Act passed in the third year of the Reign of her present Majesty, entitled an Act to establish the Fees and Costs chargeable in the several Police Offices and Courts of Session in this Colony.”

No. 19.—An Act for vesting all Estates and Property occupied for the Ordnance Service of her Majesty in the principal Officers of the Ordnance Department.

No. 20.—An Act to Indemnify His Excellency Governor Sir John Harvey for certain Sums of Money advanced by him from the Colonial Treasury for the service of the Colony.

No. 21.—An Act to suspend the operation of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty entitled “an Act to establish and regulate Fire Companies in the Town of Carbonear.”

No. 23.—An Act to authorize the Treasurer to raise by Loan, on the Credit of the Colony, a sum to be applied to the general purposes of the Colony.

No. 24.—An Act for granting to her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of the Colony for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1844, and for other purposes.

No. 25.—An Act to provide for the Contingent expenses of the Legislature.

AND WHEREAS the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty’s most Honourable Privy Council appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have repor-

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ted as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said acts should be left to their operation. Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report. Whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Island of Newfoundland, and all others whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. C. GREVILLE.

**ORDER IN COUNCIL APPROVING OF CERTAIN ACTS, VIZ: CAP. 5 AND 22
OF THE LAST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE,**

Copy.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 31st Jan., 1844.

(L.S.)

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT.
LORD CHANCELLOR
LORD PRESIDENT.
LORD PRIVY SEAL
DUKE OF WELLINGTON.
MARQUIS OF EXETER
LORD STEWARD
LORD CHAMBERLAIN
EARL OF HADDINGTON
EARL OF ABERDEEN
EARL OF RIPON
LORD STANLEY
SIR ROBERT PEEL, Bt.
MR. CHANCELLOR OF EXCHEQUER
SIR HENRY HARDINGE
SIR JAMES GRAHAM, Bt.
SIR EDWARD KNATCHBULL, Bt.

WHEREAS the Governor of Her Majesty's Island of Newfoundland, with the Council and Assembly of the said Island, did, in the months of March and May, 1843, pass two Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follow, viz :—

No. 5.—An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, and for repealing from and after the 5th day of July next, an Act passed in the present Session of the Legislature, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, and to revive certain parts of an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her said Majesty, entitled 'An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.'" "

No. 22.—An Act to commute the Fees received by the High Sheriff of this Colony, and to provide for the Salaries of the said Sheriff and his Deputies.

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And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said Acts should be left to their operation, Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to approve of the said Report: Whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Island of Newfoundland, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

W. L. BATHURST.

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PETITION

OF JOHN NASH AND REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE THEREON.

Report of Select Committee upon the Bill for the relief of JOHN NASH an Insolvent Debtor confined in the Gaol at St. John's.

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill now before the House of Assembly, entitled "a Bill for the relief of John Nash an Insolvent Debtor confined in Gaol at St. John's, together with the Petition of the said John Nash, upon which the same is founded, and having enquired into the facts in the said petition alleged, find that the said JOHN NASH, is lying in the Debtor's Prison of Saint John's, under remand for fraud, ordered by the Hon. the Chief Justice of this Island, upon the hearing of his Petition to be discharged from Custody as an Insolvent under the provisions of the Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors in this Colony; and that as the said last mentioned Act makes no provision to empower the Judges to assign a definite period of imprisonment proportioned to the offence of which the petitioners in Insolvent cases have been, or may be, judged to be guilty, it appears to your Committee that the Debtor, in all such cases, lies entirely at the mercy of the opposing Creditor, and may be detained in custody for any indefinite term or for life.

Your Committee have also examined the Gaoler in whose custody John Nash lies, and, from his evidence, they have discovered that the said Nash has no means of support whatever, and that during the entire period of his long confinement, he has been indebted to the benevolence of the Gaoler alone for his food and for the few comforts he enjoys.

Your Committee although they deem it their duty to subjoin the evidence of the said John Nash as it was taken on oath before the said Court, and his Petition and Schedule and also a note from the Chief Justice accompanying the said documents considered it their duty to refrain from taking further evidence touching the facts of the case as they feel it would not be the intention of the House to review or question the judgment of a competent Judicial Tribunal from which, were it deemed not consonant with the Laws, an appeal lies to a different Court.

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Your Committee beg leave to suggest therefore that the Bill now before the House may properly, and ought to be, amended by providing that the Court, before which John Nash's original Petition was tried, shall have power to *re-hear* his case, as they are of opinion that that Tribunal being cognizant of all the facts, and having already adjudicated thereon, is the most proper to finally determine the precise measure of punishment that should apply to this case;—and that a further amendment should be made in the said Bill by introducing Sections embracing the object of the 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, and 82nd Sections of the Imperial Statute 1 & 2 Vic. ch. 110 whereby an appeal similar to that of John Nash shall hereafter be rendered unnecessary.

Your Committee finally are of opinion that the provision of the Imperial Statute before mentioned (Sec. 86), enabling the Court to order the detaining Creditor to contribute towards the maintenance of the Debtor should also be embodied in the said Bill, and they considered that by the adoption of such amendments, while strict justice will be meted out to the Debtor, the interests of the Creditor will be properly guarded.

And so your Committee beg leave to Report.

JOHN V. NUGENT, Chairman.

Committee Room, 18th March, 1844.

TO J. V. NUGENT, Esq., CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

FRIDAY, 15th March, 1844.

Sir,—I have the honour, in reply to a Letter which, as Chairman of a Committee of the General Assembly, appointed “to inquire into the correctness of the Petition of Mr. John Nash,” you sent me yesterday evening, to state that—

I regret, and I have frequently expressed my regret, that our Local Act 4th, W. IV., C. XI., does not confer upon the Judge powers similar to those contained in the Imperial Act 1st and 2d Vic., Cap. 110, 1, S, 76, 77, and 78, for the discharge of Prisoners for Debt, after a time proportioned to their Fraud or Criminality, but limits relief to cases where there has been no Fraud; and I should be glad to see an alteration of the Law in this respect, accompanied, however, with like provisions for the just protection of Creditors as are given in the Imperial Act.

It was my duty and province to decide whether there was Fraud or no Fraud in Mr. Nash's case, and “whether he was placed in circumstances that precluded the possibility of his discharge at a time definite “under the Law as it stands to be administered by the Judges: and the case was too clear to admit of a shadow of doubt.

I have applied to Mr. Archibald for the documents you requested, and I enclose his minutes of the Examination and Proceedings: and as I conceive that the interests of Creditors as well as Debtors will naturally receive the Committees attention, and that you will think it right, in inquiring as to a particular case, to examine the counsel of the several parties who opposed the Petitioner's discharge, as well as the one who supported it, I mention their names, viz., Mr. Row, Member of your House, Mr. G. H. Emerson, and Mr. Hoyles, Solicitors to the General Assembly, who can give material evidence of

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circumstances in addition to those mentioned in the minutes. Judge Lilly was also present during the whole proceedings.

I have the honour, Sir, to be,

Your most obedient Servant;

J. G. H. BOURNE, C. J.

SUPREME COURT.

John Ryan, Jr. }
vs. }
 John Nash. }

*To the Honourable the Chief Justice and
 the Honourable the Assistant Judges of
 the Supreme Court, sitting in the said
 Court during the June Term, in the year
 of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hun-
 dred and Forty Three.*

The Petition of John Nash, of St. John's, Merchant, humbly sheweth,—That your Petitioner is at present confined in the Gaol of St. John's, charged in execution at the suit of John Ryan, junior. That annexed hereto is a full and true account of all his Estate, whether Real or Personal, rights and credits, and of all his debts, as far as his knowledge extends.

And your Petitioner states that he is Insolvent, and unable to pay twenty shillings in the pound to all his Creditors. Petitioner therefore prays that he may have the benefit of the Law made for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in Execution.

(Signed)

JOHN NASH.

July 11th, 1843.

SCHEDULE OF JOHN NASH.

1841.		
Aug. 27—	DeLannoy and Nash, by John Nash and Thomas Bearnès	£886 6 0
April	—Charles Nash	160 11 0
1843.		
June 22—	Richard Perchard, Jr.	248 1 6
1842.		
July 30—	John Ryan	6 18 6
1843.		
June 20—	Thomas Bearnès	55 16 6
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	Assigned to DeLannoy and Nash, £610 10 0—	123 4 0
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Jan. 21—Richard Perchard, Jr.	-	-	-	-	£667	19	10		
William Meagher	-	-	-	-	175	5	6		
Henry Hearder	-	-	-	-	17	9	4		
James Gushue	-	-	-	-	11	19	4		
Thomas Muldowney	-	-	-	-	44	9	6		
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On this amount	-	-	-	-	917	3	6		
John Nash, Instalment 2-3	-	-	-	-	610	19	0	—610	19 0
John Nash's claim against Trade of J. Nash & Co.								123	4 0
Thomas Winter	-	-	-	-				8	0 0
William Haddon	-	-	-	-				4	5 0
Personal effects, value of	-	-	-	-				6	0 0
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-				5	0 0
								<hr/>	
								£727	8 0

John Ryan, Jr. }
 vs. } St John's, to wit.
 John Nash. }

John Nash, of St. John's, Merchant, the above named Defendant, maketh oath and saith that the Schedule on the other side hereof written, contains a full and true statement of all Deponent's debts and assets, and Deponent saith that he is Insolvent, and unable to pay twenty shillings in the pound to all his Creditors.

(Signed)

JOHN NASH.

Sworn before me at St. John's, this }
 tenth day of July, A. D. 1843. }

(Signed)

R. R. W. LILLY, Commissioner.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

IN CHAMBERS.

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

July 25, 1843.

In the matter of the Petition of John Nash, of St. John's, Merchant, to be declared Insolvent and discharged from custody in pursuance of the Act 4, W. 4, c. xi., for the relief of Insolvent Debtors taken in execution.

The Prisoner being in custody under a Writ of *Capias ad Satisfaciendum* on Judgment at the suit of John Ryan, was, in compliance with his Petition, and pursuant to notice in the usual form, brought up this day for examination.

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John Nash, sworn and examined—by Mr. Robinson for the Prisoner.

Identifies his Schedule—"It contains a full account of my debts and credits. I am Insolvent. My debts are 1,357*l* 13*s*. 6*d*. That amount is due by me. My credits are 757*l* 8*s*. I am in partnership with Mr. Thomas Bearn—By that [the Partnership] I mean my Estate.—Our firm was "John Nash & Co." By "due to the Estate," I mean to our Partnership—My portion is Two-thirds—i. e. 610*l* 19*s*. belonging to me—the residue belonging to Mr. Bearn.—There is likewise a claim by me on the partnership estate—a private debt.—There are also debts from Thomas Winter and William Haddon due me, which make my own whole credits 757*l* 8*s*.—Perchard's debt is for goods furnished by John Nash & Co. to him—I am, that is our firm is, indebted to DeLannoy and Nash—I assigned to DeLannoy and Nash the money which is in chancery in England, that is Perchard's debt—Nash is my Father—DeLannoy and Nash set me up in business in this country. I am likewise indebted to my Father personally—The other debts are also due by me—I have no other property besides what I have stated, and I am Insolvent.

Cross-Examined by Mr. Row—Attorney for Mr. Perchard.

The sum of £687 7 0 is due from John Nash & Co. to DeLannoy and Nash—but I am liable for the whole.—Charles Nash is my father. The debt due to him is a private debt of my own—It is not due by the firm of J. Nash & Co. nor any part of it. The money due to Richard Perchard (the Verdict) is due from me alone—John Ryan's claim [6*l* 18 6] is partly for money lent and partly for goods sold—The money was 4*l*., the balance goods—the goods were cordage. The business of Ryan goes on under the Firm of Ryan Brothers.—The money lent me by Ryan was money paid by him for work done for me by Carpenters on a boat of mine.—The debt due to Thomas Bearn (55*l* 5*s*. 6) is due to Mr. Bearn individually. It is due for board and lodging while I was living with him. I was managing partner of the Firm of John Nash & Co. I was to board at my own expense—I had a Salary of 50*l* for my management, and I paid much about the same sum to Mr. Bearn's for board—The debts of Haddon, Winter &c. are due to me individually. The debt due by Perchard to the Firm arose from a contract for goods which we furnished to him. There was security given us by Perchard on a Vessel of his—That security was for 1,200*l* Sterling to cover the amount for 667*l*., and also goods which I agreed further to furnish him, but failed and for this he brought an action against me. The debt of Perchard is due to the firm of John Nash & Co. I assigned this debt to DeLannoy & Nash. Bearn did not join me in the Assignment I did not tell him I had assigned it.—I never told him I had, although I believe him to be aware of my having done it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hoyles for Mr. Bearn.

The 886*l*. 6*s*. due by John Nash & Co. to DeLannoy & Nash is a partnership debt—but I believe I am liable for the whole. Mr. Bearn and myself are both liable for the whole. It was for goods furnished to our trade—all the other debts are due by me individually. Of the assets my own proportion is 757*l*. 8*s*. The balance between 623*l*. 10*s*. 6*d*. and 886*l* 6*s*. is not actually paid off; the money is in Chancery. By the terms of Co-partnership I was to find 400*l*. in goods or money,—he was to find 400*l*. in money. The 886*l*. 6*s*. is a balance due for goods furnished by DeLannoy & Nash, and it covers part of the 400*l*. which I was individually to supply. Bearn paid 400*l*. to DeLannoy & Nash, and I supplied goods to the amount of 400*l*. The balance due will therefore be for part of this 400*l*. which I was individually to supply. I owe Mr. Lang-

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ley, I dare say 15s., besides what I have stated here. I don't owe Mr. Muldowney anything. I managed the business of John Nash & Co., and have the partnership books—not all—I have not all the papers and accounts which Mr. Bearns has possessed himself of, since I have been imprisoned. I have all the securities for money and valuable papers. We have disposed of a large amount of goods in the course of business. I have received a good deal of money for them. My Partner has received more than I have [Produces copy of account of money received by his Partner.] I have received large sums of money, but I have not received so much as he has.

The Assignment to DeLannoy & Nash was made the day before the trial of Perchard's cause against me. Mr. Bearns lent me 10% currency the day before the trial. He lent it on no particular condition. It was to defray the expense of defending Perchard's suit. It certainly was not lent on condition of the security of the assignment of the mortgage on Perchard's vessel. I did not agree to assign the mortgage to him as security. I gave an order to you (Mr. Hoyles) to assign my interest to Mr. Bearns to pay him the balance due him, and the residue to him as Agent for the benefit of DeLannoy & Nash. I afterwards thought better of it, before the money was paid. It was before the trial I thought better of it, not after the trial. I never refused to assign the mortgage to him. I did not assign it to him. I took the assignment to Mr. Robinson to see if it was all right—but I did not sign. Mr. Bearns has applied to me since my confinement to sign it. I have since assigned the mortgage to DeLannoy and Nash. The suit (of Perchard) would have been defended although the money (10%) had not been advanced. It was not after the money was advanced that I refused to sign the Mortgage to Bearns. I got the mortgage to sign over to Mr. Bearns the day before the trial. I received the money from him the evening before.

My claim on the trade of John Nash & Co. was 369% 12s.—the balance now is one third of that, 123% odd. The other two thirds I had already transferred to DeLannoy & Nash. It was included in the assignment of the mortgage—that is the money in Chancery, and my interest in the trade of John Nash & Co. What I assigned to DeLannoy & Nash was 610% and the 123%, making 700% odd. I never agreed to dissolve partnership with Bearns. I left here for England in 1842. I took all the valuable papers with me. My private claim of 369% against the firm of John Nash & Co. arises from goods furnished to the firm, and my salary to January, 1842. I am not aware of any of the partnership goods remaining; they were all sold six months ago. I have but one watch now: I had about twelve some time ago, 8 of which I sold to my Partner for 32% ; I gave them to him in payment of a claim he had against me. The other 4 I sold some six or seven weeks back. I think it was before Mr. Perchard's verdict. I got 14% for them, and sold them to Mr. John O'Dwyer. They were Geneva watches with embossed faces. They cost me about three pounds each. Of the 14%, 5% is in the Schedule; the rest I expended. I did not assign to O'Dwyer any reason for selling the watches. I did not undertake to repay to Mr. Ryan the expense of any proceedings he might take against me, of the Capias and Detainer. All the securities for money and valuable papers are in my possession.

The amount of goods which the firm have had from DeLannoy & Naah was about 1,100% sterling. Bearns has put in 400 I have put in 400%. Of the 886%, 400% is the 400% I was to put in. I am liable for the whole of the 886%, but Mr. Bearns is not liable for the whole. I brought out about 80% stg. worth of watches altogether. I received the money for them and have appropriated it.

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Further cross-examined by Mr. Row.

The time when I executed the assignment to DeLannoy & Nash was the day before Perchard's trial; on the same day, or the day after the trial. I executed the deed on the 19th. I cannot swear whether it was before or after the trial. I think it was after. I think it was about a day after. It was before the judgment was signed. DeLannoy & Nash have no Agents here. Mr. Bearns was appointed an agent to collect in some dividends due here, He was an Agent for that. He received them about six months ago, and has not remitted them since. He was not an Agent in the matter of the mortgage. There was present at the execution of the assignment Mr. Robinson, who put his certificate as a Notary Public to it. I do not think there was any other witness. My assignment to DeLannoy & Nash was for the whole of my interest, to the exclusion of the amount due by me to Perchard upon his judgment for 248*l*. Perchard is in that peculiar situation that he *may* obtain the amount out of the money in Chancery. I never offered Perchard 100*l* to be quits. I made no offer; but Perchard offered to give me a bill for the balance on Tarbet, after deducting the amount of the verdict. That offer was since I have been in prison, I do not recollect such a proposal in Perchard's office. There was a proposal of some sort in Perchard's office. I do not recollect the particulars. I made no offer to Perchard. The assignment to DeLannoy & Nash was executed on the 19th. I was imprisoned on the 27th June.

Re-examined by Mr. Robinson.

I was desirous of paying DeLannoy & Nash in preference to other creditors, and therefore made an assignment to them of the money in England, and of my interest in the Trade.—400*l* of the 887*l* is charged to me individually—as a partner I am liable for the rest.—The credit of 610*l*. 19*s*. is the money in Chancery, and in which Perchard has an interest as well as myself.—The money in Chancery is for the goods which I actually delivered to Perchard, and is now due. It is usual for partners to keep a private account against their firm. My claim of 123*l* is for Bearns one third of the amount of my claim against the firm.—I was arrested on a *Capias* at the suit of Bearns and then imprisoned on an Execution at the suit of Ryan.

Bearns was appointed Agent to receive the dividends from Stewart. He has received from 60*l*. to 100*l*. which he has not remitted. I called on you [to Mr. Robinson] at your office, at your request, about the settlement of my account, and on explaining my circumstances, you said you would take my note of hand.—Mr. Bearns called and said he would pay the money on the following morning. He came back the same evening with the money.—You said it was no matter, your account with me was settled. He still pressed the money on you, and insisted on paying it.

Mr. Bearns wanted an assignment from me in blank of the sum due for the trade—you [Mr. Robinson] advised me not to give him a blank assignment; and after hearing of Mr. Bearns' neglect to remit [the dividends], you advised me to assign to DeLannoy and Nash direct.

The statement I have put in to-day contains a correct account of all I have received on account of the partnership business. I entered on the partnership books everything I received on account of the trade to the best of my knowledge and belief.—It is a correct account. The 400*l*. which I was to put into the trade, my father put in for me, and to repay him I wished to make the assignment to DeLannoy and Nash. Mr. Bearns since I have been in jail, has given me notice of dissolution of partnership.—He swore in Court he was not a partner of mine.—The notice Mr. Bearns gave, was a few days back. I

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told Bearns nothing of the assignment, and my object in making it direct was to prevent Bearns having anything to do with it. I thought DeLannoy & Nash would not get the money if it got into Bearns hands. Perchard has been served with an appearance from the Court of Chancery in England.

The mortgage for the 1200^l was to me personally, and not to J. Nash & Co.—and Perchard's action was against me personally. Mr. Bearns was by our agreement to be a dormant partner, and his name has never appeared—I was to have the management.—It was with Mr. John Ryan alone I had the transactions on which his judgment arose. The amount of Perchard's verdict is the whole of his claim on me. If he got that, he offered to give me a bill for the balance in Chancery.

(Mr. Bearns obtains leave to explain an answer of Witness affecting the question of the dissolution of partnership. Mr. Robinson admits that in a conversation in his office, Mr. Bearns stated in a low tone that the partnership had been dissolved. Mr. Nash did not deny it—can't say that he heard Mr. Bearns.)

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS IN CHAMBERS.

IN CHAMBERS.

Tuesday, July 25th, 1841.

In the matter of the Petition of John Nash, of St. John's, Merchant, to be declared Insolvent and discharged from custody under Colonial Act 4, W. 4, c. xi,

Defendant in custody under a *Ca. Sa.* on a judgment at the Suit of John Ryan, having filed his Schedules &c. and given and published the proper notices, was this day brought up for examination—Mr. Robinson acting as Counsel for him.

The Petitioner was sworn and examined as to his Debts and Credits,—and cross-examined on behalf of Thomas Bearns, a Creditor, by Mr. Hoyles—and on behalf of Richard Perchard, a Creditor, by Mr. Row.

Messrs. Row and Hoyles argue against the discharge of Prisoner, on the ground of fraud in making a preferable assignment to DeLannoy and Nash, and on account of the inaccuracy of his Schedule.—Mr. Robinson replies that the opposing Creditors had solicited the same preference from the Petitioner, and that the Assignment was executed by the Petitioner by the advice of him (Mr. R.) as his Counsel.

The *Chief Justice.*—That without reference to the manner in which the Schedule had been prepared, the Petitioner had been guilty of gross fraud, and cannot therefore have the benefit of the Act.

Petitioner Remanded.

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REPORT

OF SELECT COMMITTEE (WITH MINUTES OF EVIDENCE) UPON THE PETITION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIGHT HOUSE ON THE WADHAM ISLANDS.

See Journal, page—

The Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Tucker and others, Inhabitants of Fogo and its vicinity, praying for a grant of money for the purpose of erecting a Light House on the outer Wadham Island, beg leave to Report to your honourable House that having taken evidence on the matter contained in such Petition, which evidence is hereto annexed, and to which the Committee beg to refer, and having given the prayer of the same their fullest consideration, they find that in consequence in a great measure of the want of a Light House on one of the Wadham Islands (a line of coast of a character highly dangerous to navigation) great loss of life and property by shipwreck thereon has heretofore occurred, and unless means be taken to prevent such calamities in future will again occur, and that as the Wadham Islands are directly in the track of all vessels bound to the Northward from any of the Eastern or Southern parts of this Island, they are entirely of opinion that the erection of a Light House on the outer Wadham Island should be of great benefit not only to a very large foreign Trade carried on from the Northern parts of the Colony, but to all Boats and Vessels in the habit of frequenting that part of the Coast or employed in the Seal or Labrador Fisheries, and would be the means of saving much property and many valuable lives.

Your Committee also respectfully beg leave to call the attention of the House to the Report of the Commissioners of Light Houses now lying on the table of the House, in which the erection of the Light House in question is strongly recommended.

Your Committee therefore respectfully beg leave strongly to recommend to your honourable House that the prayer of the said Petition should receive your most favourable consideration.

JOHN SLADE,

Chairman.

Committee Room, April 23, 1844.

EXAMINATION OF THOMAS KNIGHT.

That he has been trading since 1828 in Green Bay. That he has since that time been constantly going to and fro between St. John's and different parts of Notre Dame Bay.

That he is aware that numerous vessels have been lost on these Islands, and that he has experienced himself the dangers thereof.

That if a light was erected on the Offer Wadham Island, a vessel might at any time take either the run between that Island and Small Island, or between the latter Island and James Island. That a vessel if embayed might take either of these runs, when she could not by any other means clear the dangers with which these Islands are surrounded.

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That the Offer Wadham Islands is the only one of these Islands in which there is a Harbour, and that he (Mr. K.) has seen twenty fishing boats in this Harbour, and that it is a very good and safe one.

That the nearest main land is Ragged Harbour Point, distant about 15 miles, and that between the Wadhams and the main land there are numerous sunken rocks, and which makes the run extremely dangerous, and only to be attempted during daylight.

That a Light House erected on the Wadham Islands would enable the Mariner to avoid all dangers, not only of the Wadhams, but also those of the Little Fogo and Barrack Islands.

That such a Light would also be of great advantage to all vessels going to and returning from the Labrador, as also to all vessels engaged in the Seal Fishery.

Committee Room, Tuesday, }
April 23d 1844. }

THOMAS KNIGHT.

EXAMINATION OF JOHN SLADE.

That during the last *four* years no less than *fourteen* vessels have been lost on the Wadham Islands, and several souls perished.

That a Light House erected on the Wadham Islands would not only prevent a repetition of such losses on these Islands, but would also enable the mariner to avoid the dangers of the Little Fogo and the Barrack Islands.

That the Wadham Islands are surrounded with sunken rocks and shoal ground. The principal dangers being a rock bearing E. S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E., distant $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Offer Wadham Island, and another small rock bearing S. S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E., distance $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles from Peckford's Island.

That between the Wadham Islands and the Strait Shore there are numerous sunken rocks.

That a Light House erected on these Islands, would enable a vessel, if embayed, to take the Wadhams run, between Small Island and James' Island, and find good anchorage either in Seldom-come-by or Stag Harbour Tickle, and thus save in many instances both vessels and crew.

That a Light House erected on the Wadham Island would not only be a beacon to the large number of vessels engaged in the Foreign Trade, but also the numerous class of vessels employed in the Coasting Trade between the different Harbours to the Northward and the Southern parts of the Islands, as well as to all vessels going to and returning from the Labrador.

That the erection of such a Light would also be of inestimable value to all vessels engaged in the Seal Fishery, many of which have been lost on these Islands. Moreover, at present, should any seamen of such lost vessel effect a landing on any of these Islands they may often perish before they could possibly leave the Island.

That the Offer Wadham Island is the only one of the whole of the Wadham Islands in which there is any Harbour.

That the Offer Wadham Island contains a small Harbour, in which small craft of from twenty-five to thirty tons may ride in safety. This Island is well supplied with water.

That the nearest land is Cape Fogo, about 10 miles distant, bearing about West from the Offer Wadham. There is also a good Harbour called Seldom-come-by, distant about 16 miles. Cape Freels is about 30 miles.

St. John's, April 23d, 1844.

JOHN SLADE.

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[Copy.]

St. John's, Feb. 2, 1841.

SIR,—The Commissioners of Light Houses have had under their consideration the Petition of the inhabitants of the district of Fogo, in reference to the establishment of a Light House on the Wadham Islands.

The Commissioners beg to observe that in the subject matter of that Petition they have to express their fullest concurrence.

The usefulness of such an establishment has not been by any means exaggerated in the Petition referred to—and besides the advantages there set out, the very great value of a Light in that vicinity to the Sealing Vessels of the Island generally, seems to the Commissioners to form strong additional grounds why this application should meet with the most favourable attention of the Legislature.

I have, &c.,

THOMAS BENNETT, *Chairman.*

Hon. J. CROWDY.

REPORT

From a Committee of the Executive Council on the means it may be expedient to adopt for the protection of the Fisheries on the South West Coast of the Island.

The Committee appointed to consider what means it may be expedient to adopt for preserving the Caplin on the South West Coasts of this Island, beg leave to report as follows :

1st.—That Caplin, in common with other produce of the Fisheries, can only be exported to any Foreign Port from the Free Ports appointed by or under the " Possessions Abroad" Act, (St. John's and Harbor Grace,) except in British Ships.

2d.—That no Boat or Ship, can for this purpose be deemed to have the privileges of a British Ship, unless duly registered—unregistered Boats or Vessels, under Fifteen Tons, being only admitted to be British Vessels in Navigation in Rivers and upon the Coasts and not proceeding over Sea, except within the limits of the Colonial Government—and unregistered Boats or Vessels under Thirty Tons are so admitted only so long as they shall be solely employed in Fishing on the Banks and Coasts of this Island and parts adjacent.

3rd.—That by the Navigation Act, all Goods exported contrary to the Law of Navigation are forfeited, and the Master of the Vessel forfeits £100.

4th.—That Vessels exporting Caplin are as subject to entry at the Customs as those exporting any other produce of the Fishery, and the Custom House Regulations of the " Possessions Abroad" Act consequently apply to them.

5th.—That by the 26th Geo. 3, Cap. 26, sec. 14, it was enacted that it should not be lawful for any person or persons residing in or carrying on Fishery in the Island of Newfoundland, or on the Banks thereof, *there* to sell, barter, or exchange, any Ship, &c. or tackle, &c., or Seines, &c., or any kind of Bait whatsoever used, or which might be used in the catching of Fish,—or any kind of Fish, Oil, Blubber, Seal Skins, Peltry,

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Fuel, Wood, or Timber,—to or with any person or persons whatsoever, other than the subjects of his Majesty, his heirs and successors.

Your Committee apprehend that the trade in Caplin is at present entirely carried on by unregistered boats, employed in the Fishery, and that the people who enterprise it are not aware of the Law they so openly violate. They are therefore of opinion that if the Laws which forbid exportation in such boats were promulgated, and if a duty were laid on all Caplin exported, and the vessels and boats exporting it were compelled to make Entry at the Custom House, much of the mischief complained of might be prevented—but in any case one or more small vessels on the Coast would be necessary, as well to enforce the existing Laws as to give effect to any further measures your Excellency may seem fit to adopt.

PETITION

OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. (See Journal, page 59.)

*To the Honourable the General Assembly of Newfoundland,
in Legislative Session convened.*

The Petition of the undersigned President, Vice Presidents, Officers, and Committee of the Newfoundland Agricultural Society, humbly sheweth,—

That your Petitioners in again supplicating the bounty of your Honourable House, on the part of the above-named Society, desire in the first place to express their grateful thanks for the liberal grant of £150, which, upon the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, your Honourable House was last year pleased to make in aid of the Society's Funds.

Your Petitioners now beg leave to inform your Honourable House that the aforesaid grant has enabled the Society to take active measures for carrying out some of the objects for which it was instituted,—viz: the importation of genuine Seeds, and useful Implements of Husbandry of a more effective description than had hitherto been in use, whilst it has also enabled them to offer certain Premiums which must tend to create a competition, and to excite an emulation among the industrious cultivators of the soil, and the breeders of Farming Stock, which your Petitioners trust will, at no distant period, produce very beneficial results to the Colony and its Inhabitants.

That your Petitioners in thus addressing the Assembled Legislature of the Colony, aware of the deep interest which every individual Member of your Honourable House cannot but feel in the prosperity of its Agriculture, and in the welfare and happiness of the people, deem it quite unnecessary to enlarge upon the substantial and lasting benefits which all classes of the inhabitants may reasonably expect to derive from the successful prosecution of that improved system of cultivation which it is one of the principal objects of the Society, of which your Petitioners are Members, to introduce into this Colony.

Looking to the beneficial change which the Land Bill, now in progress through your Honourable House may possibly effect in the physical condition of this Island, your Petitioners are impressed with the conviction that the operations of the Society will, under proper and efficient management, greatly assist in acquiring for Newfoundland that Agricultural character, which from its Soil, Climate, and Geographical position it seems justly entitled to claim.

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That it being the policy, as well of the Imperial Parliament as of the respective Legislatures of all the British North American Colonies to protect and encourage Agriculture as the legitimate source and foundation of all wealth, your Petitioners have the greatest confidence that your Honourable House will be disposed favourably to entertain this their application for a further grant from the Colonial Treasury.

Your Petitioners in herewith respectfully submitting a statement shewing the manner in which the Society's funds have been expended, beg to state that a large item of the expenditure has been incurred for fitting up a suitable Room (the want of which had been much felt) for the holding of their periodical meetings, and the due transaction of business; and your Petitioners trust that your Honourable House will regard the appropriation of the Society's funds (as shewn by the said statement) as both prudent and judicious, and as indicative of the Society's desire so to conduct its affairs as that the greatest possible good may result from their operations in proportion to the means at their disposal.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honourable House to take the premises into your consideration, and that viewing the Agricultural Society of Newfoundland as an Institution destined to co-operate with the Legislature in developing the resources of the Colony, and therefore deserving the support and protection of the Local Government, will make such grant in aid of its funds as may seem meet and proper.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

A. W. DESBARRES, President.
 PATRICK MORRIS }
 T. BENNETT, } Vice Presidents.
 H. P. THOMAS, }
 JOS. NOAD, }
 R. JOB, Treasurer.
 J. TEMPLEMAN, Secretary.
 JAS. CLIFT,
 HENRY HUNT STABB.

St. John's Nfld. Feb. 7, 1844.

STATEMENTS

Of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Newfoundland Agricultural Society to the 31st January, 1844.

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Amount of First Year's Subscriptions	£61	2	6
" Second ditto	24	10	0
Grant from the Local Legislature	173	1	7
Amount received for Implements and Seeds sold	41	14	2
	£300	8	3

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DISBURSEMENTS.

For the Museum at sundry times	£42	10	0
Premiums at Two Ploughing Matches and other expenses	28	15	6
Freight of Implements and Seeds from England	7	9	8
Sundry Contingent Expenses for Printing, Postages &c.	11	4	5
Remitted to England for Seeds and Implements imported last Spring and to be imported in the present	114	0	0
Secretary's Salary	25	0	0
For fitting up the Society's Room	50	5	1
Balance remaining	21	3	7
	£300	8	3

ROBERT JOB, Treasurer, }
J. TEMPLEMAN, Secretary, } *Agricultural Society.*

PETITION OF JOSEPH TEMPLEMAN, Esq.

(See Journal, page 100.)

To His Excellency Major General
Sir John Harvey, K. C. B. and
K. C. H. Governor and Comman-
der-in-Chief, &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of Joseph Templeman of the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Humbly Sheweth,—

That Your Excellency's Petitioner has been upwards of Thirty Years in the Service of the Government of this Colony.

That finding his present Salary wholly inadequate to the decent support and education of his numerous family, he feels constrained to appeal to your Excellency and to solicit your Excellency's recommendation that some addition should be made to it by the General Assembly now in session.

That conceiving that the fact of his having been so many years in the service of the Crown, and having zealously and faithfully discharged the duties of his office (which since the establishment of the Local Legislature has occasioned him much additional labour) to be sufficient to entitle him to look for the indulgence of the Government, he humbly submits his case for your Excellency's consideration in the confident hope that he will be deemed deserving of it.

Your Excellency's Petitioner will only further occupy your attention by stating that the pressing demands upon him for the education and support of his Family alone prompt him, at this moment, to appeal to Your Excellency, and that he can confidently

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rely on the Honourable the Colonial Secretary's disposition to recommend his claim in the most favourable terms to your Excellency's notice.

The circumstance of your Petitioner having been for so long a period in the service of the Government in this Colony, being within the personal knowledge of many of the Members of the General Assembly, will he trusts be sufficient, with your Excellency's recommendation, to ensure a favourable reception of his petition and a liberal consideration of his claim, and he therefore with great confidence submits it to that honourable Body.

And Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

J. TEMPLEMAN.

St. John's, 6th February, 1844.

 THE PETITION OF JOSEPH TEMPLEMAN.

(See Journal, page 100.)

*To His Excellency Major General
Sir John Harvey, K. C. B. and
K. C. H. Governor and Comman-
der-in-Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That Your Excellency's Petitioner having in common with many other persons felt the great want of an Almanack calculated for this Colony, was induced to commence the publication of such a work (for the year 1840) which he had every reason to believe would prove useful not only to individuals but to the various departments of the Colonial Government.

That although the expense of printing the said Almanack had exceeded the proceeds, he continued the publication on the following year in the hope that as it became more generally known its circulation would increase—but in this hope your Petitioner was disappointed as the proceeds a second time fell short of the expense of Printing.

That in consequence of this disappointment and loss your Excellency's Petitioner had intended to discontinue such publication, had not your Excellency soon after your assumption of the Government been pleased to express yourself in terms which induced your Petitioner to abandon that intention, and encouraged him to prepare to publish the Almanack for the following year, in the confident hope that in the event of his again sustaining any loss your Excellency would recommend that some compensation should be made to him.

That having, in full confidence of receiving such compensation, continued the publication down to the present time, your Petitioner regrets to have to state that he is still a loser by it independently of his loss of time and labour.

Your Excellency's Petitioner respectfully submits the annexed statement by which it will be seen that the aggregate expense of printing the Newfoundland Almanack has exceeded that of the proceeds, arising from the very limited circulation and from the season of the year at which the work has to be published operating much against its circulation in the Outports.

Your Excellency's Petitioner humbly conceiving that in publishing such a work—

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undertaken rather with a view to its proving of general utility (especially to the Government) than as a source of profit to himself, it could not be desired that he should be subjected to any pecuniary loss, or that his time and mental labour should be unrecompensed—which it would still have been, even though the limited impression of each year had all been disposed of.

As in a great degree connected with the foregoing subject, your Petitioner would respectfully beg further to trespass upon your Excellency's attention, by stating that for many years past he has been in the practice of keeping a Register of his Meteorological Observations in this Island—that latterly a copy of such Register has been supplied in obedience to directions from her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies—(see Lord Glenelg's Circular of Nov., 1838, hereto annexed)—that the keeping of said Register requires constant and undeviating care and attention, and the furnishing of copies much time and labour, that he has from time to time been put to great expense in procuring valuable Instruments, and in replacing such as have been accidentally broken or put out of order, (which has frequently happened) that the information collected by your Petitioner has been of great service to various Public Institutions and scientific individuals, and that he has reason to believe that the facts and information he has recorded, will at some future period, prove of much value, and probably assist in leading to some important discoveries in Meteorological science.

Wherefore your Excellency's petitioner respectfully submits the foregoing statement for favourable consideration, and humbly prays that your Excellency will be pleased to recommend him to the General Assembly for such liberal compensation as he may appear to deserve, as well for the loss he has sustained in the publication of the Newfoundland Almanac as aforesaid, as for the time and labour he has devoted to it, and further, that your Excellency will at the same time submit the propriety of granting a small sum, to be placed at your Excellency's disposal, to remunerate your petitioner for the scientific information he is required to furnish to her Majesty's Government as aforesaid, as also to reimburse him the expenses of procuring and repairing from time to time, the various instruments he is obliged to provide,

And as in duty bound, Petitioner will ever pray.

J. TEMPLEMAN.

St. John's, 7th February, 1844.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING PETITION.

YEAR.	EXPENSE OF PRINTING ALMANAC.	PROCEEDS REALIZED.
1840.	£10	£10 14
1841.	15	12 2 6
1842.	15	20 13 9
1843.	20	15 17 9
1844.	22 10	none yet received.
	£60	£59 8 0

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CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 29th November, 1838.

Sir,

I transmit to you a copy of a work lately published by Lieutenant Colonel Reid, of the Royal Engineers, entitled "the Law of Storms"—the object of the work is to develop, with a view to practical uses in navigation, the Laws by which Storms and variable winds are governed—In order to make an enquiry of its nature truly useful, it is essential, that the facts connected with such Phenomena should be collected and arranged over an extended surface, and that accurate records of them should be kept by persons whose education and scientific or professional avocations enable them to estimate the value of such records.

It has been suggested to me, that such records could be most easily obtained, and the enquiries on which Colonel Reid has entered be most advantageously followed up, by inviting the co-operation of Captains of Ports, Masters of Light Houses, Harbour Masters, and others whose professional pursuits naturally lead to the observation of Atmospheric Phenomena.

A perusal of the enclosed work will convince you of the interest and importance of this enquiry, and I feel assured that you will be anxious to do all in your power for its promotion.

I would therefore request you to communicate with such Officers or private individuals in the Colony under your Government, as may appear to you best qualified to furnish information on the subject, pointing out to them the service which they would render to science by keeping Journals of such Phenomena as may come under their respective observations.

The form in which such Journals should be kept is suggested in the Memorandum herewith enclosed.

If you should succeed in setting on foot a system of observation, you will have the goodness to transmit to her Majesty's Government, half yearly, an abstract of the Journals at your command ; and I would suggest that you should endeavour as much as possible to obtain authentic information of the same nature from the Foreign Countries in your neighbourhood.

I request to be informed of the measures which you may adopt for carrying this instruction into effect.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

GLENELG.

Captain Prescott, R. N. C. B.

MEMORANDUM

Respecting the Records to be kept of the state of the Weather in the British Colonies.

The Captains of Ports, Harbour Masters, and Keepers of Light-houses, or, where those Offices do not exist, some other competent Public Functionary, should be required to keep Journals of the Weather, on the principle of the Log-Books of Ships.

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A column should be specially reserved, for inserting the height of the **Barometer.**

Under the head of "Remarks," should be entered all **Meteorological observations** considered worthy of particular notice.

When the **Keeper of a Journal** may hear that a **Vessel** has encountered a storm, he will enter in it any information on the subject which he can rely on, together with the name of the **Ship**, of her **Owner**, and of the port to which she may belong.

With the view of tracing the course of storms, the **Trinity Board of London** have given directions for the adoption of measures to obtain a more accurate **Record** of the state of the **Weather** than has hitherto been kept, at the **Light-houses of Great Britain and Ireland.**

The **Keepers of these Lights** having the opportunity of taking their observations by night as well as by day, great advantage may be derived from employing them in this manner. **Officers in charge of Colonial Light-houses** should be instructed to keep similar **Journals.** In noting the **Wind's force**, both in the **Harbour Master's Journals**, and in the **Light-house Reports**, it is desirable that the **Officers** should adopt the numbers for noting the strength of the **Wind** now in use at **Greenwich Observatory**, and about to be introduced at the **Light-houses** under the **Trinity Board.**

In the cases of **St. Helena and Ascension**, it is desirable that more precise information should be obtained by observation respecting the "**Rollers**" at those **Islands.** As the object of **Her Majesty's Government** in instituting these enquiries is the advancement of knowledge and science generally, the **Governors of the several British Colonies** will consider how far it may be in their power to obtain useful information bearing on the subject from **Countries adjoining to their Governments** in the possession of **Foreign Powers**, or how far it may be useful to the study of **Meteorology** to exchange the **Observations** made within their **Governments** for those of other **Countries** in the neighbourhood.

If at any time desired, there would be no objection to the publication in the **Colonial Newspapers** of extracts from the **Journals.**

A measure of the Wind's force, as regards its strength, to be inserted in the Log Books of Ships, has been proposed by the Hydrographer to the Admiralty, Captain Beaufort; and the concise mode of inserting this measure, and his description of the weather, lately adopted at Greenwich Observatory, are such great improvements, that they are annexed:—

FIGURES TO DENOTE THE FORCE OF THE WIND.

0 denotes Calm.

1—Light air	just sufficient to give	Steerage way.
2—Light Breeze . . .	} with which a well-conditioned man-of-war, under all sail, and clean full, would go in smooth water, from	1 to 2 knots
3—Gentle Breeze . . .		3 to 4 knots
4—Moderate do . . .		5 to 6 knots
5—Fresh Breeze . . .		Royals, &c.
6—Strong Breeze . . .	} in which the same ship could just carry close hauled	Sidgle-reefs and top-gallant sails
7—Moderate Gale . . .		Double-reefs, jib, &c.
8—Fresh Gale		Triple do. courses, &c.
9—Strong gale		Close-reefs and courses

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10—Whole Gale	} with which she could only bear	} Close-reefed main topsail and reef- ed foresail.		
11—Storm			} with which she would be reduced to	} Storm stay-sails
12—Hurricane . . . . .					} to which she could shew	} No canvas

If the following mode of expression were adopted, the state of the wind, as well as its direction, might be regularly marked, every hour, in a narrow column on the log-board.

LETTERS TO DENOTE THE STATE OF THE WEATHER.

- B denotes Blue Sky.—Whether with clear or hazy atmosphere.
 C —Cloudy—*i. e.* Detached opening clouds.
 D —Drizzling rain.
 F —Fog.—F thick fog.
 G —Gloomy dark weather.
 H —Hail.
 L —Lightning.
 M —Misty or hazy—so as to interrupt the view.
 O —Overcast—*i. e.* The whole sky covered with one impervious cloud.
 P —Passing showers.
 Q —Squally.
 R —Rain—*i. e.* continuous rain.
 S —Snow.
 T —Thunder.
 U —Ugly threatening appearance in the weather.
 V —Visibility of distant objects.—Whether the sky is cloudy or not.
 W —Wet dew.
 - —Under any letter denotes an—Extraordinary degree.

By the combination of these letters, all the ordinary phenomena of the weather may be recorded with certainty and brevity.

PETITION OF C. AYRE, ESQ.

(See Journal, page 100.)

To His Excellency Major General
 Sir John Harvey, K. C. B. and
 K. C. H. Governor and Comman-
 der-in-Chief, &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of CHRISTOPHER AYRE of the Colonial Secretary's Office.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That Your Memorialist entered the Service of the Government so long since as the year 1808.

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That in conjunction with his present Office, he held that of Deputy Clerk of the Council from the Establishment of the Legislature in 1833 until by an act of the Imperial Parliament the Council and House of Assembly were united.

That the situation of your Memorialist, so far as it regards the Legislative Council, from which he derived emoluments to the extent of £125 per annum has consequently ceased to exist.

That the loss occasioned to your Memorialist by his being deprived of his situation in the Council has caused great inconvenience and embarrassment to your Memorialist, who, some years since, in the belief that an income at least equal to that he then had would be continued to him by the Government, effected an insurance on his life (as a future provision for his children) and made other pecuniary arrangements which he is still called on to fulfil.

That the situation of Deputy Clerk of the Council was given to your Memorialist by Governor Sir Thomas Cochrane in order that his emoluments might be increased.

That in 1834 when Sir Thomas Cochrane quitted the Colony it was his intention to have appointed your Memorialist to a more lucrative situation than he then held, and to which he considered him entitled, as will appear from the annexed testimonial.

That persuaded as your memorialist is that Your Excellency will think it a great hardship to your Memorialist to have his comparatively small income reduced after a servitude approaching to Thirty-four years, more especially with the written and unsolicited testimonial of Sir Thomas Cochrane before referred to,—He humbly prays that Your Excellency may be pleased, under the circumstance stated, to recommend to the Legislature either that his usual annual allowance as Deputy Clerk of the Council may be continued to him until there shall again be a Legislative Council, or that an equivalent may be made to his present Salary as Clerk in the Office of the Colonial Secretary (where he has been nearly 20 years) to which he trusts his past "conduct and long services entitle him."

All which is most respectfully submitted.

CHRISTOPHER AYRE.

St. John's, 3d January, 1844.

Copy.

Mr. AYRE first came under my command in the year 1822, and remained with me until my Ship was paid off in October, 1824. From his diligence and good conduct I brought him with me to this country, in which he has filled the situations of Clerk, *Assistant Secretary*, and now that of *Private Secretary*, and it was my intention to avail myself of the first favorable opportunity of placing him in a more permanent and advantageous situation, to which I consider his good conduct and long services entitle him.

Given under my hand at Government
House, Newfoundland, 1st
November, 1834.

(Signed)

THOMAS COCHRANE.

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PETITION OF G. H. EMERSON.

To the Honourable the Legislature of
Newfoundland, at present convened.

The petition of George Henry Emerson, Esq., Barrister, sheweth,— That your petitioner presented a petition to your honourable House during its last session, (recommended by his Excellency the Governor) praying to be remunerated for services performed by your Petitioner professionally, for the last House of Assembly, and upon their special solicitation, the particulars of which services are set forth in the said petition, and to which your petitioner prays that your honourable House will refer.

That your Petitioner respectfully informs your honourable House that the amount now claimed by, and due to him from the Country, is one hundred and forty pounds, fifteen shillings, stg., as will appear by the annexed account, one hundred and thirteen pounds ten shillings of which were voted to him more than once, by the representative branch of the late Assembly, and the remainder being costs originally taxed by the Court against the Plaintiff in the cause to which the account particularly refers, and only now claimed in consequence of the judgment upon which such taxation was had being reversed, thereby leaving your petitioner to be paid by the Country which employed him.

Your petitioner therefore most respectfully prays that your honourable House will give to this his claim a favourable consideration, and grant to him payment for services actually performed upon public faith, and public credit.

And as in duty bound, your petitioner will ever pray.

GEORGE H. EMERSON.

St. John's, Feb. 1st, 1844.

THE HON. THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NEWFOUNDLAND,

TO GEORGE HENRY EMERSON.

1837.—Amount of account furnished in the case of Benjamin Greer Garrett vs. Patrick Morris	£23	8	8	
Amount of account furnished in the cause of Henry John Boulton vs. Patrick Morris, John V. Nugent, and John Kent	25	6	10	48 15 6

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

William Carson, and others Defts. }
Ats. }
Edward Kielley, Plff. }

1839.—Drafting pleas, writing and preparing original pleas to file, and writing and preparing copy of the same for Plaintiff's Attorney, 404 pages, at 2s. 6d. per page

50 10 0

Carried forward, £99 5 6

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Amount brought forward.....£99 5 6

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Thomas Beck, Deft. }
Ats. }
Edward Kelley, Plff. }

Drafting pleas, writing and preparing original pleas to file, and writing and preparing copy of the same for Plaintiff's Attorney, 84 pages, at 2s. 6d. per page	£10 10 0
General retaining fee in both suits, 50 guineas	52 10 0
	£162 5 6

Sterling.

April 1st, 1844.

LETTER

From Mr. S. Lawler, J. P. at Fogo, representing the necessity of a Lock-up-House, &c. at that place,

Copy.

Fogo, 4th December, 1843.

Sir,

I have to request you would be pleased to represent to His Excellency the Governor that the application I made to Governor Prescott in November, 1836, for a Lock-up-House at this place, and which His Excellency was pleased to say in reply, would be submitted for the consideration of the Legislature, has not yet been granted.

And I further request that you will also represent to His Excellency that a Court House is likewise wanted here, there not being any suitable place at present for the Circuit Judge to hold his Court. In confirmation of which I beg to refer to the Honorable Judge DesBarres and Lilly, as well as to Mr. Slade the member for the District.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

S. LAWLER, J. P.

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REPORT OF REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS REQUIRED TO BE MADE ON THE LOCK UP HOUSE AT CARBONEAR, AND ESTIMATE OF EXPENSE

[Copy.]

N.C.

REPORT.

WE the undersigned Justices of the Peace having inspected the Lock-up House at Carbonear, with reference to its being put in proper condition for holding Courts of Session, are of opinion that the following repairs and additions are necessary, viz :—

Several new partitions.

A retiring room for the Magistrates.

Three or four new doors.

Cupboards for books and papers.

Magistrates Bench.

Clerk's desk, chairs and forms.

A large Franklin Stove and Funnels.

Painting inside and outside.

Glazing Windows.

Alterations in Keepers apartments, and sundry small repairs of the building.

We estimate that not less than one hundred pounds sterling would be sufficient to cover the cost of the above repairs and improvements.

(Signed,)

JAMES POWER, J. P.
ROBERT J. PINSENT, J. P.
ROBERT PACK, J. P.

LETTER
OF MR. BENNING WITH ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS OF COURT HOUSE AND GAOL, BURIN.

St. John's, March 29, 1844.

Sir,

I herewith enclose you a sketch of the necessary repairs to keep the Court House and Gaol of Burin in a state of safety.

A presentment of which was made by the Grand Jury and handed to Judge Lilly, last October, at the sitting of the Southern Circuit Court at Burin, with a request that he would lay it before the Governor.

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I have now to beg that you will lay this sketch before His Excellency for his favorable consideration, and that the small Sum of £120 sterling be appropriated for the necessary repairs and other Work of the Court House and Gaol of Burin. The said Court House and Gaol being built by the inhabitants at an expense of £2,300, and since its erection I confidently believe that the repairs have not cost the colony more than £100 sterling, about eight years back, for shingling, painting, &c.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obdt. Servant,

CLEMENT BENNING.

The Hon. JAMES CROWDY, Colonial Secretary, &c. &c. &c.

SUNDRY REPAIRS REQUIRED FOR THE COURT HOUSE AND GAOL AT
BURIN—1844.

New Cills wanted.

New Flooring for the Gaol.

The Cells to be secured, the Walls being of loose Stone and removed to the other side of the Building, the Windows of the Cells are exposed to the high road and cannot be opened for the admission of air.

A strong fence wanted round the Gaol and Garden that prisoners might be permitted to have air and exercise.

All the offices which nature requires must in the present state of the Building be performed in the Cells.

A Rail wanted across the Court House, seats for the Grand and Petit Juries, an alteration in the Jury Room, it being at present too small.

Repairing Window Caseing, &c.

Ditto Chimney's, Fire places, &c. &c.

CLEMENT BENNING.

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY AT TWILLINGATE.

[Copy.]

Northern Circuit Court, Twillingate.

We the Grand Jurors assembled in the Northern Circuit Court at Twillingate, feel that we should not be discharging our duty to the public if separated without presenting

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to your honourable Court the state of the Court House at Twillingate, and its total unfitness for those purposes for which it was intended.

Your honourable Court cannot but perceive the very great inconvenience to which the Grand and Petit Juries must necessarily be exposed to while considering any matter or thing submitted to them, being obliged to retire in the open air to conduct their deliberations, or to a private dwelling-house, the size and arrangements of the Court House being such as not to contain any but the Court Room; and indeed the insufficiency of the building cannot but be felt in other respects, as year after year have we, the Jurors, painfully witnessed the circumstance of the Judge of the Court being obliged in the open Court Room, and exposed to every one present, to robe himself before taking his seat on the Bench.

The place also for the confinement of the prisoners is so unsafe and insecure that with little or no difficulty could persons confined for offences escape from it, and thus crime go unpunished; nor can we help observing that we consider the site or situation of the building ill adapted for the public convenience.

We therefore submit the necessity of such means being adopted as may secure to this portion of the district a Court House situated and suited to the wants of the public, and embracing those ordinary conveniences which the service of the public require.

JOHN SLADE, *Foreman,*

Court House, Twillingate, 11th Sept., 1843.

PRESENTMENT BY THE GRAND JURY AT BONAVISTA.

[Copy.]

The Grand Jury of Bonavista on the 30th day of Sept., 1843, beg to present to the Court that they deeply deplore that the number of poor and infirm paupers to be found in this town and community are exceedingly great, and deplore that from the general poverty of the inhabitants of the place, there is not within itself any requisite or suitable provision for their relief, and would suggest that some portion of the public revenue, usually applied for the relief of the poor of the Island, may in future be applied for this purpose in Bonavista,

They also present that there is not in this large and populous town, any, even the commonest accommodation for the holding of the Courts of Justice, and administering the law of the land, and suggest that this evil be remedied by the erection of a Court House and Gaol, with such other erections and appurtenances as are necessary to this purpose.

They notice with great pleasure and satisfaction the improvements making and being made in the Streets and Roads of this place and its vicinity, and contemplate with peculiar pleasure the benefits and advantages resulting to the public from the same. The recent erection and completion of a Light House on Cape Bonavista engages their attention and regard, as of the utmost utility to the Trade and Fisheries of this neighbourhood and of the whole Island generally.

They notice that the safety of those navigating the seas depending so essentially on the efficiency and regularity of the operation of those Beacons, they are induced respectfully to suggest that the Government appoint Commissioners or Persons in the vic-

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nity, with authority to visit the Light House from time to time, and to aid and assist the Keeper thereof on any necessary occasion. At closing their sitting, the Jury take occasion to express their gratitude and thanks to the Newfoundland School Society for the use of their School House, without which this Session they fear would have been held in the open air. They hope, and respectfully request, that the Court will use its influence with the proper authorities in furtherance of the object herein requested.

ALEXANDER BREMNER, *Foreman.*

APPLICATION FOR AN ALLOWANCE FOR WINE FOR THE MESS OF THE
R. N. COMPANIES.

[Copy.]

Fort Townshend, }
5th Jan 1844. }

Sir,

I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Major General Commanding would be pleased to take into consideration the expediency of recommending that the Officers of the Royal Newfoundland Companies should as respects the remission of the duties imposed upon the Wines consumed by them be placed on a similar footing with the Officers of other Corps of the Army serving in the North American command.

The Major General is aware that by the general regulations and orders of the Army under the head of "Interior Economy," at page 124 and clause 9; an allowance of £25 per annum for each Troop and Company is granted by Her Majesty in aid of the expenses of the Officers' messes of corps in Great Britain and on certain stations. The principal objects of this allowance being to enable Regimental Officers of every rank to drink a moderate quantity of wine daily on reasonable terms, &c. &c.

Having, in the month of June 1840, applied to the Right Honourable the Secretary at War for an allowance to the Officers of this corps in conformity with the above regulations I received from his Lordship in reply a communication, a copy of which I have the honor to enclose, to the effect "that the mess allowance was not considered applicable to the North American command."

As the Officers serving in this colony are excluded from the benefit of the allowance in question by reason of certain Colonial advantages which they are *supposed* to possess in the shape of a remission of the duties on the wines consumed by them out of their mess cellar, but which is not the case. His Excellency will perceive that the officers of this corps have for a period of nearly twenty years' service in Newfoundland being labouring under greater disadvantages than those of other corps serving in North America; and I feel together with my brother officers, assured that as the disposition exists not only on the part of His Excellency, but also of the Colonial Legislature to remedy it if possible, the necessary steps will be adopted for bringing the subject under its early consideration with a view to obtain the remission now sought for,

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT LAW,

Major Commanding R. N. C.

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Extract from Her Majesty's Regulations and Orders for the Army.

"An allowance of £25 per annum for each Troop and Company is granted by her Majesty in aid of the expenses of the Officers' Messes of Corps in Great Britain and on certain Stations. The principal object of this allowance is to enable Regimental Officers of every rank, but more especially of the junior ranks, to enjoy the comfort and advantage which it is calculated to afford by placing it in the power of every individual to drink a moderate quantity of wine daily at or after dinner on reasonable terms, and such as his rate of pay may fairly justify."

[Copy.]

War Office, }
15th June, 1840. }

Sir,—In reply to your letter, dated 6th inst., applying for an allowance in aid of the expense of the Mess of the R. N. Companies, I am directed to acquaint you that the Mess allowance has never been considered to be applicable to the North American command.

I am to add that the same answer was given to a similar application from Lieut. Col. Sall, dated 29th Jan. last.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

L. SULIVAN.

Major Law, K. H., R. N. C.

**LETTER FROM THE MAGISTRATES OF HARBOUR GRACE REQUIRING
LAW BOOKS FOR THE COURT OF SESSIONS AT THAT PLACE.**

Copy.

Police Office, Harbor Grace, }
17th June, 1844. }

SIR,

We beg to represent to you for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that this office is destitute of the necessary Books of Law to enable us to discharge our duties with the clearness and certainty which our situation requires.

The Criminal Statutes of England are by the law of Newfoundland to come into operation in this country from time to time after the expiration of one year from the period of their enactment, and it therefore is absolutely necessary that we should be furnished with them, that we may be able to administer the law correctly; at present we possess no work of later date than 1836. There are also several Books of Law of a general and practical character, which it is very desirable that we should be supplied with.

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We beg to observe that a collection of Law Books, Statutes, &c., deposited in this Office would be very useful to the Judge and Crown Officers of the Circuit Court, as well as to the Magistrates,

We respectfully suggest that the sum of fifty pounds would be sufficient for the purchase of the Books and Statutes required.

We have, &c.,

(Signed)

THOMAS DANSON, J.P.
ROBERT J. PINSENT, J.P.

The Hon. JAMES CROWDY, Colonial Secretary.

COPY

of Letter from the Deputy Post Master, on the subject of the removal of the Post Office, and the high rent paid by him in consequence thereof.

[Copy.]

To His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, K.C.B., and K.C.H., &c. &c. &c.

The Memorial of William Simon Solomon, Deputy Post Master of Newfoundland, humbly sheweth,—

That many persons, chiefly of the Mercantile Body of this Town, have complained of the great inconvenience they suffered from the situation of the Post Office, and that to meet and remedy this your Excellency's Memorialist was induced to remove the establishment to the Stone Building lately erected in Duckworth-Street,

That in thus meeting the wishes of the Public, your Excellency's Memorialist has been subject to very heavy expenses, as well in paying a high advanced rent as in the immediate outlay consequent upon removing the Post Office and his family into a new building,

That by this arrangement great convenience has been afforded to the Trade and the Public, and safety to the Post Office Establishment, but at the same time your Excellency's Memorialist humbly submits that the advance of rent that he now must pay, amounting to £30 per annum, presses too heavily on his limited salary, which is already surcharged with the hire of an Assistant,

And now prays that your Excellency may be pleased to bring his case under the favourable consideration of the honourable the Colonial Legislature, or otherwise as your Excellency may seem meet, and your Excellency's Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed)

W. S. SOLOMON,

St John's, Newfoundland, }
27th January, 1844. }

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LETTER

from the Executors of the late Dr. Carson, claiming for the Doctors' Estate the allowance made to the other Members of the Assembly, in the last Session of the Legislature.

[Copy.]

St. John's, 5th Feb., 1844.

SIR,—The Executors of the late Dr. W. Carson request you will do them the favour to inform his Excellency the Governor that no provision was made in the last Session of the Legislature for payment to the estate of that Gentleman, of the allowance made to honourable Members of the House of Assembly, although the Doctor, as one of the Members for St. John's, was present at the opening of the Session—attended in his place for some time afterwards, and was only prevented by illness from continuing to do so—at his death, which occurred on the 26th February, the Session had considerably advanced, and his place in the House for the remainder of that Session was not supplied.

Under these circumstances the Executors conceive the Estate may be fairly considered as having a claim to such allowance, and should his Excellency concur in this opinion, they would most respectfully request that his Excellency will be pleased to bring the claim they have named under the consideration of the Legislature.

We have &c.

(Signed)

R. R. WAKEHAM,	} <i>Executors of the</i>	
T. B. JOB,		} <i>Estate of the late</i>
J. NOAD,			} Dr. Carson.

The Honourable James Crowdy, &c. &c. &c.

LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN OF DIRECTORS OF CARBONEAR GRAMMAR SCHOOL, REQUESTING A FURTHER GRANT.

[Copy.]

Carbonear, 17th October, 1843.

SIR,—I have been instructed by the Directors of the Carbonear Grammar School to acquaint the Governor that the Directors are unable, at present, to proceed in the erection of a Grammar School House at Carbonear, from having been obliged to purchase a suitable plot of land to build on. Tenders have been received, the lowest of which exceeded the funds in hands, one hundred pounds stg., the amount paid for the land and other contingencies. I beg most respectfully to solicit the favour of your laying this statement before the Governor, and to request his Excellency may be pleased to place the Board at Carbonear in a similar position with the Board of Harbour Grace, by causing them to be reimbursed the sum expended in the purchase of a site for the building, in order that they may be enabled to proceed with it.

I have &c.,

(Signed)

EDMUND HANRAHAN.

The Hon. James Crowdy, &c. &c. &c.

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LETTER FROM COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS RESPECTING FISHERY RETURNS.

[Copy.]

Custom House, St. John's, }
7th February, 1844. }

SIR,—Having received from each of the Sub-Collectors an account of the number of Vessels and Boats employed in the Fishery by residents in their respective districts, together with a return of the quantity and value of each description of Fish taken, I request you will submit these facts to the notice of the Governor, and that you will move his Excellency, that I may receive his instructions in respect to preparing a corresponding account and return for this district of the Colony. The account and return for the Port is already prepared.

In submitting these facts to his Excellency the Governor, I request you will have the goodness to state that in accordance with your circular letter to the resident Magistrates, those gentlemen rendered every assistance in their power to the Officers of this Department in preparing the account and returns in question.

If his Excellency should be pleased to direct me to prepare a general return of the Vessels and Boats employed, and of the quantity and value of the Fish taken, I would submit that it will be necessary to employ a competent person to visit Logy Bay, Torbay, Petty Harbour, and the other distant Sections of this district, and that according to the best of my judgment the attendant expense will be about twenty-five pounds sterling.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

J. M. SPEARMAN.

The honourable the Colonial Secretary.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF BOARD OF CONTROL.

Board of Control }
23rd March, 1844. }

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of His Excellency the Governor a memorandum of the incidental expenses of the Board with the several vouchers belonging thereto.

The Board has directed me to avail myself of this opportunity to request that you will have the goodness to bring under the favourable notice of His Excellency the very efficient and satisfactory manner, in which the important duties of Secretary to the Board have been discharged by Mr. J. B. Bulley. I have long since made known to you that Mr. Bulley was prevailed upon, at the instigation of the Board, to accept the responsible trust reposed in him, in consequence of the suggestion made by His Excellency, that as no provision had been made for the appointment of a Clerk, under the provisions of the Act 6 Vic., Cap. 4, the duties of this office had better be undertaken by a member of the Board.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

THOMAS BENNETT, Chairman.

The Hon. James Crowdy Colonial Secretary.

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CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

Messrs. McIver's account for Stationery, herewith marked A.	£2 16 7
Advertising in the St. John's Newspapers, accounts herewith marked B.	3 16 4
Carpenters account covering Desk and table, and putting up Pins for Files, as per account, marked C.	0 18 6
Rent of Office, including Fuel from 1st October to 31st March, 6 Months, at £20 Currency per annum.	10 0 0
Attendance of Man Cleaning and Lighting the Office, and as Messenger, 6 Months at £5.	2 10 0
	Cy. £20 1 5

E. E.

THOMAS BENNETT,

Chairman.

Board of Control, 23rd March, 1844.

LETTER

of St. John's Magistrates, with Accounts of Expenses of Collecting Assessed Rates in 1839.

[Copy.]

Police Office, St. John's, }
29th January. 1844. }

SIR,—We have the honour to enclose an account of expenses incurred attending the collection of Assessed Rates, in the year 1839, under the Colonial Acts of the 4th W. 4, Cap. 5; and 5th W. 4, Cap. 66.

We have &c.,
(Signed)

P. W. CARTER, J.P.
CHAS. SIMMS, J.P.

The Hon. James Crowdy, &c. &c. &c.

Mr. James Finlay, for District Assessment,

To John McCoubrey,

1838.

Sept. 26th.—To advertising respecting Assessments	£0 8 0
13 continuations	1 14 8
	£2 2 8

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Mr. James Finlay, for District Assessment,

To R. J. Parsons,

1843.

Dec. 31.—To amount of account furnished for advertising Fire Company
Assessment

£2 0 0

District Assessment

To Henry Winton,

Dr.

1839.

Sept. 1.—To 2 quires foot line Demy 7s.

£0 7 0

“ 2 quires Pott, 2s.—2 pencils, 1s. 2d.

0 3 2

“ 1 box Steel Pens

0 3 6

“ Advertising District Assessment, and continuations

3 12 0

£4 5 8

St. John's January, 1844.

District Assessment

To Ryan & Withers,

Dr.

1839.

Sept.—For advertising collection of District Assessment

£2 15 0

St. John's, January, 1844.

The Colonial Government

To the Proprietors of the Newfoundlander,

1839,

For advertising on account of Assessed Rates

£2 11 0

Sterling.

St John's, January 30, 1844.

A M O U N T

of expenses incurred attending the collection of Assessed Rates, under Acts 4, W. 4,
Cap. 5, and 5, W. 4, Cap. 6.

1839.

Sept.—To H. Winton for stationery and advertising, &c.,

£4 5 8

“ J. W. McCoubrey for advertising

2 2 8

Carried forward.....£6 8 4

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	Amount brought forward	£6	8	4
1839.				
Sept.—	R. J. Parsons for advertising	£2	0	0
	William Shea, do.	2	11	0
	Ryan & Withers do.	2	15	0
	H. W. Hoyles, Attorney, for attendance before the Judges to sustain the order of the Court of Sessions	3	3	0
	J. Finlay Collector of the Rates, calculating and making out the accounts, furnishing the same, and sundry other services	10	0	0
		Currency—£26 17 4		

(Approved,)

P. W. CARTER, J.P.
CHAS. SIMMS, J.P.

St. John's, January 7, 1844.

PETITION

OF EDWARD KIELLEY, Esq., AND ACCOUNTS OF COSTS INCURRED IN
THE SUIT OF *KIELLEY* versus *CARSON* AND OTHERS.

[See Journal, page)

To His Excellency Major General Sir John
Harvey, K.C.B., and K.C.H., Governor of
Newfoundland, &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of EDWARD KIELLEY, of St. John's, Surgeon—

Humbly Sheweth—

That in the year 1838 a verbal difference arose between Your Petitioner and the Hon. John Kent, in one of the Public Streets of Saint John's; that at that time the said Mr. Kent was member of the House of Assembly; that the said Mr. Kent reported to the said House of Assembly that Your Petitioner had committed a breach of the Privileges of the House, by the observations he had so made to him in the Street;—that the House came to the conclusion that Your Petitioner had committed a breach of Privilege in the said matter, and Your Petitioner was accordingly arrested by the Sergeant at Arms, and imprisoned, first at the house of the said Sergeant, and afterwards, by the further order of the said House of Assembly, in the Common Gaol of Saint John's; that after Your Petitioner had been some days in imprisonment he was brought before George Lilly, Esquire, Acting Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court, on a writ of Habeas Corpus, when he was discharged—the Judge deciding that the House of Assembly had no such privileges as they contended for;—that your Petitioner afterwards brought an Action at Law, in the Supreme Court of this Island, against the said John Kent and several other Members of the said House of Assembly, to recover dama-

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ges for the said arrest and false imprisonment ;—that the said Defendants pleaded the General Issue, and also a Special Plea admitting the said arrest and imprisonment, but justifying under the order of the said House of Assembly, and alleged that they were protected from such Action by the Privileges of the House ;—that issue at Law was taken on the said Plea of Justification ;—that the Chief Justice and Judge Des Barres gave judgment in favour of the said Defendants upon the Special Plea—Mr. Lilly dissenting therefrom ;—that your Petitioner felt aggrieved by the wrongs he had endured, and also was deeply impressed with the great importance to the Country at large of the question of Law at issue between him and the said Defendants ; and having been advised that the decision to which the majority of the Court had arrived respecting the alleged Privileges of the House was erroneous, Your Petitioner determined to appeal to the Queen ; and accordingly, in January, 1839, Your Petitioner appealed against the Judgment of the Supreme Court to the Queen, and specially retained a Barrister of this Colony, the Hon. Bryan Robinson, to proceed to England to carry on the Appeal ;—that the cause was sent by Her Majesty before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council ;—that the cause was considered by the Lords of Her Majesty's Judicial Committee, of so much importance as a public question, that it was ordered by the said Judicial Committee to be twice argued before the said Committee ; and after a lapse of nearly Four Years, the Judgment of the said Supreme Court was, on the 11th January, 1843, reversed ;—That the expenses incurred on behalf of Your Petitioner in maintaining the public question aforesaid, and conducting the said Appeal to final Judgment in England, have been very heavy, amounting in the whole to the sum of 960*l.* 16 7, as is more particularly specified in the accounts hereunto annexed ;—That Your Petitioner does not conceive he should be called upon to bear, out of his private resources, the expense of asserting and maintaining a great public question ; and whilst he does not ask that the Legislature of the Colony should pay any portion of the damages which may be awarded him for the wrong he has individually sustained, he humbly prays that the expenses he has incurred on account of the public importance of the said question, and to carry on the appeal, be repaid to him out of the Public Funds of the Colony.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that the sum of £960 16 7 Stg. so incurred by Your Petitioner, be repaid him by the Legislature, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

EDWARD KIELLEY.

St. John's, 25th Jan. 1844.

The Causes of KIELLEY vs. CARSON and others,
and KIELLEY vs. BECK,

Appealed from Supreme Court of Newfoundland to Queen in Council.

To EDWARD KIELLEY, Df.

1839.

Feb. 14—To amount of Fee to Mr. Bryan Robinson for going to England to conduct Appeal to Privy Council—and to pay all expenses of going, staying, and returning

£420 0 0

Carried forward £420 0 0

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Amount brought forward.....£420 0 0

Mar. 20—Retaining Fee paid by Mr. Robinson to Mr. Pemberton £5 5 0, and Clerk 11s.	5 16 0
June 25—Cash paid Messrs. Roy, Blunt, Duncan & Co. of London, Solicitors—costs and expenses to lodging appeal	89 12 0
Amount of Mr. Robinson's account for extra labour, professional services and disbursements, in preparing pleadings, in arguing causes before Judge Lilly, Central Circuit Court and Supreme Court, and completing documents for appeal	96 15 11
1843.	
Apl. 23—Cash paid postage of Judgment	0 12 0
Notes to Dr. Kielley from Mr. Robinson on subject of appeal	1 13 4
Amount of Messrs. Keightley & Co., account for conducting appeal to Final Judgment	295 10 0
Costs of Kielley vs. Kent and others, and Kielley vs. Beck, in Supreme Court	46 13 4
Amount of Counsel Fees, for moving Court for new panel, showing cause against change of venue, preparing Affidavits, and moving for reconsideration by Court of their Judgment	4 4 0
	4 4 0
	Sterling £960 16 7

BRYAN ROBINSON, Esq.
OF NEWFOUNDLAND:

To ROY, BLUNT, DUNCAN & JOHNSTON,

1839.	
April 2.—Attending you, considering merits of appeal from Newfoundland, and explaining course of proceeding—and you were to send us the papers for perusal	£0 6 8
3—Perusing and going through these papers, very long and special	1 1 0
4—Attending you in conference as to this case and explaining our views thereon, and as to the probable expense on both sides of prosecuting the appeal	0 13 4
8.—Perusing appeal papers, very long—attending you in conference thereon, and requesting to have copy Charter and instructions to Governor	0 13 4
9—Attending Mr. Robinson in conference upon the subject of this appeal, and upon his expressing a wish that the papers should be laid before Mr. Serjt Stephens instead of Mr. Austen, and conferring thereon	0 6 8
Perusing Royal Instructions and other papers	0 13 4
Instructions for petition of appeal to the Queen in Council	2 2 0
Drawing same—fo. 105	10 10 0
Engrossing same	5 5 0
Attending to lodge same	1 1 0
Paid at Privy Council	1 1 0

Carried forward—£23 13 4

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839	Amount brought forward	£23 13 4
April 9.—Drawing instructions for Counsel to peruse papers, and advise on proceedings, and fair copy		1 0 0
Fee to Mr. Serjt. Stephens therewith		5 15 6
Attending him		0 13 4
Attending to appoint Consultation at Mr. Serjt. Stephens' and afterwards apprising you		0 13 4
Fee to him and Clerk		5 15 6
Attending Consultation with Mr. Serjt. Stephens upon the subject of this appeal, when the matter was gone into, and he expressed his opinion to be in favour of the power of the Assembly to commit, but thought that the pleadings were bad		1 1 0
Perusing his written opinion, very long		0 13 4
18—Clerk attending him for papers required		0 3 4
19—Writing Mr. Robinson, with various papers required, and attendance		0 6 8
Attending to get petition to Council entered		0 13 4
Paid thereon		1 1 0
25—Writing letter to Mr. Robinson, postponing appointment till the morrow, and attendance		0 6 8
26—Attending Mr. Robinson in conference on Case for Appellant		0 13 4
Making Copy for alterations		0 15 0
Going through this Case as prepared by Mr. Robinson, and redrawing it, with various alterations therein		0 0 0
Attending Mr. Robinson in long conference on case as altered		0 13 4
Making Copy for him to revise		0 15 0
Writing therewith and attendance		0 6 8
Attending at Privy Council on Petition, when same referred to the Judicial Committee		2 2 0
Paid for Order of reference		3 2 6
May 2—Attending you upon your returning Case, and going 'thro' and revising same finally for Printer		0 13 4
Fair copy for Printer, and perusal		1 0 0
7—Writing letter to Mr. Robinson, explaining our objections to have the case printed without the name of a Barrister in this Country as having settled the reasons for appeal—fair copy and attendance		0 6 8
8—Drawing Instructions for Mr. Serjt. Stephens to settle case on appeal, and fair copy		0 10 0
Fee to him and Clerk therewith		5 15 6
Attending him with same		0 13 4
Attending at the Privy Council Office bespeaking Copy of a Petition that had been presented by the Respondents, asking for delay, and afterwards for same.		0 13 4
Paid for Copy		0 15 0
Writing letter to Mr. Robinson, with Petition and attendance		0 6 8
Perusing case as settled by Mr. Serjt. Stephens		0 13 4
14—Attending Mr. Robinson going through same		0 13 4

Amount carried forward £62 4 8

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1839.	Amount brought forward.	£	62	4	8
April 14—	Making Copy for Counsel to sign—4 sh.		1	6	8
15—	Attending Mr. Robinson in Devonshire Place, and upon Mr. Serjt. Stephens, in getting case signed		0	13	4
15—	Attending instructing Printer		0	13	4
18—	Going through and correcting the proof sheets of this case and examining them with the manuscript		0	13	4
	Attending Mr. Robinson on his correcting proofs, and conferring fully		0	13	4
	Attending Printer with corrected proofs, and ordering copies		0	13	4
May 20—	Writing letter to Mr. Witham, the Respondent's Solicitor, to know whether he would join us in an appendix		0	6	8
21—	Attending Mr. Robinson on the subject of these proceedings, and conferring fully		0	13	4
	Writing in reply to Mr. Witham on the subject of joining in the appendix, and explaining the reasons		0	6	8
22—	Going through papers and selecting those which would have to form the Appendix		0	13	4
	Drawing same—fo. 360		18	0	0
	Fair Copy		0	0	0
28—	Writing Mr. Robinson fully on the subject of the Appendix—fair copy and messenger		0	6	8
29—	Writing letter to Mr. Witham, handing him papers under seal, as requested		0	6	8
	Going through and settling documents forming appendix		1	1	0
31—	Attending Mr. Robinson thereon		0	13	4
	Fair copy for Printer		9	0	0
	Attending instructing him		0	13	4
June—	Revising proof		5	5	0
	Attending, returning and ordering copies, and for same		0	13	4
5—	Attending at Privy Council, lodging cases		0	13	4
	Paid lodging same		1	1	0
	Paid Printer's Bill		24	17	0
	Letters, Coach-hire and Messengers		1	1	0
			£132	9	8
			34	6	1
			£98	3	7
			15	2	10
			£83	0	9

The above deduction of £34 6 1, and that of £15 2 10 were made off the said Account by Messrs. Roy & Co., in consideration of much of the work being done by me, and the amount was paid by my order.

BRYAN ROBINSON.

June 25, 1839.

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Messrs. ROY, BLUNT & Co's, FURTHER CHARGES IN THE APPEAL FROM
NEWFOUNDLAND TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL IN KIELLEY v. CARSON,
1839.

June 6—Writing very fully in reply to Mr. Witham upon the subject of giving in an Appendix, and explaining the circumstances which prevented us from agreeing that he should be at liberty to add a further appendix on reading his papers	0 6 8
Attending at the Privy Council getting cases set down	0 13 4
Paid thereon	0 10 0
Paid further for copy Respondent's petition	0 5 0
10—Attending at the Privy Council with letter from Mr. Witham to us, to satisfy the Clerk of the Council that we had lodged an Appendix to our case through the non-concurrence of the Respondent's Solicitor, and he wished us to embody the communication in an affidavit, and file it at his office, and present a petition for the Respondent to bring in his case, on which he would obtain the necessary order for setting down the appendix <i>ex parte</i>	0 13 4
11—Instructions for affidavit that the Respondent's Solicitor had refused to join in the Appendix	0 13 4
Drawing same—fo. 6	0 12 0
Engrossing	0 6 8
Attending to swear	0 6 8
Paid Oath	0 1 6
Attending to lodge same in the Privy Council	0 13 4
Paid fee thereon	1 1 0
12—Instructions for Petition for Order on Respondents to lodge their case	0 13 4
Drawing same, fo. 5	0 10 0
Engrossing	0 5 0
Attending at the Privy Council therewith	0 13 4
Paid fee thereon	1 1 0
Fee on report to Judicial Committee	2 2 0
The like on their report	2 2 0
Paid for order on Respondent's to bring in their case	1 12 6
18—Making fair copy order for service	0 10 0
Attending on Mr. Witham in Gray's Inn, the Respondent's Agent, serving him with copy of the order	0 6 8
Attendances on Mr. Robinson afterwards, and on Messrs. Walmsley, handing over papers and taking receipt, and at the Privy Council for charges explaining that we were no longer concerned in the appeal	0 13 4
Paid coach hire, letters and messengers	0 10 0
	£17 1 4

This account was reduced by Messrs. Roy & Co. to £6 12 0, which amount was paid to them under my order.

BRYAN ROBINSON.

25th June, 1839.

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BRYAN ROBINSON, Esq.

To WALMSLEY, KEIGHTLEY & PARKIN.

1839.—KIELLEY & CARSON.

June 25.—Retaining fee	£	0	13	4
28.—Attending Messrs. Blunt, Roy & Co. as to delivering over the papers,—when they promised to have them properly Scheduled and delivered them to us		0	10	0
28.—Attending receiving the papers, and examining, and copy Schedule thereof, and signing same		0	10	0
Paid Cab-hire with papers		0	2	0
July 3.—Instructions for petition to change the Agent		0	6	8
Drawing and engrossing same		0	13	4
Attending Mr. Robinson at his lodgings, Devonshire Street, Portland Place, to get him to sign same		0	10	0
Attending to present petition		0	10	0
4—Attending at Messrs. Blunt, Roy and Co's to get their consent to dispense with lien on papers		0	10	0
Paid Cab-hire	0	2	0	
Instructions for affidavit	0	6	8	
Drawing and engrossing same		0	10	0
Attending to get sworn and paid oath		3	6	6
Attending at the Colonial Office therewith		0	10	0
Attending Court, order made		0	13	4
8—Copy and service on the Respondents of order to change the Agents		0	5	0
The like on Blunt and Co.		0	5	0
Aug. 6—Attending at the Privy Council Office to search if printed case brought in		0	19	0
Attending on Blunt Roy & Co. to get them to make affidavit of service of order for bringing in the Respondent's Case and taking instructions for affidavit		0	10	0
Drawing and engrossing affidavit		0	10	0
Paid oath and exhibits		0	4	0
Instructions for petition for a peremptory order to bring in the case		0	6	8
Drawing petition		0	6	8
Engrossing same		0	3	4
Attending to present same, and for order		0	10	0
Copy and service of order		0	5	0
The time having expired, search if case brought in		0	10	0
Attending Mr. Witham on his application for time to bring his case, and consenting to same		0	10	0
Attending Mr. Witham, perusing papers which he said would form part of his Appendix, and finding they were printed in the Appellant's Appendix we agreed that the Appellant's Appendix should be used by both parties		0	13	4
Drawing consent and Duplicate, and attending signing same		0	10	0
Session fee		3	3	0
Sept. 6—Letter to you, informing you that we had agreed with Mr Witham to join in the expense of printing the Appendix		0	5	0
9.—Letter to you with 12 Copies Case, and appointing to see you at 1 to-morrow		0	5	0
Omnibus		0	1	0

Amount carried forward £16 6 10

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1839	Amount brought forward.....	£16	6	10
Sept 10	—Attending you	0	10	0
11	—Writing Mr. Witham with account of the expenses	0	5	0
14	—Letter informing you Respondent's case was lodged, that we had exchanged copies with Mr. Witham, and that cause was set down, and with 3 copies of Respondent's case	0	5	0
	The Respondents having brought in their case, attending to set down, when in consequence of its not being brought in within the time limited by the peremptory order, it was necessary to present petition and make an affidavit accounting for the delay	0	10	0
	Instructions for petition	0	6	8
16	—Drawing same—fo. 10	£0	10	0
	Fair copy	0	3	4
	Drawing and engrossing affidavit and oath	0	11	6
	Attending presenting petition	0	10	0
	Attending setting down the case	0	10	0
17	—Letter to you with 6 more copies of Respondent's case	0	6	8
21	—Writing you as to the extent of your personal liability to the costs of the Appeal	0	5	0
Dec 4	—Attending, consenting to the Respondent's petition to add to his Appendix	0	10	0
1840				
Jan, 11	—Attending at Privy Council Office, searching how the cause stood	0	10	0
Feb. 3	—Writing Mr. Witham, requesting him to let us have 3 more copies of his case, and Clerk attending for same	0	6	8
4	—Attending at the Privy Council Office searching how cause stood	0	10	0
5	—Instructions to Mr. Pemberton to argue	1	1	0
	Fee to him and Clerk	33	0	0
	Attending him	0	13	4
	Fee to Mr. Henderson and Clerk	£21	13	4
	Attending him	£0	13	4
	Consultation Mr. Pemberton	5	15	6
	Attending him	0	13	4
	Do. Mr. Henderson	5	15	6
	Attending him	0	13	4
	Attending to fix consultation, but Mr. Pemberton would not have it until the day before the case was coming on, and said we must watch and let him know	0	10	0
6	—Attending Court to watch this case, and learn when the Court would sit again, and what they would take	0	10	0
7	—Attending Court to-day, watching the progress made, and to ascertain whether the case would be in the paper to-morrow—Mr. Pemberton having refused to fix a consultation until the case should be in the paper	0	10	0
8	—The like this day	0	10	0
10	—The like	0	10	0
24	—Attending searching how cause stood	0	10	0
25	—Long letter to you, stating that briefs had been delivered, and the state of the appeal	0	5	0
	Letter to Mr. Brooking, enclosing same to be forwarded to you, and acknowledging the receipt of £50	0	5	0

Amount carried forward £95 12 0

MISCELLANEOUS.

		Amount brought forward	£95	12	0
1840.					
Mar. 7.—	Writing Mr. Brooking, requesting him to inform you (if he was writing to you) that the Court would not take appeals again until after the holidays		0	5	0
April 6—	Attending at the Privy Council Office enquiring as to the next sittings		0	6	8
24.—	Writing to Mr. Brooking that the Court would not sit again until the 15th May		0	5	0
May 15—	Attending to enquire when the Privy Council would sit		0	6	8
16—	The like—informed the 20th was fixed		0	6	8
20—	Attending Court to see what progress made, and learn if they would sit again to-morrow		0	10	0
23—	Attending Court to see if any further day fixed		0	10	0
30—	Attending at Privy Council Office inquiring when they would sit		0	6	8
June 11—	The like attendance		0	6	8
16—	The like attendance		0	6	8
17—	The like attendance		0	6	8
22—	The like attendance		0	6	8
24—	The like attendance		0	6	8
29—	Letter to Mr. Brooking that the Appeal stood 12 off		0	5	0
July 1—	Attending to search how cause stood		0	6	8
4—	The like attendance		0	6	8
6—	Writing Mr. Brooking as to the state of the paper		0	5	0
7—	Attending at the Privy Council, found that Wednesday next was appointed, but this was not in the paper		0	6	8
8—	The like attendance—found Friday next appointed, but this not in paper		0	6	8
11—	Letter to Mr. Brooking that Privy Council sittings were over, and that only 4 or 5 of the causes that preceded this had been taken		0	5	3
	Session Fee		3	3	0
Nov. 4—	Attending at the Privy Council Office to enquire when the Court would sit		0	6	8
10—	Attending at the Privy Council Office to enquire when the next Court would be		0	6	8
25—	Attending to enquire when the Court would sit		0	6	8
Dec. 2—	Attending at the Privy Council searching if this cause in Monday's paper—found it was not				
3—	Attending enquiring when the Court would sit		0	6	8
5—	Letter to Mr. Brooking that this cause was 7 out of the paper, and that Privy Council would commence sitting on Monday &c.		0	5	0
7—	Attending at Privy Council office to search list		0	6	8
12—	Having received Summons for Tuesday, attending Mr. Pemberton therewith to get him to fix consultation—he would not do it until the rising of the Court		0	6	8
	Attending him again in the evening, when he said he could not fix it until the rising of the Court on Monday.		0	6	8
Dec. 14—	Attending at the Privy Council at the rising of the Court		0	6	8
15—	Attending at the Privy Council Office		0	6	8
17—	Attending the Privy Council		0	6	8
18—	Attending at the Council Office		0	6	8
1841.—	Jany. 1—Attending searching how the cause stood		0	6	8
4—	Paid Messenger from Council Office with Summons for hearing		0	2	6

Amount carried forward £110 0 10

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		Amount brought forward	£110	0	10
1841.					
Jan. 4—	Attending Mr. Pemberton therewith, and fixing consultation		0	6	8
	The like Mr. Henderson		0	6	8
	Attending consultation		1	0	0
	Attending Court all day—cause part heard		3	6	8
	Paid for summons from Privy Council		0	2	6
	Refresher to Mr. Pemberton and Clerk		11	0	6
	Attending him		0	13	4
	The like Mr. Henderson		11	0	6
	Attending him		0	13	4
	Attending to appoint 2d consultation		0	13	4
	Fee to Mr. Pemberton and Clerk		5	10	0
	Attending him		0	13	4
	Fee to Mr. Henderson £5 Attending him £0 13 4		5	13	4
	Attending consultation		1	0	0
6—	Attending Court all day		3	6	8
	Paid for summons for Privy Council		0	2	6
	Letter to Mr. Brooking, apprising him of what done		0	5	0
7—	Refresher to Mr. Pemberton and Clerk		11	0	6
	Attending him		0	13	4
	The like Mr. Henderson and Clerk		11	0	6
	Attending him £0 13 4 Attending Court all day £3 6 8		4	0	0
	Paid short-hand-writer 3 days		6	6	0
	Several attendances during this year to August 1841—searching if cause appointed for Judgment, and making enquiries		3	3	0
Aug. 30—	Letter to Mr. Brooking as to result of enquiries		0	5	0
	Letter to Mr. Brooking with appendix, £0 5 0 Session Fee £3 3		3	8	0
Nov. 11—	Attendances to enquire when Judgment likely to be given—Mr. Reeve thought it would before Christmas		0	10	0
19—	Letter to Mr. Brooking informing him thereof		0	5	0
Dec. 15—	Attending at Privy Council to enquire as to Judgment		0	6	8
16—	Attending at Privy Council Office enquiring as to the case—Mr. Reeve said it was in preparation, and thought he could give us every information to-morrow		0	6	8
17—	Attending at the Privy Council Office again; Mr. Reeve said he had received no more information, that we should have notice of hearing Judgment, but that we might call and take the chance of his having heard anything as to the progress made, which he would be happy to communicate		0	6	8
21—	Attending again at Privy Council enquiring after Judgment—we found they had adjourned to the 8th of February		0	6	8
	Letter informing Mr. Brooking		0	5	0
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Jan. 8—	Attending again at Privy Council enquiring after judgment		0	6	8
11—	Attending again at Privy Council Office, when we were informed that Judgment would most likely be given in February		0	6	8
Feb. 1—	Attending at Privy Council Office to enquire when Judgment would be given		0	6	8
			£199	8	2

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1842.		Amount brought forward	£199	8	2
Feb. 14—	Having received a note from a short-hand writer that this had been mentioned,—attending Mr. Snell, he had not been present,—attending at Privy Council Office to enquire, but the Clerk was gone,—attending the short-hand writer, who wrote the note, he would not give any information without being paid, and taking a copy of the note of what passed,—Attending Mr. Hill, Respondent's Counsel, he informed us that, on his asking the Council when they would give judgment, Lord Brougham had stated that they had come to the determination of hearing the argument again,—one Counsel on each side,—and that the two Chief Justices were to be requested to attend		1	1	0
	Paid Cab-hire		0	2	0
18—	Attending at the Privy Council to enquire when this could be argued, Mr. Reeve said he was going to the Lords, and would let us know to-morrow, if we would send when the Court was sitting		0	6	8
19—	Attending the Privy Council—Mr. Reeve said he had spoken to Lord Brougham, and that the matter waited to hear from the Lord Chancellor and the Chief Justices, who had been required to attend, as they wished to have a full Council		0	6	8
	Several attendances on Mr. Pemberton, to learn whether he would hold the Brief on the second argument, his Clerk having expressed a doubt of it		0	13	4
May 18—	Paid portorage of notice of appointment of re-hearing for the 23d instant		0	2	6
20—	Attending Mr. Pemberton, and with his Clerk at Westminster, ascertaining whether he could attend or not, and eventually he declined		0	10	0
	Several attendances on Sir W. Follet, who undertook to argue the case		0	10	0
	Letter to inform Mr. Brooking thereof, and that it was appointed for the 23d		0	5	0
	Attending, delivering brief to Sir W. Follet, and instructing him		1	0	0
	Subsequently attending his Clerk, who discovered he had a retainer on the other side, and consequently could not be heard for either party		0	6	8
	Attending to deliver a brief to Mr. Kelly, but he was out of town; and on Mr. Erle, who declined to take it on account of the short notice; afterwards attending on Mr. Pemberton, again endeavouring to prevail on him to take it, but he positively refused; and attending Mr. Brooking, when it was determined that Mr. Henderson should argue alone		2	2	0
	Instructions to Mr. Henderson to argue		1	0	0
	Fee to him £27 10 0 Attending him £1 0 0		28	10	0
	Attending Mr. Brooking, to know if he would have a short-hand note taken of this argument		0	6	8
	Attending, instructing short-hand writer not to attend		0	6	8
	Attending the hearing, self and clerk, when judgment deferred		3	6	8
Aug. 8.—	Portorage of note of appointment to hear Judgment for Wednesday the 10th.		0	2	6
		Carried forward	£240	6	6

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Amount brought forward £240 6 6

Aug. 8.—Instructions to Mr. Henderson to attend	1 0 0
Fee to him and Clerk £11 Attending him £1 0 6	12 0 6
Attending instructing short-hand writer to attend	0 6 8
10—Attending to hear Judgment, it was postponed	1 6 8
Paid Short-hand Writer	2 2 0
Dec 10—Several attendances, enquiring when Judgment likely to be given	0 13 4
13—Attending Privy Council—Judicial committee were hearing Colonial Appeals, but it was uncertain whether they would sit after to-day	0 6 8
15—Attending again, found sittings over, and not expected to sit again until February	0 6 8

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Jan. 3—Attending Privy Council, found 11th inst, appointed for Judgment herein	0 6 8
Porterage of note from Privy Council, appointing the 11th inst. for Judgment	0 2 6
Letter to Mr. Brooking, informing him	0 5 0
Attending instructing Mr. Henderson to attend	0 6 8
Attending Short-hand Writer, instructing him to attend, and take notes	0 6 8
11—Attending Privy Council, when Judgment given for the appellant	3 6 8
Paid Short-hand writer	2 2 0
Attending bespeaking short-hand notes of Judgment, and attending for copy notes	0 6 8
Paid him	3 14 8
Attending Mr. Henderson for briefs and papers	0 6 8
Copy short-hand writer's notes—fo. 60	1 10 0
Letter to Mr. Brooking with original	0 5 0
Attending the Privy Council to ascertain when we should have the order in Council—we were informed it would not be ready until a few days before the sitting of Parliament	0 6 8
Subsequent attendance for same	0 6 8
Letter to Mr. Brooking therewith	0 5 0
Paid Postages, Letters, Messengers and Porters	5 5 0
Paid Privy Council Office Fees	14 10 6
Letter to Messrs Roy, Blunt, & Co., with account of the Fees to be paid by them	0 5 0
Session Fee	3 3 0

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MESSAGE

J. HARVEY.

Whilst disclaiming any intention of seeking to influence the course which the Assembly may deem proper to be pursued with reference to the accompanying Memorial from Mr. Kent, the Governor would, nevertheless, regard it as a dereliction of duty, did he not express his opinion—in which he can have no doubt her Majesty's Government concur—that the question from the investigation and decision upon which the expenses adverted to have been incurred, should be regarded as essentially one of *a public nature* involving considerations of great weight in the Colony, the settlement of which is most important to the community, and that the charges connected with it should, on those grounds, be defrayed from the public Treasury.

His Excellency will be highly gratified should the same view be taken by the Assembly, and such proceedings be adopted as in effecting an amicable adjustment of this matter, may at the same time set at rest a question calculated to produce feelings of a character to obstruct that harmony in the Legislature so essential to its promotion of the public interests.

J. H.

Government House, }
15th May, 1843. }

[For the Memorial of the Hon. Mr. KENT, and also the petition of Mr. WITHAM, Solicitor for the Respondents in the Appeal Cause of KIELLEY vs. CARSON, see the Appendix to the Journals of the Assembly for 1843, pages 396 and 401.]

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IN THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

WILLIAM CARSON Esq., late Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Island of Newfoundland, JOHN KENT, Esq. late Member of the House of Assembly, PETER WINSER, Esq., late Member of the House of Assembly, PETER BROWN, Esq., late Member of the House of Assembly, JOHN M'CARTHY, Esq. late Member of the House of Assembly, JAMES POWER, Esq. late Member of the House of Assembly, and DAVID WALSH: } Drs.

To WILLIAM WITHAM—

In respect of the Appeal to the Privy Council of EDWARD KIELLEY, Esq., against the Judgment pronounced in the Supreme Court of the Island of Newfoundland on his Action of Trespass against you for Imprisonment had in conformity with the Resolutions and orders of the House of Assembly.

HILARY TERM, 1839.

April 9.

Perusing long Letter from Mr. Nugent, Solicitor to the House of Assembly St. John's, Newfoundland, dated 15th February 1839, fully detailing the particulars of the assault committed by Dr. Kielley in the Street during the then last but one Session of the Assembly (being the Eight Session of the Legislature) in the then last month of August, on Mr. Kent, a wealthy Merchant and leading Member of the House of Assembly, in consequence of some animadversions Mr. Kent had made in the House of Assembly, on the subject of the management of St. John's Hospital (Dr. Kielley being then District Surgeon)—the complaint made by Mr. Kent to the House—the evidence taken before a Committee of the whole House—their resolution and order to bring him to the Bar of the House in custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms—his arrest on the next day of Session—his conduct when brought to the Bar in calling Mr. Kent a "Liar" and a "Coward," thereby aggravating his contempt of the privileges of the House—his committal to the Gaol of St. John's by the Speaker—his release by a Tory Judge—the committal of the Judge by the House for discharging the Prisoner, and the Sheriff for disobeying their Warrant—the Governor's hasty prorogation of

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the Session, restoring them to liberty (thereby admitting the legality of their imprisonment)—Mr. Kielley's action for the arrest and imprisonment, and the judgment for the Defendants, the subject of the present appeal,—with full instructions to me to defend the parties against whom the action was brought (and in their person the House of Assembly) before the Privy Council in such manner as I might judge most conducive to sustaining the character and independence of the Popular Branch of the Legislature, and for that purpose to retain Mr. Hill	0 6 8
Solicitor's Retaining Fee	0 13 4
Apl. 11—Attending at the Privy Council searching if the appeal to Her Majesty had been allowed by the Court, and finding that it had, and would be prosecuted without delay, attending the proper officer entering appearance and bespeaking copy of the Petition.	0 13 4
Paid entering appearance.	0 10 0
EASTER TERM, 1839.	
18—Having received a packet of papers this morning from Newfoundland, perusing same, consisting of the Royal Instructions to the Governor and other papers, accompanied by a letter from Mr. Kent, enclosing a Bill of Exchange for £50 on account of the expenses	0 6 8
Paid carriage of parcel	0 5 1
Paid Retaining Fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk	2 9 6
Attending him	0 13 4
Paid Retaining fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk	2 7 6
Attending him	0 13 4
20—Attending at the Privy Council, when I procured an office copy of the Petition of Appeal	0 13 4
Paid for same—44 pages	11 0 0
Close copy	5 10 0
Perusing same, and drawing answers seriatim to the several statements therein contained, for the instruction of Counsel, and which observations were to accompany their copies of the Petition when the proper time should arrive to lay it before them	2 2 0
Having been informed by a Peer that something respecting the appeal was likely to be mentioned in the House of Lords to-night, attending the House, when allusion to the proceedings of the Assembly were made by certain Members of the Government so as to create an impression that their committal of Mr. Kielley, and subsequently of the Judges and of the Sheriff was unjustifiable, and in consequence I determined on sending Lord Normanby a copy of Mr. Nugent's letter of instructions of the 15th Feb. last, which detailed the real facts of the case	0 13 4
May 6.—Making copy of Mr. Nugent's letter of instructions accordingly	0 5 0
Writing to Lord Normanby therewith, stating that it was a complete answer to what had been stated in the House of Lords	0 6 8

Amount carried forward £29 9 1

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1839.	Amount brought forward	£29 9 1
May 9—Attending Mr. Wakeham, Clerk of the House of Assembly, conferring and explaining that I should require from Newfoundland official copies of all proceedings and resolutions which had passed the House of Assembly respecting Mr. Kielley, relative to the action, and also affidavits of the evidence and facts &c. &c. and he requested me to write to Mr. Nugent on the subject, and to send the letter to him, as he would have an opportunity of forwarding it from Liverpool		0 13 4
11—Writing long letter to Mr. Nugent, in reply to his letter of instructions, stating what documents I was in want of, and attending therewith on Mr. Wakeham, who was going to Liverpool		0 6 8
16—Having received a letter from the Marquis of Normanby, on the subject of this Appeal, attending his Lordship's Secretary, answering his enquiries		0 13 4
18—Attending Mr. Robinson, the Junior Counsel in the case for the appellant, on his calling to offer me copies of the proceedings to save time, but I declined, informing him that I should not think of preparing your case until I had been furnished with the documents I had written out for to Newfoundland		0 13 4
Attending Mr. Morris, conferring generally, and he stated that he was going to leave London immediately, and he requested I would procure for him, if possible, a copy of the Appellant's case to take out with him to Newfoundland		0 13 4
Writing to Mr. Robinson to know if he had any objection to furnish me with a copy		0 6 8
20—Having received a letter from Messrs. Roy, Blunt & Co. Solicitors to the Appellant, requesting me to concur in the printing of a common appendix, writing to them that I had not yet received certain documents from Newfoundland, but that as soon as I did receive them I should be happy to concur in any proposition that would lessen expenses to both parties		0 6 8
22—Writing to Messrs, Roy, Blunt & Co. in answer to their letter of the 21st inst. (declining to furnish me with a copy of their case, but offering to lend me a copy of the proceedings under seal), that I should be glad to see the documents under seal, but that unless they contained all the resolutions and orders of the House of Assembly respecting the business, it would be necessary to wait till my papers arrived from Newfoundland before I could arrange a joint appendix.		
25—Attending Mr. Morris on his return from Liverpool, when he gave me a copy of the Liverpool Mail, containing comments on his Pamphlet, entitled "a Reply to the Speech of the Earl of Aberdeen on the state of Newfoundland," and observations on the action brought by Mr. Kielley, which he thought would be of service in settling the Respondent's case		0 13 4
TRINITY TERM, 1839.		
28—Attending Mr. Morris discussing the opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General against the right of the House of Assembly to commit on the ground that there was no <i>lex et consuetudo</i> of the Assembly of Newfoundland (part of the Common Law) and that no such power therefore as that contended for existed		0 13 4
	Carried forward	£ 34 15 9

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1839	Amount brought forward	£ 34 15 9
May 28—Attending Messrs. Roy, Blunt, & Co., on their bringing a copy of the Pleadings in the action, certified by and under the Seal of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of the Island of Newfoundland,—and they begged of me to examine them immediately, and to state whether they were sufficient to induce me to consent to printing a joint appendix		0 13 4
Perusing same,—when they appeared to me proper to be printed in the form of a joint appendix, but I resolved, before giving a consent, to take Mr. Fleming's opinion on the subject; and to several subsequent attendances upon him, when he concurred in my opinion, but recommended me to keep a fac-simile copy, so as to be able to test the accuracy of the Appellant's print of the proceedings, and which copy he wished to have, so as to make himself master of the Pleadings, which he had not seen before	18 0 0	
30—Fair copy accordingly of the Pleadings—81 sheets	27 0 0	
Attending Mr. Fleming therewith, and subsequently several times in conference with Mr. Morris, considering the Pleas, and Mr. Morris recommended an application to Messrs. Roy, Duncan, & Co., for leave to make a copy of the copy in Mr. Robinson's possession of the speeches of the Judges		0 13 4
Attending Messrs. Roy, Blunt, & Co., when they consented, and gave me their copy of the speeches for the purpose	0 13 4	
Making fair copy thereof—24 Brief Sheets	8 0 0	
Attending Mr. Fleming therewith, and with Mr. Morris discussing same, and arranging that measures should be taken by Mr. Morris to procure evidence of the committals by other Local Legislatures,—and that he should make out, when he got to the Colony, a list of the imprisonments which had been effected by other Houses of Assembly, for breach of their Privileges		0 13 4
June 1—Attending Mr. Morris again, advising, and he said he would lose no time in applying to Mr. Stevens, at the Colonial Office, for extracts, and wished me to call upon him again, at the Craven Hotel, at 5 o'clock		0 13 4
Attending Mr. Morris, when he gave me many original papers relating to the formation of the Government, &c., and carefully explained the bearing of each upon the case		0 13 4
Perusing and considering same, and drawing epitome thereof for the use of Counsel		1 1 0
Writing to Roy, Blunt, & Co.,—returning them the papers under seal they had lent me, consenting to print the whole as a joint appendix, but reserving to myself liberty to print a separate appendix of the papers from Newfoundland.		0 6 8
8—Writing to Roy, Blunt, & Co., in reply to their letter of the 6th, objecting to my being at liberty to put in an additional appendix, (as it would prevent their taking steps to set down the appeal,) that I could not concur in anything which would prevent my printing such supplementary appendix, (if necessary) and that my consent to printing a joint appendix must therefore be without prejudice		0 6 8
	Amount carried forward	£93 10 1

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1839.	Amount brought forward £	93 10 1
June 17—Having received a letter from Mr. Kent, of Waterford, enclosing me a Bill of exchange for £50 on account of the Expenses, attending Messrs. Spooner & Co. Gracechurch Street, receiving the amount		0 13 4
Writing to him acknowledging the remittance		0 6 8
18—Attending Roy & Co., when they served an order from the Privy Council for the Respondent's to lodge their printed case within a month		0 13 4
19—Attending at the Privy Council Office in consequence of the order served yesterday for the Respondent's to lay their case on the table within a month, when I was informed that no more appeals would be heard till November, as the Judges could not attend		0 13 4
29—Attending at the Privy Council Office, informing the proper officer that it was quite impossible to prepare your case till the papers I had written for to Newfoundland arrived, and that I should move to dismiss the Order, and he said that the Order served was not peremptory, and that I was entitled to another order at the expiration of the first		0 13 4
July 5—Attending Messrs. Walmsley, Keightley, & Parkin, on their serving an Order of the Privy Council for liberty to Mr. Kielley to change his Solicitors, and a notice that they now acted for him instead of Messrs. Roy, Blunt, & Co.		0 13 4
Aug. 7.—Attending Messrs. Walmsley, Keightley & Co. on their serving a Peremptory Order for the Respondent's to lodge their case immediately		0 13 4
Instructions for petition to the Privy Council for time to lodge printed case, shewing the special circumstances		0 13 4
Drawing same		2 2 0
Fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk to settle		1 3 6
Attending him		0 13 4
Engrossing Petition		0 10 0
Aug 9—Attending at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall, to present same		0 13 4
Paid on lodging petition £1 1; and on setting down 10s.		1 11 0
Having been informed by the Clerk of the Privy Council Office that it was doubtful whether or not their Lordships would grant the prayer of my Petition for time to lodge the Respondent's case, attending Mr. Fleming, conferring with him, when he advised me immediately to draw and print the case within the time mentioned in the Order served on the 7th of August		0 13 4
Instructions for Respondent's case accordingly		1 1 0
10—Drawing same, very special and fair copy for Counsel—14 B. S.		14 0 0
Fair copy of the Appellants's petition for Mr. Fleming, to enable him to settle the draft of the Respondent's case—44 pages		5 10 0
Paid fee to him to peruse same, and other papers, as instructions to settle the case		5 15 6

Carried forward £132 3 1

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1839	Amount brought forward	£132	3	1
Attending him		0	13	4
Paid fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk to settle the Respondent's case		5	15	6
Attending him		0	13	4
Attending Messrs. LeBlanc & Cook, New Bridge Street, to borrow Edwards's History of the Constitution of Jamaica, to enable Counsel to allude (in settling the Respondent's Case) to the analogy between this case and the Appeal from Jamaica to the Privy Council		0	13	4
Attending Messrs. Walmsley & Co., in Chancery Lane, to know if they would consent that the Respondent's should have further time to lodge their case, but was informed that the Gentleman who attended to this appeal was not in Town, but that I should see him on Monday		0	13	4
12—Attending at Messrs. Sweet & Suttons to borrow a copy of the Respondent's Case in Beaumont v. Barrett (a similar appeal from Jamaica) which they were unable to furnish me with		0	13	4
14—Attending Walmsley & Co. informing them that the documents which were necessary to enable me to finally settle the Respondent's case had not yet arrived from St. John's, but that I had drawn the case and had consulted Counsel, who requested me to ask for further time, when they gave me a month from this day		0	13	4
29—Writing to Messrs. Saunders & Benning to lend me "Howard's Colonial Law"		0	6	8
Writing to Walmsley & Co. that the papers which I daily expected from St. John's had not yet arrived, and therefore requested they would give their consent that I might have till the 15th September next to lodge a case on behalf of the Respondents		0	6	8
30—Having received Messrs. Walmsley & Co's answer declining to consent to further time to lodge the Respondent's case—attending Mr. Fleming requesting him to settle it without waiting any longer for the documents from Newfoundland		0	13	4
Sept. 4—Long attendance on Mr. Fleming selecting the documents it would be necessary to put in the appendix to the Respondent's case		0	13	4
Attending Walmsley & Co. when they allowed me to see the appendix to their case, and I offered to consider it as a joint appendix, and to pay half the expense they had been put to in printing it, without prejudice to my printing any other appendix, and they requested me to call to-morrow after they had consulted their clients		0	13	4
Attending at Mr. Hill's with case, to procure his signature to the Respondent's case, but was informed that he was at Birmingham		0	13	4
Making fair copy case to send down to Mr. Hill who was at Birmingham—14 brief sheets		4	13	4
Copy Petition of the Appellant to the Privy Council, for Mr. Hill, to enable him to understand the Respondent's case, 44 pages, and my observations thereon 4 pages more, together 48 pages		6	0	0
	Carried forward	£155	18	7

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1839.	Amount brought forward	£155	18	7
Sep. 4—	Copy for Mr. Hill of the most material part of the pleadings (selected by me to save copying the whole) for like purpose—31 Brief Sheets	10	6	8
5—	Writing to Mr. Hill at Birmingham with the copy Case and other papers for his signature	0	6	8
	Making up parcel and Clerk's attendance in the City booking same	0	6	8
	Paid fee to Mr. Hill to settle and sign same	5	15	6
	Attending him	0	13	4
6—	Attending at the Privy Council Office requesting permission to examine and make extracts from the Journals of the Island of Newfoundland in relating to Edward Kielley, Esq., of the 6th, 7th, and 9th of August 1838, which Counsel had recommended should be set out in the Appendix, but was informed that I must apply to Lord John Russell for permission—and afterwards attending Mr. Stevens of the Colonial office, who required me to address a letter to Lord John Russell on the subject.	0	13	4
	Writing to Lord John Russell as required by Mr. Stevens of the Colonial Office.	0	6	8
	Clerk's attendance with same at the Privy Council office.	0	6	8
	Attending Walmsley & Co. obtaining their written consent that their Appendix should be used as a joint Appendix on my promise to pay half the expense of printing it (error—should have been 13s 4d, see last page)	0	6	8
	Attending Rayner & Hodges, Printers, with the Case as signed and settled by Mr. Hill and Mr. Fleming, and requesting them to let me have a proof as soon as possible, which they promised to do by Tuesday next, as also the whole of the appendix	0	13	4
9—	Attending Rayner & Hodges when they brought me proof Appendix to Respondents Case.	0	13	4
	Revising same and making corrections therein	1	1	0
	Attending Mr. Fleming therewith	0	13	4
10—	Revising further part proof Appendix	1	1	0
	Attending at the Colonial Office and endeavouring to prevail upon Mr. Stevens to allow me to make some extracts from the Journals of the House of Assembly of St. John's, Newfoundland, but he informed me that he was yet without instructions from Lord John Russell on the subject, and that I must write a second letter to His Lordship.	0	13	4
	Writing letter accordingly	0	6	8
	Having received his Lordship's permission, attending at the Colonial Office making extracts from the Journals of August 1838, in relation to Mr. Edward Kielley	2	2	0
11—	Attending Rayner and Hodges, who brought me a proof of the case to correct, and perusing, revising, and correcting same	1	1	0
	Amount carried forward	£183	5	9

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1839	Amount brought forward	£183	5	9
Sept 11—Attending again at the Colonial Office, making further extracts from the Journals of the House of Assembly to print with the Case		2	2	0
Various attendances upon Mr. Fleming, finally settling the proof-print of the Respondent's Case and appendix		0	13	4
Attending Rayner and Hodges with the whole of the case and appendix, and desiring them to print off 150 copies by 10 o'clock on Friday next, to lodge at the Privy Council Office		0	13	4
Attending at various places, and endeavouring to obtain a copy of the Jamaica case "Beaumont v. Barrett," and having found out the Printer, I at length was able to borrow a copy for Counsel		0	13	4
12—Attending again at the Council Office, making further extracts from Journals, engaged all day		2	2	0
Making brief copy of the whole of the extracts from the Journals of the House of Assembly of St. John's, relating to Mr. Kielley, for Counsel, and subsequently used for printing from—21 brief sheets		7	0	0
Attending Messrs. Rayner and Hodges with the corrected proof of the appendix and case, and giving instructions to have 50 copies ready by 10 o'clock on the 14th instant		0	13	4
13—Attending Rayner and Hodges for the cases which they had promised should be ready by 10 o'clock		0	13	4
Attending at the Privy Council Office lodging 40 copies of the Respondent's case and appendix		0	13	4
Paid on lodging case £1 1 0—and on setting down 10s.		1	11	0
Attending Walmsley & Co., the Appellant's Solicitors, exchanging cases with them		0	13	4
Paid them (as agreed) half the expense of printing their appendix, which it was arranged should serve as a joint appendix		10	0	0
Oct. 5—Several attendances on Rayner and Hodges, Printers, while the remaining cases were in the Press		1	1	0
9.—Making up parcel with 20 copies of the Respondent's case, and 3 copies of the Appellant's case, to send out to St. John's—and Clerk's attendance at Robinson, Brooking & Garland, 36, Old Broad Street, with same, for them to forward by the first vessel		0	6	8
Writing letter with same to Mr. Nugent		0	6	8
15—Paid for postage of Report of Committee of the House of Assembly with two affidavits, one by John Kent, Esq., and the other by Richard Butt, verifying the truth of the evidence they gave before the committee of the House		1	9	4
Perusing and considering same, and comparing the Report with the extracts I had made from the Journals in the Colonial office, and had printed in the appendix, and found it correct		1	1	0
MICHAELMAS TERM, 1839.				
Nov. 7—Paid fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk to advise whether an additional Case was requisite in consequence of the affidavits and papers received on the 15th ult. from Newfoundland		2	4	6

Carried forward £217 3 3

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1839.	Amount brought forward	£217 3 3
Nov. 7—Attending him when he stated his opinion that a Supplemental Appendix would be requisite, though not until some further searches had been made at the Colonial Office and which searches he pointed out	0 13 4	
9—Writing letter to Lord John Russell for permission to inspect the Journals of the Houses of Assembly of Barbadoes, Antigua and Monserrat, and Clerk's attendance with same at the Colonial Office.	0 6 8	
11—Attending at the Colonial Office for an answer to my application to Lord John Russel for leave to inspect the above named Journals	0 13 4	
Attending at the Privy Council office to know when the Case was likely to be heard, in order to write word to Newfoundland	0 13 4	
12—Attending at the Colonial Office in consequence of an official notice, receiving some further papers from Newfoundland, and I found they were duplicates of what I had previously received from Mr. Nugent	0 13 4	
Attending on Mr. Fleming conferring, and it was arranged that a letter should be written to Mr. Nugent for extracts from the Journals of the Houses of Assembly of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island	0 13 4	
Writing to Mr. Nugent accordingly, and Clerk's attendance at the Colonial Office, leaving the letter to be forwarded to Newfoundland	0 6 8	
22—Writing to Mr. Kent, of Waterford, informing him of the progress of the appeal	0 6 8	
28—Instructions for petition for leave to lodge a second appendix, which had become necessary in consequence of the papers received from Newfoundland	0 13 4	
Drawing same—setting out the special circumstances which had prevented your sending the papers before	2 2 0	
Fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk, to settle	2 4 6	
Attending him	0 13 4	
Engrossing same to present at the Colonial Office	0 10 0	
29—Copy for Messrs. Walmsley and Co.	0 5 0	
Writing to them therewith to know if they would consent to the prayer	0 6 8	
30—Attending Messrs. Walmsley & Co. for consent to my Petition for leave to present an additional appendix, when they gave same	0 13 4	
Dec. 3—Attending presenting Petition for leave to lodge an additional appendix at the Privy Council Office	0 13 4	
Paid on presenting same £1 1 0 and on setting down 10s.	1 11 0	
Dec. 4.—Attending Mr. Fleming this morning, who recommended me, in consequence of the 7th reason in the appellant's case, to lay a case before Mr. Hugh Hill, the Special Pleader, to advise whether the pleadings were good in law or not, as upon his opinion, the argument respecting the Pleas would be founded,—and instructions for same	0 13 4	

Amount carried forward £231 15 9

MISCELLANEOUS

1839	Amount brought forward	£231 15 9
Drawing Case and fair copy—2 brief sheets	2 0 0	
Paid fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk therewith	3 5 6	
Attending him	0 13 4	
Attending at the Privy Council Office to know if the order for leave to lodge supplemental appendix, as prayed by my Petition, had been made—but they said they could not get an order, as their Lordships were not sitting, but that they would take the supplemental appendix subjects to exceptions by the Appellant	0 13 4	
Attending at the Privy Council Office in consequence of a note from Mr. Steven's to know when this case would be heard, and was informed it could not be heard till after the Lent assizes	0 13 4	
9—Perusing and considering Mr. Hill's opinion on the Pleas, stating among other things that the Pleas of the Speaker "that he made his Warrant for the arrest of the Appellant, that the Warrant was delivered to the Sergeant-at-Arms, that the Sergeant-at-Arms arrested, and in so doing <i>Moliter manus imposuit</i> in order to arrest," were good Pleas—That there were several formal objections to the Pleas, but that they were such as could not be taken advantage of on a general demurrer—and that the substantial objection to them was that it was alleged that the House took the matter into consideration by a Committee, and having examined Witnesses declared the Appellant to be guilty of a breach of privilege, and then issued a Warrant for his apprehension without giving him an opportunity of admitting, denying, disproving, or in any manner meeting, the alleged complaint	1 0 0	
11—Making fair copy of the case, &c., submitted to Mr. Hugh Hill, and of his opinion, for Mr. Fleming—6 brief sheets	2 0 0	
Copy of the opinion, to send out to Mr. Nugent at St. John's—fo. 20	1 0 0	
Dec, 12—Writing to Mr. Nugent, with copy of Mr. Hugh Hill's opinion, and attending at Messrs. Robinson, Brooking, and Garland's, 36, Old Broad Street, with same, for them to forward by the first vessel	0 6 8	
13—Attending Mr. Fleming, advising, and he gave me a list of cases to search for in the Colonial Office	0 13 4	
31—Attending at the Colonial and Council Offices, examining the whole of the Journals of Antigua, from the earliest period, for the cases of Philler and Phillips, and other cases of contempt, but the Journals were so very imperfect that I could not find any—engaged the whole day	2 2 0	
Sessions fee for the year 1839, equal to four term fees	3 3 0	
1840.		
Jan. 2—Attending again this day, examining the Journals of Barbadoes, and making extracts for Counsel of the case of contempt and committal, in the year 1821, of Messrs. Nelson, Taylor, and Forderingham—engaged all day	2 2 0	
Making two fair copies on Brief for Counsel—3 brief sheets	2 0 0	
	Carried forward.....	£253 8 3

MISCELLANEOUS.

1839.	Amount brought forward	£253	8	3
Jan. 3.—Attending at the Privy Council Office for the 3d time, finishing the search of the Barbadoes manuscript Journals for further cases of contempt—engaged all day			2	2 0
Writing to H. E. Shape, Esq., Mitre Court Buildings, late Attorney General for Barbadoes, requesting him to inform me if he knew any case of contempt and committal by the House of Assembly of Barbadoes, during his experience as Attorney General of that Island, and if he could inform me if there were any printed reports of decisions in the West India Islands, and if so, where I could obtain them			0	6 8
Writing to Mr. Cook, 18, New Bridge Street, (a gentleman of great experience in West Indian affairs) to inform me if he knew of any Reports of decisions on cases in the West India Islands			0	6 8
Attending at the Privy Council again, searching the whole of the Journals of the House of Assembly at Montserrat, and making extracts therefrom, of the committal of two of its Members, and also of the Petition to the Governor for redress			2	2 0
4—Attending again this day at the Colonial Office, continuing search of the Journals of Montserrat, but did not find any fresh cases of contempt and committal—engaged all day			2	2 0
HILARY TERM, 1840.				
6—Attending again this day at the Colonial Office, completing the examination of the Montserrat Journals, making extract of case of contempt and committal of Mr. Herber, in 1814, by the Speaker, for sending a Member a challenge			2	4 0
Making copy, for Mr. Fleming, of the whole of the analagous cases collected by me from the Journals of Barbadoes and Montserrat—10 brief sheets			3	6 8
23—In consequence of the advice of Counsel, attending at the Colonial Office, making application for permission to inspect the Journals of the House of Assembly of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, and they promised to apply to Lord John Russell for his sanction			0	13 4
28—Attending my printers, paying them their account for printing this case and first appendix			0	13 4
Paid them			27	0 0
29—Attending at Colonial Office to know if they had obtained permission for me, from Lord John Russell, to inspect the Journals of the Islands of Bahama, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, and New Brunswick, as desired by Counsel, and I was requested to address a letter to that effect to Robert Vernon Smith, Esq., one of the Under Secretaries of State of the Colonial Department			0	13 4
Writing letter to Robert Vernon Smith, Esq., accordingly, and Clerk's attendance with same at the Colonial Office			0	13 4
30—Attending Messenger from the Privy Council, on his giving notice that this appeal would be heard in a week from this time			0	13 4
Paid his fee			0	2 6
	Amount carried forward	£296	5	5

MISCELLANEOUS

1839.	Amount brought forward	£296	5	5
Jan. 31.—	Writing to R. V. Smith, Esq., Under Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, that since my previous letter to him, I had received notice from the Privy Council that this case would be heard in a week's time, and requesting an early answer to my application to inspect the other Journals		0	6 8
Feb. 3—	Attending Privy Council Office and learnt that this Case was likely to be heard on Thursday next.		0	13 4
	To my Clerk's attendance for three days at the Colonial Office, exclusively engaged in searching the Journals of the Bahama Islands, Prince Edward's Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in the whole 54 Volumes, and making extracts therefrom of the following cases of Committal—Alderly's Case in the Journals of the Bahama Islands of 1834—Spearman and Jone's Case in the Journals of New Brunswick, and Humbert Case in the same Journals, of 1818, and Von Busker's Case in the Journals of Nova Scotia of 1818.		6	6 0
	Copy of the whole of the above Extracts for Mr. Fleming—8 brief sheets.		2	13 4
	Fee to Mr. Serjeant Hill and Clerk to appear on the hearing for the Respondents		22	1 0
	Attending him		0	13 4
	Fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk to meet Mr. Fleming in consultation		5	15 6
	Attending him		0	13 4
	Fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk to appear on the hearing for the Respondents		16	10 0
	Attending him		0	13 4
	Fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk to meet Mr. Hill in consultation		5	15 6
	Attending him		0	13 4
	Fair copy on Brief Paper of Case, and Mr. Hugh Hill's opinion thereon, for Mr. Serjeant Hill, to accompany his Brief--6 Brief Sheets		2	0 0
	Copy for Mr. Hill of the analagous Case from the Journals of Barbadoes and Montserrat, to accompany his Brief--10 Sheets		3	6 8
4—	Copy, on Brief paper, for Mr. Hill, of further extracts from analagous cases in the Journals of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and the Bahama Islands, viz., Shawe's Case 10th Feb., 1818, Nova Scotia,—the Halifax Banking Company 17th February 1838,—and several other Cases—8 Brief Sheets,—to accompany his Brief		2	13 4
Feb. 8—	To my Clerk's attendance all day at Colonial Office searching for Cases, when he found Mr. Green's case, 20th March, 1834, Prince Edwards Island—Mr. Pope's Case, 17th February, 1836,—and W. McGrath and Norrey Warren, 15th February, 1834.		2	2 0
9—	The like attendance at the Colonial Office, searching for Cases and making extracts therefrom		2	2 0
	Amount carried forward	£371	4	1

MISCELLANEOUS.

1839.	Amount brought forward	£371	4	1
Feb. 11—	Attending, by desire of Counsel, at the Privy Council Office, making extracts from the following cases of committal from the Journals of Antigua—			
	Canto's & Lees case—1st April, 1819.			
	Otto & Harman's case—July 20th.			
	Harman's Case—18th October 1821.			
	Bayer & Harmer's Case—August 1820.			
	Conle's case, 4th September, 1823.		2	2 0
	Brief Copy for Mr. Hill of the whole of the Extracts collected in the searches on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th instant, from the Journals of Antigua and Prince Edward's Island—14 Brief Sheets		4	13 4
	Like copy for Mr. Fleming		4	13 4
19—	Two copies, for Counsel, of Sir. J. Campbell's and Sir R. M. Rolfe's opinion as to the constitutional rights and privileges of the House of Assembly, of the 3rd December 1838, written for Lord Glenelg—4 Brief Sheets each		2	13 4
March, 21—	Having received a long letter this morning from Mr. Nugent, dated St. John's, 28th January, 1840, enclosing extracts from the Journals of New-Brunswick and Prince Edward's Island, perusing same, which appeared of very great importance		0	6 8
	Two fair copies of such extracts for Counsel—4 brief sheets each		2	13 4

EASTER TERM, 1840.

Apl. 29—	Attending Messenger from the Privy Council on his serving notice that this appeal would not be heard till May		0	13 4
	Paid his fee		0	2 6
	Writing to Mr. Nugent informing him that I did not now expect this appeal would come on till May or June, and requesting him to send me a note of all the cases quoted from the Journals of the American Colonies, in reference to committals for contempt, which were quoted in the argument before the Supreme Court of St. John's, and at the same time to oblige me by stating Chief Justice Bourne's authority for saying that he had called the attention of the Appellant's Counsel, during the argument before him in the Supreme Court to the Case of Beaumont v. Barrett.		0	6 8
May 1—	Writing to Sir John Colbrook, Governor of Antigua, that being professionally concerned for the House of Assembly, St. John's, Newfoundland, I had obtained permission to inspect the Journals of Antigua, Barbadoes, Montserrat, Prince Edward's Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, at the Colonial Office, but that a chasm of some years existed in the Journals of Antigua, and that I had been advised by Counsel to apply to his Excellency to allow one of his Officers to forward me an Extract from the Journals of Antigua, so far as related to the committal of Joseph Phillips, for contempt, in 1828 or 1829.		0	6 8

Amount carried forward £389 15 3

MISCELLANEOUS.

1839.

Amount brought forward £389 15 3

TRINITY TERM, 1840.

May—Various attendances upon Mr. Fleming during the remainder of this month, considering the whole of the Extracts made at different times from various Journals, and selecting the most important to be relied upon in the Argument, and noting the chief points in the margin, which particular cases and observations Mr. Fleming wished me have copied separately, bookwise, for his and Mr. Hill's more easy reference.	0 13 4
June 8—Copy accordingly, of his selected cases of contempt in the different Houses of Assembly, bookwise,—39 sides	6 10 0
A like copy for Mr. Fleming	6 10 0
Copy for the Printer of such cases of committal as Mr. Fleming had determined on printing as a Supplemental Appendix—40 brief sheets	13 6 8
26—Attending Printers, instructing them to strike off a proof of the Supplemental Appendix to the Respondents' Case	0 13 4
Perusing and correcting same—13 printed sides	2 2 0
Attending Mr. Fleming with proof Supplemental Appendix to Respondent's Case, to settle and sign	0 13 4
Fee to him and Clerk to peruse, and finally settle and sign, before the copies for the Privy Council were struck off	2 4 6
July 1.—Attending Rayner & Hodges, Printers, requesting them to print 50 copies of the supplemental appendix, as finally settled and signed, by Saturday morning next, to lodge at the Privy Council	0 13 4
2—Attending at the Privy Council Office, watching this appeal, which stood only ten off in the paper	0 13 4
13—Attending at the Privy Council Office, lodging 30 copies of the Supplemental Appendix	0 13 4
Paid on lodging £1 1 0—and on setting down, 10s.	1 11 0
14—Writing to Mr. Nugent, with 2 copies of supplemental appendix, and informing him that this appeal stood No. 10 on the list, and that I would give him the earliest notice of the hearing and judgment	0 6 8
Making up parcel, and Clerk's attendance with same at the office of Messrs. Robinson, Brooking, & Garland, Merchants, No. 36, Old Broad Street, City, and requesting them to forward same by the first vessel	0 6 8
18—Attending the Appellant's Solicitors, delivering copies of the Supplemental Appendix, and giving notice that it had been duly lodged	0 13 4
Aug. 4.—Writing to Mr. Nugent, requesting him to let me know the number of Protestants and Catholics in the House of Assembly, as I apprehended that the Appellants would endeavour to work upon the Council, by alleging that the Elections were swayed by Priests, and the House the tool of the Catholic Clergy	0 6 8

Amount carried forward £427 12 9

MISCELLANEOUS.

1839.	Amount brought forward	£427	12	9.
Aug. 4—Attending Printers, paying their Account for printing Supplemental Appendix. [Error—should have been 13s. 4d.—see last page.]		0	6	8
	Paid them for Supplemental Appendix	14	0	0
22—Perusing Extract from the Journals of the House of Assembly of Antigua, relating to the committal of Mr. Joseph Phillips on the 11th Dec. 1828, which I this day received from Antigua, in consequence of my application to the Governor in May last		0	6	8
Making copy thereof for Mr. Hill		0	10	0
The like for Mr. Fleming, do		0	10	0
Attending Counsel severally therewith, and conferring, and they considered it of great importance in favour of the Respondents		0	13	4

MICHAELMAS TERM, 1840.

Nov. 16—Attending Junior Counsel, advising on a letter received this morning from Mr. Nugent, of St. John's Newfoundland, dated 28th Oct. containing the information I had written to him for, respecting the Honourable Members of the Assembly and the religious persuasions of their different Constituents, and Mr. Fleming requested that Mr. Hill and himself might be furnished with copies.		0	13	4
Making copy of a long letter from Mr. Nugent, dated 28th Oct., stating the names of the district for which the Members of the House of Assembly were returned, and the number of Protestant and Catholic voters in each district, for Mr. Hill.		0	5	0
The like copy for Mr. Fleming		0	5	0
It being deemed advisable to print the Extract sent me by the Governor of Antigua, respecting the case of breach of Privilege by Joseph Phillips, on the 11th Dec. 1828, against the House of Assembly of Antigua—attending the Printers, instructing them to print off a proof sheet thereof immediately		0	13	4
19—Perusing, correcting and revising same, and attending Messrs. Rayner & Hodges, Printers, for 100 copies of additional sheet to the Supplemental Appendix of the Respondents' Case		0	13	4
Nov. 28—Attending at the Colonial Office, Downing Street, Whitehall, to lodge 40 copies of the additional sheet to the appendix, but Mr. Reeve the Clerk, refused to take them in, though I informed him they could not have been lodged before		0	13	4
Attending a Special Messenger from the Privy Council Office, who was sent to inform me that the case would be heard in a very few days, and attending instructing Counsel		0	13	4
Paid his Fee		0	13	4
Dec. 4—Attending various times at the Privy Council Office to know when the sittings after Trinity Term commenced, and whether they would take many East Indian Cases before this appeal, and I				

A mount carried forward £447 18 7

MISCELLANEOUS.

1840.	Amount brought forward	£447 18 7
	ascertained that the Sittings would commence on Monday the and that three petitions and three Bengal causes would be in the paper of that day	0 13 4
5—	Attending fixing consultation between Mr. Hill and Mr. Fleming for the 8th instant, when Mr. Hill's clerk complained that the Bar fee I had marked upon his Brief was too small	0 13 4
	Writing to Messrs. Le Blanc and Cook requesting them to lend me again Edwards' History of the West Indies, as I wanted same to assist me in conducting this case for the use of my Counsel, and Clerk's attendance for same	0 6 8
8—	Fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk with Respondents Supplemental Appen- dixes, as his Clerk had said the fee marked on the brief was too small	11 0 6
	Attending him [Error—should have been 13s. 4d.—see the last page]	0 6 8
	Attending the Privy Council Office to know if this case would be in the paper of the 9th inst., and found it would not, in conse- quence of the length of some East Indian appeals	0 13 4
	Attending consultation between Mr. Hill and Mr. Fleming on the manner in which the Case was to be conducted, when Mr. Hill and Mr. Fleming both expressed a very good opinion, and had no doubt of success	2 2 0
10—	Attending at the Council Chamber to watch for this Appeal coming on, and found that there would be only 3 specially appointed cases in to-morrows paper	0 13 4
14—	Attending at the Council Office in consequence of fresh notice in- forming me that this cause would be heard on the 15th inst., but found that in consequence of Lord Brougham not being able to attend on that day the Appeal had been struck out of that day's paper	0 13 4
Dec. 15—	Attending at the Council Office, waiting till the Court rose, to know if this Appeal had been restored to the paper since Mr. Pemberton had it struck out, when I found it had not.	0 13 4
16—	Clerk's attendance, with same, result	0 6 8
17—	Clerk's attendance, with same result	0 6 8
18—	Attending Mr. Hill requesting him to write to Lord Brougham to know why this Appeal was not restored to the paper, and as the House of Assembly was to be dissolved in January next it was most necessary that it should not be allowed to go over these sit- tings, and he promised to write immediately to his Lordship	0 13 4
29—	Attending at the Foreign Office upon Lord John Russell, obtaining from his Lordship (as requested by Mr. Hill) an order to inspect all papers in the State Paper Office relating to Virginia and Maryland previous to 1776	0 13 4
31—	Various attendances upon Mr. Hill and Lord Brougham, endea- vouring to get this Appeal put into the paper before the end	

Carried forward £467 14 5

MISCELLANEOUS.

1839.	Amount brought forward	£467 14 5
	of the present sittings, but was not able to do so as the Appeal in the Will Cause of Wood of Glo'ster occupied so much time	0 13 4
	Session fee for 1840	3 3 0
1841.		
Jan, 2—	Attending Messenger of the Council Office on his calling to give me Notice that this Appeal would be in the paper on Monday morning next, and attending instructing Counsel	0 13 4
	Paid his fee	0 2 6
	Attending at Mr. Fleming's chambers to inform him, but found he was out of town, and attending afterwards at his residence in Davies Street, Berkeley Square, to learn if he had left any instructions, when I was informed that if he were wanted he wished to be written to at Lord Camoy's, Stoner Park, Henley, Oxon	0 13 4
	Writing to Mr. Fleming requesting him to come up to Town by Sunday night next, and that I would have all his papers ready at the Council Office on the Monday morning	0 6 8
	Paid Special Messenger on horseback, from Henley to Stonor Park, with the above letter to Mr. Fleming	0 10 6
	Attending at the State Paper Office by desire of Mr. Hill, with an order I had obtained from Lord John Russell, to inspect all papers relating to Maryland and Virginia, before the year 1776, and inspecting a quantity of manuscript Journals, letters of instructions from the various Secretaries of the Colonies to the various Governors, endeavouring to find out any cases of committal by those Legislatures for contempt, but was unable to do so—engaged 5 hours	2 2 0
	Attending a Special Messenger from the Privy Council Office, who called to say that the Lords of the Council had resolved upon placing one very short case before this appeal, but that notwithstanding I must attend with Counsel, and attending to instruct them	0 13 4
	Paid his fee	0 2 6
4—	Attending at the Privy Council Office, pursuant to official notice, when Mr. Pemberton opened the case on behalf of the Appellant, and after several hours' argument, the committee adjourned till to-morrow morning	5 5 0
	To my Clerk's attendance the whole of this day, at the State Paper Office, completing the search among the Maryland and Virginia Journals, which I had begun on the 2d inst., searching for cases of committal for contempt, but without success	2 2 0
	Mr. Hill being of opinion that a consultation should be had on Mr. Pemberton's opening speech, attending him, fixing a consultation for a quarter past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, at the Robing Room, the Council Office, Whitehall, and attending Mr. Fleming afterwards, at his residence in Davies Street, Berkeley Square, appointing him to meet Mr. Hill	0 13 4
	Carried forward	£484 15 3

MISCELLANEOUS.

1831.	Amount brought forward	£484	15	3
Jan. 4—Paid Consultation Fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk			5	15 6
Attending him			0	13 4
Paid Consultation Fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk			5	15 6
Attending him			0	13 4
5—Attending consultation at the Privy Council Office this morning, previous to the further hearing of this case, on the various points raised by Mr. Pemberton, in his opening speech yesterday			2	2 0
Refresher Fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk, to appear for the Respondents this day			11	0 6
Attending him			0	13 4
The like Refresher Fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk			11	0 6
Attending him			0	13 4
Attending Special Messenger, on his bringing me official notice of the hearing of this case this day			0	13 4
Paid his fee			0	2 6
Attending the Privy Council this morning, when Mr. Pemberton resumed his argument on behalf of the Appellants, and was followed by his junior, Mr. Henderson,—and Mr. Hill having commenced his reply on behalf of the Respondents, the Court rose and adjourned the further hearing till to-morrow morning			5	5 0
Attending Mr. Hill, who sent for me to say that he considered it very essential that a further consultation should be had to-morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock, and appointing same according with Mr. Fleming			0	13 4
Attending at the State Paper Office making various searches among the Journals previous to the consultation to-morrow, so as to be able to answer several points raised by the Appellant's Counsel—engaged several hours			2	2 0
Paid consultation fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk			5	15 6
Attending him			0	13 4
Paid Consultation fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk			5	15 6
Attending him			0	13 4
Attending consultation this morning at the Council Office between Mr. Hill and Mr. Fleming, previous to the further hearing of this case			2	2 0
Paid Refresher fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk to appear for the Respondents this day			11	0 6
Attending him			0	13 4
Paid like refresher fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk			11	0 6
Attending him			0	13 4
Attending the Privy Council on the further hearing of this case, when Mr. Hill resumed his address, and was followed at great length by Mr. Fleming, and Mr. Pemberton having finished his reply at half past 4 o'clock, the Court rose and stated that the im-				

Carried forward £570 6 1

MISCELLANEOUS.

1839.	Amount brought forward	£570	6	1
	mense number of Cases and Authorities referred to rendered it impossible for them to deliver their judgment for some time to come, but they would give the parties notice when they were prepared to do so		5	5 0
Jan. 6.—	Attending the Clerk of the Privy Council, requesting him to make out and send me a Statement of the Fees due to the Council Office.		0	13 4
	Attending Mr. Gurney's Short-hand Writer, who had attended the whole of the argument in this case, and wished to know if I required a copy of his notes, when I informed him the House of Assembly had not given me any instructions to that effect, but that I would write to their Solicitor (Mr. Nugent) to know the pleasure of the House, and on receiving an answer, would inform Mr. Gurney thereof		0	6 8
	HILARY TERM, 1841.			
Feb. 2—	Writing to Mr. Nugent, informing him of this Appeal having been heard on the 4th, 5th and 6th ult., and to know if the House of Assembly would wish to have a transcript of the proceedings which Messrs. Gurney had taken in short-hand, and which would probably cost between £40 and £50		0	6 8
3—	Writing to Mr. Nugent, in answer to his of the 2nd ultimo, enclosing an order from the Speaker of the House of Assembly desiring me to procure a copy of Mr. Gurney's notes on the hearing of this Appeal, together with a copy of the judgment, and to get 100 copies printed and bound up for the use of the House of Assembly—but finding that it would cost about 100 guineas to do so, and as the order to the Short-hand Writer could not be given until judgment was delivered, had thought it prudent to write again before I directed the transcript to be made		0	6 8
	EASTER TERM, 1841.			
April 6—	Writing to Gurney & Sons, in answer to theirs, that I could not give them a definite answer at present as to whether my Clients would have the copy of their notes, but that I had written out to Newfoundland for instructions, and as soon as I received an answer would let them know		0	6 8
June 15—	Writing to Mr. Nugent that I could not learn when Judgment was to be given in the Appeal, and that I was about to make an application respecting it, the result of which I would communicate, and requesting to know the decision of the House of Assembly respecting the copies of the Short-hand writer's notes on the hearing of this case before the Privy Council, and which copies, &c. would amount to about 100 guineas		0	6 8
	TRINITY TERM, 1841.			
July 6—	Attending Mr. Nugent and Mr. Kent, on their arrival in London, conferring respecting the Appeal, and explaining that I was of opinion that judgment would not be given till the Committee of the House of Commons had made their Report on the Constitution of Newfoundland.		0	13 4
	Amount carried forward	£578	11	1

MISCELLANEOUS.

1841.	Amount brought forward	£578	11	1
Aug. 4—	Attending Rayner and Hodges, paying them their further bill for printing additional Sheet to Supplemental appendix	0	13	5
	Paid them	3	17	6
MICHAELMAS TERM, 1841.				
Dec. 28—	No intimation of their Lordships' intention to deliver judgment in this appeal having been given, attending Mr. Hill advising whether it would not be well to make an application through him for judgment, when he was of opinion that it would be a very proper course	0	13	4
	Attending at the Privy Council Office to ascertain the best time to make the application, and was informed that it would not be advisable to do so until after the 8th January next	0	13	4
	Session Fee for 1841	3	3	0
1842.	HILARY TERM, 1842.			
Feb. 11—	The Privy Council being about to end their sittings, attending Mr. Hill, again suggesting the propriety of applying for Judgment, which he said he would do if instructed	0	13	4
	Drawing brief and fair copy for Mr. Hill to apply for judgment	2	1	0
	Fee to him and Clerk	5	10	0
	Attending him to explain fully the grounds upon which I wished him to apply for judgment	0	13	4
	Attending at the Privy Council Office waiting till Mr. Hill applied for judgment, and the Court then said the Council had come to the resolution of having the Appeal re-argued by one Counsel on each side, on account of its great importance to all the Colonies—the two Chief Justices to be present, and that a day would be fixed before the Assizes	2	2	0
12.—	Attending Mr. Hill and Mr. Fleming afterwards as to the particular points which their Lordships wished to have re-argued, and they said they required copies of the Short-hand writer's notes of Mr. Pemberton's general reply on the previous argument	0	13	4
	Writing to Messrs. Gurney & Sons, requesting them to furnish me at their earliest convenience with a transcript of Mr. Pemberton's reply on this appeal, delivered on the 6th January, 1841	0	6	8
15—	Attending at the Privy Council Office endeavouring to get a certain day fixed for the re-argument, and I was requested to wait again on their Lordships at their next sitting on Saturday next	0	13	4
	Attending Messrs. Gurney & Sons, urging them to complete the transcript of Mr. Pemberton's speech, as Counsel were pressing for it, and they promised it by 4 to-morrow	0	13	4
17—	Attending Messrs. Gurney, when they brought me a transcript of Mr. Pemberton's reply, and paying their charges for same	0	13	4
	Paid their charges for the transcript	16	2	0
	Two copies thereof for Counsel—28 brief sheets each	18	13	4

Carried forward £635 6 7

MISCELLANEOUS.

1842.	Amount brought forward	£635	6	7
Feb. 17—Drawing observations and two fair Copies thereof for Counsel, as to the re-argument		2	0	0
Fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk to re-argue the appeal		33	0	0
Attending him		0	13	4
Fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk to peruse the Copy of Mr. Pemberton's speech and other papers		5	15	6
Attending him		0	13	4
Fee to Mr. Hill for a consultation on the 18th with Mr. Fleming		5	15	6
Attending him		0	13	4
17—Fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk to attend the re-argument		11	0	0
Attending him		0	13	4
Fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk to peruse Mr. Pemberton's speech and other papers		5	15	6
Attending him		0	13	4
18—Attending Mr. Hill on his giving me a list of books upon Colonial Law which he desired me to get for him previous to the consultation with Mr. Fleming, and he requested me to purchase for him Stoke's Colonial Law and Woodcock's View of the Constitution of the Colonies having Legislative Assemblies		0	13	4
Attending Mr. Richards, the Law Book-seller, for same—(Error —13. 4d. left out—see last page)		0	9	0
Paid for Stokes's work		0	8	0
Paid for Woodcock's ditto		0	13	4
Attending to appoint a consultation for this evening, as it was expected that this appeal might be heard to-morrow		0	13	4
Attending consultation this evening between Mr. Hill and Mr. Fleming, when the various cases were gone through and Mr. Hill requested to be furnished with a copy of Mr. Fleming's notes of the previous argument, and they very strongly recommended further careful examination of the earliest Journals of the Assemblies of Barbadoes, Antigua, Bahamas and Montserrat		2	2	0
Making copy of Mr. Fleming's notes for Mr. Hill, as requested by him—11 sides, bookwise		1	16	8
March 11—Writing to Mr. Hope, Under Secretary, Colonial Office, Downing Street, for Lord Stanley's permission to inspect and make extracts from the Journals of the Legislative Assemblies of Barbadoes, Antigua, Bahamas, Montserrat, and St. John's		0	6	8
22—Writing to Mr. Hope, in answer to his of the 18th inst., that I applied as " <i>Solicitor</i> " to the Respondents in this appeal, and not as " <i>Agent</i> " to the House of Assembly at St. John's Newfoundland, for Lord Stanley's permission to inspect the documents named in my letter of the 11th inst, and presumed that as the former Government allowed me, for the ends of justice, to make the requisite searches on previous occasions, I trusted I should now be allowed to do so again		0	6	8
	Carried forward	£715	4	3

MISCELLANEOUS.

1842.	Amount brought forward	£715 4 3
Mar. 24—Attending Mr. Fleming informing him I had just learnt that Mr. Pemberton had declined to appear for the Appellant on the re-argument, and he strongly recommended that I should immediately retain Sir William Follett, whom the Appellants would most probably apply to, to hold their Brief		0 13 4
Attending to retain Sir William Follett (the Solicitor General) accordingly		0 13 4
Paid him and Clerk Retainer Fee		2 7 0
31—Having received Lord Stanley's permission, as "Solicitor" for the Respondents (though not as Agent to the House of Assembly), to inspect the yearly Journals of Barbadoes, attending at the Colonial Office—engaged all day in searching the Journals of Barbadoes, from 1808 to 1811, for cases of committal, but was not able to find any such cases.		2 2 0
April 1—Attending again this day at the Colonial Office, continuing search in the Barbadoes Journals from 1812 to 1818, and in the Journals of Antigua from 1807 to 1825, but without effect		2 2 0
2—The like attendance at Colonial Office, continuing examination of Barbadoes Journals from 1771 to 1799, but could not find any cases—engaged all day		2 2 0
EASTER TERM, 1842.		
23—Writing to Mr. Nugent that this case was to be re-argued before the Privy Council, assisted by the Lord Chancellor and Chief Justices of the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, and that I had taken Sir William Follett to lead the Respondents Counsel		0 6 8
May 19—Attending Mr. Hill on his shewing me a letter from Lord Brougham, appointing Monday the 23rd inst. for the re-argument of this appeal		0 13 4
Attending at the Council Office for official notice		0 13 4
Writing to Messrs. Gurney & Sons, in answer to their letter, informing them that I should not require their attendance in the Privy Council on Monday next, to take notes of the argument, being desirous of saving every unnecessary expence		0 6 8
21—Attending Mr. Hill on his giving me a letter to Lord Brougham, to beg his Lordship to state positively whether this appeal would come on on the 23rd or not		0 6 8
Attending at Somerset House, (where Lord Brougham was sitting with Prince Albert, the Lord Chancellor, and the Judges in the Duchy of Cornwall Court,) when his Lordship told me that the case would positively be heard on Monday next, as the Lord Chancellor had put off his usual breakfast to the Judges, on the first day of term, on purpose to hear the appeal re-argued		0 13 4
Making two copies on Brief paper, bookwise, of the result of my last searches of the early Journals of various Assemblies at the Colonial Office, for Counsel		1 0 0

Carried forward £729 3 11

MISCELLANEOUS.

1839.	Amount brought forward	£729	3	11	
May 21—	Making two copies for Counsel, of the following papers relating to Jamaica, which I had collected from various sources—Copy of the King's Charter to the Earl of Carlisle—copy of the cases of Redmond Macheragh and James Walthew, on the 17th June, 1686, of Humphrey Knollis, and Stephen Heyward, and John Crosse, 6th and 9th March, 1687—of Thomas Brayme, 5th April, 1688—of Dr. Treadway, John Blaire, and John Favell, 10th June, 1696—from the Jamaica Journals—in which the House declared certain offensive publications on the House or its Members, to be breaches of privilege, and ordered the Speaker's warrants to issue against the offending parties, who were brought before the House in custody : the standing orders of the House of the first July, 1765, declaring the House the sole competent & proper judge of its own privileges, and that the privileges of the House were not founded on Acts of Parliament nor on Royal or Ministerial Instructions imparted to the Governors for the time being, but were the birth-right inherent in loyal and dutiful subjects the Commons of the Island, of which they could not be deprived whilst they continued in allegiance to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, &c. &c., and the case of Major General Carmichael, in the year 1808—10 sheets each		6	13	4
	Making two copies for Counsel, of the following cases in the House of Lords, videlicet, the case of Lucy Countess Dowager of Huntingdon, in March, 1667,—the case of Mary Countess Dowager of Cassilis, in February, 1728,—the case of Viscountess Townshend, in February, 1765,—the case of Viscount Primrose, in February, 1733,—Ensigne Reine, case in 1628, Fawcett's case in 1640, and others, all important, as shewing the constant exercise of the right of committing for contempt, by the House of Lords—4 brief sheets each		2	13	4
	Making two copies for Counsel of the following cases of committal from the Irish Parliament, videlicet, John Cary's case, 29th October, 1614, O'Kelly's case, 22d October, 1840, Nicholas Patty's case, John Hollington and Mr. Pennyfather's case, 6th November, 1733, and others—3 brief sheets each		2	0	0
	Attending the Agents of the Appellant to know what Counsel they meant to employ (as I understood that Mr. Pemberton declined holding their brief on this occasion,) and they said they had given a brief to Sir William Follett, but I informed them that Sir William Follet had been retained by me, and therefore could not hold their brief, and attending with them to Sir William Follet's Chambers, and examining his books, in which appeared the retainer I had given him, and they then said unless I gave him a brief they should insist on his holding their brief		0	13	4
21—	Attending Mr. Hill and Mr. Fleming, advising whether I should go to the expence of giving Sir William a brief, and they said it was imperative on me to do so, and thereby prevent the Appellants from having him		0	13	4
	Carried forward	£741	17	3	

MISCELLANEOUS.

1842.	Amount brought forward	£741	17	3
	Making copy for Sir William Follett of the following documents, (indispensably necessary to enable him to understand the case) —Case submitted to Mr. Hugh Hill, and his opinion thereon—6 brief sheets		2	0 0
	Copy of Mr. Fleming's notes,—11 brief sheets.—[Error—should have been £3 13 4—see last page.]		1	16 8
	Copy of Short-hand Writer's notes of Mr. Pemberton's reply for the Appellant, delivered in the Privy Council on the 6th January, 1841—28 brief sheets.		9	6 8
	Copy of Sir John Campbell and Sir R. M. Rolfe's opinion as to the Constitutional Rights and Privileges, of the 3rd December 1838—4 brief sheets		1	6 8
	Paid fee to Sir William Follett and Clerk to appear for the Res- pondents		33	0 0
	Attending him		0	13 4
	Paid Consultation Fee to him and Clerk		5	15 6
	Attending him		0	13 4
	Paid Consultation Fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk		5	15 6
	Attending him		0	13 4
	Paid Consultation Fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk		5	15 6
	Attending him		0	13 4
May 23—	Attending to appoint a Consultation at Sir William Follett's house, Park Street, for to-morrow		0	13 4
	Attending consultation this morning between Sir William Follett, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Fleming, at Sir William's house in Park Street, when the Cases were gone through, and they thought that as long as the Case of <i>Beaumont v. Barrett</i> was Law, the Respon- dents were right on principle, but they thought an attempt would be made to draw a distinction between <i>Beaumont v. Barrett</i> , and this Case		2	2 0
	Attending meeting of the Privy Council, at which were present the Lord Chancellor Lyndhurst, the Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, Lord Denman, the Ex-Chancellors Lords Gottenham, Brougham and Campbell, the Vice Chancellor of England, Shad- well, Lord Abinger, Baron Parke, Lord Erskine, Sir Nicholas Tindal, when Mr. Henderson opened his case for the Appellants, and Mr. Hill was heard in opposition,—and Mr. Henderson ha- ving replied, the case was ordered to stand over for judgment		5	5 0
TRINITY TERM, 1842.				
June 14—	Writing to Mr. Nugent, informing him that this Appeal had been re-argued, and with full particulars of the Argument, and News- papers containing an account of the proceedings, &c.		0	6 8
Aug. 6—	Attending messenger from the Privy Council on his serving notice that Judgment on the said Appeal would be delivered on the 10th inst., and requiring the Respondents' Counsel to attend to hear it		0	13 4
		Amount carried forward	£818	7 5

MISCELLANEOUS.

	Amount brought forward	£818	7	5
1842,				
Paid his fee		0	2	6
S—Drawing brief for Counsel to attend to hear Judgment, pointing their attention to the principal points involved in the Case, and two fair copies		1	0	0
Paid fee to Mr. Hill and Clerk therewith		11	0	0
Attending him		0	13	4
Paid fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk therewith		11	0	6
Attending him		0	13	4
Aug. 10—Attending this morning with Counsel (the appeal being in the paper) in the Privy Council, at which were present Lords Brougham, Langdale, Wharnccliffe and Campbell, and Mr. Justice Parke,—when their Lordships said that they had not yet made up their minds, and that Judgment must therefore stand over till the day after Michaelmas Term, when the Counsel must again attend		5	5	0
MICHAELMAS TERM, 1842.				
Nov.—Refresher Fee to Mr. Hill to attend to hear Judgment		11	0	6
Attending him		0	13	4
Refresher Fee to Mr. Fleming and Clerk for like purpose		11	0	6
Attending him		0	13	4
Solicitor's Fee on attending to hear Judgment		5	5	0
Sessions Fee for the year 1842 (equal to 4 term fees)		3	3	0
Petty disbursements in Postages, Carriage of Parcels, Notices, Messengers, and other incidental expenses, from April 1839, to this time		13	6	9
To Error in page 20	£0	6	8	
To do. in page 28	0	6	8	
To do. in page 29	0	6	8	
To do. in page 34	0	13	4	
To do. in page 37	0	16	8	
		3	10	0
		£896	15	0
1839.—April—By Mr. Kent's (of Newfoundland) Remittance for	£50			
June—By Mr. Kent's (of Waterford) Remittance for	50	100	0	0
Balance due to Mr. Witham		£796	15	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

DR. THE HON. THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IN ACCOUNT WITH
GEORGE H. EMERSON.

1838. IN THE SUPREME COURT.

WILLIAM CARSON DEFT.

ATS.

EDWARD KIELLEY PLTF.

Nov.—To drafting Pleas, writing and engrossing Pleas, to file, and writing
and preparing copy of the same, for Plaintiff's Attorney, 404
pages, at 2s. 6d. per page 50 10 0

THOMAS BECK DEFT.

ATS.

EDWARD KIELLEY, PLTF.

To drafting Pleas, writing and engrossing Pleas, to file, and writing
and preparing copy of the same for Plaintiff's Attorney, 84 pages,
at 2s. 6d. per page 10 10 0

General Retaining Fee in the two suits 52 10 0

To amount of costs as taxed against the Plaintiff in Judgment upon
Demurrer, but upon Judgment being reversed to be paid by De-
fendant 27 5 0

Stg. £140 15 0

SUPREME COURT.

DECEMBER TERM, 1839.

EDWARD KIELLEY, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

WILLIAM CARSON and others, DEFTS.

{ Defendant's Costs on Judgment for De-
fendant on Demurrer.

Warrant to defend £0 3 4

Special Pleas and copy 0 10 0

Entering Judgment 0 6 8

Brief Fee—on two Special Arguments in the Central Circuit and
Supreme Courts 26 5 0

£27 5 0

Taxed by direction of the Judges, February 5, 1839.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

Chief Clerk, S. C.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

RETURN of the number of Certificates of Wolves killed, presented to the Colonial Secretary between the 1st day of January, 1843, and the 1st day of January 1844.—(Pursuant to Act 3, Vic., Cap. 1.)

No.	CERTIFYING MAGISTRATE.		PARTY CLAIMING REWARD.	
	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
1	Thos. Read	La Poile	Charles Sheeves	White Island
2	Benjn. Sweetland	Trinity	John Fowlow	Trinity
3	Thos. Read	La Poile	James Carter	Little Cod Roy
4	Thos. E. Gaden	Harbor Britain	John Nachaile	Bay Despair.

JAMES CROWDY, Colonial Secretary.

Secretary's Office, Feb. 1844.

LETTER

From Chairman of Board of Road Commissioners St. John's, relative to prosecutions against him for proceedings under Road Act.

Copy.

(See Journal, page)

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that in the year 1841 a writ was issued against me as the Chairman of the Central Board of Road Commissioners at the suit of John Mitchell for damages alleged to have been done to him (Mitchell) in making certain alterations and repairs in Water Street near Her Majesty's Customs.

This case having been submitted to her Majesty's Attorney General last year, that hon. Functionary recommended its being settled by arbitration. This recommendation was immediately followed out by the appointment of three Arbiters every way competent to decide the question, namely, James Clift, Robert Prowse and Hugh Hoyles, Esqrs.,

The Arbitration met several times, heard evidence on both sides but gave no award

As this case is still undecided and before the Court, and as there is no means at the disposal of the Commissioners to meet such a contingency, I am again constrained most respectfully, to bring it under His Excellency's consideration, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to devise some means to meet the exigency and some measure of protection calculated to relieve the Commissioners from personal liability in the discharge of their public duty.

I beg further to acquaint you that a Writ has been issued against me by a person of the name of William Martin for alleged damages caused by certain alterations and repairs made in Gower Street (near Cochrane Street) in the year 1839.

Some expenses have already been incurred in the first of the above cases, and more will immediately be involved should no remedy be applied during the present sittings of the Legislative Assembly.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES DOUGLAS, Chairman.

The Hon. James Crowdy, Colonial Secretary.

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