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Proclamation

*By His Excellency Sir THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight,
(L. S.) Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the
THOS. COCHRANE. Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c.*

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Island stands prorogued until *Wednesday* the 1st day of *October* next : *And whereas* emergent business renders it necessary and expedient that the said General Assembly should meet at an earlier period.

I do therefore by these presents summon and call the said General Assembly to meet and Assemble *for the despatch of business*, on **TUESDAY** the 26th day of this Instant Month of *August*, of which all persons concerned, are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at the Government House, at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, the 11th day of August, 1834, in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JAMES CROWDY,

Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS
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NEW FOUNDLAND.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1834.

IN consequence of the absence of the Honorable the Speaker from Saint John's, the House did not meet pursuant to the Proclamation of his Excellency the Governor (hereto prefixed) on Tuesday the 26th ultimo, as therein directed, but have this day assembled for the despatch of business.

At eleven o'clock, the following Message was delivered by Joseph Templeman, Esquire, Usher of the Black Rod:—

“Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:”

“His Excellency the Governor commands your attendance, immediately, in the Council Chamber.”

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Members present, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Room,

And being returned, and there being only five Members present, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1834.

MR. SPEAKER addressed the House expressive of the reasons which had prevented his attendance at the opening of the session; and reported to the House, that he, with the Members present, yesterday, in obedience to the commands of his Excellency the Governor, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Room, where his Excellency was pleased to make a speech, of which Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House as follows:

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

It is with much regret I have been under the necessity of calling you together so soon after the very long session in which you had been engaged, and at a period when I am fully aware your personal interests require your undivided attention—and which cannot but materially suffer by your absence from your respective homes.

The answers I have received to the memorials praying for pecuniary aid from the Imperial Parliament, which, at the request of the Council and the Assembly, I transmitted to his Majesty's Government, left me, however, no alternative but immediately to call you together that the same may be laid before you,—that you may be enabled to take the important subjects they embrace into your serious consideration, and that, should you deem it necessary to meet the exigencies of the public service by any further fiscal arrangements, you may have an opportunity of doing so at the time of the year when the imports will probably be more extensive than at a later period.

And to enable you to form an opinion of the probable amount of Revenue that will, under existing imposts, accrue for the year ending 1st April next, I shall direct a statement to be laid before you of the amount collected during the previous year, to which will be attached the amount of the expenditure to be provided for up to the 1st April next, under the authority of the Legislature during its last session.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. KOUGH,

Ordered, that Mr. ROW, Mr. CARSON, Mr. HOYLES, Mr. KOUGH, and Mr. KENT be a committee to draw up an address of thanks, in answer to his Excellency's most gracious speech.

A message from his Excellency the Governor.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary Crowdy attended, and being admitted within the Bar, presented to the House copies of despatches which his Excellency had received from the Honorable E. G. Stanley, Secretary of State for the Colonies, upon the subject of the application of the Legislature at its last session for pecuniary assistance from the Parent Government—and, also, sundry papers numbered 1 to 4 (see appendix) relating to the Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony for the present year.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, that the said copies and papers do lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members.

Mr HOYLES gave notice that, on Friday next, he should move for leave to bring in a Bill for the continuance of an Act passed in the first session of the Colonial Parliament 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."

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1834.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House that Mr. Charles Simms had by his Excellency the Governor been appointed acting Clerk of the House in the absence of Mr. Archibald, and he desired him to read his commission.

Mr. Row, before the commission was read, would remind the House that by a Resolution which was entered on their Journals, the House asserted the right to appoint its own officers.

Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. PETER BROWN, then moved "That the House do proceed forthwith to the election of a Clerk of the House of Assembly, in the room of Edward M. Archibald Esquire."

Mr. Row, in amendment, moved "That the House resolve itself into a committee of privileges."

Which being seconded, was, on the question put thereon, negatived.

Mr. Row again in amendment moved that the words "in the room" be expunged and the words "to act in the absence" be inserted in lieu thereof,—which being seconded and put, was also negatived.

The said original motion was then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion five ; against it four.

For the motion.	Against the motion.
Mr. KOUGH	Mr. CARTER
— P. BROWN	— HOOPER
— CARSON	— ROW
— POWER	— HOYLES.
— KENT.	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. KENT then moved "That Charles Simms, Esquire, be appointed Clerk of the House of Assembly."

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion five ; against it four.

For the motion.	Against the motion.
Mr. KOUGH	Mr. HOYLES
— CARSON	— ROW
— P. BROWN	— CARTER
— KENT	— HOOPER.
— POWER.	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Row reported from the committee appointed to prepare an address in answer to his Excellency's speech, that the committee had drawn up the draft of an address accordingly, and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

*To His Excellency Sir THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight,
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 Representatives of his Majesty's loyal subjects the Inhabitants of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to thank your Excellency for the speech with which you have been pleased to open the present session.

We deeply regret to learn from your Excellency that the answer received from his Majesty's Government to the application of the Council and House of Assembly for pecuniary aid, has been such as to have obliged your Excellency to summons the General Assembly at this inconvenient season of the year ; but we fully

appreciate your Excellency's motives in doing so, and shall upon inspection of the documents which your Excellency is pleased to assure us you have directed to be laid before us, enter without delay into the consideration of such measures as the exigency of the case may require.

Ordered, that the said address be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. PETER BROWN gave notice that he would, to-morrow, move that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole upon the general state of the Colony.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1834.

MR. HOYLES, pursuant to notice given, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to continue a certain Act passed in the General Assembly of this Island, 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"—

Which was granted, and the said Bill was presented by him and read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Row, the address to his Excellency the Governor in reply to his Excellency's speech, was read a second time.

Ordered, that the said address be engrossed.

Charles Simms, Esquire, having this day intimated his wish to decline the appointment made yesterday of his being Clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. CARSON,

Resolved, that the situation of Clerk of this House being now vacant, that this House proceed, on Monday morning next, to the election of a Clerk.

On motion of Mr. CARSON.

Resolved, that Charles Simms, Esq., be requested to continue to act as Clerk to this House until Monday next.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the general state of the Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. POWER took the chair of the committee.

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 ask for leave to sit again on the subject thereof.

Ordered, that the said committee have leave to sit again.

On motion, it was,—

Resolved, that the copies of the letters of Mr. Secretary Stanley, and the estimates and statements of the Revenue laid before this House by order of his Excellency the Governor, and, also, the opinion of his Majesty's Attorney General of this Island, in reference to the Imperial and Colonial Duties levied in this Colony, be printed.

On motion, an engrossed copy of the address to his Excellency the Governor was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, that the said address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House.

Ordered, that Mr. CARTER, and Mr. PETER BROWN, be a committee to wait on his Excellency, to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House with the said address.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1834.

MR. SPEAKER read to the House a letter received from Charles Simms, Esq., intimating that he no longer held the commission which he had received from his Excellency the Governor appointing him acting Clerk of the House of Assembly.

Mr. PETER BROWN from the committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive the address of this House reported, that the committee had, pursuant to order, waited on his Excellency, and that his Excellency was pleased to appoint Monday next, at half past eleven o'clock, at Government House.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at quarter past eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1834.

IN accordance with the report of the committee on Saturday last appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor to know when he would be pleased to receive the address passed on Friday last, the whole House this day, at half past eleven o'clock, proceeded to Government House, and presented to his Excellency the said address—and being returned **Mr. SPEAKER** reported that his Excellency was graciously pleased to make the following reply,—

GENTLEMEN,

I return you my acknowledgments for the assurances conveyed in your address, that you will enter, without delay, into the consideration of such measures as the exigencies of the public service may require.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor.

The Honorable **Mr. Secretary CROWDY** appeared at the Bar of the House, and stated that he had a Message from his Excellency the Governor, signed by his Excellency, which he presented to the House, and it was then read by **Mr. SPEAKER**, and is as follows :

“ THOS. COCHRANE.”

The Governor acquaints the House of Assembly that he has appointed George Lilly, Esquire, acting Clerk of the Assembly during the absence of Edward Mortimer Archibald, Esquire.

Government House, }
September 8, 1834. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Lilly then appeared within the House, and presented to **Mr. SPEAKER** his Commission from his Excellency the Governor appointing him acting Clerk of the House during the absence of **Mr. Archibald**.

Mr. Row, seconded by **Mr. CARTER**, moved, “ that the Commission from his Excellency the Governor presented by **Mr. Lilly**, appointing him to act as Clerk of this House in the absence of **Mr. Archibald**, be now read.”

When, upon the question put thereon, there appeared for the motion, eight ; against it, two.

For the motion.

Mr. HOOPER
— CARTER
— KOUGH
— ROW
— KENT
— P. BROWN
— COZENS
— HOYLES.

Against the motion.

Mr. CARSON
— POWER.

And so it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. CARSON, seconded by Mr. KENT, then moved, "that Mr. Lilly be ordered by the Speaker to withdraw, until it is determined by the House whether or not he be received as the Clerk of the House."—Which, upon the question being put thereon, was agreed to.

Mr. LILLY, by desire of the Speaker, accordingly withdrew from the House.

The Commission appointing Mr. Lilly as acting Clerk of the House was then read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :

"THOS. COCHRANE."
(L. S).

*WILLIAM the FOURTH, by the Grace
of GOD of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Ireland, King,
Defender of the Faith, &c.*

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING.

KNOW YE that We having taken into our Royal Consideration the loyalty integrity and learning of our trusty and well beloved George Lilly Esquire have constituted and appointed and by these presents do constitute and appoint the said George Lilly to be Acting Clerk of our General Assembly of our Island of Newfoundland—To have hold execute and enjoy the said Office during the absence of Edward Mortimer Archibald Esquire, or during our pleasure, together with all and singular the rights profits privileges and emoluments unto the said place-belonging.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent under the Great Seal of our said Island.

WITNESS our trusty and well beloved Sir THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, Knight our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over our said Island and its Dependencies at Saint John's, in our said Island the Eight day of September in the Fifth year of our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JAMES CROWDY.

Mr. PETER BROWN, seconded by Mr. KENT, then moved, "that Mr. John Shea is a fit and proper person to be appointed to fill the situation of Clerk of this House, now vacant."

Whereupon, in amendment, Mr. Row, seconded by Mr. HOYLES, moved "that this House adheres to its former resolutions of being entitled to appoint its own officers, but that, nevertheless, as the question appears open to some doubt, the House will, for the present, admit Mr. Lilly to act as Clerk of the House in the absence of Mr. Archibald."

Which, upon the question being put thereon, there appeared for the amendment six ; against it, four.

For the amendment.

Mr. HOOPER
— CARTER
— KOUGH
— ROW
— COZENS
— HOYLES.

Against the amendment.

Mr. CARSON
— P. BROWN
— KENT
— POWER.

So it passed in the affirmative,

Mr. Row, seconded by Mr. KOUGH, then moved "That an address be presented to his Majesty, praying that his Majesty will be pleased to remove all doubts

on the subject, by conceding to the House the right of appointing its own officers"—which being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion six; against it four.

For the motion.

Mr. HOOPER
— CARTER
— KOUGH
— ROW
— COZENS
— HOYLES.

Against the motion.

Mr. CARSON
— P. BROWN
— KENT
— POWER.

And so it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Row, seconded by Mr. HOOPER, then moved "That Mr. Lilly be now called in and acquainted by the Speaker of the resolution of the House to admit him to act as Clerk in the absence of Mr. Archibald—when, on the question being put thereon, there appeared for the motion six; against it four.

For the motion.

Mr. CARTER
— HOOPER
— ROW
— KOUGH
— HOYLES
— COZENS.

Against the motion.

Mr. P BROWN
— CARSON
— KENT
— POWER.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Mr. Lilly was, by the Speaker, ordered to attend and take his seat at the Table as acting Clerk to the House—with which he immediately complied.

Mr. CARSON gave notice that he would, on a future day, move that the resolution passed last session by the House for a copy of each day's proceedings being furnished to his Excellency the Governor, be rescinded.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, the Bill for continuing for one year "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,"—was read a second time.

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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1834.

A GREEABLY to the Order of the day, the House went into Committee on the consideration of the Bill for continuing for one year the Quarantine Act.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HOOPER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported that the committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. KOUGH,

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. PETER BROWN gave notice that, to-morrow, he would lay before the House a statement by which *Taxation* may be avoided, and the *Expenditure* of the Colony provided for.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1834.

ON motion, an engrossed copy of the Bill for continuing for one year the Quarantine Act was read a third time,—whereupon,

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. KOUGH,

Resolved, that the said Bill do pass and that the title be “an Act [to continue for one year ‘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.’ ”

Ordered, that Mr. HOYLES and Mr. KOUGH do carry the said Bill up to the Honorable the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

A Petition of Thomas Ridley and others, Inhabitants of Harbor Grace, was presented and read by Mr. PETER BROWN; setting forth—that Petitioners deeply regret the Parent Government had found it expedient to refuse the aid solicited by the Council and the House of Assembly at its last Session;—that in consequence thereof, to provide for the public service of the Colony for the current year, the Petitioners were apprehensive that an advalorem duty upon all Imports was in contemplation;—that from unproductive voyages,—recent calamitous fires—bad crops—and numerous mercantile failures, the Petitioners humbly conceive, such a measure at the present moment would be impolitic; and humbly pray that under all these pressing and important considerations, some less objectionable mode of preserving the public credit may be adopted by the House.

Also, a similar Petition of William Donnelly and other Inhabitants of Spaniards Bay, was presented and read by Mr. CARSON, setting forth apprehensions of the same nature, and assigning the same reasons to shew the impolicy of fixing an advalorem duty upon all Imports at this critical period, and humbly praying the House will give its serious attention to the Petition, and, upon mature deliberation of the consequences of such a measure, it will resort to some less onerous mode of meeting the demands of the Colonial expenditure for the present year, thereby rejecting a dangerous expedient that would probably end in the ruin of themselves as well as of the country.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. KOUGH, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the consideration of the General State of the Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. POWER took the chair of the committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported that the committee had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had directed him to ask for leave to sit again upon the further consideration thereof.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1834.

AGREEBLY to the order of the day, the House went into committee upon the further consideration of the General state of the Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. POWER took the chair of the committee

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 further to report that they had come to three resolutions thereupon, which with permission of the House, he begged leave to submit for its consideration.

Ordered, that the said resolutions be received and read ;—and the same were accordingly read by the Clerk, and are as follows :

1st. That it appears to this committee that, in the absence of any pecuniary aid from the Parent Government, the probable Revenue will not be sufficient to meet the expenses of the present year.

2nd. That it would be impolitic and injurious to the best interests of this Colony to impose at present any additional taxation.

3rd. That it is the opinion of this committee that application should be made to his Excellency the Governor, to ascertain whether his Excellency could arrange to supply such deficiency from any public Funds within the Colony, or by drafts on the Treasury, or otherwise, by way of Loan, on an assurance of this House to make good the same by a suitable Enactment in the next session.

Resolved, that the same be agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. HOYLES, Mr. KOUGH, and Mr. Row be a committee to wait on his Excellency the Governor with a copy of the third resolution as above, and receive his reply thereto.

Ordered, that Mr. Speaker do communicate with his Excellency, and request to know from him when it will be his pleasure to receive the said committee, with the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Row,

Resolved, that this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of Supply.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1834.

MR. HOYLES, from the committee appointed yesterday to wait on his Excellency the Governor with a copy of the third Resolution then passed, reported to the House that they had waited this day upon his Excellency accordingly, when his Excellency was pleased to make the following reply thereto :

“ I beg you will convey to the House of Assembly my extreme regret that there are no funds at my disposal of which I could avail myself to comply with their request,—and that I am expressly directed, on no account, to draw on the Imperial Treasury for any sum in aid of the Colonial Revenue, after the 31st March last.”

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a committee of supply, being read,

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. POWER took the chair of the committee.

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 further to report that they had come to a resolution which, with the permission of the House, he begged leave to submit for its consideration.

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this committee that the act passed in the 4th William IV. chap. 1, entitled “ an Act for granting to his Majesty certain duties on all Wines and on all Brandy, Rum, Gin, and other Spirituous Liquors imported into this Island and its dependencies,” except so much thereof as was repealed by an act passed in the second session 4th William IV. chap. 1, entitled “ an Act for the further increase of the Revenue” be continued for one year, and from thence to the end of the then next session of the Legislature.

On motion,

Resolved, that the said resolution be adopted by the House.

On motion of Mr. Row, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to prepare and draft a bill in conformity with the above resolution.

Ordered, that Mr. Row, Mr. HOYLES, and Mr. BROWN be a committee for that purpose.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER, 13, 1834.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary CROWDY appeared, and being admitted within the Bar presented to Mr. Speaker the following written Message to the House from his Excellency the Governor, signed by his Excellency, which he read to the House as follows :

“ THOS. COCHRANE.”

The Governor acquaints the House of Assembly that he has received undoubted information that the Asiatic Cholera has for some time prevailed in Lower Canada, and now exists in Halifax (Nova Scotia) and had, up to the last advices, carried off in that time more than 150 people.

His Excellency is taking every precaution against the introduction of that fatal disease into this colony, but when the proximity of Nova Scotia is considered, and the constant intercourse that is carried on between the two Countries, his Excellency cannot but be alive to the probability of its reaching these shores; and, therefore, submits to the House of Assembly the propriety of making pecuniary provision to meet the expenses which will unavoidably arise in the event of such a calamity occurring; and prevent the necessity of his Excellency a second time calling the Members of the House from their personal concerns, which, at this season of the year, must particularly require their immediate presence.

Government House, }
September 12, 1834. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the said Message be referred to the committee of Supply.

Mr. Row reported from the committee appointed to draft a bill in pursuance of the resolution of the House yesterday, and he presented a bill “ to continue for one year an act passed in the 4th William IV. chap. 1, entitled “ an Act for granting to his Majesty certain duties on all Wines and on all Brandy, Rum, Gin, and other spirituous Liquors imported into this Island and its dependencies,” except so much thereof as was repealed by an act passed in the second session of the 4th William IV. chap. 1, entitled “ an Act for the further increase of the Revenue”—and the same was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Row, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Resolved, that the said bill be now read a second time;—which, upon the question put thereon, was agreed to :—and

The said bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, that the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House,—engrossed,—and read a third time, on Monday next.

Mr. Row moved for leave to bring in a bill to amend an act past last session, entitled “ an Act for registering the names of all persons entitled to vote at elections.”

Resolved, that leave be granted to Mr. Row for that purpose.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1834.

A GREEBLY to the order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the consideration of the bill for continuing the Revenue Act

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. POWER took the chair of the committee

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the said bill without amending it, and he then delivered the same in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and

On motion of Mr. Row,

Resolved, that the said bill be now read a third time, which was agreed to: and the bill was read accordingly a third time.

Mr. Row then moved, seconded by Mr. HOYLES, that the bill do now pass, and that the title be "An Act to continue for a limited time an act passed in the 4th year of the Reign of his present Majesty entitled 'an Act for granting to his Majesty certain duties on all Wines and on all Brandy, Rum, Gin, and other Spirituous Liquors imported into this Island and its dependencies.'" ' "

Which, upon the question being put thereon, was agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. Row, and Mr. P. BROWN do carry the same up to the Hon. the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

In pursuance of notice and leave granted, Mr. Row presented to the House "a bill for amending an act passed the last session entitled "an act for registering the names of persons entitled to vote at elections."—Which, upon motion, was read a first time.

Resolved, that the said bill be read a second time to-morrow,

Mr. KENT gave notice that, on Wednesday next, he should lay before the House a series of resolutions for its adoption, relative to the general state of the Colony.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1834.

THE Bill for amending an Act of the last Session for Registering the names of Voters at Elections was read a second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. KOUGH, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the consideration of the general state of the colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HOYLES took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported that the committee had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had come to a resolution thereon, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was read, and is as follows :

"*Resolved*, that it is the opinion of this committee that the most convenient method of raising the money which may be necessary to supply any deficiency of the Revenue to meet the expenses of the present year, would be by issuing Treasury Notes bearing interest, and that such notes be received in payment of Duties at the Custom House, and also at the Office of the Treasurer."

Which said resolution was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Row, seconded by Mr. KENT,

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to draft a Bill in pursuance of the said Resolution

Ordered, that Mr. Row, Mr. HOYLES, and Mr. KENT, be a committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. CARTER,

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the consideration of a Supply to be granted to his Majesty.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HOYLES took the Chair of the Committee.

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 come to a Resolution thereupon which they had directed him to submit for the concurrence of the House; and he read the same in his place, and then delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

Resolved, that it is the opinion of this committee that a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, be granted to his Majesty to provide for any expenses which may arise from the appearance and spreading of Asiatic Cholera in this Island."

Which said resolution was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Row, from the committee appointed this day to prepare a bill in pursuance of a resolution of the House for the issuing of Treasury Notes, presented a bill in conformity thereto, which was read a first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1834.

MR. SPEAKER submitted that he intended a call of the House, and made the same accordingly: when the following Members answered to their names,

VIZ.

Mr. Kent, Mr. Kough, Mr. Power, Mr. Hoyles, Mr. Cozens, Mr. Carter, Mr. Carson.

On motion of Mr. Row, the Treasury Note Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the general state of the colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. POWER took the chair of the committee.

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 acquaint the House that they had come to several Resolutions thereon which, by their direction, he submitted for the concurrence of the House; and having read the same in his place, he afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again read, and are as follows:

Resolved, that as the Parent Government has determined that the Colony of Newfoundland shall defray all the Civil Expenses of its Government, without the

usual aid granted by the Mother Country, that it is the opinion of this committee a reduction in that expenditure ought to take place to the lowest scale compatible with the means of the Colony and its good Government.

2nd. *Resolved*, that it is the opinion of this Committee, that the annual sum of £6550, reserved by the Imperial Act of 2nd and 3rd Wm. 4th; Cap. 78, towards the maintenance of the Governor, of the Chief, and other Judges, the Attorney General, and Colonial Secretary, is more than commensurate with the present means of the Colony.

3rd. *Resolved*, that it is the opinion of this committee that a Memorial should be presented to his Majesty showing the inadequacy of the Revenue of the Colony to meet the heavy charges with which it is at present burthened, and praying that his Majesty would be pleased to accept towards the Salaries of the Governor, the Chief Justice, the Colonial Secretary, and the Attorney General, the sum of £4000 to be reserved by an Act of the General Assembly upon permanent Funds adequate to the purpose; and that, thereupon, his Majesty would graciously be pleased to concur with the Legislature, in repealing so much of the said Act of the Imperial Parliament as relates to the reservation of the sum of £6550 out of the Revenue of the Colony:—And it is further the opinion of this Committee, that in the said Memorial the House should assure his Majesty of their determination to make provision for the Assistant Judges, during the continuance of the present constitution of the Supreme Court.

4th. *Resolved*, that the expenses of collecting the Revenue of the Colony, amounting to 25 per cent on the aggregate Revenue, ought to be considerably reduced; and that the sentiments of the House be embodied in the aforesaid Memorial to his Majesty, stating that the House is willing to vote out of the Revenue of the Colony the Annual sum of £2350 to the several Officers of the Custom House Establishment—to wit:—

Collector.....	}	£600
Searcher & Waiter..		350
First Clerk.....		St. John's.....	100
Second do.....		100
Locker.....		100

SUB-COLLECTORS IN OUTPORTS.

Twillingate.....	£100
Trinity.....	150
Harbor Grace.....	250
Bay Bulls.....	100
Ferryland.....	100
Placentia.....	100
Little Bay.....	100
Port de Grave.....	100
Burin.....	100
	<hr/> <hr/> £2350

5th. *Resolved*, that it is the opinion of this committee, that the Legislature being now called on to support the whole Civil Establishment of the Colony, it would be desirable that it should have the appropriation of all the Revenue, and that in the Memorial to his Majesty there should be embodied a prayer that his Majesty would graciously be pleased to direct that the Rents accruing from Ship's Rooms and other public Lands, and, also, the monies accruing from the future Sales of Crown Lands should be placed at the disposal of the Colonial Legislature

On motion of Mr. Row,

Resolved, that the House do concur with the committee in the said Resolutions.

On motion of Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. CARSON,

Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to draw up a memorial to his Majesty, embodying in the said memorial the subject matter of the resolutions contained in the report of the committee of the whole House on the state of the Colony, and now unanimously adopted by the House.

Ordered, that Mr. KENT, Mr. CARSON, Mr. ROW, Mr. KOUGH and Mr. HOYLES, do form a committee for the above purpose.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the House went into committee of the whole upon the consideration of the bill for amending the Registration of Voters Act.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HOYLES took the chair of the committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

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

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, and, upon the question severally put thereon, were agreed to by the House.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the said Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER, 18, 1834.

MR. KENT, from the committee appointed to prepare a memorial to his Majesty upon the subject matter of the resolutions passed yesterday, presented to the House the draft of a memorial in conformity thereto, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

TO HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,

We the Representatives of your Majesty's faithful subjects of Newfoundland, convened at this time in our Legislative capacity, beg leave most respectfully to address your Majesty, with full confidence that those feelings of consideration and regard to your loyal subjects in this colony are still unabated. We beg to tender to your Majesty in the name of the inhabitants of this Island, our warmest gratitude for the prompt attention which your Majesty paid to the memorial of the House of Assembly on the Financial condition of this Colony ; and although your Majesty in your wisdom did not think it meet to accede to the prayer of that memorial, still the sentiments of affectionate sympathy and advice contained in your Majesty's reply, embolden us to hope that our suggestions for the amelioration of the condition of the inhabitants of this Colony, will receive your Majesty's most gracious sanction.

We beg to direct the attention of your Majesty to an act of the Imperial Parliament 2d & 3d Wm. IV. cap. 78, whereby an annual sum of £6550, was set apart out of the Revenues of this colony, towards the maintenance of the Governor, the Chief and other Judges, the Attorney General, and the Colonial Secretary. While the Parent Government granted some pecuniary aid towards the defrayal of the Civil expenditure of this Colony, a cheerful acquiescence was yielded to the above mentioned reserved sum towards the maintenance of these high Public Functionaries ; but now, as that aid is withdrawn, your Majesty's faithful Commons in Newfoundland, are forced, however reluctantly, to assure your Majesty, that the revenue of the colony is inadequate to meet the heavy charges with which it is at present burthened. Under the pressure of these circumstance, we humbly pray

that Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to accept towards the salaries of the Governor, the Chief Justice, the Colonial Secretary, and Attorney General, the sum of £4000, to be secured by an Act of the General Assembly upon permanent funds adequate to the purpose; and that Your Majesty would, thereupon, be graciously pleased to concur with the Legislature in repealing so much of the said act of the Imperial Parliament as relates to the reservation of the sum of £6550 out of the Revenue of the Colony;—and we beg further to assure Your Majesty, that, in the event of Your Majesty's concurrence in this our unanimous wish, it is our determination to make full provision for the salaries of the Assistant Judges, during the continuance of the present constitution of the Supreme Court of this Island.

To the expenses of the Custom House Department in this Island, we beg to solicit Your Majesty's attention.—By the said act of the Imperial Parliament, 2d and 3d Wm. 4th, cap. 78, the nett produce of all duties levied within the Colony is placed under the control of its Legislature; it is thence assumed by the Officers of the Custom Department that the Local Legislature has no control over the expenses of collection.—The aggregate amount of Revenue collected in this Colony by the powers of Imperial and Local Acts of Parliament, is £16,000; the expenses of collection £4000,—that is 25 per cent on the gross amount.

We beg to submit to Your Majesty, that, as the Legislature of this Colony has from its own revenue to defray the whole of its civil expenditure, so as it would only be a measure of justice towards it to allow it a control over the expense of collecting that Revenue; and to prove to Your Majesty the desire of your faithful Commons to support Your Majesty's Government in this Colony, we are satisfied that a sum not exceeding £2350, should be set aside for the maintenance of the present Custom Establishment in this Island, a sum in our opinion, after mature deliberation, fully adequate to meet all the exigencies of that department.

The rents of Ships' Rooms and other Public Lands, form a source of revenue in this Colony, not within the control of its local Parliament.—These are reasons both of justice and expediency to influence Your Majesty's faithful Commons in praying that they should be placed under the control of the Legislature of this Colony. We feel assured that, under its fostering care, these sources of Revenue might be essentially improved, so as to be productive in many ways to the best interests of the Colony. The removal of every obstruction to the cultivation of the soil, we deem called for, on every principle of policy,—our encreasing population requiring this as an auxiliary to our fisheries.—Actuated by these considerations, we humbly pray that Your Majesty would graciously be pleased to direct that the rents accruing from ships' rooms and other public lands, and, also, the monies accruing from the future sales of Crown Lands, should be placed at the disposal of the Colonial Legislature.

Such are the measures of amelioration which the People of Newfoundland, by the unanimous voice of us, their Representatives, crave from your Majesty. These necessities produced, in some degree, by the withdrawal of aid by the Parent Country, force them to be thus importunate; and they are so with confidence, because they know that Justice is one of the most distinguishing attributes in the character of their Illustrious Sovereign.

On motion of Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. SWEETMAN,

Resolved, that the said Address to his Majesty as now read, be adopted by the House.

Ordered, that the same be engrossed.

Resolved, that the said address be presented to his Excellency the Governor by the whole House, with a request that he will be pleased to forward the same to England, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

On motion of Mr. Row,

Resolved, that the Bill for amending the act for the Registration of the names of Voters be recommitted.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. HOYLES took the chair of the committee

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had reconsidered the said Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendment in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read ; and on motion,

Resolved, that the said Bill, as amended, be agreed to.

Ordered, that the same be engrossed and read a third time.

Agreeably to the order of the day the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the consideration of the Bill for the issue of Treasury Notes.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. POWER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The Chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had amended the same, which, with the amendments, he delivered in at the clerk's Table, where the amendment was again read.

On motion of Mr. Row, seconded by Mr. HOYLES.

Resolved, that the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

In pursuance of a Resolution of the House on Tuesday last, Mr. CARTER presented a Bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of £500, to provide for any expenses that may arise from the appearance and spreading of Asiatic Cholera in this Island, which was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. CARTER,

Resolved, that the said Bill be now committed to a committee of the whole House.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair,

Mr. HOYLES took the chair of the committee,

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.

Resolved, that the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. KENT, seconded by Mr. SWEETMAN,

Resolved, that the following address, upon the subject of the petition to his Majesty, be presented to his Excellency the Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir Thomas John Cochrane, Knight,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Is-
land of Newfoundland and its Dependencies &c. &c. &c.*

May it please Your Excellency,

The House of Assembly having passed an address to his Majesty on the subject of the Salaries of the Civil Officers of the Government reserved by the act of the Imperial Parliament 2d & 3d Wm. IV. cap. 78, also, in reference to the expenses of the Customs' establishment, and on the subject of the revenues arising from the sale and rents of Crown Lands in this colony—respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to forward the same to England, with all convenient speed, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, that Mr. KENT, and Mr. SWEETMAN be a committee to wait on his Excellency with the said address.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1834.

MR. SPEAKER acquainted the House that his Excellency the Governor had appointed this day, at three o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the House with the address to his Majesty.

The engrossed address to his Majesty upon the subject matter of the resolutions of the House on Wednesday last, was presented and read.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the same do now pass.

On motion of Mr. CARSON, seconded by Mr. KENT

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to go up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and request a search of its Journals as to what progress has been made by them in the bill sent up from this House for their concurrence, entitled "an Act to continue for a limited time an act passed in the 4th year of the Reign of his present Majesty, entitled "an Act for granting to his Majesty certain duties on all Wines, and on all Brandy, Rum, Gin, and other spirituous Liquors imported into this Island and its Dependencies."

Ordered, that Mr. CARSON, and Mr. KENT be a committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. CARTER,

An engrossed bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of £500 sterling, was read a third time, and thereupon,

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

Resolved, that the said bill do pass, and that the title be "an Act for granting to his Majesty the sum of Five hundred pounds sterling, to be appropriated and applied towards defraying any expenses which may arise in the event of the introduction and spreading of the Asiatic Cholera in this colony."

Ordered, that Mr. CARTER do carry the said bill up to the Honorable the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. CARSON, from the committee appointed to search the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council relative to the progress made in the bill for the continuance of the revenue act, reported, that, in obedience thereto, the committee had made search accordingly, and had copied the following minute therefrom, upon the said bill:—

"Thursday, September 18, 1834."

"The order of the day for the reading of the bill entitled "an act to continue for a limited time an act passed in the 4th year of the Reign of his present Majesty entitled "an Act for granting to his Majesty certain duties on all Wines, and on all Brandy, Rum, Gin, and other Spirituous Liquors imported into this Island and its dependencies," having been read, it was

Ordered, to be read a second time this day three months.

The engrossed bill for amending an "act for registering the names of voters," was read a third time.

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

Resolved, that the said bill do now pass, and that the title be "an Act to suspend until the year 1835, the operation of an act passed in the last session of Parliament entitled "an act for registering the names of persons entitled to vote at elections."

Ordered, that Mr. Row and Mr. CARTER do take the said bill up to the Hon. the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

An engrossed copy of the bill for the issuing of Treasury Notes, was then presented and read a third time, whereupon

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. KENT,

Resolved, that the said bill do now pass, and that the title be "an act to authorize the issuing of Treasury Notes."

Ordered, that Mr. HOYLES and Mr. KENT do carry the said bill up to the Hon. the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Three o'clock having arrived, the House (preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms) went up to Government House with the address to his Majesty, to attend upon, and request from, his Excellency the Governor, that his Excellency would be pleased to forward the same to England with all convenient speed, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

And being returned, Mr. SPEAKER reported that the House had been in attendance upon his Excellency, with the address to his Majesty, praying his Excellency to forward the same to England as speedily as possible, and that in reply thereto, his Excellency was pleased to say he would transmit the same in compliance with the wishes of the House.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1834.

THE following written Message from the Hon. the Legislative Council was presented by Christopher Ayre, Esquire, Clerk of the Council ;

Mr. SPEAKER, the Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that, in consequence of the absence of the Master in Chancery, attendant upon the Legislative Council, they have found it necessary to send the Messages communicated to the House of Assembly this day by their Clerk, to which departure from accustomed usage the Legislative Council feel persuaded the House of Assembly will for the reason assigned, take no exception.

H J. BOULTON, *Speaker*.

Legislative Council, }
20th September 1834. }

He then afterwards said—

Mr. SPEAKER, the Legislative Council have passed without any amendment, the several Bills entitled as follows:—viz.

"An act to continue 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."—also

"An act for granting to his Majesty the sum of £500 sterling, to be appropriated and applied towards defraying expenses which may arise in the event of the introduction and spreading of Asiatic Cholera in this Colony."—also

"An act to suspend until the year of 1835, the operation of an act passed in the last Session of Parliament entitled 'an act for registering the names of persons entitled to vote at elections.'"—also

"An act to authorize the issue of Treasury Notes."

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor, by Joseph Templeman, Esquire Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker.

His Excellency the Governor commands the attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Accordingly Mr. SPEAKER and the House went up to attend his Excellency, when his Excellency was pleased, in his Majesty's name, to assent to the several Bills following :

"An act to continue 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."

“ An act for granting to his Majesty the sum of five hundred pounds, Sterling, to be appropriated and applied towards defraying any expenses which may arise in the event of the introduction and spreading of Asiatic cholera in this Colony.”

“ An act to suspend until the year of one thousand eight hundred and thirty five the operation of an act, passed in the last session of Parliament entitled ‘an act for registering the names of persons entitled to vote at elections.’”

“ An act to authorize the issue of Treasury Notes.”

And then his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses :

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

I avail myself of the earliest opportunity that the public duties which rendered it indispensable to call you together will admit of, to permit you to return to your respective homes, from whence you cannot have been so long absent without incurring considerable personal inconvenience.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

The arrangements you have made to meet the exigencies of the public service will, I hope, prove equal to your expectations ; at the same time I shall use my best endeavours to avoid the necessity of recurring to the expedient which you have provided : and I trust (unless some unforeseen emergency shall arise) that by a strict and rigorous economy, I shall be able to do so, until you shall again be assembled in this place.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,

It has been my painful duty to announce to you that the disease known by the name of Asiatic cholera has recently visited the neighbouring province of Nova Scotia ; and although every means will be resorted to, which, under Divine favor, may be deemed proper to exclude it from these shores, yet experience has proved that in many other countries no human means have at all times proved successful in that respect.

It is, therefore, my earnest recommendation to you, that you do each, within the influence of your advice or controul, use your best endeavours to prepare for a calamity which we may not be able to avert,—that you will enjoin cleanliness where I am afraid *that* requisite to health and comfort is too much neglected ; and that you will by all means impress upon the lower orders in your vicinity, how essential temperance and sobriety are as a prevention to the approach of this fatal disease, or as a means of overcoming it when unhappily under its influence ;—and that in every Country which has unfortunately fallen under its scourge, inebriety and dissolute conduct, and the neglect of cleanly habits, have afforded by far the greater portion of victims to its desolating progress.

After which the Speaker of the Honorable the Legislative Council, by his Excellency’s command, said,

Gentlemen,

It is his Excellency’s will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until Tuesday, the 28th day of October next ;—and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday, the 28th day of October next, then to meet again in this place.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

COPIES

OF TWO DESPATCHES TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR FROM MR. SECRETARY STANLEY, IN ANSWER TO PETITIONS FROM THE COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY OF NEWFOUNDLAND PRAYING A PARLIAMENTARY GRANT IN AID OF THE COLONIAL FUNDS.

*Downing Street,
28th May, 1834.*

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 11, of the 3d ult., transmitting an address to the King from the Council of Newfoundland, praying that some aid may be afforded by this Country to the Revenues of Newfoundland, which have been found to be inadequate to defray the necessary Expenditure of the Colony.

In my despatch No. 43 of this day's date acknowledging the receipt of an address from the House of Assembly on the same subject, I have stated at length the grounds upon which his Majesty's Government have judged it inexpedient to apply to Parliament for any grant in aid of the funds of the Colony. It is only necessary, therefore, on the present occasion, that I should direct you to acquaint the Council that their address has been laid at the foot of the Throne, and to state at the same time the grounds of the decision which has been formed by his Majesty's Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed)

E. G. STANLEY.

Governor

Sir THOMAS COCHRANE, &c.

Downing Street,
28th May, 1834.

SIR,—I have had the honor to receive and lay before his Majesty your despatch No. 8, of the 18th February last, accompanied by an address from the Assembly of Newfoundland on the Financial condition of the Island, in which they bring forward various circumstances in the past policy of the Mother Country as having tended, in their estimation, to impede the prosperity of the Colony; and they, at the same time, complain of the Rights enjoyed on the shores of Newfoundland by Fishermen of Foreign Nations. They then state that the sum required to defray the expenses of the Government for this year amounts to £27000, and that, with every endeavour to enforce economy, they feel that the whole Revenue arising from Customs' Duties, whether levied under Acts of the British Parliament, or under the Act passed in the Island last year, must be quite inadequate to meet the necessary charges of the Civil Government. The Revenue of the Crown Lands, they remark, is not placed at their disposal. They further state that many public objects of great moment call for an increased expenditure, while, on the other hand, the distress arising out of the failure of two successive Potato Crops, the deterioration of the Fisheries, and the depression of Trade, owing to the state of the chief Markets for the staple commodities of the Colony, render it peculiarly inexpedient at the present moment, to impose additional taxes on the people of Newfoundland; under these circumstances, they pray that his Majesty will recommend the Imperial Parliament to Grant to the Colony such sum of money, in aid of its proper funds, as to the wisdom of Parliament may seem proper.

I much lament the apprehension of the House of Assembly that the resources of Newfoundland will be inconveniently burthened by the demands to which they are subject for the promotion of those public objects for which the Assembly is now called upon to provide. Nothing can be more desired by his Majesty than the prosperity of the loyal people of this Island, nor could his Majesty suppose, without deep regret, that their welfare could be seriously impaired by the efforts which they may be called upon to make for the maintenance of the Establishments necessary for the administration of their affairs. But I trust no such result is to be apprehended. I must remind you that at the time when a Legislature was bestowed on Newfoundland the increase of the wealth and population of the Colony formed one of the chief grounds on which the boon had been solicited,—at the same time the aid previously granted to the other British Governments in North America had either been withdrawn, or was about to be withdrawn; and no annual vote now remains, as you are probably aware, except that to the small Colony of Prince Edward's Island, which it is probable will shortly be superseded by arrangements at present in discussion between the Legislature of that Island and his Majesty's Government. Upon a review of all the circumstances, I cannot feel warranted in advising his Majesty to sanction the application to Parliament, which is requested by the Assembly of Newfoundland; I have, therefore, only to convey to you his Majesty's commands to signify to the House of Assembly his Majesty's regret that he is unable to comply with the prayer of their Petition, and his earnest hope that by judicious measures for augmenting the Revenue, and for limiting the expenditure within the narrowest bounds which the Public interest will allow, the Legislature may be enabled to provide for the charges of the Colony without injuriously pressing upon the resources of the People.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed)

E. G. STANLEY.

Governor
Sir THOMAS COCHRANE, &c. }

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Statement shewing the amount voted in the last Session of the Colonial Legislature for the Public Service of the Colony for the year ending 31st March 1835, and the probable amount of Revenue, under existing imposts, to meet the same.

Amount voted by Appropriation Act, 4 Wm. 4, cap. 25.	11894 18 4
Ditto—cap. 25.	2192 1 11
Total Sum voted for the Service above stated.....	14087 0 3
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To meet which it is estimated there will be (from the Existing Revenues)	
Imperial Duties.....	*£10830 8 10
From which Deduct	
Customs Expenditure £4000	0 0
Reserved Salaries... £6550	0 0
£10550	0 0
Balance of Imperial Duties after deducting as above	280 8 10
Add	
Amount of Colonial Duties in the hands of the Treasurer on 1st April, 1834.....	2540 7 3
Estimated amount of Colonial Duties up to the 31st March, 1835,.....	5227 0 0
License Fund (whole Island).....	1000 0 0
Total Estimated amount of Revenue (under existing imposts) for the year ending 31st March, 1835,.....	9047 16 1
Estimated deficiency.....	£5039 4 2

*A deficiency of £2000 has occurred in the produce of these duties from 5th April to 30th August as compared with the same period of last year. This Estimate after deducting the above deficiency is founded on the assumption that the remainder of the present year will produce the same as the corresponding period of the last.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

STATEMENT OF THE PRODUCE OF THE IMPERIAL DUTIES IN THE YEAR
ENDING 5TH APRIL, 1834.

£12,830 8s. 10d. Sterling.

Twelve Thousand eight hundred and thirty Pounds Eight Shillings and tenpence
Sterling.

STATEMENT OF THE AMOUNT OF COLONIAL DUTIES COLLECTED BETWEEN
THE 24TH JULY, 1833, (WHEN THE ACT COMMENCED ITS OPERATION) AND
THE 5TH JULY, 1834.

Amount of Colonial Duties in the above period,..... £4927 0 0

Add assumed amount of duties from 5th to 24th July,
supposing the Act had commenced on the former day 300 0 0

Estimated amount of Colonial duties for one year **£5227 0 0**

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE PRODUCE OF THE IMPERIAL CUSTOMS DUTIES IN THE QUAR-
TERS ENDING RESPECTIVELY 5TH JULY 1833—ALSO OF THE SAME DUTIES FROM THE 6TH JULY
TO 30TH AUGUST 1833, AND THE SAME PERIOD OF THE YEAR 1834.

Quarters ending			Decrease.			Period from			Decrease.								
5th July 1834.			5th July 1833.			6th July to 30th Aug. 1833			6th July to 30th Aug. 1834								
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