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OF THE
ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.



His Excellency the Honorable Sir **FREDERIC B. T. CARTER**,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of
St. Michael and St. George, Administrator of the Govern-
ment and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of
Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1892.

[**SPECIAL SESSION.**]

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PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of St. Michael and St. George, Admin-
istrator of the Government and Commander-
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until **THURSDAY** the **TWENTY-FIRST** day of **JULY** instant; and whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **FOURTH** day of **AUGUST** next.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue the said General Assembly until **THURSDAY** the **FOURTH** day of **AUGUST** next, as aforesaid, of which all persons concerned are required to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government House, St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Nineteenth day of July, A. D. 1892.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.



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By His Excellency Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER,
Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished
F. B. T. CARTER, *Order of St. Michael and St. George, Admin-*
Administrator. *istrator of the Government and Commander-*
in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfound-
land and its Dependencies.

WHEREAS the General Assembly stands prorogued until
THURSDAY the FOURTH day of AUGUST instant; and
whereas I think fit to further prorogue the said General As-
sembly until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day of AUGUST instant.

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further prorogue
the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the ELEVENTH day
of AUGUST instant, as aforesaid, *then to meet for the despatch of*
business; of which all persons concerned are required to take
due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government
House, St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, the
Third day of August, A. D. 1892.

By His Excellency's Command,

R. BOND,
Colonial Secretary.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

[SPECIAL SESSION.]

Thursday, August 11th, 1892.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Legislature,

At One o'clock the House met.

Council meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. McLOUGHLAN,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON,

J. HARRIS.

At Two o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, the Honorable Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER, K. C. M. G., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Hon. the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, attendant on the Council, to proceed to the Commons House

Administrator
arrives at Council
Chamber ;

Assembly attends
Council Chamber.

of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof, that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they attend at the Bar of this House; and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature with the following gracious Speech to both Houses:—

Administrator's
Speech.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Assembly;

It is with the profoundest regret that I have convened the Legislature at a season of the year when I am fully aware your ordinary avocations demand your undivided attention, but the great calamity which has recently visited St. John's renders it expedient that I should avail myself of your advice and co-operation.

On the 8th day of July an irresistible and awful conflagration completely destroyed nearly two-thirds of this city, the capital of the Colony and the centre of its trade, and rendered homeless more than eleven thousand of its inhabitants.

The destruction of property occasioned by the fire of the 9th of June, 1846, is far exceeded by the recent calamity. The former did not extend over so great an area or involve the loss of so many public buildings and valuable mercantile premises.

To-day complete desolation marks the site of the wealthiest and principal portion of our city. The Courts of Justice, Custom House, one Cathe-

dral, three Churches, five Public Schools, ten Public Halls, and Athenæum, together with some three thousand dwelling houses and stores having been totally destroyed. Speech.—
(Continued).

Forest fires have also occasioned much loss and suffering in other parts of the Colony, and have intensified the gloom which now surrounds us.

As speedily as possible after the disaster my Government adopted measures to meet the emergency, by providing food and shelter for the destitute, and I am thankful to know that their prompt action averted the suffering and privation which immediately threatened the poorer victims.

The people of Great Britain, the Dominion of Canada and the United States have manifested their deep sympathy with us in our affliction by bounteous donations, which have contributed largely to mitigate the suffering incident to such a direful calamity.

Before the fire had ceased its ravages, our fellow-colonists in Halifax had organized a relief committee, and in a few hours aid was despatched to our assistance, recalling a like action on the part of that city in 1846. This spontaneous generosity was immediately followed by similar acts elsewhere. For these manifestations of benevolence and charity we have reason to be truly grateful, and I know that I am expressing the feelings of this Legislature and of the whole community in now giving utterance to our heartfelt gratitude for the aid so promptly afforded.

I have appointed a committee to receive and distribute all provisions and funds that may be

Speech.—
(Continued.)

contributed towards the relief of the sufferers by the recent fire, and I am confident that the position of the gentlemen composing that committee is a sufficient guarantee that the donations placed at their disposal will be distributed impartially and in a manner best calculated to meet the requirements of the sufferers.

I desire to resort to your assistance at this time for the purpose of devising measures for laying out the streets and regulating re-building in that portion of the city which has recently been destroyed.

There would appear to be an impression that at the present juncture an attempt may be made by proprietors of land to impose excessive rents on those whose business demands that they should immediately obtain leases and proceed to rebuild; this is a subject which may require your attention, but I trust that any measure which you may adopt will be such as will result to the advantage of both Landlord and Tenant and the well-being of the community.

You will be invited to make provision for such buildings as are necessary for the conduct of the public business.

I am sure you will concur with me in expressing gratitude that Her Majesty has been pleased to place a company of the Royal Engineers at the disposal of my Government. Their efficient services will be directed to the survey of the city and the allignment of its streets in accordance with such law as the Legislature may enact in relation thereto.

Our best thanks are due for the services rendered by Captain Hamilton, Officers and men of Her Majesty's ship *Blake*, which ship was speedily despatched from Halifax to our aid, and also for the valuable services afforded by Commodore Sir Baldwin Walker and the Officers and men of Her Majesty's ships *Emerald*, *Magicienne* and *Buzzard*. Speech.—
(Continued.)

It affords me much gratification to observe that although many persons have been subjected to very trying circumstances, there has been no serious violation of the law, but rather an unmistakable evidence of the general law-abiding character of our citizens.

In now leaving you to your deliberations, I pray that Divine wisdom may direct your efforts in perfecting such measures as shall be best calculated to aid the Colony in recovering from the effects of this visitation, and I trust that having before us, in the case of those cities which within a recent period have suffered from a similar catastrophe, such evidence of what determination and persistent effort will accomplish, our people will rise above that depression which is natural to severe suffering, and immediately set about the re-construction of the City.

F. B. T. CARTER,
Administrator.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire. Administrator
retires.

A Copy of His Excellency's Speech having been left with the Hon. the President it was read by the Clerk. Speech read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton,—

Select Committee
on Address of
Thanks appointed.

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Administrator in reply to his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

Committee.

Ordered,—That the Hon'bles Messrs. Skelton, Angel, Monroe, Talbot and Rendell, be a Committee for that purpose.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move the appointment of a Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Friday, August 12th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, August 12th, 1892.

PRESENT :

Member present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Saturday, August 13th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Saturday, August 13th, 1892.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. S. PITTS,

J. McLOUGHLAN,

M. MONROE,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Thursday, August 11th, and Friday, August 12th, were read. Minutes read.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator, presented a draft of the same, which was received and read a first time. Draft of Address of Thanks presented and read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton,—

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator. 35th Rule suspended.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton the said Address was read a second time, and Address of Thanks read 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed presently. Committed.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported.

The Chairman reported the Address without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Skelton, the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator was read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

To be presented.

Ordered,—That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency by a Deputation of the whole House.

The Address is as follows:—

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Administrator of the Government and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Address.

We, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland, in Session convened, respectfully thank your Excellency for the gracious Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

We unite with Your Excellency in the expression of the profoundest regret for the necessity which has arisen of convening the Legislature at this unusual time, in consequence of the recent fire in this city, when so large a portion of St. John's was totally destroyed, rendering many thousands homeless and involving the loss of a

vast amount of property, including several of our churches and public buildings. Address.—
(Continued).

We sincerely regret to find that great loss and privation have been occasioned by forest fires in other parts of the Colony.

We are pleased to learn that the prompt action taken by the Government in providing food and shelter for those in need has averted much suffering and privation.

The sympathy shewn by the people of Great Britain, of Canada and the United States, in sending immediate relief, is deserving of our most grateful acknowledgment. It will be a source of pleasure to those charitable donors to know that their munificence was so opportune and of such inestimable service. It is most gratifying to observe that our fellow colonists in Halifax had organized a relief committee for our assistance even while the fire was raging in our midst.

We fully approve of the appointments by Your Excellency of the Committee to receive and distribute contributions, and we feel assured that the action of the Committee in this behalf will realize the expectations of the community.

The laying out of the streets and re-building that portion of the city recently destroyed are matter of paramount importance, and having regard to the interests of Landlords and Tenants in the property which may be the subject of legislation, we trust that such a measure may be devised as shall afford satisfaction to those immediately concerned.

Address.—
(Continued.)

We are of opinion that the convening of the Legislature on this occasion was urgently demanded by the circumstances.

Any measure submitted to us proposing to make provision for such buildings as are needed for the public service will receive our best attention.

We unite with Your Excellency in the expression of gratitude that Her Majesty has been pleased to place a body of the Royal Engineers at the disposal of the Government; their able services will, we are sure, be eminently useful in the survey and re-arrangement of the city.

We agree with Your Excellency that the services given by Captain Hamilton, officers and men of Her Majesty's ship *Blake*, and those rendered by Commodore Sir Balwin Walker and the officers and men of Her Majesty's ships *Emerald*, *Magicienne* and *Buzzard*, merit our warmest thanks.

It is satisfactory to learn that there has been no serious violation of the law under circumstances so pressing, and that the character that our people have heretofore maintained has not been forfeited.

With Your Excellency we trust that Divine wisdom may direct our efforts in the way best calculated to aid the Colony in recovering from its present depressed condition, and that our people, with the example of other cities to encourage them, will soon be active in the work of re-construction.

E. D. SHEA,
President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13th August, 1892.

Pursuant to notice, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot,—

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed on the Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session.

Ordered,—That the Hon'bles Messrs. Talbot, Pitts, Cleary, Monroe and Harris, be a Committee for that purpose.

The Hon. the President informed the House that His Excellency the Administrator would receive the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency on Monday next, at Twelve o'clock.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, August 15th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, August 15th, 1892.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

- The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*
- The Honorables T. TALBOT,
- P. CLEARY,
- J. S. PITTS,
- G. T. RENDELL,
- J. ANGEL,
- G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Saturday, August 13th, were read,

Address of Thanks
presented.

At Twelve o'clock, noon, the House proceeded to Government House with the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator.

At a quarter past Twelve o'clock, the House having returned, the Hon. the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to return an answer thereto in the following words:—

Administrator's
Reply.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

I cordially thank you for your Address, and am gratified with your concurrence in the several matters to which I made reference in the opening Speech, also for your emphatic approval of the convention of the Legislature under the circumstances.

Your experience must necessarily be of great advantage in this emergency, and I feel assured you will willingly co-operate in the maturing of measures calculated to advance the welfare of the Capital as well as of all portions of the Colony.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, }
15th August, 1892. }

A l journed.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Tuesday, August 16th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, August 16th, 1892.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*,

Member present.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow Wednesday, August 17th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Adjourned for want of quorum.

Wednesday, August 17th, 1892.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

The Minutes of Monday, August 15th, and Tuesday, August 16th, were read.

Minutes read.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Thursday, August 18th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Thursday, August 18th, 1892.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday, August 17th, were read.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Friday, August 19th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Friday, August 19th, 1892.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

M. MONROE,

G. SKELTON,

J. HARRIS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, August 18th, were read.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until Monday next, August 22nd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Monday, August 22nd, 1892.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.* Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,
 P. CLEARY,
 M. MONROE,
 G. T. RENDELL,
 J. ANGEL,
 G. SKELTON,
 J. HARRIS.

The Minutes of Friday, August 19th, were read.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act to Amend the Acts relating to the Re-building of St. John’s and to its Municipal Affairs,” wherein the House requests the concurrence of the Council.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
 August 20th, 1892. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bill, entitled “An Act respecting Land within

the limits of the Town of St. John's," wherein the House requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

GEO. H. EMERSON,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
August 19th, 1892. }

Re-building, and
Landlord and
Tenant's Bills,
read 1st time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the following Bills, entitled respectively,—“An Act to Amend the Acts relating to the Re-building of St. John's and to its Municipal Affairs,” and “An Act respecting Land within the limits of the Town of St. John's,” were severally read a first time, and

Ordered,—To be read a second time to-morrow.

Notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for the Suspension of the 35th Rule of the House in reference to all Bills, Addresses, and other business coming before this House for the remainder of the Session.

Adjourned.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Tuesday, August 23rd, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday, August 23rd, 1892.

PRESENT :

Member present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Adjourned for
want of quorum.

The Hon. the President declared the House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, August 24th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M., for want of a quorum.

Wednesday, August 24th, 1892.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

House meets.

PRESENT :

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

Members present.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

J. McLOUGHLAN,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON,

J. HARRIS.

The Minutes of Monday, August 22nd, and Tuesday, August 23rd, were read. Minutes read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend the Acts relating to the Re-building of St. John's and its Municipal Affairs," was read a second time. Re-building Bill, read 2nd time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, pursuant to notice,—

Ordered,—That the 35th Rule of the House, in reference to all Bills, Addresses, and other business coming before the House for the remainder of the Session, be suspended. 35th Rule suspended.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend the Acts relating to the Re-building of St. John's and to its Municipal Affairs." Committee on Re-building Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Skelton in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

Reported with
Amendments.

The Chairman reported the Bill with some Amendments.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same with some Amendments, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendments are as follows:—

Amendments.

First Section,—Twelfth line.—Expunge the words “belonging to,” and insert in place thereof, the words “lately occupied by.”

Eleventh Section.—At the end of the Subsections add,—“The land bounded on the South by a line one hundred and ten feet North of the line of Gower Street; on the North, by the South line of Bond Street; on the West, by Church Hill, and on the East, by Cathedral Street, is hereby appropriated for the use of the public, and no buildings shall be constructed thereon. For the purpose of perfecting a Fire-break, it shall not be lawful to construct buildings of wood or other inflammable materials upon the lot of land bounded on the North by the public square aforesaid; on the South, by Gower Street; on the West, by Church Hill, and on the East, by Cathedral Street.

“The triangular piece of land bounded on the North by Long’s Hill; on the South-east, by Livingston Street, and on the West, by Bulley’s Lane, is hereby appropriated to public use, and no buildings shall be constructed thereon.”

Amendments.—
(Continued.)

Section Twenty-first.—Add at the end thereof,—“The Surveyor General, and Arbitrators appointed under this Act, shall receive as remuneration for their services, the sum of *Two dollars and fifty cents each for each and every arbitration* under this Act, which sum shall be added to the amount to be paid for all land taken thereunder, and be paid by the Receiver General to the several Arbitrators.”

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:—

Messages from
Assembly.

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed the accompanying Bills, entitled respectively,—“An Act to Amend an Act 55 Victoria, entitled ‘An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies,’ ” and “An Act to Amend Cap. 19 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of Trial by Jury and the Acts in Amendment thereof,’ ” wherein they, Assembly, requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

GEORGE H. EMERSON,

Speaker

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
August 22nd, 1892. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly has passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Administrator, and respectfully requests that the Legislative Council will concur in the same.

GEORGE H. EMERSON,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
August 22nd, 1892. }

Address to
Administrator.

*To His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERIC
BOWKER TERRINGTON CARTER, Knight
Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of St. Michael and St. George, Ad-
ministrator of the Government and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Island
of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly having had under consideration the necessity of the erection of a Court House, a Custom House and other necessary buildings in the Town of St. John's, request that Your Excellency will be pleased to take the same into your consideration and make such order thereon as may seem reasonable and will cause such buildings to be erected; and this House will make due provision for the same.

GEORGE H. EMERSON,

Speaker.

PASSED THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
August 22nd, 1892. }

Address adopted.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the said Address was read and adopted.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the concurrence of the Council in the said Address.

Message to Assembly.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the following Bills sent up, entitled respectively, "An Act to Amend an Act 55 Vic., entitled 'An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies,'" and "An Act to Amend Cap. 19 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Trial by Jury and the Acts in Amendment thereof,'" were severally read a first and second time, and

Revenue and Jury Bills, read a 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—To be committed to-morrow.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Thursday, August 25th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Thursday, August 25th, 1892.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President*.

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

A. M. MACKAY,

G. SKELTON,

J. HARRIS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Wednesday, August 24th, were read.

Land Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act respecting Land within the limits of the Town of St. John's," was read a second time, and

Committed.

Ordered,—To be committed presently.

The Hon. Mr. Harris in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend an Act 55 Vic., entitled 'An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.'" Committee on Revenue Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Angel in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Bill was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same. Read 3rd time and passed.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same without Amendment. Message to Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, and on motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the House went into Committee on the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend Cap. 19 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled 'Of Trial by Jury and the Acts in Amendment thereof.'" Committee on Jury Bill.

The Hon. Mr. Mackay in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with an Amendment. Reported with Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Read 3rd time
and passed.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Message to
Assembly.

Ordered,—To be sent to the House of Assembly, with Message, that this House had passed the same with an Amendment, and requesting concurrence therein.

The Amendment is as follows:—

Amendment on
ury Bill.

Add as the Fourth Section,—“4. So much of the Eighth Section of Chapter 19, of the Consolidated Statutes, 1872, which permits the Courts to transfer any person from the Petty to the Grand Jury, is hereby repealed.”

Messages from
Assembly.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Messages from the House of Assembly:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed, with some Amendments, to which it requests the concurrence of the Council, the Amendments sent from the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled “An Act to Amend the Acts relating to the Re-building of St. John’s and to its Municipal Affairs.”

GEORGE H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
August 25th, 1892. }

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the subject of the conservation of

the public interests in the Harbor of St. John's, has appointed a Select Committee for the purpose of sitting out of Session and taking evidence on the said subject for the purpose of reporting to the Legislature at its next Session, and the House of Assembly respectfully request that the Legislative Council will appoint certain members of its body to co-operate with the said Select Committee for the said purpose.

GEORGE H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
August 25th, 1892. }

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the Amendments made by the House of Assembly, in and upon the Amendments made by the Legislative Council, in and upon the Bill sent up, entitled "An Act to Amend the Acts relating to the Re-building of St. John's and to its Municipal Affairs," were read a first and second time, and

Assembly's Amendments on Council's Amendments on Re-building Bill.

On motion, were adopted and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same.

Amendments passed.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the concurrence of the Council in the said Amendments.

On motion made, the House adjourned until to-morrow Friday, August 26th, at half-past Four o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned

Friday, August 26th, 1892.

House meets.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Members present.

The Honorable E. D. SHEA, *President.*

The Honorables T. TALBOT,

P. CLEARY,

M. MONROE,

G. T. RENDELL,

J. ANGEL,

G. SKELTON,

J. HARRIS.

Minutes read.

The Minutes of Thursday, August 25th, were read.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot,—

Select Committee
appointed on
Foreshore of Har-
bor of St. John's.

Ordered,—That a Select Committee be appointed to co-operate with the Select Committee appointed by the House of Assembly on the subject of the conservation of the public interests in the Harbor of St. John's, for the purpose of sitting out of Session and taking evidence on the said subject, and for the purpose of reporting to the Legislature at its next Session, and

Committee.

Ordered,—That the Hon'bles Messrs. Monroe, Angel and Mackay, be a Committee for that purpose, and

Message to
Assembly.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly to this effect.

The Hon. the President informed the House that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly requests that the Legislative Council will be pleased to furnish to this House an account of the Contingent Expenses of the Council for the present Session. Messages from Assembly.

GEORGE H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
August 25th, 1892. }

The Hon. Mr. Talbot, from the Select Committee on the Printing and Contingencies of this House for the present Session, presented a Report of the same, which was received and read, and Report on Printing and Contingencies presented.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Privilege. a Committee of Privilege.

The Hon. Mr. Cleary in the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Report without Amendment. Reported without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

The said Report was then adopted, and Adopted.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them that this House had adopted the said Report. Message to Assembly.

The Report is as follows :—

The Select Committee appointed by the Council with regard to the Printing and Contingencies, Report on printing and Contingences.

report that they examined the Accounts of the Acting Clerk and Usher of the Black Rod, and have considered other charges and expenses and find them as follows:—

President of Legislative Council.....	\$ 120 00
Eleven Members of the Legislative Council	660 00
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council .	300 00
Contingent expenses of the Clerk	13 11
Acting Clerk re-superintending, re-revising and re-indexing Journals destroyed by fire	150 00
Usher of Black Rod	300 00
Contingent expenses of Usher of Black Rod	11 55
Acting Master-in-Chancery	350 00
Edward Shea, Reporting Debates	150 00
Robert Pittman, Reporting Debates	150 00
Miscellaneous Printing, <i>Royal Gazette</i> ...	6 00
Miscellaneous Printing, <i>Evening Telegram</i>	24 00
Estimated expenses for Printing and Binding Journal.....	100 00
<i>Royal Gazette</i> , re-printing 112 pages of Journal, destroyed by fire and sent to Binders, for 1892	168 00
Door-keeper of Council	100 00
Messenger of Council	80 00
Caretaker, Robert Walsh	30 00
<i>Telegram</i> , Printing Debates	40 00
<i>H. G. Standard</i> , Copying Debates	25 00
<i>Twillingate Sun</i> , Copying Debates	25 00

<i>Trinity Record</i> , Copying Debates.....	\$25 00
<i>Times</i> , Copying Debates	25 00
	\$2,852 66

T. TALBOT,
Chairman.
 PHILIP CLEARY,
 JOHN HARRIS.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
 August 26th, 1892. }

The Hon. the President informed the House Message from
 Assembly. that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has passed without Amendment, the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent from the House of Assembly, entitled “An Act to Amend Cap. 19 of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled ‘Of Trial by Jury and the Acts in Amendment thereof.’”

GEORGE H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
 August 25th, 1892. }

The Hon. the President informed the House Message from
 Assembly. that he had received the following Message from the House of Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly request that Your Honorable House will be pleased to concur in the

Address hereto annexed, having relation to the
Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

GEO. H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
August 26th, 1892. }

Address to
Administrator.

*To His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERIC
BOWKER TERRINGTON CARTER, Knight
Commander of the Most Distinguished
Order of St. Michael and St. George, Ad-
ministrator of the Government and Com-
mander-in-Chief in and over the Island
of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Legislative Council and House of Assem-
bly having had under consideration the Contingent
Expenses of the Legislature for the present Ses-
sion, respectfully request that Your Excellency
will cause the sums set out in the annexed State-
ments to be paid out of the Public Treasury, and
this House will make due provision for the same
during the next Session.

GEORGE H. EMERSON,
Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, }
August 26th, 1892. }

STATEMENTS.

Statements.

President of the Legislative Council	\$120 00
Eleven Members of the Legislative Council	660 00
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council .	300 00
Contingent Expenses of the Clerk	13 11

	Statements— (Continued).
Acting Clerk re-superintending, re-revising and re-indexing Journals destroyed by fire	\$150 00
Usher of the Black Rod	300 00
Contingent Expenses of the Usher of Black Rod	11 55
Acting Master-in-Chancery	350 00
Edward Shea, Reporting Debates	150 00
Robert Pittman, Reporting Debates	150 00
Miscellaneous Printing, <i>Royal Gazette</i> ...	6 00
Miscellaneous Printing, <i>Evening Telegram</i>	24 00
Estimated expenses for Printing and Bind-Journals	100 00
<i>Royal Gazette</i> , re-printing 112 pages of Journal destroyed by fire, (for 1892), and sent to Binders	168 00
Door-keeper of Council.....	100 00
Messenger of Council	80 00
Caretaker, Robert Walsh	30 00
<i>Telegram</i> , Printing Debates	40 00
<i>Harbor Grace Standard</i> , Copying Debates	25 00
<i>Twillingate Sun</i> , Copying Debates	25 00
<i>Trinity Record</i> , Copying Debates.....	25 00
<i>Times</i> , Copying Debates	25 00
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	\$2,852 66
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The Speaker	\$500 00
The Chairman of Committees.....	200 00
Seven Members resident in Outports, viz. : —Messrs. Thompson, Peyton, Rolls, Webber, Dawe, Duff and McGrath, at \$200 each	1,400 00

Statements—
(Continued.)

Twenty-three Members, resident in St. John's, viz.:—Sir W. V. Whiteway, Hons. Messrs. Bond, O'Dwyer, Woods and Morris, and Messrs. Day, Murphy, Geran, White, Clift, Halleran, F. Morris, Woodford, Tait, Fearn, Fox, Greene, Carty, Morine, Morison, Murray, Shea, and Mr. Speaker, at \$100 each	\$2,300 00
The Clerk	600 00
The Solicitor	300 00
The Sergeant-at-Arms	300 00
The Engrossing Clerk	160 00
The Supervisor of Debates, reported....	180 00
Four Reporters,—Messrs. Devine, Dyer, Gleeson and Knight, at \$120 each ..	480 00
Five Door-keepers,—Jackman, Daly, A. Knight, T. C. Walsh and Stephen Cleary, at \$90 each	450 00
Robert Walsh, Caretaker	120 00
Three Messengers,—Mundy, Long and Winsor, at \$90 each	270 00
The Page	80 00
The Contingent Expense of the Clerk ...	75 00
The Contingent Expenses of Sergeant-at-Arms (advanced by Board of Works)	25 95
Mrs. Ryall, for attendance	80 00
G. Coughlan and James Dunphy, for type writing	20 00
The Anglo-American Telegraph Co., for Messages during Session	3 85
<i>Evening Telegram</i> Proprietors, Publishing Debates	250 00
<i>Har. Grace Standard</i> , Publishing Debates.	150 00

<i>Twillingate Sun</i> , Publishing Debates.....	\$ 150 00
<i>Trinity Record</i> , Publishing Debates.....	150 00
<i>Evening Telegram</i> , Miscellaneous Printing	14 00
J. F. Chisholm	38 80
Garret Byrne	33 65
G. S. Milligan	24 00
M. Monroe	4 64
Thomas J. Edens	3 75
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On motion of the Hon. Mr. Talbot, the said Address was read. Address to Administrator read.

The Hon. Mr. Talbot moved that the said Address be adopted,— Motion for adoption.

When there appeared for the motion,—

<i>Contents</i> , (6) :	<i>Non-Contents</i> , (2) :	Division thereon.
Hons. Messrs. Talbot, Cleary, Rendell, Angel, Skelton, Harris.	Hons. Messrs. Monroe, Mackay.	

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The said Address was then adopted and passed, and the Hon. the President signed the same. Adopted and passed.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly informing them of the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the said Address. Message to Assembly.

Administrator
arrives at Council
Chamber to pro-
rogate Legislature ;

At Five o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, the Honorable Sir FREDERIC B. T. CARTER, K. C. M. G., having arrived at the Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Hon. the President of the Council directed the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Assembly and inform the Speaker and Members thereof, that it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that they forthwith attend at the Bar of this House, and they being come thereto, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills:—

Assembly attend
at Bar of Council ;

Administrator
assents to Bills.

Bills assented to.

An Act to Amend an Act 55 Vic., entitled "An Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Colony and its Dependencies."

An Act to Amend Cap. 19, of the Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Of Trial by Jury, and the Acts in Amendment thereof."

An Act to Amend the Acts relating to the Rebuilding of St. John's and to its Municipal Affairs.

An Act respecting Land within the limits of the Town of St. John's.

After which His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

Speech.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

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

While recognizing the care and attention bestowed by you in maturing the measures for which

you were specially convened, I am gratified to be enabled to relieve you from further attendance upon your legislative duties at this inconvenient season. Speech.—
(Continued.)

The Bill relating to the Re-building of this City and to its Municipal Affairs, to which I have assented, will, doubtless, secure the re-construction of the burnt portion upon a plan which will not only improve the appearance of the City, but will also be promotive of the health of the inhabitants, and reduce the danger of a similar calamity to that from which we are now suffering.

I trust that the Bill respecting Land Tenure within the City limits will be found adequate towards effecting the objects for which it has been designed.

The erection of the necessary public buildings, for which you have made provision, shall be commenced as speedily as possible and carried to completion with a due regard to adaptation and economy.

It is satisfactory to observe that the result of the season's fishery, thus far ascertained, gives promise of a fair degree of success; and I trust that with the restoration of regular employment to the operative classes we may soon witness a return to that activity in business which has hitherto characterized this the capital of the Colony.

F. B. T. CARTER.

The Hon. the President then said,—It is His Excellency the Administrator's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued until

THURSDAY, the THIRTEENTH day of OCTOBER next, to be then and here holden; and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

HUGH H. CARTER,

Acting Clerk, Legislative Council.



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