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PROCLAMATION.

C. H. DARLING,
[L. S.]

By His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
*Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland
and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

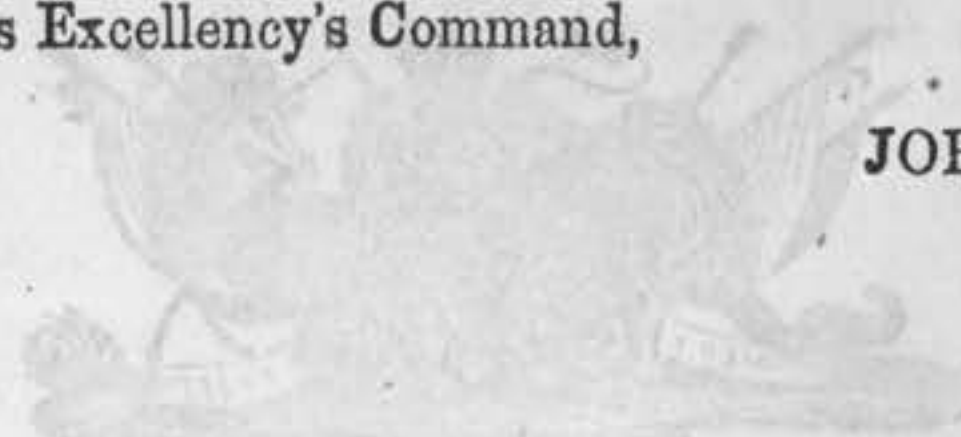
WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued until Wednesday the Tenth day of October instant : And Whereas I think fit to Prorogue the said General Assembly until Friday the Thirtieth day of November next ensuing I do therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the said General Assembly until Friday the Thirtieth day of November next ; of which all Persons concerned are required and commanded to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at the Government House, in the aforesaid Island, the Fifth day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Five, and in the Nineteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN KENT,

Acting Colonial Secretary



SECOND SESSION OF THE SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued until Friday the Thirtieth day of November instant : And Whereas I think fit to Prorogue the said General Assembly until Tuesday the Fifteenth day of January next ensuing. I do therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the said General Assembly until Tuesday the Fifteenth day of January next, *then to meet for the despatch of business* : of which all Persons concerned are required and commanded to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House, in the aforesaid Island, the Twenty-seventh day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-five, and in the Nineteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN KENT,

Colonial Secretary.



PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Charles Henry Darnley,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland
and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

O. H. Darnley,
[L. S.]

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the Island stands prorogued until Friday the
thirtieth day of November instant; And whereas I do think fit to prorogue the said
General Assembly until Tuesday the twentieth day of January next ensuing; I do there-
fore by this my Proclamation, direct, command, and require the said General Assembly until Tuesday
the twentieth day of January next, then to wait in the House of Assembly: of which all persons
accounted are required and commanded to take due notice and govern themselves accord-
ingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House, in the
aforesaid Island, the Twentieth day of November, in the
Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-
five, and in the Nineteenth Year of Her Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
JOHN KENT,

Colonial Secretary.



JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Second Session of the Sixth General Assembly
OF
NEWFOUNDLAND.

Tuesday, 15th January, 1856.

The General Assembly having by several Proclamations of His Excellency the Governor hereto prefixed, been prorogued until this day, the Members thereof met in the Assembly Room.

Meeting of Assembly.

The following are the names of Members, whose Seats became vacant during the recess upon the acceptance of office :—

Members whose Seats became vacant on acceptance of Office.

PHILIP F. LITTLE, one of the Members for Saint John's, West—Attorney General.

JOHN KENT, one of the Members for Saint John's, East—Colonial Secretary.

EDMUND HANRAHAN, Member for the District of Carbonear—Surveyor General.

THOMAS GLEN, one of the Members for the District of Ferryland—Receiver General.

GEORGE JAMES HOGSETT, one of the Members for the District of Placentia—Secretary of the Board of Works.

Commission to swear mem-
bers re-elected.

By virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal of this Island, to the Honorables Laurence O'Brien, and George Henry Emerson, Her Majesty's Solicitor General, which is as follows :—

Dedimus Potestatem.

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

CHARLES HENRY DARLING,

To ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :

Know Ye that We have constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute and appoint, the Honorables Lawrence O'Brien, and George Henry Emerson, Members of our Council of Our Island of Newfoundland, to be Commissioners, they or either of them, jointly or severally to administer the Oath of Allegiance to all and to every person and persons who is, are, or shall be a member or members of the General Assembly of our said Island, appointed by Proclamation of our Governor, to be holden at St. John's on the 15th day of this instant Month of January, giving to them, or either of them, our said Commissioners, full power and authority to perform the matters hereinbefore mentioned, ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever they, or either of them shall do and perform in this behalf. And thereof they or either of them, are to make due return under their Hands and Seals unto our Governor of our said Island with these presents annexed.

Given under the Great Seal of our aforesaid Island.

Witness our trusty and beloved CHARLES HENRY DARLING, Esquire, our Governor of our said Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, at St. John's, in our said Island, this 14th day of January, in the Nineteenth Year of Our Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN KENT

Re-elected members sworn
by Commission.

The said Commissioners came between the hours of Twelve and One o'clock in the forenoon of the said 15th day of January, into the Council Chamber ; John Stuart, Esq., the Clerk of the House of Assembly attending, and the list of the names of hon. members being called over by the Clerk, as returned by the several Returning Officers, during the recess, the following appeared and took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance in presence of the said Commissioners :—

PHILIP F. LITTLE, Member for the District of St. John's, West.

JOHN KENT, for the District of St. John's, East.

EDMUND HANRAHAN, for the District of Carbonear.

THOMAS GLEN, for the District of Ferryland.

GEORGE JAMES HOGSETT, for the District of Placentia.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor.

At Two o'clock a Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by F. W. Rennie, Esq., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the immediate attendance of Mr. Speaker and the House in the Council Chamber.

Message from the Governor commanding attendance of the House.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker and House attend the Governor at opening of the session.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House, that, when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Branches of the Legislature, of which, Mr. Speaker said, for the sake of accuracy, he had obtained a copy, and which he read to the House as follows:—

Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency the Governor's Speech.

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

Speech of the Governor.

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

I have summoned you to meet for the despatch of business, after a recess of unusually short duration; not so much in consequence of any pressing necessity for resorting to your assistance and advice at this particular moment, as for the purpose of restoring the ordinary Sessions of the Legislature to their accustomed course, and thus enabling you to devote your attention to the public interests at that season of the year which is understood to be most convenient with reference to your personal occupations and pursuits.

Since we were last assembled, the progress of the war in which the resources of the United Kingdom and the spirit of its people are alike engaged, has been marked by glorious and triumphant events. It has been my gratifying duty to transmit to the foot of the Throne the loyal congratulations of Her Majesty's faithful subjects in this ancient possession of Her Crown, upon the great achievement of the campaign; and I have not failed to convey to Her Majesty's Government my testimony to the heartiness and enthusiasm with which those sentiments were offered for Her Majesty's acceptance.

I have been honored with the Queen's commands, to make known the gratification with which she has received these proofs of the interest which is felt by the inhabitants of the Colony in the success of Her Majesty's Arms and those of Her Allies.

The inevitable effect of continued hostilities upon so vast a scale, in the enhanced cost of articles of subsistence, has been peculiarly experienced in a Colony whose inhabitants depend so extensively for their supplies upon the imported produce of other countries.

Although the advantages which were reasonably to be anticipated from the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, and its subsidiary enactments, have, in this respect, been materially neutralized at the outset of the system it established; yet ample proof has been afforded of the benefit which the measure is calculated to confer upon the export trade of the Colony by the comparative increase in the quantity of our staple produce which has latterly found a market in the ports of the Union.

When the unfavourable circumstances to which I have adverted shall have ceased to operate, we may confidently hope, that these advantages will become permanent and more generally diffused, not only promoting the interests of Commerce and Capital, but substantially ameliorating the condition of our Fishermen, and other industrial classes of the population.

Immediately upon the Receipt of Her Majesty's approval of the Treaty Act—which was transmitted to the Local Government, with no longer delay than unavoidably resulted from the connection of the measure with the Foreign Relations of the Mother Country—the necessary steps were taken for giving practical effect to its provisions; and I shall cause to be laid before you, a communication which I have received from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, placing me in possession of the Act of the President of the United States, by which those provisions are declared to be in force in that country.

The efforts of the Government have been directed to a reduction of the heavy burden which, for many years past, has been entailed upon the Public Funds, under the designation of "Relief of the Poor." But notwithstanding the favorable results of the Shore Fishery, and a decided improvement in the Potato Crop throughout the Colony, the rise in the cost of other food has presented a serious obstacle to that immediate and effectual reform of the system, which might otherwise have been accomplished. Care has, however, been taken in the allotment of pecuniary assistance, to promote the two-fold object of rendering the expenditure

as reproductive as circumstances would allow, and of averting the debasing influences of a purely gratuitous relief, by affording timely employment in public work to those whose destitute condition, if not thus assisted, there was good reason to anticipate.

By a Despatch from the Secretary of State, which will be laid before you, you will learn that Her Majesty's Government are anxious to establish a system by which the cost of erecting and maintaining Light Houses situated in the great Tracks of Commerce, may be more equally imposed upon the shipping deriving benefit therefrom.

It is the intention of the Imperial Government, that the Light House about to be erected upon Cape Race, should be maintained under this plan, and the ready adoption of the system, the advantages of which to this Colony can scarcely, I think, be doubted, may not improbably lead to its extension to the Light already established upon Cape Pine.

Personal communication between the Government and the chief promoters of the important project which has received the sanction and encouragement of the Legislature, for connecting Europe and America by Electric Telegraph, through the city of St. John's, justifies the expectation that, notwithstanding a recent disaster which has retarded the operations of the Company, the year upon which we have just entered will witness not only the establishment of the contemplated communication between this Colony and the American Continent, but also the initiation of direct intercourse by Steam with the United Kingdom, without which indeed, the great object of securing the rapid and regular transmission of intelligence across the Atlantic Ocean could not, for some time to come, be accomplished.

There are not wanting practical and experienced observers, who believe that the obstacles to such a project, which are attributed to the peculiarities of our situation and climate, are even less formidable than those encountered in a similar service upon the shores of the neighbouring Continent.

Should this opinion prove well founded, this Colony will at length receive the due advantage of its unrivalled geographical and commercial position; some conception of which may be derived from the simple fact, that its annual exports—the produce of the sea alone, and probably undervalued at a million and a quarter—are the results of the hardihood and skill of no more than some 40,000 of its inhabitants, and even those employed during only a portion of the year.

The belief that valuable minerals exist in favourable situations in more than one quarter of the Island, has recently acquired strength, and the permission of the Government to search for and work such deposits has been eagerly applied for in several instances.

While fully sensible of the importance of developing such promising sources of public and private wealth, it has appeared to my Government desirable to avail itself of your advice as to the course which it may be expedient to adopt for this purpose, and for the preliminary object of endeavouring to ascertain—approximately at least—the extent and value of our resources of this nature.

Information which has been obtained from various quarters, with a view to the encouragement of the export trade in Herrings, and an improvement in the method of Cure, will be communicated to you. From the correspondence on the subject, you will learn that your desire to foster this important Branch of the Fisheries, as indicated by a money vote in your last Session, has received due attention from the Government.

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

The Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure for the present year will be laid before you.

I rely upon your usual liberality to make adequate provision for the Public Service.

The facility with which the additional Loan, sanctioned by the Act of last Session, has been obtained, affords satisfactory proof of the estimation in which the credit of the Colony continues to be held.

It is believed that advantage and convenience in the conduct of future Financial operations would result from the Consolidation of a portion of the Public Debt, now secured under several separate Enactments, and I have to invite your concurrence in a measure for this purpose, which will be submitted to you on behalf of the Government.

The true interests of a Colony, many of whose resources are comparatively undeveloped, but which is undoubtedly attracting the attention of Capitalists, will not admit of a total neglect of measures of internal and local improvement. Not only Main Lines of intercourse, but those Roads by which transit and communication between the Settlements upon the Coast and the country adjacent to them, may be facilitated, are especially objects which, in the peculiar circumstances of our working population, loudly call for sufficient and systematic appropriations.

Whatever the amount of expenditure for this and other purposes, which you may see fit to sanction, I venture strongly to urge upon you the adoption of the sound principle of at once equalizing your annual income with that expenditure.

I commend the question of Public Education to your continued support; and I trust that you may find it compatible with other claims upon the Public Funds, to extend an increased measure of encouragement to Improvements in Agriculture and the introduction of superior Breeds of Stock.

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

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

In reviewing the state of the Colonial Law, certain alterations intended to adapt it more perfectly to the requirements of the various classes of society appear desirable.

The measures which will be submitted to you for this purpose, relate to the Administration of Justice, to the Amendment of the Law of Evidence, and to the Legalization of the principle of Limited Liability in Co-partnerships, whether for special objects or ordinary purposes of Trade. Their importance to the community affords ample assurance that they will receive patient and attentive consideration at your hands.

The want of some effective local Organization for the better management and improvement of Towns and Communities, and the establishment of such sanitary and other regulations as usually exist in wealthy and populous Cities, is very generally acknowledged; and as it seems but just to the inhabitants of the Colony at large, that these and similar objects of a purely local character, should be provided for from local Resources, I trust that your present Session will not terminate without the completion of a measure by which these principles may be carried into operation.

The Constitution of the Government now happily admits of the freest interchange of opinion between the Crown and the other Branches of the Legislature, and I earnestly hope, that in the exercise of this advantage, our united efforts may, with the Blessing of Providence, result in the increased prosperity of all classes of the People.

On motion of Mr. E. D. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HAYWARD,

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

Select Committee to prepare an Address of Thanks in reply to Governor's Speech.

Committee to prepare Address of Thanks.

Ordered,—That Mr. E. D. Shea, Mr. Hayward, Mr. F. B. Carter, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Warren, do form such committee.

Notice to appoint Outer Doorkeeper.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that William Doyle be appointed Outer Doorkeeper of this House.

Notice for Select Committee on Mining Grants.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow, he will move the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into, and report upon the legality of Grants made in this Colony for Mining purposes.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

Wednesday, 16th January, 1856.

Petition for Fishery protection at Cape John.

Mr. ELLIS presented a Petition from James Geary and others, inhabitants of Shoe Cove, near Cape John, which was received and read, setting forth the benefits they derive by the Fishery being protected from the encroachments of the French, and praying that efficient means may be taken early next season to carry out this object.

On Table.

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

Petitions from Wm. Doyle and others, for situation of Outer Doorkeeper.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from William Doyle, of St. John's; which was received and read, praying that he may be appointed Outer Doorkeeper to the House of Assembly.

Petitions of the same tenor as the foregoing, were severally presented by Mr. Winsor, from Michael Fitzpatrick, of St. John's; and from Patrick Larkin, of St. John's.

By the hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, from William Stone, of St. John's, and from Michael Lahart of St. John's.

On Table.

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

Notice for returns of Loan of £45,000.

Mr. WINTER gave notice that on to-morrow, he will move for a return of the names of persons tendering, the dates and amounts of Tenders with the amounts accepted and rejected, for the loan of £45,000 last session.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon the legality of Grants made in this Colony for Mining purposes.

Ordered,—That Mr. HOGSETT, Mr. PARSONS, Mr. MORRIS, Mr. F. B. CARTER, Mr. WARREN, do form such committee.

Committee on Mining Grants.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

Thursday, 17th January, 1856.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY presented a Petition from James Norris, of St. John's ; which was received and read, praying that he may be appointed to the situation of Outer Doorkeeper to the House of Assembly.

Petition from James Norris for situation of Outer Doorkeeper.

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

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS moved, pursuant to notice, second by the hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY, that William Doyle be appointed Outer Doorkeeper to the House of Assembly.

Motion that Wm. Doyle be Outer Doorkeeper.

Whereupon,—

Mr. HOYLES moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. ELLIS,

That it not being desirable to increase the Contingencies of this House, no Outer Doorkeeper be at present appointed.

Amendment.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared :—

For the Amendment, 10.

Against the Amendment, 15.

Amendment negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion being then put,

Mr. WINSER moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. MARCH,

Amendment that Patrick Larkin be Outer Doorkeeper.

Amendment negatived.

That Patrick Larkin be appointed to that office ;

And the question being put thereon, the amendment passed in the negative,

And the question on the original motion being again put,

Mr. WINSER moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. TALBOT,

Amendment that Michael Fitzpatrick be Outer Doorkeeper.

Negatived.

That Michael Fitzpatrick be appointed to that office ;

And the question being put thereon, it passed in the negative.

Wm. Doyle appointed Outer Doorkeeper.

And the question being then put upon the original motion, it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Address of Thanks reported from Select Committee and read 1st time.

Mr. E. D. SHEA, from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech at the opening of the session, presented a draft thereof, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read a first time.

Time of second reading.

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

Notice for Committee of Audit.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he will move for the appointment of a Committee of Audit.

Notice of question to hon. Colonial Secretary for presentment of Grand Jurors in Conception Bay.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on Wednesday next, he will ask the Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of the House, the presentment of the Grand Jury of Conception Bay, made in the Fall Term of the Northern Circuit Court at Harbor Grace, and the presentment of the Grand Jury of Harbor Grace, made on the first Monday of this Month in sessions ; also, a copy of the proceedings of the Governor thereon.

Notice for returns of Revenue for five years.

Also, that on Wednesday next he will ask for returns, for the last Five Years, of the amount of Revenue which would have been received under the present Tariff, had the same been in operation during that period.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

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*Friday, 19th January, 1856.*

Petition for School Grant at Oderin.

Mr. HOGSETT presented a Petition from Michael Berny and others, of Oderin ; which was received and read, praying for a grant in support of a school there.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., he will move an Address to the Governor, respectfully praying His Excellency to cause to be laid upon the Table of the House a revised and corrected copy of the Rules and Orders (consolidated) of the Supreme Court, and of the Central, Northern, and Southern Circuit Courts, of this Island :

Notice for consolidated Returns of Rules of Court.

Also, that on Friday next, he will ask the hon. the Receiver General for a detailed account of the Dues received at the Custom House, subsequent to the 4th August last, called Hospital Dues ; and to state under and by what authority the same has been demanded and received, and how and in what manner the same has been appropriated.

Notice for Returns of Hospital Dues.

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

Address of Thanks read second time.

*Ordered*,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Address, to-morrow.

Mr. WINSER moved, seconded by Mr. HAYWARD,

That a Select Committee be appointed to examine and make a faithful report on the Public Accounts :

Motion for Committee of Audit.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared :—

*For the Motion 15.*

*Against the Motion 12.*

Division.

The Hon. Attorney General  
 “ Surveyor General  
 “ Colonial Secretary  
 “ Receiver General  
 Mr. Morris  
 “ Benning  
 “ Kelly  
 “ E. D. Shea  
 “ Delaney  
 “ Parsons  
 “ Hogsett  
 “ Winser  
 “ Talbot  
 “ Hayward  
 “ Prendergast

Mr. Ellis  
 “ Knight  
 “ R. Carter  
 “ F. B. Carter  
 “ Walbank  
 “ Prowse  
 “ March  
 “ Brown  
 “ Warren  
 “ Bemister  
 “ Winter  
 “ Hoyles

So it passed in the affirmative.

Motion affirmed.

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

Mr. WINSER moved, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT.

Motion for Committee of Audit.

That Peter Winser, John Hayward, and James L. Prendergast, be appointed a Committee of Audit.

Whereupon,—

Mr. ELLIS moved, seconded by Mr. WARREN,

Amendment to adjourn.

That this House do now adjourn.

And the question being put thereon, it passed in the negative on a similar division as the foregoing.

And the question on the original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative, and

Motion Affirmed.

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next, at Three of the clock.

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### *Monday, 21st January, 1856.*

Notice of motion in Committee on contingencies.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that when the House shall be in Committee on Contingencies, he will move the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*,—That after the appointment of a Financial Secretary with a Salary of £300 Stg. per annum, the appointment of a Committee of Audit by this House was wholly unnecessary, and if at all made, the duties of such Committee should be discharged, not by supporters of the Administration, but by members of the Opposition, by whom such services would be rendered gratuitously, and that therefore no salary be allowed to any Member of such Committee.

Committee on Address of Thanks.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Address of Thanks, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, at the opening of the Session.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

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

Mr. ELLIS gave notice that on Wednesday next, he will ask for a return of the number of Infirm Poor for whom application for relief was made by Mr. Peyton, with the instructions given to him, and his replies thereto.

Notice for returns from Mr. Peyton of Infirm Poor.

Also, that on Wednesday next, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill for the erection of a Light-house on the Offer Wadham Island.

Notice for Offer Wadham Light-house Bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

## *Tuesday, 22nd January, 1856.*

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of the Address of Thanks, in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Committee on Address of Thanks.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 Address to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

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



Notice for copy of Despatch on ceding Belle Isle to the French.

Mr. PROWSE gave notice that on to-morrow, he will move for the copy of the late Governor's Despatch, on the subject of ceding the right of Fishing to the French at Belle Isle.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

### Wednesday, 23rd January, 1856.

Committee on Address of Thanks.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of the Address of Thanks, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor at the opening of the Session.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the address to them referred, and had passed the same with some amendments; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the address and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Agreed to as amended.

And the said amendments, having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question being put thereon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*,—That the Address as amended, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

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

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING  
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and  
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a revised and consolidated copy of the Rules and Orders of the Supreme and Circuit Courts of this Island.

*Ordered*,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are members of the Executive Council.

*Ordered*,—That the Hon. the Receiver General do lay upon the Table of the House Returns of the amount of Revenue which would have been received under the present Tariff for the last five years.

Returns of Revenue for the last five years ordered.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

### *Thursday, 24th January, 1856.*

Mr. F. B. CARTER presented Petitions from William Stoneman and others, inhabitants of the North-side of Trinity Bay, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to open and repair various Roads in that District.

Road Petitions from North-side of Trinity Bay.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the Session, as engrossed, was read a third time as follows :—

Address of Thanks read 3<sup>d</sup> time.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,  
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and  
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

Address in reply to Governor's Speech.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

We, the Representatives of Her Majesty's Loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, beg to thank

To the sentiments expressed by Your Excellency on the subject of Light Houses, we cordially respond, and shall be prepared to give every consideration to the adoption of such a measure as shall meet the views of Her Majesty's Government on this important subject.

It affords us much pleasure to learn of Your Excellency's expectation that notwithstanding the obstacles with which the Electric Telegraph Company have had to contend, the year upon which we have just entered will witness not only the establishment of the contemplated communication by Electric Telegraph between this Colony and the American Continent, but also the initiation of direct intercourse by steam with the United Kingdom.

We concur with Your Excellency in the line of policy recommended by you for our consideration, in reference to the development of the Mineral resources of this colony, and shall be prepared to mature such a measure as shall appear to us best calculated to promote that desirable object.

We are happy to learn that the desire of the Legislature in its last Session, to encourage the Export trade in Herrings has received due attention from the Government.

We thank Your Excellency for the promise to lay before us the Estimates of the Revenue and the Expenditure for the present year, and in our deep solicitude for the public service, we beg to assure Your Excellency that ample provision shall be made in due time to meet its exigencies, and that the sound principle of equalizing our Revenue with our Expenditure shall command our best consideration.

We are happy to learn that the loan sanctioned by the Act of last Session was obtained with such facility as to afford satisfactory proof of the estimation in which the credit of the colony continues to be held, and we beg to assure Your Excellency that we shall cheerfully concur in the adoption of a measure that will tend to improve the Financial operations of the colony, and place the public debt on an improved footing.

Regarding as we do, in common with Your Excellency, the great value of improved intercourse, whether by land or by sea, between the capital and outsettlements of the Island, as well as among those settlements themselves, we shall direct our particular attention to such measures as shall appear to us best calculated to promote this desirable object.

As we regard the moral and intellectual training of the public mind eminently conducive to the happiness of the people of this colony, and the developement of its agricultural resources of growing importance, we assure Your Excellency that these objects shall receive our anxious consideration.

In reviewing the state of the Law of this Colony, certain alterations intended to adapt it more perfectly to the requirements of the various classes of society, as indicated by Your Excellency, shall have our best and early attention.

We shall also be prepared to give every consideration to Your Excellency's suggestions as to the necessity of providing for an effective organization to promote the sanitary and other improvements of the chief towns of this colony, and to adopt such a measure, in this respect, as may be deemed practicable and expedient.

Without at present entering into greater detail upon all the subjects which Your Excellency, in your Speech, has so fully explained and elucidated, and upon which we are sensible of the great advantage we derive from Your Excellency's experience in Colonial Government, we beg to assure you that they shall command our best consideration, and finally trust, that in the exercise of that constitutional privilege which affords the freest intercourse of opinion between the Crown and the other Branches of the Legislature, our united efforts may, with the blessing of Providence, result in the due fulfilment of the purposes for which we are assembled, by the adoption of such measures as shall conduce to the true and lasting happiness and prosperity of the Colony.

*Ordered,*—That the Address be adopted and be presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Speaker and the whole House.

The hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL informed the House that he was commanded by His Excellency, to state that His Excellency would receive Mr. Speaker and the House with the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech, to-morrow, at half-past three o'clock.

Mr. WINTER gave notice that on Monday next, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill for the erection of a Light-house on Green Island, Trinity Bay.

The hon the ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Insolvency, and declare the prior rights of Fishermen in cases of Insolvency.

Time appointed by the Governor to receive Address of Thanks.

Notice for Green Island Light-house Bill.

Notice for Law of Insolvency Amendment Bill.

Also, for a Bill to declare the qualification of Grand and Petty Jurors, and to regulate the manner of empannelling Juries in this colony.

Notice for Jury Bill.

The hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate Companies on the principles of limited Liability.

Notice for Limited Liability Bill.

Also, a Bill to authorise the formation of Limited Partnerships.

Limited Partnerships Bill.

And a Bill to authorise the release of one Partner without discharging the other Partners.

Composition of Partners Bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

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***Friday, 25th January, 1856.***

It being the hour appointed by His Excellency, to receive Mr. Speaker and the House, with the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, Mr. Speaker and the House went up to Government House, and being returned,

Mr. Speaker and the House present Address of Thanks.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House, that when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, he had presented the Address of Thanks, to which His Excellency had been pleased to reply as follows :—

Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency's reply to Address of Thanks.

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

His Excellency's reply to Address of Thanks.

I learn with much satisfaction from your Address, that the general scope and tendency of the measures which I have recommended to your consideration meet with your acceptance. I am confident that in the progress of those measures to maturity, your accurate acquaintance with the condition and requirements of the various classes of your constituents, will enable you effectually to promote the public good without undue pressure upon particular interests.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the granting of Licenses for the Wholesale of Spirituous Liquors.

Notice for License Act Amendment Bill.

Petition from Laborers for  
Employment.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from Maurice Kennealy and others, laborers of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for employment on Public Works.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Retailers and  
others for remedy against  
short weight on goods im-  
ported.

The hon. the ATTORNEY General presented a petition from Michael Kelly and others, Retailers, Householders, and Shopkeepers of St. John's, which was received and read,—Complaining of the loss they sustain from short weight in purchasing articles imported from the United States, British Colonies, and Hamburgh, and praying that measures may be adopted to remedy the evil complained of.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Return of persons tendering  
for loan of £45,000.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a return of the names of the persons by whom the loan of £45,000 was taken up, together with the amount tendered but not accepted.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

On table.

*Ordered*,—That the said documents do lie upon the Table.

Offer Wadham Light-house  
Bill read 1st time.

Mr. ELLIS, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on the Offer Wadham Island; and the same was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time on the 7th February next.

Jury Bill read 1st time.

The hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to fix the qualifications and regulate the empanneling of Jurors, and the same was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

Insolvency Act Amendment  
Bill read 1st time.

He also, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the law of Insolvency; and the same was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented the following Bills, which were severally read a first time:

A Bill to authorise the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes.

Read 1st time—  
Formation of Corporation  
Bill.

A Bill to provide for the composition of Partners or Joint Debtors.

Composition of Partners Bill.

A Bill to provide for Limited Partnerships.

Limited Partnerships Bill.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill to authorise the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes, be read a second time on Friday next.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill to provide for Limited Partnerships, be read a second time on Wednesday next.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill to provide for the composition of Joint Debtors, be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. WINTER gave notice that on Monday next, he will move for an amended return of the names of the parties tendering, dates of tenders, rates of interest asked, giving the names of parties whose tenders are accepted and those rejected, for the loan of £45,000 sanctioned last Session.

Notice for amended returns  
of the loan of £45,000.

Mr. MORRIS gave notice, that on an early day he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the culling of Fish in this Island.

Notice for culling of Fish  
Bill.

*Ordered*,—That the House, at its rising, do adjourn till Tuesday next.

Resolution for Adjournment.

Then the House adjourned till Tuesday next, at Three of the clock.

### **Tuesday, 29th January, 1856.**

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House :—

Documents presented by  
command of His Excellency  
the Governor.

Estimate of annual votes for defraying part of the expenses of the Civil Government of Newfoundland for the year 1856.

Financial Statement of the affairs of the Colony of Newfoundland for the year 1856.

Assets and Liabilities of the Colony of Newfoundland on the 31st December 1855.

Statement of the Debt of the Colony of Newfoundland on the 31st December 1855.

Colonial Treasurer's accounts from 1st January to 29th May, 1855.

Receiver General's accounts from 29th May, 1855 to 31st December 1855.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

On table.

*Ordered*,—That the said documents do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Motion for Supply.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that on Tuesday next he will move that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Notice of Motion for Public Supplies Regulation Bill.

Mr. WINTER gave notice that on Monday next, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to improve the present mode of obtaining supplies of articles for the use of the various Departments of the Public Service, and to enable the middle, industrious, and other classes to compete for supplying the same.

Order for 2nd reading of Composition Partners Bill.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill to provide for the Composition of Partners or Joint Debtors, be read a second time on the 5th February next.

Notice of Motion for consolidated return of expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1855.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move for a consolidated account of the amounts received by the Hon. the Receiver General, under all heads, loans included, since the 29th May 1855, the liabilities, if any, from 1st January 1855 to 29th May 1855, with the expenditure from that time to the 31st December 1855, consolidated under the various heads of expenditure.

Notice for return of Fees received by the Colonial Secretary.

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask for a return of all Fees received by the hon. the Colonial Secretary, from whom, and for what received, with dates of the same; also, under what authority these Fees were demanded and received.

Notice for return of Infirm Poor of Twillingate and Fogo.

And, that he will move for a return of the infirm Poor of the District of Twillingate and Fogo, for whom application for relief was made by Mr. Peyton, the relief afforded, to whom the same was paid, and what instructions were given to him.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.



**Wednesday, 30th January, 1856.**

Mr. Fox presented a Petition from the Directors of the General Protestant Board of the St. John's Academy, which was received and read,—Praying that such an addition may be made to the master's salary as will equalize it with that of the salaries of the masters of the Church of England and Roman Catholic Accademies.

Petition from the Directors of General Protestant Academy for increase of salary to schoolmaster.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. WALBANK presented a Petition from Thomas Fish Parker and others, inhabitants of Cape Freels, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build bridges over the rivers at Coblers Island, Cape Island, and Middle Bell Cove.

Petition from Cape Freels for grants to build bridges.

He also presented a Petition from Edward Bishop and others, of Swans Island, Bonavista Bay, North, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to re-build the bridge there.

Petition from Swans Island for grant to rebuild bridge there.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. Fox presented to the House, the Report of the Master of the General Protestant Academy, for the year 1855, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows.

Report of master of the General Protestant Academy.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

*Ordered*,—That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. WINTER moved, seconded by Mr. ELLIS,

That the return laid on the Table by the Government, in relation to the loan of the Act of last Session, should be amended by adding thereto the names of the parties whose Tenders were rejected, and the amount and rate of interest for which they respectively tendered.

Motion in reference to return of Loan of £45,000.

Whereupon,—

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. KELLY,

Whereas the loan of £45,000 was obtained by the Government at a low rate of interest, and it does not appear that any tenders at any lower rate for the said loan were rejected: And Whereas several parties tendered at a higher rate of interest, and such tenders were of course reject-

Amendment.

ed, therefore it is not considered expedient to lay on the Table of this House, the names of such parties whose tenders were in due course rejected.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:—

Division on amendment.

*For the Amendment, 16.*

*Against the Amendment, 10.*

The Hon. Attorney General

Mr. Ellis

“ Surveyor General

“ Knight

“ Colonial Secretary

“ Carter

“ Receiver General

“ Walbank

Mr. Morris

“ March

“ Benning

“ Brown

“ Kelly

“ Warren

“ E. D. Shea

“ Bemister

“ Delaney

“ Winter

“ Parsons

“ Hoyles

“ Hogsett

“ Winsor

“ Talbot

“ Hayward

“ Prendergast

“ Byrne.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*,—Accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

**Thursday, 31st January, 1856.**

Law of Insolvency Amend-  
ment Bill read second time.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the law of Insolvency was read a second time.

*Ordered*,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill on Monday next.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill for the Naturalization of Aliens.

Notice for Alien Naturalization Bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Three of the clock.

*Friday, 1st February, 1856.*

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the following Bills were read a second time :—

Bills read 2nd time—

The Bill to provide for Limited Partnerships.

Limited Partnerships Bill.

The Bill to determine the qualification of Jurors, to serve in the several Courts of this Island, and to regulate the empannelling of Juries therein.

Jury Bill.

The Bill to authorise the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes.

Formation of Corporations Bill.

*Ordered,*—That the Bill to provide for Limited Partnerships be committed to the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Time of committal of Limited Partnerships Bill.

*Ordered,*—That the Bill to determine the qualification of Jurors to serve in the several Courts of this Island, and to regulate the empannelling of Juries therein, be committed to the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Of Jury Bill.

*Ordered,*—That the Bill to authorise the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes, be committed to the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Of Corporations Formation Bill.

Mr. WINTER, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on Green Island, and the same was read a first time.

Green Island Light-house Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered,*—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. HOGSETT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to regulate the granting of Licenses for the wholsale of Spirituous Liquors, and the same was read a first time.

License Act Amendment Bill read 1st time.

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

Order for consolidated expenditure for the year 1855.

*Ordered*,—That the Receiver General do lay upon the Table of this House, a consolidated account of the amounts received under all heads, loans included, since the 29th May 1855; the liabilities, if any, from 1st January 1855 to 29th May 1855, with the expenditure from that time to the 31st December 1855, consolidated under the various heads of expenditure.

Alien Naturalization Bill read 1st time.

Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for the Naturalization of Aliens; and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Notice for return from the Board of Works of plan and estimate of cost of Light-house on Green Island.

Mr. WINTER gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask the Chairman of the Board of Works to direct the Superintendent of Light-houses to lay before this House a Plan and Estimate of the cost of erecting a Light-house on Green Island, of Wood or Brick, with the probable cost of maintaining the same.

Notice for return of Liabilities by Board of Works.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask for a return of all monies paid by the Board of Works, and their liabilities up to this date, names of parties employed, amount paid each, copies of all contracts (if any) entered into by them, under what act or authority the expenditure was made, together with a detailed statement of all accounts of that Board not here enumerated.

Notice for returns from the Estate of the late P. Morris.

Also, that on to-morrow, he will move for a return of the claims of the Government on the Estate of the late Patrick Morris, Esq., with the amount of the original claim, and monies paid on account of Estate of that gentleman.

Notice for Currency Bill.

Mr. Fox gave notice, that on Wednesday next, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Currency of this Colony and legalise Foreign Coins.

Notice for Law of Arrest Repeal Bill.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the 16th Section of the 5th, Geo. 4, Cap. 67, as relates to the arrest of the person on Original and Final Process.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Three of the clock.

*Monday, 18th February, 1856.*

Mr. ELLIS presented a Petition from Sarah G. Perchard, Librarian of the Legislative Library, which was received and read,—Praying that compensation may be awarded her for loss sustained by being deprived of the room occupied by her in the Colonial Building.

Petition from S. G. Perchard for compensation.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. BEMISTER presented a petition from John S. Addy and others, of Black Head and other parts of the north shore of Conception Bay, which was received and read,—Praying that the benefits of Postal Communication may be extended to that District.

Petition for Postal Communication.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. F. B. CARTER presented a Petition from Henry Lind and others, of New Perlican, Trinity Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the Bridge connecting the North and South sides of the Harbor.

Petition from New Perlican for grant to build a bridge.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. MARCH presented a Petition from Moses Moore and others, of Heart's Content, and other adjacent settlements in Trinity Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open and repair Roads.

Road petition from Trinity Bay.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. E. D. SHEA presented a Petition from William Badcock and others, of Brigus, South, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a Road from thence to White Horse.

Petition from W. Badcock of Brigus, for a road.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from John O'Keefe and others, Second-class Tidewaiters, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that their wages may be made equal to those of the First Class.

Petition for increased wages from 2nd class Tidewaiters.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Memorial from Johnstone Vicars, Clerk Superintendent of the Newfoundland School Society, which was received and read,—Praying for an increased grant in support of this Institution.

Petition from Newfoundland School Society for grant in aid of.

(For copy of Petition, see Appendix.)

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Memorial do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Account Current of  
Newfoundland School  
Society.

Mr. HOYLES presented to the House, a copy of Account Current of the Newfoundland School Society for the year 1855.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Document do lie upon the Table.

Notice for Dodding Head  
Light-house Bill.

Mr. BENNING gave notice that on Monday next, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house at Dodding Head, near Burin.

Notice for Bill to disable  
place-holders voting in the  
House of Assembly.

Mr. F. B. T. CARTER gave notice that on Thursday next, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill for the better securing the independence of the House of Assembly by prohibiting the election thereto, and sitting or voting therein, as member of certain Offices of the Government and others, and for disabling such persons from giving votes at election of Members.

Notice of Motion to distri-  
bute Poor Relief according  
to population.

Mr. WINTER gave notice that when the House is in Committee of Supply, he will propose a scale for the distribution of the Estimate for the Relief of the Poor among the different Electoral Districts, according to population.

Notice for returns from  
Board of Works.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice that on to-morrow, he will ask that the following Returns be laid on the Table of the House :—

The names of all persons composing the Board of Works, copies of all Tenders and Contracts, both accepted and rejected, copies of all notices for such Tenders and Contracts, reference to papers in which such notices were published, names of all Members present when such Tenders and Contracts were accepted and rejected, amount of monies expended or due by the Board of Works in detail, to whom paid, to whom due, for what work, and where, from what fund such monies were paid, and by whose authority ; copies of all claims and names of all claimants interested, character, and extent of their interest in the land and dwellings in and about Tarrahan's Town, taken or marked out by the Board of Works for public purposes, under what act or authority the same was done, with all amounts awarded, the basis upon which such awards were calculated, from what fund paid, and under what authority.

Also, a Detailed Account of the £6,668 12s. 11d., of outstanding Warrants, Names, Amounts, and for what Service.

Also, that on to-morrow, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill for the erection of a Light-house on the Offer Wadham Island; on Green Island, Catalina, and at or about Burin, on the Western Coast, and to make provision for the erection and maintenance thereof out of the Light Dues of this Colony.

Notice for Light-houses erection Bill.

The Hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of His Excellency, presented to the House a Consolidated Statement of the Expenditure of the Colony of Newfoundland, for the year 1855.

Consolidated statement of expenditure of this colony for the year 1855; and,

A Consolidated Account of Goods imported in the year ending 31st December, 1855.

of goods imported for the year 1855.

(For which see Appendix.)

*Ordered*,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to amend the law of Insolvency.

Committee on Law of Insolvency Amendment Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and stand first on the Order of the Day.

*A Message from the Legislative Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message:—

Message from Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, entitled "An Act to amend the Law of Evidence," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber, )  
18th February, 1856. }

LAWRENCE O'BREN,

*President.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Law of Evidence amendment  
Bill read 1st time.

The Bill sent down from the Council, entitled "An Act to amend the Law of Evidence," was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Notice to ask Chairman of  
Board of Works the  
probable cost of Offer  
Wadham and Dodding  
Head Light-houses.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask the Chairman of the Board of Works to lay before the House Estimates of the probable cost of erecting a Lighthouse on the Offer Wadham Island; also, on Dodding Head, at the entrance of Burin Harbor.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

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***Tuesday, 19th February, 1856.***

Notice for Fishery  
regulation Bill.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice, that on Thursday next, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of the Fisheries of this Colony.

Petition on the subject of  
the St. John's Hospital.

The hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a Petition from James Loughlan and others, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that certain abuses, said to exist in the management of the St. John's Hospital, be forthwith remedied.

*(For copy of Petition, see Appendix.)*

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Three of the clock.

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***Wednesday, 20th February, 1856.***

Value of Coins Bill, read 1st  
time.

Mr. Fox, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for establishing the legal value of British and other Coins in this Colony, and the same was read a first time.



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

Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to repeal the Law of Arrest in Civil Actions, and the same was read a first time.

Law of Arrest Repeal Bill,  
read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. WINTER, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to regulate the mode of procuring supplies for the Public Service, and the same was read a first time.

Public Supplies Regulation  
Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. ELLIS, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on the Offer Wadham Island, Green Island, at Catalina, and other parts of the Coast of this Island, and the same was read a first time.

Light-houses erection Bill  
read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of the hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL (pursuant to notice,) seconded by the hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL,

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

Resolution for Supply.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to amend the Law of Insolvency.

Committee on Law of Insol-  
vency Amendment Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. DELANEY 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of his Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following Documents :—

Documents presented by  
command of His Excellency  
the Governor.

Journal of Mr. Knight, in reference to the protection of the Fisheries at Cape John, in the summer of 1855.

Special Report of the Postmaster General for the year 1855.

Returns from the Roman Catholic and Protestant Boards of Education, for the year 1855.

Despatch from the Secretary of State, accompanying order in Council, prohibiting the exportation of Saltpetre to the British Colonies.

Despatch from the President administering the Government of Montserrat, dated 16th July, 1855, on the subject of Free Trade between that Island and the British North American Provinces.

Report of the Newfoundland Marine Insurance Company, on 10th January, 1856.

Report of the St. John's Marine Insurance Company, on 10th January, 1856.

Report of Mr. James Winter, of Fogo, on the subject of the Salmon Fisheries of this Colony.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Notice for Address to Imperial Government in reference to the ceding of no further fishing privileges to the French.

Mr. PROWSE gave notice that on Wednesday next, he will move an Address to the Imperial Government, that no further rights or privileges, may be ceded to any Foreign Power, to the Fisheries of this Colony.

Notice for Committee of Supply.

The Hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that on Tuesday next, he will move that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Three of the clock.

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**Thursday, 21st February, 1856.**

*Messages from His Excellency the Governor.*

Messages from His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency.

The said Messages were severally read by the Speaker, all the members being uncovered, and are as follows :—

**CHARLES HENRY DARLING.**

The Governor having, in compliance with the request of the House of Assembly, transmitted to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, the Address passed by the House in its last Session, on the subject of the Postal Tax on Newspapers posted in this Island for the United Kingdom and other British Colonies, now lays before the House a copy of the correspondence which has taken place with Her Majesty's Government upon the subject.

The Governor also informs the House that, as it appears by the Secretary of State's Despatch, of Twenty-first of September last, No. 16, that in the case of Newspapers posted for Great Britain, it is optional with the Colonial Government to exact a charge not exceeding One Penny—the Colonial Post Master General has been instructed not to make any charge in the case referred to.

The Governor takes the opportunity of communicating to the Assembly, a Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State, requesting information whether the Government of Newfoundland is prepared to acquiesce in the extension to the Colony of an alteration in the rate of weights for charging Postage on Book Packets, which has been recently adopted in the United Kingdom.

The Governor has intimated, in reply, that the Colonial Government is prepared to acquiesce in the proposed alteration.

C. H. D.

Government House,  
20th February, 1856. }

**CHARLES HENRY DARLING.**

The Governor transmits, for the information of the House of Assembly, the Copy of a Circular Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, inviting the co-operation of the Legislature of Newfoundland in certain arrangements contemplated by Her Majesty's Government for providing the necessary funds for sending home, to the colonies to which they belong, Seamen arriving in Great Britain from the North American Provinces in a destitute condition.

C. H. D.

Government House,  
20th February, 1856. }

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**CHARLES HENRY DARLING.**

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, the Copy of a Letter addressed to him by Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, enclosing a Copy of the Act of the President of the United States, declaring the Provisions of the Treaty between the United States and Great Britain, of the 5th June, 1854, to be in force as respects the Colony of Newfoundland, from the 12th December last.

C. H. D.

Government House, }  
20th February, 1856. }

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**CHARLES HENRY DARLING,**

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, the Copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, enclosing a Report upon the Fisheries on the South West Coast of Newfoundland, furnished by Captain Purvis, commanding her Majesty's Steam Sloop *Argus*.

C. H. D.

Government House, }  
20th February, 1856. }

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**CHARLES HENRY DARLING,**

The Governor transmits, for the information of the House of Assembly, the Copy of a Correspondence with Her Majesty's Government, with Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, and Her Majesty's Consuls and Vice-Consuls at several Ports in the United States, containing much interesting information relating to the Export Trade in Herrings, and the best mode of preparing that article for the various markets to which it is consigned.

C. H. D.

Government House, }  
20th February, 1856. }

(For Documents accompanying, see Appendix.)

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

Mr. WINTER presented a Petition from Thomas Strong and others, of Old Perlican, which was received and read,—Praying compensation for work performed by them on the roads in that locality.

Petition for compensation for road work.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

He also presented a Petition from Samuel Tizzard, of old Perlican, which was received and read,—Praying that compensation may be made him for loss sustained from the destruction of his house and property by fire.

Petition from Samuel Tizzard for compensation for loss of his house by fire.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on Green Island, be read a second time on Thursday next.

Order for 2nd reading of Green Island Light-house Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to provide for the Naturalization of Aliens, was read a second time.

Alien Naturalization Bill read 2nd time.

*Ordered*,—That on to-morrow the House will resolve into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to provide for Limited Partnerships.

Committee on Limited Partnerships Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. KNIGHT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same, with some amendments ; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Reported with Amendments.

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

Amendments agreed to.

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

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to provide for the Composition of Partners and Joint Debtors, was read a second time.

Composition of Partners Bill read 2nd time.

**Order for Committal.**

*Ordered*,—That on to-morrow the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

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***Friday, 22nd February, 1856.***

**Committee on Jury Bill.**

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to determine the qualification of Jurors to serve in the several Courts of this Island.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KELLY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

**Progress reported.**

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

**Committee on Jury Bill made 1st order.**

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and stand first on the Order of the Day.

**Notice of Bill to amend the Provident Society Act.**

Mr. PROWSE gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Newfoundland Provident Society.

**Notice of question to the Receiver General on increased Taxation.**

Mr. F. B. T. CARTER gave notice that on Monday next, he will ask the hon. the Receiver General whether the Government intends proposing any increase of Taxation or Town Assessment this Session, and if the proposed Tax on Exports has been abandoned.

Then the House adjourned Monday next at Three of the clock.

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***Monday, 25th February, 1856.***

**Petition from Isle Vallen against change on Postal Route.**

Mr. DELANEY presented a Petition from George LeMessurier and others, inhabitants of Isle Vallen, and other settlements in Placentia Bay, which was received and read,—Praying that no alteration may be made in the present route for conveying the Mails to that District.

- Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.
- He also presented a Petition from Philip Brown and others, of Placentia Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a breakwater at Bull Cove, between Point Lance and Cape St. Mary's. Petition for Breakwater at Bull Cove.
- Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.
- Mr. DELANEY gave notice that on Monday next, he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the Salmon Fishery of this Island, and report thereon by Bill or otherwise. Notice for Select Committee on the Salmon Fishery.
- Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to provide for Limited Partnerships, as engrossed, was read a third time. Limited Partnerships Bill, read 3rd time.
- On motion of the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, seconded by Mr. Fox,
- Resolved*,—That the Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act to provide for Limited Partnerships." Passed and Titled.
- Ordered*,—That the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY and Mr. Fox do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence. Sent to Council for concurrence.
- Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to regulate the empanelling of Jurors in the several Districts of this Island. Committee on Jury Bill.
- Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.
- Mr. KELLY 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 Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof. Progress reported.
- Ordered*,—That the Committee stand first on the Order of the Day for to-morrow. Made 1st Order of the Day.
- Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

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**Tuesday, 26th February, 1856.**

The hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House:—

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State, relative to certain provisions to be introduced into any Act that may be passed relative to Pilctage.

Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State, on the subject of establishing a system by which Light-houses and Light-vessels may be erected and maintained, by means of Tolls levied on vessels deriving benefit therefrom.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

On Table.

*Ordered,*—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Notice for Road Bill.

The Hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, within this Colony.

Notice for Cape St. Francis Light-house Bill.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on Wednesday next he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Governor and Council to erect a Light-house on Cape St. Francis, and to establish Signal Guns, Bells or Gongs on the several Lights established in this Island, and for other purposes.

Notice for Address to the Governor for return of Fees received in the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts.

Also, that on Wednesday next, he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, for a list of the Fees taken and received in the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts by the Crown Prosecuting Officer, and the authority under which the same is received, taken, and paid :

Also, a Copy of the Warrants of Attachment placed in the hands of parties in the case of *Bearns vs. Perchard*, and the authority of the Statute Law under which the said Warrants have been issued :

Also, for a List of the Fees or Taxed Costs received and taken in the Northern and Southern Courts, for a debt or debts under Ten Pounds, and for the authority under which such Fees have been received, taken, and paid:

Also, a Return from the Session Court of Twillingate, Bonavista, Trinity, and Harbor Grace, shewing the cause or causes why the Assault Cases, which were brought before the Northern Circuit Court by indictment, were not tried and disposed of in the said Sessions Courts:

Also, that there be laid before the House, a Copy of the Commission and Instructions to the Superintendent of Police, and a Copy of the Commission and Instructions to the Night Police, and the authority under which the said Commissions and Instructions have been issued, and in whom such authority rested to issue the same:



Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to provide for the empannelling of Juries in this Colony.

Committee on Jury Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. KELLY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some amendments ; which they had instructed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Reported with Amendments.

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

Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. WINTER gave notice, that on the second reading of the Currency Bill, he will for a Select Committee with reference thereto.

Notice for Select Committee on Currency Bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

**Wednesday, 27th February, 1856.**

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY presented a Petition from William Sweetman and others, of Bonavista, which was received and read,—Praying for increased means of Education in that District.

Petition for increased grants for Education.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Hon the COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a Return from the Protestant Board of Education, for the year 1855.

Education Return from Protestant Board of Bonavista.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

*Ordered*,—That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Independence of Members  
Bill read 1st time.

Mr. F. B.T. CARTER, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for the better securing the independence of the House of Assembly of this Colony, by disabling certain persons from being elected thereto, or from sitting or voting therein as members, and the same was read a first time.

2nd reading made 1st order  
for 6th March.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time on the 6th March next, and stand first on the Order of the Day.

Address to the Queen on the  
Fisheries read first time.

Mr. PROWSE, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to the Queen,—Praying that no further fishing privileges may be ceded to the French, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read a first time.

2nd reading made 1st order,

*Ordered*,—That the Address be read a second time to-morrow, and stand first on the Order of the Day.

Provident Society Act  
Incorporation Bill read 1st  
time.

Mr. PROWSE pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend "An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Provident Society," and the same was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time on the 9th March next.

On motion of the Hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice, seconded by the hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL,

Resolution for Committee of  
Supply.

*Resolved*,—That the House do resolve into a Committee of the Whole on Supply on Friday next.

Road Bill read 1st time.

The Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the making and repairing of Roads, Streets and Bridges in this colony, and the same was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on the 6th March next.

Cape St. Francis Light-house  
Bill read 1st time.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light House on Cape St. Francis, and the same was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time on the 6th March next.

Dodding Head Light-house  
Bill read 1st time.

Mr. BENNING, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on Dodding Head, near Burin, which was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time on to-morrow.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on the Polls, at the entrance of Trepassey.

Notice for Polls Light-house Bill.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask for the return of the Poor Expenditure of St. John's, during the past year; also, Liabilities generally up to this time, and for what places.

Notice for returns of Poor Expenditure for the last year.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Three of the clock.

### *Thursday, 28th February, 1856.*

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Address to the Queen, praying that no further fishing privileges may be ceded to the French, was read a second time.

Address to the Queen read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. PROWSE, seconded by Mr. ELLIS,

*Resolved*,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the said Address.

Rules suspended in reference to.

*Ordered*,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Address.

Committee on Address to the Queen.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KNIGHT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Address to them referred, without amendment; and he handed the Address in at the Clerk's Table.

Address reported without amendmet.

*Ordered*,—That the Address be now read a third time.

And the Address was read a third time, as follows :—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :—

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, beg most humbly to approach Your Majesty with feelings of the most profound respect for Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

The Legislature of this Colony have frequently brought under Your Majesty's notice the important subject of our Fisheries, and the desire manifested by the French to monopolize various parts of our Northern and Southern Coasts, and to obtain a right of Fishery at Belle Isle, and have repeatedly represented the serious evils to which our people were, and still are exposed, by the operation of the Treaties which give to France the right of fishing on our Coasts, by the manner in which, notwithstanding the efforts of the Imperial and Local Governments, those Treaties have been infringed upon, and by the forcible expulsion, by the French Authorities, of British Fishermen from those parts of the Western Coast where the latter ventured to exercise their undoubted right of concurrent Fishery. The consciousness of present injury, the fear of future loss, and the conviction of our inability, unless our rights by Treaty should be strictly maintained, to compete in Foreign markets with rivals so much more highly favoured by Governmental aid than we have ever been, were the motives which heretofore led us thus to address Your Majesty; and feelings similar in character, though stronger in degree, influence us on the present occasion.

We have noticed in the public papers that the subject of our Fisheries is engaging the attention of Your Majesty's Government; and we learn from private sources that the French Minister is urgently pressing a claim for an extension of their rights of Fishery on the Coasts of this Island, and we are well aware of the force which such a claim must derive from the relations which at present happily subsist between France and England.

May it please Your Majesty—While the people of this Colony, in common with the rest of Your Majesty's subjects, desire that these amicable relations may be long continued, they feel very sensibly that this object would be unfairly secured by concessions which, although of little importance to the people of England, would, as we have before so repeatedly shewn, be so ruinous to us; and we therefore humbly but earnestly pray, that, taking into Your Majesty's gracious consideration the rights and interests of the inhabitants of this Colony, you will grant no further privileges, in this respect, to the subjects of His Imperial Majesty.

*Ordered*,—That the Address do pass, and be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. PROWSE, seconded by Mr. ELLIS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Message be sent to the Legislative Council :—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly have passed the accompanying Address to Her Majesty the Queen, upon the subject of our Fishery privileges in this Island and its Dependencies, to which they respectfully request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Message to Council with  
Address to the Queen on the  
Fishery.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. PROWSE and the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY do take the Message and Address to the Legislative Council.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to authorise the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical or Chemical purposes.

Committee on Formation of  
Corporations Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PRENDERGAST took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same, with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Reported with Amendments.

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

Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

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**Friday, 29th February, 1856.**

On motion of the Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, seconded by the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Resolution of condolence on death of the late Archdeacon Bridge.

*Resolved*,—That from the respect entertained for the memory of the late Venerable Archdeacon Bridge, Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House do accompany his remains to the grave on Monday next—that Mr. Speaker communicate this Resolution to the late Archdeacon's family; and that this House adjourn until Monday next at Four o'clock.

House adjourned.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Four of the clock.

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**Monday, 3rd March, 1856.**

House met and adjourned.

The House met at Four o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and adjourned till to-morrow at Four of the clock.

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**Tuesday, 4th March, 1856.**

Petition from Tarrahan's Town Labourers for increase of wages.

The Hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL presented a Petition from Lawrence Dulhanty and others, employed by the Government as labourers at Tarrahan's Town, which was received and read,—Praying that their wages may be increased from 1s. and 6d., to 2s. per day.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. E. D. SHEA presented a Petition from William Badcock, of Brigus, South, which was received and read,—Praying that the House will award him compensation for the heavy loss sustained from the destruction of his property by fire in November last.

Petition from William Badcock for compensation for loss by fire.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOGSETT presented Petitions from M. Scanlan and others, of Brigus Cove, Plate Cove, Keels and Broad Cove, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to open and repair Roads in those localities.

Road Petition from Bonavista Bay.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Also, a Petition from Samuel Rousel, of Bonavista, which was received and read,—Praying that compensation may be awarded him for loss sustained in being deprived of his situation of Schoolmaster there.

Petition from Samnel Rousel of Bonavista.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

He also presented a Petition from M. Scanlan and others, of King's Cove and adjacent settlements,—Praying for a grant to establish a Commercial School there.

Petition for Commercial School.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

He also presented a Petition from John Bishop, courier between Bonavista and King's Cove, which was received and read,—Praying that his Salary may be increased.

Petition from courier between King's Cove and Bonavista.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

He also presented a Petition from Michael Fennel, of Bonavista, which was received and read,—Praying that his salary as Gaoler there may be increased.

Petition from Gaoler of Bonavista for increase of salary.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the appointment of a Deputy Speaker in certain cases.

Notice for Deputy Speaker's Bill.

Also, that on to-morrow, he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee on Mines and Minerals.

Notice for Committee on Mines and Minerals.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

*Wednesday, 5th March, 1856.*

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency.

The said Message was read by the Speaker, all the members being uncovered, and is as follows :—

CHARLES HENRY DARLING.

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly the Copy of a Circular Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, containing the views of Her Majesty's Government with reference to the establishment of a system by which Light-houses and Light-vessels in the Colonies may be erected and maintained by means of Tolls levied on the Vessels which derive benefit from the Lights, whether those Vessels go to Ports in the Colony in which the Light is situate or not, and inviting the co-operation and assistance of the Local Authorities in carrying that system into effect.

C. H. D.

Government House,  
20th February, 1856. }

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

*(For Documents accompanying, see Appendix.)*

Estimate and Plan of Light-house on Green Island.

The Hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL presented to the House an estimate of the Cost and Plan of the proposed Light-house on Green Island, Catalina.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said report do lie upon the Table.

Notice of question in reference to Greenspond and Fogo mails.

Mr. WARREN gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary, what directions were given to the Post-master General, as to the route in which the Greenspond and Fogo Mail was to be sent.

Polls Light-house Bill read 1st time.

Mr. HOGSETT, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on the Polls, at the entrance of Trepassey, and the same was read a first time.



*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Fox, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to continue the Currency Act, 17 Vic., and the same was read a first time.

Currency Act Continuation  
Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. DELANEY, seconded by the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Salmon Fisheries of this Colony.

Select Committee on Salmon  
Fishery.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Delaney, the hon. the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Knight, and Mr. March, do form such Committee.

*A Message from the Legislative Council.*

Message from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill entitled "An Act for transferring to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
5th March, 1856.

LAWRENCE O'BREN,

*President.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Bill sent down from the Council, entitled "An Act for transferring to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, and the same was read a first time.

Ordnance Property Transfer  
Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the Act for granting Licenses was read a second time.

License Act Amendment  
Bill read 2nd time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be committed to the Whole House to-morrow.

Law of Evidence Amendment  
Bill, read 2nd time.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the Law of Evidence, was read a second time.

*Ordered*,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill to-morrow.

Notice for Select Committee  
on Mines and Minerals in  
Placentia Bay.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee on the subject of Mines and Minerals in Placentia Bay.

Mr. Speaker reports the  
reply of the Lord Bishop of  
Newfoundland to the  
Resolution of condolence on  
death of the late Archdeacon  
Bridge.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received a communication from the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, acknowledging the resolution of this House, passed on the 29th ulto., on the occasion of the death of the late Venerable Archdeacon Bridge, which he read to the House as follows :—

St. John's,  
5th March, 1856. }

To the Hon.

The Speaker of the  
House of Assembly.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ulto. accompanying a copy of a Resolution which was on that day unanimously passed, as you kindly informed me, by the House of Assembly.

The Resolution, being that from the respect entertained for the memory of the late Venerable Archdeacon Bridge, Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House do accompany his remains to the grave.

That Mr. Speaker communicate this Resolution to the late Archdeacon's family ; and that this House adjourn until Monday next at Four o'clock.

I beg to thank you for your kindness and courtesy in transmitting to me a copy of the above Resolution ; and in my own name, and on behalf of the late Archdeacon's Family, to tender our most grateful and respectful acknowledgments to yourself and the members of the House of Assembly for such a mark of consideration and respect.

May I request you, Sir, in such manner as you think most respectful and correct, to make the members of the House acquainted with our high appreciation of, and gratitude for their testimony to the worth of one so near and dear to us.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient and faithful Servant,

EDWARD NEWFOUNDLAND.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Three of the clock.

*Thursday, 6th March, 1856.*

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to authorise the Formation of Corporations, as engrossed, was read a third time.

Formation of Corporation  
Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, seconded by Mr. TALBOT,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to authorise the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical or Chemical purposes.”

Passed and Titled.

*Ordered*,—That the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY and Mr TALBOT do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Sent to Council.

Mr. F. B. T. CARTER moved, seconded by Mr. PROWSE,

That the Bill for the better securing the independence of the House of Assembly of this Colony by disabling certain persons from being elected thereto, or of sitting or voting therein as members, be now read a second time.

Motion for 2nd reading of  
Independence of Members  
Bill.

Whereupon,—

Mr. HOGSETT moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

Amendment to be read this  
day six months.

After Debate,

On motion of Mr. PROWSE, seconded by Mr. WARREN,

*Resolved*,—That the Debate be adjourned till to-morrow.

Debate Adjourned.

Notice for New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Incorporation Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on Wednesday next he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the Incorporation of the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

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*Friday, 7th March, 1856.*

Notice of question in reference to grants issued in the Northern District of this Island, since 1849.

Mr. HAYWARD gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL what number of Grants were issued for Land situate in the Northern District of this Island, from the 1st day of April, 1849, to the present time.

Road Petitions from Holyrood, &c.

Mr. BYRNE presented Petitions from John Joy and others, inhabitants of settlements adjoining Holyrood, at the head of Conception Bay, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to open and repair Roads in those localities.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Dr. Skelton of Bonavista.

Mr. WALBANK presented a Petition from John Skelton, practitioner of Medicine in Bonavista, which was received and read,—Praying that he may be remunerated for his trouble in attending Pauper Patients in that District.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Adjourned debate on Amendment on motion for 2nd reading of the Independence of Members Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment on the motion for the second reading of the Bill for the better securing the independence of the House of Assembly of this Colony, by disabling certain persons from being elected thereto, or of sitting or voting therein as members.

And the question being put upon the amendment, the House divided, when there appeared:—

*For the Amendment, 16.*

*Against the Amendment, 12.*

|                           |                | Division. |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| The Hon. Attorney General | Mr. Ellis      |           |
| “ Surveyor General        | “ Knight       |           |
| “ Colonial Secretary      | “ Carter       |           |
| “ Receiver General        | “ Walbank      |           |
| Mr. Morris                | “ March        |           |
| “ Benning                 | “ Brown        |           |
| “ Kelly                   | “ Warren       |           |
| “ E. D. Shea              | “ Bemister     |           |
| “ Delaney                 | “ Winter       |           |
| “ Parsons                 | “ Hoyles       |           |
| “ Hogsett                 | “ F. B. Carter |           |
| “ Fox                     | “ Prowse.      |           |
| “ Talbot                  |                |           |
| “ Hayward                 |                |           |
| “ Prendergast             |                |           |
| “ Byrne.                  |                |           |

So it passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered,—Accordingly.*

**Amendment Affirmed.**

Mr. F. B. T. CARTER gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask the Colonial Secretary whether any Despatches have been received with reference to the Act of last Session, providing for the Salaries of the Governor and Officers of the Government.

Notice of question in reference to Official Salaries Bill.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on Wednesday next he will ask the Colonial Secretary to lay before this House the names of the Legislative Councillors and Members of Assembly appointed for the year 1856, for the effectual carrying out of the 20th Section of the Crown Lands Act, 7 Vic., Cap. 1.

Notice of question for names of persons to carry out Crown Lands' Act, 7 Vic., Cap. 1.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask for a Detailed Account of the following Monies expended by the Board of Works :

Notice for details from Board of Works.

St. John's Road Account, £696 17 7.

Colonial Building, £529 0 11.

Office Contingencies, £58 18 3.

Also, Tenders offered, but not accepted, by the Board of Works.

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask for a detailed statement of the several amounts included in the General Statement laid upon the Table of the House by the hon. the Receiver General, Debit and Credit as given in page 384 of the Appendix to Journals of 1837.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Three of the clock.

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Monday, 10th March, 1856.

Notice for Committee on
Roads and Bridges.

The hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL gave notice, that on Wednesday next, he will move the House into Committee of the Whole upon Roads and Bridges.

Road Petition from Ochre
Pit Cove.

Mr. BEMISTER presented two Petitions from Stephen Halfyard and others, of Ochre Pit Cove, which were severally received and read,—Praying for a grant to open and repair Roads in that locality.

On Table.

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

Road Petition from Keels.

Mr. WARREN presented a Petition from David Candon and others, inhabitants of Keels and Settlements in the District of Bonavista, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a main line of road between Tickle Cove and King's Cove.

On Table.

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

Mr. WINTER moved, (pursuant to order) seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Motion of 2nd reading of
Public Supply Regulation
Bill.

That the Bill to regulate the mode of procuring Supplies for the public service, be now read a second time.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared :—

For the Motion 11.

Against the Motion 13.

Mr. Hoyles
 " Carter
 " F. B. Carter
 " March
 " Walbank
 " Ellis
 " Warren
 " Brown
 " Knight
 " Winter
 " Bemister

The Hon. Attorney General
 " Surveyor General
 " Receiver General
 " Colonial Secretary
 Mr. Hogsett
 " Benning
 " Talbot
 " Delaney
 " Byrne
 " Kelly
 " E. D. Shea
 " Hayward
 " Prendergast.

Division.

So it passed in the negative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Motion lost.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to repeal the Law of Arrest in certain cases, was read a second time.

Law of Arrest Repeal Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on the Offer Wadham Island, Green Island, at Catalina, and on other parts of the coast of Newfoundland, being read,

Order of the Day for 2nd reading of Light-houses Erection Bill read.

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

Resolved,—That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon, with such recommendations as they may consider expedient or necessary, to light the whole Coast of this Island, and report on which headland the first light should be erected.

Resolution referring Bill to Select Committee.

Ordered,—That Mr. Prendergast, the hon. Surveyor General, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Kelly, Mr. March, and Mr. Knight, do form such Committee.

Select Committee on Light-houses Erection Bill.

Mr. HAYWARD moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. KELLY,

That this House do adjourn till to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

Motion to adjourn till eleven o'clock, to-morrow.

Whereupon,—

Amendment to adjourn till
three o'clock to-morrow.

Amendment negatived.

Mr. ELLIS moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. F. B. CARTER,

That the House do adjourn till to-morrow at three of the o'clock.

And the question being put on the amendment, it passed in the negative on division.

And the question on the original motion being then put,

Mr. ELLIS moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. WARREN,

That this House do adjourn till to-morrow at two o'clock.

And the question being put thereon, it passed in the affirmative, without division.

Amendment to adjourn till
two o'clock to-morrow.

Amendment Affirmed.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

Tuesday, 11th March, 1856.

Notice of question in refer-
ence to the Postal Act.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Receiver General, whether it is the intention of the Government to continue and amend the Postal Act.

Notice for Pilot Act Amend-
ment Bill.

The hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend the St. John's Pilot Act.

Notice for return of Duties
paid in Outports.

Mr. PROWSE gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move for a return of Duties paid in the several Outports in this Colony for the last three years:

Notice of question on the
subject of Incorporating the
Town of St. John's.

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Attorney General whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Town of Saint John's; and if not, whether any measures will be taken to organize and establish Fire Companies, and to adopt other and more efficient means for checking the spread of fires in this Town.

Committee on Supply.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

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

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

Wednesday, 12th March, 1856.

Mr. WARREN presented a Petition from John Sansbury, Sr., of Pincher's Island, which was received and read,—Praying that he may be remunerated for making a Road in that locality.

Petition from Pincher's Island for remuneration for making a Road.

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

On Table.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a Petition from Patrick Canning and others, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that an Act may be passed to regulate the inspection and branding of Pickled Fish and Packages.

Petition for Pickled Fish Inspection Act.

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

On Table.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL moved, pursuant to Order of the Day, that the Bill to regulate the empannelling of Juries, as engrossed, be now read a third time.

Motion for 3rd reading of Jury Bill.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared :—

For the Motion, 7.

Against the Motion, 6.

Division,

The Hon. Surveyor General
 " Attorney General
 Mr. Fox
 " Benning
 " Winser
 " Delaney
 " Byrne.

Mr. Hoyles
 " Bemister
 " Warren
 " Carter
 " Ellis
 " Winter

So it passed in the affirmative.

Read 3rd time.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

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

Resolved,—That the following clauses be added to the Bill as riders :

Riders to Jury Bill.

Section 20.—When a view shall be considered necessary by the Court, the Jury sworn to try the cause shall make the view under charge of the Sheriff, and if necessary, of Sheirers to be appointed by the Court ; the trial may be postponed to any other day during the sitting of the same Court, and in the meantime other causes may be disposed of.

The Writ of View is hereby abolished.

Section 21.—This Act shall not come into operation until the 1st day of July next.

And the said Riders, having been severally read throughout a first, second, and third time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

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

Jury Bill passed and titled.

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled " An Act to fix the qualification and regulate the empannelling of Jurors."

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That the hon. Attorney General and Mr. Kelly do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Telegraph Incorporation Act
 Amendment Bill read 1st
 time.

Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the London, New York, and Newfoundland Telegraph Company, and the same was read a first time.

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

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon Roads and Bridges.

Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the Order of the Day for Monday next.

Mr. MARCH gave notice that on to-morrow he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee, to consider and report upon the condition of the Poor :

Notice for Select Committee on the state of the Poor.

Also that this motion stand first on the Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice that on to-morrow he will move the House into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the present state of the Fisheries.

Notice for Committee of the Whole on the state of the Fisheries.

The Hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL gave notice that on to-morrow he will move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony.

Notice for Inland Posts Bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the clock.

Thursday, 13th March, 1856.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of his Excellency the Governor, presented to the House,—The Report of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank, for the year ending 31st December, 1855.

Report of Newfoundland Savings' Bank.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said report do lie upon the Table.

Petition from John Murphy of Chappel Cove, for remuneration for ground taken to improve the Public Road.

Mr. TALBOT presented a Petition from John Murphy, of Chappel Cove, which was received and read,—Praying that he may be remunerated for ground taken from him by the Board of Road Commissioners to improve the main line of Road between Holyrood and Brigus.

On Table.

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

Petition for Public Pump in Prescott Street.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from Patrick Coonan and others, inhabitants of St. John's, residing at the head of Prescott Street, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to erect a public pump in that locality.

On Table.

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

On motion of Mr. MARCH, seconded by Mr. KNIGHT,

Select Committee on state of the Poor.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the condition of the Poor.

Ordered,—That Mr. March, Mr. Knight, Mr. Warren, Mr. Bemister, Mr. Hayward, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Parsons, Mr. E. D. Shea, Mr. Delaney, and Mr. Morris do form such Committee.

Committee on Law of Insolvency Amendment Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to amend the Law of Insolvency.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

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

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed, and read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order of the Day,, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to provide for the Naturalization of Aliens.

Committee on Alien Naturalization Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WINTER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Reported with Amendments.

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

Amendments agreed to.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Time of 3rd reading.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to provide for the Composition of Partners or Joint Debtors.

Committee on Composition of Partners Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without amendment ; and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill reported without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Time of 3rd reading.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to establish the legal value of British and other Coins in this Colony, was read a second time.

Value of Coins Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill to-morrow.

Order for Committal.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to provide for the transfer of Ordnance Property to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, was read a second time.

Ordnance Property Transfer Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill to-morrow.

Order for Committal.

Gold and Silver Coins Bill
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to continue the Act to declare the rates at which British Gold and Silver Coins shall be a legal Tender, was read a second time.

Order for Committal.

Ordered,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill to-morrow.

Committee on License Regu-
lation Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to regulate the granting of Licenses for the Wholesale of Wines, Ale, and Spirituous Liquors.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ELLIS took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Committee rise for want of
a quorum.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that the Committee had risen for want of a quorum.

Ordered,—that the Report be received.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. ELLIS took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amend-
ments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Motion that Report be
adopted.

On motion that the Report be adopted, the House divided when there appeared :

For the Motion 10.

Against the Motion 8.

Division.

Mr. Hogsett

Mr. Hoyles

“ E. D. Shea

“ Walbank

“ Delaney

“ Carter

“ Benning

“ F. B. Carter

“ Byrne

“ Warren

“ Hayward

“ Knight

The Hon. Colonial Secretary

“ Ellis

“ Receiver General

“ Prowse.

“ Surveyor General

“ Attorney General.

Report adopted.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask for a Return of all Servants and Officers appointed under or connected with the Board of Works, and amount of salary attached to each officer.

Notice for return of Servants and Officers of Board of Works.

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary to lay before the House a return of the route of the Greenspond and Fogo Mails as it has been carried out after its arrival at King's Cove; contractor's name, and his place of abode; and if such is carried out according to the instructions given by the Postmaster General.

Notice for return of Greenspond and Fogo Mail route.

Ordered,—That this House do adjourn till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Friday, 14th March, 1856.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time, as engrossed :

Read 3rd time.

The Bill for the Naturalization of Aliens.

Alien Naturalization Bill.

The Bill to regulate the granting of Licenses for the Wholesale of Spirituous Liquors.

License Bill.

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

Resolved,—That the first Bill pass, and be entitled "An Act for the Naturalization of Aliens."

License Bill passed and titled.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hoyles and Mr. Bemister do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Sent to Council.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. KELLY,

Resolved,—That the second Bill pass, and be entitled "An Act to regulate the granting of Licenses for the Wholesale of Wines, and Spirituous Liquors."

License Bill passed and titled.

Sent to Council.

* *Ordered*,—That Mr. Hogsett and Mr. Kelly do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Committee on Supply.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the Door.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,

Message from Council concurring in Address to the Queen on the Fisheries.

The Legislative Council have passed the Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the Fisheries with the following Amendment, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly :

In the first line of the Address between the words " the " and " House " insert " Legislative Council and "

They have also passed a Bill, entitled " An Act to provide for the payment of Executors and Administrators, and for regulating the practice on the Probate Side of the Supreme Court," to which they also request the concurrence of the Assembly.

LAWRENCE O'BREN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
14th March, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. PROWSE, seconded by Mr. ELLIS,

Amendment of Council assented to, and Message informing Council thereof.

That this House do concur in the amendment made by the Legislative Council, upon the Address to Her Majesty the Queen on the subject of the Fisheries, and that a Message be sent to the Council to acquaint them therewith.

Ordered,—That Mr. Prowse and the hon. the Colonial Secretary do take the Message to the Legislative Council.

The Bill sent down from the Council entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of Executors and Administrators, and for regulating the practice on the Probate side of the Supreme Court" was read a first time.

Payment of Executors Bill
read 1st time.

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

Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

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

Ordered,—That the House at its rising do adjourn till Tuesday next.

Order for adjournment.

Then the House adjourned till Tuesday next at Three of the clock.

Tuesday, 18th March, 1856.

The Hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, by command of his Excellency the Governor, presented to the House,—A return of Duties received in the various outports of this Colony for the last three years.

Return of Duties of Customs.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said Document do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time, as engrossed :

Read 3rd time.

The Bill to amend the Law of Insolvency.

Insolvency Act Amendment
Bill.

Composition of Partners
Bill.

The Bill to provide for the Composition of Partners or Joint Debtors.

On motion of the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, seconded by Mr. KELLY,

Insolvency Act Amendment
Bill passed and titled.

Resolved,—That the first Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend the Law of Insolvency.”

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That the hon. the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Kelly do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, seconded by Mr. KELLY,

Composition of Partners
Bill passed and titled.

Resolved,—That the second Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to provide for the Compromises or Compositions of Partners and Joint Debtors.”

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That the hon. the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Kelly do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Committee on Supply.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

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

Ordered,—that the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Notice for detail of unfore-
seen Contingencies.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask for a Detailed Statement of Monies expended under the head of Unforeseen Contingencies, from October, 1855, to 31st December, 1855.

Order for adjournment.

Ordered,—That the House, at its rising, do adjourn till Wednesday the 26th inst.

Then the House adjourned till Wednesday, the 26th inst., at Three of the clock.

Wednesday, 26th March, 1856.

On motion of Mr. ELLIS, seconded by Mr. PROWSE,

Resolved,—That on Thursday, the 3rd day of April, the House do resolve into a Committee of the Whole upon the state of the Fisheries.

Order for Committee of whole on state of the Fisheries.

The hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the Inland Posts of this Colony, which was read a first time.

Inland Post read 1st time.

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

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Pilot Act of this Colony, which was read a first time.

Pilot Act Amendment Bill read 1st time.

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

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the Act for the Incorporation of the Newfoundland Provident Society, was read a second time.

Provident Society Incorporation Act Amendment Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—That the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill.

Order for Committal.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to amend the Law of Evidence.

Committee on Law of Evidence Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KNIGHT 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 Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

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

Order for Committal.

Ordered,—That the Committee of the Whole on Roads and Bridges first on the Order of the Day for Monday next.

Committee on Roads and Bridges made 1st Order.

Notice for Education Bill.

The hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of Education.

Notice for return from Board of Works.

Mr. WARREN gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask the Receiver General for a return of the various amounts paid by him under Warrant, on account of the Board of Works, specifying the number of Warrant, in whose favor such payment was made, and for what purpose.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Thursday, 27th March, 1856.

Notices for various Returns.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on to-morrow he will move for a detailed Account of the Expenditure of Three Hundred and One Pounds, Three Shillings and Seven Pence, paid, August 6th, 1855, under Warrant No. 26, the authority for such Expenditure, in what manner expended, and to whom :

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary for a full and detailed Account of Expenditure under the Crown Lands Act, from 1st January, 1855, to 31st December last, setting forth the amount received, from whom, for what Land, &c., and how situated—also for the Amount of Expenditure under said Act, to whom paid, and for what purpose, and by what authority :

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. Colonial Secretary to lay before this House, a Return of the Relief granted to Paupers by Mr. Stewart, of King's Cove, from the 1st January, 1855, to 31st December, 1855, whether by his order or otherwise, names of recipients, place of abode, number in family, amount of Relief given, from what source, and upon what authority :

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary whether all the Outport Clerks of the Peace have furnished their Ac-

counts of Fees received by them, including License Fees from 1st January, 1855, to 31st December—if so, the amount of the same, and from whom received :

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary to cause to be laid upon the Table of the House, a list of all the Permanent Poor in St. John's and the Outports, as registered in the Books of the Commissioner of the Poor—setting forth the names, age, number in family, and whether male or female, place of abode, how circumstanced, and cause of requiring relief :

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary to cause to be laid before the House, a Return of the Expenditure for the employment of the able-bodied Poor, for the District of St. John's, since 1st January last, setting forth the names, how employed, and rate of wages :

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Receiver General for a Return of the various Amounts paid by him under Warrant, on Account of the Board of Works, specifying the number of Warrant, in whose favor such payment was made, and for what purpose :

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Chairman of the Board of Works, why the sum of £655 14s. 4d. should be drawn from the Treasury, on the 31st December, 1855, on Account of the Board of Works :

Also, why the Bye Laws laid down for the guidance of said Board of Works, should be departed from relative thereto, and to the present system of paying labourers.

Mr. BROWN presented Petitions from William Whellam and others, of Brigus; Nathan Norman and others, of Brigus; Isaac Clark and others, of Frog Marsh; John Wilcox and others, of Port de Grave; which were severally received and read.—Praying for grants to open and repair Roads in those localities.

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

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from George Webber, Schoolmaster of St. John's, which was received and read,—setting forth that his salary as Schoolmaster, in St. John's, and at Brigus, had always been Eighty Pounds until last year, when it was reduced to Fifty Pounds, and praying that in consideration of his long services, compensation may be made him for his last year's loss, and that his Salary may be increased to its original amount.

On Table.
Petition from George Webber for increase of salary.

Committee on Education.
Property Transfer Bill.

Order for Committee.

Committee on Education.
Property Transfer Bill.

Bill reported without Amendment.

Payment of Expenses Bill.
Year and time.

Road Petitions.
Order for Committee.

Committee on Customs Act.
Continuation Bill.

On Table.

Petition from George Webber for increase of salary.

Program reported.

On Table.

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

Notice for Address to Governor on petition of George Webber.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of the foregoing Petition.

Telegraph Incorporation Act Amendment Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the London, New York, and Newfoundland Telegraph Company, was read a second time.

Order for Committal.

Ordered,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill to-morrow.

Committee on Ordnance Property Transfer Bill

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to provide for the transfer of Ordnance Property to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported without Amendment.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Payment of Executors Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to provide for the payment of Executors and Administrators, and for regulating the practice on the Probate side of the Supreme Court, was read a second time.

Order for committal.

Ordered,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill to-morrow.

Committee on Currency Act Continuation Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Currency of this Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. F. B. CARTER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

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

Order for Committal.

Mr. ELLIS presented a Petition from D. B. Holbrook, of New York, which was received and read, setting forth:—

Petition from D. B. Holbrook of New York.

1.—That in the year 1852, your Petitioner and some friends of his, proposed to erect and establish at their own cost an Electric Telegraph across this Island, with the view of connecting St. John's with England and the neighbouring Continent.

2.—That the vast benefits likely to result to this Colony from such an enterprize were appreciated, and encouragement and security to its projectors were proposed by the Government of Newfoundland to be given by a Charter of Incorporation.

3.—That accordingly an Act of the Legislature of Newfoundland, incorporating the "Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company," was passed on the 14th June, 1852.

4.—That upon the faith of that Act, your Petitioner, and others, at his recommendation, took shares in the said Company, carried out to a considerable extent the proposed works thereof, and Petitioner alone contributed of the capital therein cash to the amount of nearly 50,000 dollars, which sum was actually expended upon the works of the Company in this Island, and in the employment of its people.

5.—That in the year 1854, Peter Cooper, Esq., and other gentlemen in New York, being anxious to avail themselves of the great enterprize of which your Petitioner and his friends were the projectors and pioneers, enquired in New York of your Petitioner whether he would surrender, and upon what terms, his rights and interest in the said Company; to which your Petitioner replied by writing, under date 1st March, 1854, that he would surrender such rights and interest upon receiving the amount of his stock therein, paid in cash with interest thereupon.

6.—That immediately afterwards, and without giving any reply to, or making any agreement or arrangement with, your Petitioner, three influential gentlemen, associates of the said Mr. Cooper, viz.—Cyrus Field, Esq., Dudley Field, Esq., and Chandler White, Esq., left New York for St. John's to negotiate with the Legislature for a Charter for themselves.

7.—That within three days after their arrival they succeeded in their object, and on the 13th April two Acts were passed by the Local Legislature, without those forms and notices which its rules prescribed respecting private Bills being observed, without the knowledge of your Pe-

tioner, and with unusual haste; the one, declaring and enacting that the said "Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company had surrendered its Charter to the Government of this Colony, and that it was dissolved, and all the rights and franchises thereof annulled and extinguished"—And the other, incorporating the new Company called "The New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company."

8.—That at the time of the passing of the said last mentioned Acts, your Petitioner was by far the largest stockholder in the said first-named Company, his investments therein were unsatisfied, and neither his rights nor the Charter that secured them had been surrendered by him, but on the contrary, he had instructed Ambrose Shea, Esq., as his Agent in St. John's, to oppose to the utmost any interference with the said first-named Charter and Company until Petitioner's said rights and claims should be fully satisfied.

9.—That the said Messrs. Field and White agreed with the said Mr. Shea, that if he would forego opposition to the Incorporation of their new Company, they would pay in the month of August, 1854, to your Petitioner in New York, the amount of his said investment with interest thereupon, reimbursing him "dollar for dollar" his stock of the new Company at its *bona fide* cash or par value.

10.—That when your Petitioner was informed in New York of what had taken place in St. John's, and that the said Acts were irrevocably passed, he deemed it his best course to await the issue of the promise made to his said Agent, in the hope that his recognized claim would be honorably satisfied, and a necessity for the adoption of other proceedings obviated.

11.—That in August, 1854, your Petitioner adjusted with the said new Company the amount of his debt at 51,823 dollars 80 cents., which sum was acknowledged and agreed to be due to him by them.

12.—That the said new Company then offered your Petitioner their stock to the nominal amount of his said debt, in shares, but at a fictitious value, and not, as he believes and is well assured, at their *bona fide* cash value.

13.—That Petitioner refused the said Shares at such estimate—he offered to accept cash for his debt, and if Shares should be given, he claimed them at their real value, so that he should be reimbursed his outlay "dollar for dollar," as promised, and demanded an inspection of the books and accounts of the said new Company for the purpose of enabling

him to ascertain their actual outlay and the *bona fide* par value of their Shares—all which equitable demands the said Company refused; and although they have availed themselves of your Petitioner's property, they have not paid him his acknowledged debt, or any part thereof, and have ousted him, by the aid of the Legislature, of the protection and exclusive privileges which his Charter conferred.

14.—That your Petitioner has learned that there is now before your Honorable House a Bill to confer further privileges upon the said "New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company"; and whilst he will rejoice in the consummation of those benefits which he believes Newfoundland will derive from the completion of this great undertaking, and sincerely desires its success, he feels that he is entitled to the protection of the Government and Legislature of this British Colony, not only as being a subject of a Foreign Power in amity with Great Britain, and relying upon the proverbial honor of that great Nation, but as being the first to embark his capital in an enterprise calculated to confer vast advantages upon Newfoundland: He therefore humbly prays that your honorable House will not only not clothe with extended privileges the said Company until they shall have satisfied the just claims of their predecessors, nor leave your Petitioner to his naked remedy at Law to obtain redress from them; but will adopt such measures in the premises as in your wisdom you shall deem best calculated to secure to your Petitioner the full benefit of those rights and privileges which were guaranteed to him by an Act of the Legislature, that was repealed in his absence, without his knowledge or assent, to his great prejudice, and under circumstances of an unusual character.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to amend the Act for the Incorporation of the London, New York and Newfoundland Telegraph Company.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Friday, 28th March, 1856.

Mr. HAYWARD presented a Petition from Patrick Morris, of Burin, which was received and read,—setting forth,—That in July, 1846, he was appointed to the office of Deputy Sheriff of the Southern District, at a sal-

Referred to Committee on
Telegraph Act Amendment
Bill.

Petition from P. Morris of
Burin.

ary of £150 per annum, provided for by Statute, on the dismissal of Mr. Gaden from the Sheriffship of the Northern District, and continued to discharge the duties of the office until July 1847 when, from an alteration in the Act providing for the appointment of Sheriffs, the reinstatement of Mr. Gaden, and the return of Mr. Stephenson to the Southern District, he was discharged from the said office without cause:—That his acceptance of office involved a change of residence from Burin to Ferryland, at considerable expense, and necessitated the relinquishing of a profitable business, which he would not have done but from the belief that his appointment would have been permanent:—That he had applied to the late Government for compensation for the heavy losses sustained by him, and that his claim had been admitted by them, although no action had been taken thereon, and, praying that some compensation may now be awarded him.

On Table.

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

Notice for Select Committee
on Petition of P. Morris.

Mr. HAYWARD gave notice that on to-morrow he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the merits of the foregoing Petition.

Road Petition from Petty
Harbor, Black Head and
Middle Cove.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL presented Petitions from John Hally and others, of Black Head; John Kelly and others, of Middle Cove; James Power and others, of Petty Harbor, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to open Roads in those localities.

On Table.

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

Road Petition from Pouche
Cove, Middle Cove and
Freshwater.

Mr. PARSONS presented Petitions from Nicholas Roach, of Middle Cove; Philip Malone and others of Freshwater: and Patrick Corcoran and others, of Pouche Cove, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to open and repair Roads in those localities.

On Table.

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

Petition from Port-de-Grave
against taking Caplin for
Manure.

Mr. BROWN presented a Petition from Thomas Martin and others, of Port-de-Grave, which was received and read,—Praying that the House will adopt measures to prevent the taking of Caplin for Manures.

On Table.

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

Consolidated Account of
Expenditure by Poor Com-
missioners.

Mr. WINSER, as Chairman of Audit, presented to the House a Consolidated Account of the expenditure by the Commissioners for the relief of the Poor, for the year ending 31st December, 1855.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said Document do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. PROWSE, seconded by Mr. BROWN,

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

Address to His Excellency
the Governor.

To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

The House of Assembly and Legislative Council have passed the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the cession of greater and more extensive privileges to the French, which they respectfully request Your Excellency will be pleased to forward to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and be presented to His Excellency the Governor, by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

Message from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up to them from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for Limited Partnerships" with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
28th March, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Amendments on Limited Partnerships Bill read 1st time.

The Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for Limited Partnerships" were read a first time, and are as follows:—

In the 2nd Section of the Bill, 5th line, after the word "payments" insert "or in property at its actual cash value."

" 9th " 3rd line, expunge the word "two," and insert in its stead "the Royal Gazette and in one or two other."

" 17th " 3rd line, expunge all the words of this Section, after the word "management," and insert in their stead "and any remuneration of Special Partners or any other persons acting as servants or agents for any such Partnership, by a share of the profits or otherwise, shall not render them liable as general Partners."

" 20th " 2nd line, expunge the words "when Insolvent or."

" 21st " 3rd line do. do.

" 24th " 6th line, expunge all the words after the word "weeks," in this line, and insert in their stead "in the Royal Gazette and any other Local Newspaper or Newspapers published in this Island."

In the Schedule No. 3, 5th line, expunge the word "sums," and insert "amount" in its stead, and at the end of this section insert "or in property at its actual cash value, specifying the general description of the property as the case may be."

Order for 2nd reading.

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

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

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

Order for Committee.

Mr. WALBANK gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Receiver General for copies of the original orders upon which Warrants were issued in favor of Edward Tobin, for the following sums :—

1855—

June 5, Edward Tobin	.....	.....	.....	£19 19 11
July 10, ditto	.....	.....	.....	5 13 0
“ “ ditto	.....	.....	.....	14 3 6

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on Monday next he will move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will cause to be paid to Joseph A. Kerman, the sum of Five Pounds, being the amount of his Account for erecting a Hustings at Bonavista last the Election.

Notice for Address to Governor.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Three of the clock.

Monday, 31st March, 1856.

Mr. Fox presented a Petition from Peter McPherson and others of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a Breastwork at Warren's Cove.

Petition for Breastwork at Warren's Cove.

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

On Table.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

Petition for grant in aid of St. John's Reading Room,

From Andrew Milroy, President of the St. John's Library and Reading Room, praying for a continuance of the yearly grant for that Institution

and Mechanics Institute.

From Andrew Milroy, President of the Mechanics' Institute, praying for the yearly grant for that Institution.

Road Petition from Black Head and Torbay.

From Michael Bulger and others, of Torbay; and John Haley and others, of Black Head,—Praying for grants to repair Roads in those localities.

On Table.

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

Petition for grant to repair Long's Hill.

He also presented a Petition from James Molloy and others, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair Long's Hill, near the Wesleyan Chapel.

On Table.

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

On motion of the hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, seconded by the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY,

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

Address to His Excellency the Governor.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause Warrants to be issued on the Receiver General for the Payment of the Quarterly Salaries annually voted in Supply, and due this day to the Public Officers of the Government, and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by such Members of the House as are of the Hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, seconded by Mr. WALBANK,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

Address to His Excellency
the Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause the sum of Five Pounds to be paid to Joseph A. Kerman, for labor and material in constructing a Hustings at Bonavista at the last Election, and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by such Members of the House as are of the Hon. the Executive Council.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill sent down from the Council entitled "An Act for transferring to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Authorities vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance," was read a first time.

Ordnance Property transfer
Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, seconded by Mr. E. D. SHEA,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council to acquaint them that this House concurs therein.

Passed and sent to Council.

Resolved,—That the Hon. the Colonial Secretary and Mr. E. D. Shea, do take the Bill and Message to the Legislative Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

Message from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent to them by the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to authorize the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes" with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
31st March, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Amendments on Formation
of Corporations Bill
read 1st time.

The Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly entitled "An Act to authorise the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical or Chemical purposes" were read a first time, and are as follows :—

In the 3rd Section of the Bill, 9th line, expunge the word "ten," and insert the word "twenty" in its stead.

" 20th " 6th & 8th lines, expunge the word "three," and insert the word "six" in place thereof.

" 21st " 18th line, after the word "filed," in this line, insert the words "and advertised."

" 26th and 27th Sections, 3rd lines, expunge the words "actually insolvent or."

Insert as the 28th Section as follows :—

That at any time hereafter, any Society or Association formed for Religious, Charitable, Educational, or other Lawful purposes, being desirous to promote the objects for which it is or may be established, may, through the Office-bearers, Trustees, or Members, make, sign, and acknowledge, before a Notary Public, and file in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of this Colony, a Certificate in writing, in which shall be stated the proposed Corporate Name of the said Society or Association, and the objects for which the same is or shall be formed, the Names of its Office-bearers, Trustees or Members, and the Rules, Regulations, Orders and Bye-Laws thereof.

Insert as the 29th Section, as follows :—

When such Certificate shall have been filed as aforesaid, the persons who shall have signed and acknowledged the same, and all other Members of such Society or Association, and their successors shall be a Body Politic and Corporate, in fact and in name, by the name stated in such Certificate, and by that name have succession, and shall be capable of suing and being sued, and they and their successors may have a common Seal, and may

make and alter the same at pleasure, and they shall have power to elect Officers, and make, confirm, alter, amend, or repeal all Bye-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, for the management of the affairs of such Society or Association ;—Provided the same shall not be repugnant to the Laws of this Colony—and they shall, by their Corporate Name, be capable in Law of purchasing, holding, and conveying any Landed or personal Estate whatever, and of transacting all business appertaining to such Society or Association according to such Bye-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, as aforesaid.

Insert as the 30th Section, as follows :—

Immediately upon filing the said Certificate in manner aforesaid, all the Lands, Tenements, Funds, Monies, Securities, and other property belonging to such Society or Association, shall, by virtue of this Act, and without further or other conveyance, be transferred and vested in such Corporated Society or Association, for the uses thereof.

The 28th Section of the Bill to become the 31st Section.

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

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Roads and Bridges.

Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Tuesday, 1st April, 1856.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

The hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY informed the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency.

The said Message was read by the Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and is as follows:—

CHARLES HENRY DARLING.

The Governor begs to inform the Assembly that the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, passed by the Council and Assembly, praying that no further privileges in respect to the Fisheries may be granted to the subjects of the Emperor of the French, will, in compliance with the joint Address of both Houses, be transmitted to the Secretary of State, by the Mail Packet, now under dispatch.

C. H. D.

Government House,
1st April, 1856. }

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Committee on Supply.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

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

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

Reply of Governor to Address.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the following communication from Mr. Secretary Kent.

Secretary's Office, }
1st April, 1856. }

SIR,—

I am directed by the Governor to acquaint you, in reply to the Address of the House of Assembly, (marked 4,) that His Excellency will, in com-

pliance with the request therein contained, issue Warrants on the Receiver General for payment of the Quarterly Salaries annually voted in Supply.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

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**Wednesday, 2nd April, 1856.**

The Hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL presented a Petition from Thomas E. Collett, which was received and read,—Praying for an alteration in the present Mail Route from St. John's to Burin :

Petitions from Placentia Bay  
in reference to Postal routes,  
&c.

Also, a Petition from Pelaguis Nowlan and others, of Little Placentia and neighbourhood, which was received and read,—Praying that a second Packet Boat may be established to carry the Mails to Isle Vallen, Mersheen, Harbor Beaufette, and Oliver's Cove :

Also, a Petition from James Furlong and others, of Oderin, which was received and read,—Praying that a second Packet Boat may be established to carry the Mails to Merasheen, Muscle Harbor, and other places adjacent :

Also, a Petition from Edward Burton and others, of Harbor Beaufette, which was received and read,—Praying for an extension of Postal Communication to Burgeo and other neighbouring settlements :

Also, a Petition from John Freeman, Post-office messenger of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that his Salary may be increased :

And, a Petition from David Sullivan, Post-office messenger, between Carbonear and New Perlican, which was received and read,—Praying for an increase of Salary.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to provide for the Inland Postal Arrangements of this Colony.

Referred to Committee on  
Postal Bill.

Petitions from Brigus.

Mr. BROWN presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

From Thomas Butler, constable of Brigus,—Praying for an increase of Salary :

From Denis Mackin and others, of Brigus,—Praying for increase of Salary to the Teacher of the Female School there :

From Thomas Burtler and others, of Brigus,—Praying for a grant to establish a Commercial School there.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. F. B. CARTER,

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

Address to His Excellency  
the Governor.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,  
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and  
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

The House of Assembly, having had under consideration the accompanying Petition from George Webber, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause enquiry to be made into the circumstances therein set forth, and, if found correct, to remunerate Petitioner for the loss complained of, and this House will indemnify your Excellency therefor.

*Ordered*,—That the Address be engrossed, and be presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. HAYWARD, seconded by Mr. KELLY,

Select Committee on  
Petition of P. Morris.

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Patrick Morris, claiming compensation for loss of office as Sheriff of the Southern District in the year 1847.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Hayward, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Warren, Mr. March, and Mr. Delaney, do form such Committee.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Roads and Bridges.

Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read and are as follows:

Resolutions reported.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Ten Thousand, One Hundred Pounds be granted for making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges in this Colony.

*Resolved*,—That the said Sum of Ten Thousand, One Hundred Pounds be appropriated as follows:

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| St. John's .....                                                                                                            | £2000 |
| of which £900 shall be expended in the District of St. John's, and the remainder on the main line from Topsail to Placentia |       |
| Conception Bay .....                                                                                                        | 2325  |
| Trinity Bay .....                                                                                                           | 730   |
| Bonavista Bay .....                                                                                                         | 605   |
| Twillingate and Fogo .....                                                                                                  | 590   |
| Ferryland .....                                                                                                             | 400   |
| Burin .....                                                                                                                 | 360   |
| Fortune Bay and Burgeo and La Poile .....                                                                                   | 450   |
| Main Road from Topsail to Placentia .....                                                                                   | 1600  |
| Harbor Grace to River Head Bay Roberts .....                                                                                | 100   |
| Harbor Grace or Spaniard's Bay to North Harbor .....                                                                        | 50    |
| Carbonear to Heart's Content .....                                                                                          | 150   |
| King's Cove to Trinity .....                                                                                                | 150   |
| Seldom-come-by to Fogo .....                                                                                                | 100   |
| Toads' Cove to Brigus .....                                                                                                 | 50    |

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| Burin to Garnish .....                                              | £190    |
| of which £140 shall be expended from Burin, and £50 from<br>Garnish |         |
| Keels to Tickle Cove .....                                          | 50      |
| Trinity to Catalina .....                                           | 100     |
| Bridges on main line between Brigus and Bareneed .....              | 50      |
| Catalina to Bonavista.....                                          | 50      |
|                                                                     | £10,100 |
|                                                                     | -----   |

*Ordered*,—That the said Resolutions be adopted.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the erection of Light-houses on the coast of this Island, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows :—

Report of Select Committee  
on Light-houses.

Committee-Room,  
House of Assembly.)

Your Committee beg most respectfully to report that they have taken into consideration the matter to them referred, and are of opinion,

That the lighting up of the coast is of paramount importance.

That the Offer Wadham Island has considerable claims for general utility, but, with a desire of meeting the wishes of all concerned, would respectfully recommend,

That a Light-house be erected on the Green Island, or at the entrance of Catalina, during the present year, on the ground of its being the least expense to erect.

That a second be erected on the Offer Wadham during the coming season of 1857.

Your Committee would also strongly recommend the erection of a Light-house at Burin, on the Western Coast, during the year 1858. Should the funds arising from light dues at the disposal of the Government be inadequate, your Committee are of opinion, that the anticipation of the Revenues from that source would be more than compensated by the great accommodation afforded.

Your Committee also report herewith the draft of a Bill authorizing the expenditure of monies levied for Light Dues towards the erection and maintenance of Light-houses.

JAMES L. PRENDERGAST,  
THOMAS KNIGHT,  
STEPHEN MARCH,  
EDMUND HANRAHAN,  
M. J. KELLY,  
WILLIAM H. ELLIS.

*Ordered*,—That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, in accordance with the foregoing Report, presented a Bill to authorise the Governor and Council to erect Light-houses on the Coast of this Island, and for other purposes, which was read a first time.

Light-houses erection Bill  
read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. E. D. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,  
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief  
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and  
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

Address to His Excellency  
the Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction the appropriation of a sum, not exceeding Fifty Pounds, to be paid to Francis Geary, John Costello, William Meany, Marmaduke Clow, Henry Morry, Richard Sullivan, Thomas Norris, James Sweeny, Peter Kelly, and John Keefe, as a reward for their meritorious services, rendered under the most perilous circumstances, in saving the lives of the Master and three of the Crew of the brigantine *Heather*, recently lost at Cape Spear, and this House will make provision therefor.

*Ordered*,—That the Address be engrossed, and be presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

The Hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL gave notice that when the House is in Committee of the Whole upon the Road Bill, he will move that the Resolutions reported from the Committee on Roads and Bridges be referred thereto.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

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Thursday, 3rd April, 1856.

Petition from J. V. Nugent for payment of arrears of salary.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from John Valentine Nugent, Master of the Roman Catholic branch of the St. John's Academy, which was received and read,—Praying that the House will grant him arrears due him for house rent and fuel.

On Table.

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

Notice of Address to Governor on petition of J. V. Nugent.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of the Petition of J. V. Nugent.

The Hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

Petitions from Carbonear.

From Alexander O'Donovan, Master of the Carbonear Grammar School,—Praying that his Salary may be increased :

A Petition from W. E. Thurston and others, members of the Wesleyan Congregation in Carbonear,—Praying for a grant in support of a Female School there.

On Table.

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

Notice of motion that counsel be heard on Petition of D. B. Holbrook.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice that before this House goes into Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to amend the London, New York, and Newfoundland Telegraph Company Act, he will move that Counsel be heard

at the Bar of the House against the said Bill, on behalf of D. B. Holbrook, Esq., of New York, a party interested in the matter under Legislation therein, and that a time be named for hearing such counsel.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow, in Committee of the Whole on Supply, he will move that the amount due the Directors of the Harbor Grace Academy, per their report, be voted.

Notice to pay amount due
Directors of Harbor Grace
Academy,

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the state of the Fisheries.

Committee on state of the
Fisheries.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KNIGHT 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the Order of the Day for Thursday next.

Order for Committee.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Friday, 4th April, 1856.

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

Resolved,—That from the respect entertained for the memory of the late hon. James Furlong, this House do now adjourn, and that Mr. Speaker and the House do attend his remains to the grave on Monday next.

Resolution for adjournment
on death of hon. James
Furlong.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Four of the clock.

Monday, 7th April, 1856.

Committee on Law of Evidence Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to amend the Law of Evidence.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

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

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

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the Clock.

Tuesday, 8th April, 1856.

Petitions for various purposes.

The hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

From Patrick Walsh and others, of Harbor Grace,—Praying that a Salary may be granted to the Master of the Roman Catholic School, on the South side of that town :

From William Ryan of St. John's,—Praying for remuneration for building a Bridge near Brigus, by order of Charles Cozens, Esq. :

From Joseph H. Parsons and others, of Carbonear and Freshwater,—Praying for a grant to repair the old Bridge across Freshwater Brook ; and, also, to construct a Bridge across Beaver Pond Brook :

From John Mackey, Clerk of the Peace, Carbonear,—Praying for an increase of Salary.

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

On Table.

Mr. F. B. CARTER presented a Petition from Robert Tilly, of Bird Island Cove, which was received and read,—Praying that he may be reimbursed for the expenditure £19 18s. 11d. incurred by him in relieving the crew of the Ship *Raritan*, in the year 1854.

Petition from Robert Tilly.

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

On Table.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from James Martin, of King's Cove, which was received and read,—Praying that some compensation may be made him, for the loss of his foot from being frost-bitten, while acting as Mail-courier between King's Cove and Trinity.

Petition from Courier of King's Cove.

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

On Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

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

A Message from the Legislative Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed without amendment the Bill sent up to them from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act for the Naturalization of Aliens."

Alien Naturalization Bill passed Council.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
8th April, 1856.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Martin Shea
for increase of Salary.

The Hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL presented a Petition from Martin Shea, Chief Clerk of the Post-office of St. John's, which was received and read,—setting forth the arduous duties discharged by him, and praying for an increase of Salary.

Referred to Committee on
Postal Bill.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to regulate the Postal establishment of this colony.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the Clock.

Wednesday, 9th April, 1856.

Notice for detailed
expenditure by Board of
Works.

Mr. HAYWARD gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask the Chairman of the Board of Works, for a detailed statement of the Expenditure of the sum of £1001 17s. 9d. Stg., by the Board of Works, from 16th November last to the 1st inst.

Notice of Address to Govern-
or on petition of James
Martin.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice that on to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, on the subject of the Petition of James Martin, praying compensation for sufferings endured by him while performing the duties of Courier between Trinity and King's Cove.

Notice for 2nd reading of
Green Island Light-house
Bill.

Mr. WINTER gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the Green Island Light-house Bill be read a second time.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the following communication from the hon. the Colonial Secretary :

Secretary's Office, }
8th April, 1856. }

SIR,—

Reply of Governor to
Address.

I am commanded by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased, in accordance with the Addresses of the House of As-

sembly, No. 5 and No. 7, to appropriate the sum of Five Pounds Currency, to be paid Joseph Akerman, for constructing a Hustings at Bonavista; also Fifty Pounds, as a reward for meritorious services, to the several parties named in said Address, in saving the lives of the Master and three of the Crew of the Brigantine *Heather*, recently lost at Cape Spear.

I am, Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

JOHN KENT,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. PROWSE gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move the following Resolution :—

Notice of Resolution in reference to sufferers by fire in Tarahan's Town.

Resolved,—That it is the duty of the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to compensate parties who have sustained loss by the removal of their buildings, for the purpose of staying the progress of the Fire at the time of the late conflagration in Tarahan's Town.

The hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL presented Petitions, from Bernard Duffy and others, inhabitants of Job's Cove, Low Point, and Ochre Pit Cove, which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to open and repair Roads in those localities.

Road Petitions from Job's Cove, Low Point and Ochre Pit Cove.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be severally referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Road Bill.

Mr. F. B. CARTER presented a Petition from William Young and others, of Old Perlican and Grates Cove, which was received and read,—Praying that Postal Communication may be extended to them.

Petition from Grates Cove and Old Perlican for extension of Postal Communication.

Ordered,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Postal Bill.

Referred to Committee on Postal Bill.

The hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the encouragement of Education, which was read a first time.

Education Bill read 1st time.

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

Mr. ELLIS moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. PROWSE,

That in Committee of the Whole on the Bill to amend "the Act to incorporate the London, New York, and Newfoundland Telegraph

Motion that Bryan Robinson, Attorney for D. B. Holbrook, of New York, be heard at the Bar of the House.

Company," Bryan Robinson, Esq., Attorney for D. B. Holbrook, Esq., of New York, be heard at the Bar of this House, on the subject of His Petition, as Attorney for the said D. B. Holbrook, presented to this House on the 27th March last, and that a time be appointed for the same.

Whereupon,—

Amendment thereon.

The hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, seconded by Mr. BENNING, moved in amendment,—

Whereas the Petitioner D. B. Holbrook, by his Attorney, in his Petition, prays that he shall not be left "to his naked remedy at law," thereby acknowledging that it is a case for Judicial Investigation; this House does not consider it expedient, for this and other reasons apparent on said petition, to interfere in its Legislative capacity between petitioner and the other parties concerned.

And the question being put upon the Amendment, the House divided when there appeared :—

Division.

For the Amendment, 16.

Against the Amendment, 9.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary

Mr. Ellis

" Receiver General

" Carter

" Surveyor General

" F. B. Carter

" Attorney General

" Winter

Mr. Hogsett

" Knight

" Kelly

" Brown

" Winser

" Hoyles

" Hayward

" March

" Benning

" Bemister.

" Morris

" Parsons

" Talbot

" E. D. Shea

" Byrne

" Fox

" Delaney.

Amendment Affirmed.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Thursday, 10th April, 1856.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from Emerson and Pinsent, Solicitors, on behalf of Alexis Bouton and William Bradshaw, of Placentia, which was received and read,—Praying that the House will be pleased to appoint a Select Committee to investigate their claim to a Copper Mine in Placentia Bay.

Petition for Select Committee.

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

On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the merits of the foregoing Petition.

Notice for Select Committee on foregoing petition.

The Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY presented a Petition from Garret Fowles, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that the House will grant him some remuneration for the destruction of his house which was pulled down by the directions of Colonel Law, to arrest the progress of the conflagration in Tarrahan's Town.

Petition from Garret Fowles.

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

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Michael Tennesy and others, of Middle Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to erect Bridges over Pine River in that neighbourhood.

Petition for bridges over Pine River.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole upon the Road Bill.

Mr. HOGSETT presented a Petition from Garret Curtis and others, of Salmonier and Holyrood, which was received and read,—Praying for grants to complete Roads in these localities.

Road Petition.

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

On Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of the state of the Fisheries.

Committee on State of the Fisheries.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KNIGHT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Committee rise for want of quorum.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that the Committee had risen for want of a quorum.

At half-past Eight o'clock, the names of Members being taken down as follows :—

Mr. Hoyles, Mr. Brown, Mr. Knight, Mr. Carter, Mr. F. B. Carter, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. Hogsett,

House adjourned for want of a quorum.

Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

Friday, 11th April, 1856.

Notice for returns from Chief Clerk and Registrar of Supreme Court.

Mr. WALBANK gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary to lay before the House, the following Returns from the Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme Court :—

A detailed Statement of Fees received by him for issuing all process, from the 1st April, 1855, to 1st April, 1856, as Commissioner of Affidavits, and as Registrar :

For the granting of Administrations and Probates, and for preparing any documents connected with the obtaining thereof :

All sums received by him as Commissioner, on Monies passing through his hands in his official capacity, or by order of any of the Courts or Judges, and by what authority he charges the same :

All Fees received by him as Master-in-Chancery :

All sums charged or received by him for drawing, perusing, or examining all Deeds or Documents prepared or examined by him, in connection with any of his official capacities.

Notice for Postal returns.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask for a return of the Whole of the Postages, Imperial and Colonial, received since the 31st December, 1854, to 1st January, 1856, shewing the amount of

each received in the several Post-offices of this Island; the amount of Imperial paid to the Commissariat and to the Receiver General; also, the amount of Colonial Postages paid to the Receiver General.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask the Chairman of the Board of Works for an account of the claim on them by Mrs. Venables, for Land or Material, &c., taken from her, under the St. John's Street Act or any other Act; and, if no claim has been put in, has the said Mrs. Venables any claim upon them; if so, the nature of it; if the Government has paid any sum to the said Mrs. Venables, or consider anything due her.

Notice of question in reference to claim of Mrs. Venables.

Mr. WINTER presented a Petition from James Quints, of Scilly Cove, which was received,—Setting forth his long services as Honorary Magistrate there for the last Twenty years, without remuneration, and that in consideration thereof he had received a pension from Government of Twelve Pounds, which said pension was last year reduced one half; that in consequence thereof, he is on the verge of starvation, and has for many months past been indebted to the charity of his neighbours for the means of support; and praying that the House will take his case into consideration and increase his pension to the original amount.

Petition from James Quints.

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

On Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

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

A Message from the Legislative Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message:—

Composition of Partners Bill
passed Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly for the concurrence of this House, entitled "An Act to provide for the Compromises or Compositions of Partners and Joint Debtors," without amendment.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
11th April, 1856.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Addresses to
Governor.

Mr. WARREN gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will be pleased to sanction the appropriation of Ten Pounds to Joseph Oakley, Esq., of Greenspond, as compensation to him for building a Bridge there.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to use his influence with Her Majesty's Government, with a view to the recognition of the claims of this Colony to the benefits of an increased Military force.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will be pleased to sanction the appropriation of a sum of money, to compensate the men of the Royal Newfoundland Companies for damage to their uniforms while attending at the various fires that have lately taken place in this Town.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the Clock.

Saturday, 12th April, 1856.

Petition from Carbon ear.

The Hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL presented a Petition from J. Dalton and others, inhabitants of the River Head of Carbon ear, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to alter the course of the stream running north of the Catholic Chapel, with a view to improve the Street there.

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

On Table.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a Petition from the President and Secretary of the Mechanics' Society of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant in aid of the Funds of the Institution.

Petition from Mechanics' Society.

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

On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on Saturday next he will move for leave to bring a Bill to Incorporate the Town of St. John's.

Notice for St. John's Incorporation Bill.

The hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY presented a Petition from the Officers of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that an addition may be made to the annual grant voted by the House in aid of the Institution.

Petition from Phoenix Fire Company.

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

On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Motion for Address to Governor.

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to sanction the appropriation of £150 to John V. Nugent, to liquidate all claims he now has or shall hereafter have or make, as Junior Master of the St. John's Academy, for house rent or other expenses in any way relating to the said establishment.

Whereupon,—

Mr. F. B. CARTER moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Amendment thereon.

That all the words after "that," in the first line, be expunged, and the following substituted in lieu thereof :

"The claims of John V. Nugent and C. D. Newman, as Masters of the St. John's Academy, on account of house rent, together with the Petition of Adam Scott, Master of the General Protestant Academy, be referred to a Select Committee, to inquire into and report on to this House."

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared :—

Division.

*For the Amendment, 20.**Against the Amendment, 3.*

The Hon. Colonial Secretary

Mr. Prendergast

" Receiver General

" Parsons

" Surveyor General

" Brown

Mr. Prowse

" Kelly

" Hayward

" Benning

" Morris

" Hoyles

" E. D. Shea

" Byrne

" Fox

" Delaney.

" F. B. Carter

" Carter

" Walbank

" Warren

" Ellis

" Knight

" Bemister.

Amendment affirmed.

So it passed in the affirmative,

And the question being then put on the original motion as amended,

Amendment on original motion as amended.

Mr. Fox moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. F. CARTER,

That the words in the amendment "together with the Petition of Adam Scott, Master of the General Protestant Academy" be expunged therefrom.

Amendment affirmed.

And the question being put thereon, the Amendment passed in the affirmative on a similar division as the foregoing.

Original motion as amended affirmed.

And the question being then put on the main motion as amended, it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Select Committee on.

Ordered,—That Mr. F. Carter, Mr. Fox, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. E. D. Shea, do form such committee.

Mr. WINTER moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. ELLIS,

That the Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on Green Island, be read a second time to-morrow.

Green Island Light-house
Bill read 2nd time.

And the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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

Mr. PROWSE moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. F. CARTER,

Motion for Resolution on
the subject of Tarahan's
Town fire.

That the House do come to the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is the duty of the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to compensate parties who have sustained loss by the removal of their buildings for the purpose of staying the progress of the fire at the time of the conflagration in Tarahan's Town.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared :

For the Motion, 9.

Against the Motion, 13.

Mr. Prowse
“ Carter
“ F. Carter
“ Walbank
“ Hoyles
“ Knight
“ Ellis
“ Brown
“ Winter

The Hon. Receiver General
“ Surveyor General
“ Attorney General
“ Colonial Secretary
Mr. Kelly
“ Fox
“ Shea
“ Benning
“ Delaney
“ Talbot
“ Hayward
“ Prendergast
“ Hogsett

Division.

So it passed in the negative, and

Motion negatived.

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Notice for Committee on
State of the Fisheries.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice that on Saturday next, he will move that on Thursday next, the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the state of the Fisheries.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Three of the clock.

Monday, 14th April, 1856.

Committee on London, New
York and Newfoundland
Telegraph Company
amendment Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the London, New York and Newfoundland Telegraph Company.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with Amend-
ment.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with an Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendment agreed to.

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

Ordered—, That the Bill, as amended be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on Currency Act
Continuation Bill,

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to continue the Act to declare the rates in Currency at which British Gold and Silver Coins shall be a legal tender.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without amendment.

Passed without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the Act for the regulation of Pilots of this Colony, was read a second time.

Pilot Act amendment Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,—That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the Provident Society of Newfoundland.

Committee on Provident Society Act amendment Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BROWN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without amendment.

Reported without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

Message from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly entitled “ An Act to regulate the granting of Licenses for the wholesale of Wines and Spirituous Liquors,” with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

The Legislative Council have also passed the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly, entitled “ An Act to determine the qualification of Jurors to serve in the several Courts of this Island, and to regulate the empannelling of Jurors therein,” with some amendments, to which they likewise request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
14th April, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Amendments on Licenses
Bill read 1st time.

The Amendments made by the Council upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, to regulate the granting of Licenses for the wholesale of Wines and Spirituous Liquors, were read a first time and are as follow :—

In the Preamble, 2nd line, between the words “ of” and “ Spirituous” insert the word “ Wine,” and after the word “ Spirituous” expunge the word “ other” and insert in place thereof the word “ malt.”

In the 2nd Section, 1st line, expunge the word “ and” after “ Wines,” and between the words “ Spirituous” and “ Liquors” insert the words “ and Malt.”

In the 3rd Section, 2nd line, expunge the words “ a sum not less than Twelve Pounds nor more than Twenty” and insert instead thereof the words “ the sum of Fifteen.”

In the 4th Section, 3rd, 4th and 5th lines, expunge, and insert in these lines, the words in the Amendment on the 2nd Section, and expunge the Provisos in this Section.

In the 5th Section, 2nd line, expunge and insert as in the 2nd Section.

Insert as the 6th Section, as follows :—

Any person who shall exhibit in or upon his or her House or Dwelling, any Sign, Picture, Glass, Decanter, or other Emblem calculated to indicate the Sale of Wine, Ale, or Spirituous Liquors therein, shall be deemed and taken *prima facie* to have sold such Wine, Ale, or Spirituous Liquors, and if not licensed, shall be subject to the penalties attached to the sale thereof by unlicensed persons, unless he or she shall, by credible evidence, besides his or her own, prove to the satisfaction of the Magistrate or Court hearing the complaint, that such Sign, Picture, Glass, Decanter, or other Emblem has not been exhibited for the purpose aforesaid, and that Wine, Ale, or Spirituous Liquors have not been sold therein.

Insert as the 7th Section, as follows :—

It shall be the duty of all Stipendiary Constables, on pain of forfeiture of their Office in default herein, to give information of all parties whom they shall believe guilty of selling Wine, Ale, or Spirituous Liquors without License, or who shall exhibit any of the Emblems herein before enumerated.

The 6th Section of the Bill to become the 8th Section.

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

The Amendments made by the Council upon the Bill to regulate the empannelling of Jurors, and to determine the qualification thereof, were read a first time and are as follows :

Amendments on Jury Bill
read 1st time.

In the 11th Section of the Bill, last line but three, expunge the word
“ special.”

In the 13th Section, 3rd line, expunge the words “ on the day” and insert in their stead “ Twenty-four hours from the time.”

“ 6th line expunge the word “ days,” and insert in its place the word “ time.”

“ 11th line expunge the word “ ten,” and insert “ twenty” in its place.

“ last line but three, expunge the words “ and they,” after the word “ drawn,” and insert in their place the words “ the Plaintiff and Defendant shall then alternately strike off a name until each has stricken off ten, and the remaining twenty.”

In the 16th Section, 3rd line, after “ Receiver General,” expunge “ and,” and insert after “ Surveyor General,” Financial Secretary.”

“ after the word “ Members,” expunge the next eight words of the 4th line, and insert instead “ of the Executive and Legislative Councils, the Members.”

- “ 5th line after “ Officers” insert “ of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and of the House of Assembly, while in Session the Officers.”
- “ 9th line expunge the word “ Customs,” and insert “ Government” in its stead.
- “ 10th line, after “ Surgeons,” insert “ Apothecaries” —after “ Managers” expunge “ and,” and after “ Clerks” insert “ and Cashiers.”

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

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill for establishing the legal value of certain British and other Coins in this Colony.

Committee on Value of
Coins' Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BYRNE took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

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

Ordered,—That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Bills read 2nd time.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :

The Bill to regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony.

The Amendments of the Legislative Council upon the Bill to provide for Limited Partnerships.

The Amendments of the Legislative Council upon the Bill to provide for the Formation of Corporations for Mercantile, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes.

The Bill to authorise the Governor and Council to erect Light-houses on the Coasts of this Island.

The Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of Money for Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in this Colony.

The Bill for the encouragement of Education.

Ordered,—That the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said several Bills and Amendments.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, seconded by Mr. WALBANK,

That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Petition of Alexis Boutin and others, claiming the right to a Copper Mine in Placentia Bay.

Motion for Select Committee.

At half-past seven o'clock the names of members being taken as follows :—

The hon. Colonial Secretary, the hon. Attorney General, Mr. Benning, Mr. Hogsett, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Knight,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

House adjourned for want of a quorum.

Tuesday, 15th April, 1856.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a Petition from the President of the Agricultural Society of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for the continuance of the annual grant in aid of the Institution.

Petition from Agricultural Society.

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

He also presented a Petition from George Loveys, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Setting forth that it was his intention to establish a Saw Mill on Humber River, in the Bay of Islands; that to promote

Petition from George Loveys.

his enterprise, he conceives it necessary that inducements should be offered to persons to settle on the lands in that locality, and praying that the provisions of the Crown Lands' Act may be altered so as to encourage a permanent settlement in parts of the Island at present unoccupied.

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

Petition from St. John's
Water Company.

Mr. PROWSE presented a Petition from the President and Secretary of the St. John's Water Company, which was received and read,—Praying for the annual grant in aid of the Institution.

On Table.

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

Petition from Burin.

Mr. BENNING presented a Petition from Thomas Burfett and others, of Burin, which was received and read,—Praying that the House will appropriate a sum of money for the erection of a Light-house on Dodding Head.

On Table.

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

Petition from John
Venables.

Mr. ELLIS presented a Petition from John Venables, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that compensation may be made him for loss sustained by the taking away of his ground to widen the Streets in Tarahan's Town.

On Table.

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

Report of Select Committee
on Petition of P. Morris.

Mr. HAYWARD, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Petition of Patrick Morris, Esq., claiming compensation for loss of office as Sheriff of the Southern District, in the year 1847, presented the report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows :

The Select Committee appointed by your Honorable House to inquire into the Petition of Patrick Morris Esq., claiming compensation for loss of office, as Sheriff of the Southern District, in the year 1847, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the allegations contained in the said Petition, and have taken the evidence of persons acquainted with all the circumstances of the case, which they herewith annex, and are unanimously of opinion that a serious injury has been done to the Petitioner.

They therefore respectfully recommend that compensation may be made to him for the loss sustained.

JOHN HAYWARD,

Chairman,

M. J. KELLY,

STEPHEN MARCH,

JOHN WARREN,

JOHN DELANEY.

Committee Room,

April 14, 1856.

Ordered,—That the said Report be adopted.

Mr. HAYWARD gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor upon the subject of the Report of the Select Committee upon the Petition of Patrick Morris, Esq.

Notice for Address to Governor.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate part of the Public Debt of this Colony.

Notice for debt consolidation Bill.

Mr. WINSER gave notice, that when in Committee of the Whole upon the Education Bill, he will move that a clause be inserted to the effect that the money granted by this House, for the purpose of Education shall not be divided among the different religious sects, in any particular Port, Town, or Harbour that contains less than Four Hundred Inhabitants, and the Schoolmaster or Mistress appointed in such places shall be satisfactory to the Majority of the Inhabitants thereof.

Notice of motion on the subject of the division of the Education grant.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time as engrossed :

Bills read 3rd time.

The Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the " Newfoundland Provident Society."

The Bill to continue the Act to declare the value of British Gold and Silver Coins in this Colony.

The Bill to establish the legal value of certain British and other Coins in this Colony.

Ordered,—That the said several Bills do pass.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. PROWSE, seconded by Mr. WARREN,

Resolved,—That the first Bill be entitled " An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Provident Society."

Provident Society Act Amendment Bill entitled.

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That Mr. Prowse and Mr. Warren do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. WARREN,

Currency Act Continuation Bill entitled.

Resolved,—That the second Bill be entitled “An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the 17th year of the reign of Her Majesty, entitled ‘An Act to declare the rates in Currency, at which British Gold and Silver Coins shall be a legal Tender.’”

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That Mr. Fox and Mr. Warren do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Warren.

Value of Coins' Bill entitled.

Resolved,—That the third Bill be entitled “An Act for establishing the legal value of certain British and other Coins in this Colony.

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That Mr. Fox and Mr. Warren do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Committee on Supply.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

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

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

Road Petition from Logy Bay.

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a Petition from Patrick Ryan and others, of Logy Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair Roads in that locality.

Referred to Committee on Road Bill.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Road Bill.

Petition for grant to repair Monday's Pond Road.

He also presented a Petition from Clement Carew and others, residents near Monday's Pond, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the Road from thence to Monday's Pond.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Road Bill.

Referred to Committee on Road Bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Wednesday, 16th April, 1856.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the "Act to incorporate the London, New York, and Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company," as engrossed, was read a third time.

Telegraph Company
Incorporation Act
Amendment Bill read 3rd
time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. F. CARTER,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled "An Act to amend the Act for the Incorporation of the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company."

Passed and Titled.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hoyles and Mr. F. Carter do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Sent to Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

Message from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill entitled "An Act to repeal the Patent Acts of this Colony, and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof" to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
16th April, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Patent Act amendment
Bill read 1st time.

The Bill sent down from the Legislative Council entitled "An Act to repeal the Patent Acts of this Colony, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof" was then read a first time.

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

Mr. HOGSETT moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. KELLY,

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

Address to His Excellency
the Governor.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly, having had under their consideration the accompanying Petition from James Martin, respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be paid to the said James Martin, of King's Cove, a sum not exceeding £30, to compensate him for a loss sustained while engaged as Mail Courier between King's Cove and Trinity, and this House will make provision therefor.

Whereupon,—

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

Amendment thereon.

That it is the opinion of this House that the Petitioner, James Martin, be placed on the Permanent Poor list.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared :

Division.

For the Amendment, 4.

Against the Amendment, 18.

Mr. Prendergast

The Hon. Colonial Secretary

" Walbank

" Receiver General

" Hoyles

" Surveyor General

" Hayward

" Attorney General

Mr. Talbot

Mr. Winsor

" Hogsett

" Byrne

" Morris

" Kelly

" Benning

" E. D. Shea

" Parsons

" Warren

" Prowse

" Winter

" F. B. Carter

" Ellis.

So it passed in the negative,

And the question on the original motion being then put, the House again divided, when there appeared :

Original motion put.

For the Motion, 20.

Against the Motion, 3.

Division,

The Hon. Receiver General
 " Surveyor General
 " Attorney General
 " Colonial Secretary

Mr. Prendergast
 " Walbank
 " Hayward

Mr. Kelly

" Hoyles
 " F. Carter
 " Prowse
 " E. D. Shea
 " Ellis
 " Benning
 " Winter
 " Talbot
 " Hogsett
 " Warren
 " Morris
 " Parsons
 " March
 " Winser
 " Byrne.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Address passed.

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such Members of the House as are of the Hon. the Executive Council.

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

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

Address to remunerate
John Oakley.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause the sum of Ten Pounds Currency, to be paid to John T. Oakley, of Greenspond, to compensate him for erecting a Bridge in that locality, and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. ELLIS, seconded by Mr. MARCH,

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

Address to remunerate men
of the Newfoundland
Companies.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly have had under consideration the meritorious and effective services rendered by the Officers and Men of the Royal Newfoundland Companies on occasions of fire in this Town, and having understood that damage to the apparel of the men frequently occurs on such occasions :

Respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to make compensation to the parties sustaining such damage, and this House will indemnify your Excellency for such expenditure.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

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

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

To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

Address for increased
 military force.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to draw Your Excellency's attention to the circumstances of this Colony with regard to its means of defence, which are manifestly inadequate for its protection.

The House rejoices to believe that the grounds for apprehension on the score of immediate exigency have been removed, but they feel that the presence of so small a military force as is now in the Colony, argues, on the part of Her Majesty's Government, a very imperfect recognition of its importance, and the claims it has on the consideration of the Parent State.

The geographical position of this Island, as being the eastern land on the west side of the Atlantic, and commanding, as it does, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, must show the national purposes it may be made to subserve in time of war.

We consider the present a favorable time to bring this question under the notice of the Imperial Government, when the return of the Army from the Seat of War, which is now expected, will leave a large force at their disposal.

No Colony offers greater advantages as a military station, in respect to the healthy character of the climate, and the moderate prices of all the necessaries of life.

We therefore respectfully request that Your Excellency will bring this subject before Her Majesty's Government, in the manner which Your Excellency may conceive best calculated to carry the object into effect.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. HAYWARD, seconded by Mr. MARCH,

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

Address to remunerate
P. Morris.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly, having had under their consideration the accompanying Petition from Patrick Morris, Esq., of Burin, claiming compensation for loss of office as Sheriff of the Southern District, in the year 1847, together with the accompanying report unanimously agreed to by the Select Committee of the House appointed to enquire into the allegations contained therein, and the same having been unanimously adopted by the House ; beg most respectfully to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction an appropriation in the Supply Bill, of one year's salary, in compensation of the loss sustained by him.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

Debt consolidation Bill
read 1st time.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to consolidate a portion of the Debt of this Colony, which was read a first time.

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

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the Clock.

Thursday, 17th April, 1856.

The hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

From the Treasurer and Secretary of the Dorcas Society of St. John's, Praying for the annual grant in aid of the Institution.

Petition from Dorcas Society of St. John's.

From James J. Rogerson of St. John's, merchant,—Praying that the House would adopt measures to encourage the saving of Bait, with a view to enable the fishermen of this country to commence the voyage at an earlier period of the year than is at present done.

Petition on the subject of encouragement to saving of bait.

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

On Table.

Mr. BYRNE presented a Petition from John Power and others, of Chappel Cove, on the north-side of Holyrood, and south-side of Harbor Maine, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the Roads in these localities.

Road Petition from Chapp. Cove.

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

On Table.

Mr. BENNING presented a Petition from James Fleming, Ferryman at Burin Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for an increase of Salary.

Petition for increase of salary.

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

On Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Amendments made by the Legislative Council on the Bill to regulate the qualification of Jurors ; and the Amendments of the Legislative Council on the Bill to regulate the granting of Licenses for the Wholesale of Spirituous Liquors, were severally read a second time.

Council's Amendments on Jury Bill, and

on License Bill, read 2nd time.

Ordered,—That on to-morrow the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said several Amendments.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to amend the Laws for the regulation of Pilots.

Committee on Pilot Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without amendment.

Reported without Amendment.

Ordered,—That the Bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on Payment of
Executors Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to provide for the payment of Executors.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KNIGHT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

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

Notice for Address to Gov-
ernor.

Mr. PROWSE gave notice that on to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, for the consideration of the claims of Sarah Ward and Catherine Looby, for the loss they sustained by their houses having been torn down to stay the progress of the fire on the occasion of the burning of Tarahan's Town.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Friday, 18th April, 1856.

Pilot Act Amendment Bill
read 3rd time.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the Act to regulate the Pilotage of St. John's, was read a third time, as engrossed.

On motion of the hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, seconded by Mr. KELLY,

Passed, titled, and sent to
Council.

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled "An Act to amend the Act entitled 'An Act to amend the Laws for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of St. John's.'"

Ordered,—That the hon. Attorney General and Mr. Kelly do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

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

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the Clock.

Saturday, 19th April, 1856.

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

Resolved,—That on Thursday next the House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the State of the Fisheries.

Resolution for Committee on State of the Fisheries.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to amend the Law of Evidence.

Committee on Law of Evidence Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Reported with amendments.

Amendments agreed to.

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

Ordered,—That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Monday, 21st April, 1856.

Mr. PARSONS, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the state of the Poor, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows :—

Report of Select Committee
on Pauperism.

Committee Room,
House of Assembly,
March 26, 1856.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the Poor of this Colony, having taken into its most serious and deliberate consideration the important matter to it referred, for the purpose of devising some effectual and practical remedy for the great and growing evil, which, if not forthwith arrested, bids fair to prostrate the greater portion of the laboring and operative classes of the country, begs leave to report, by offering two or three suggestions, which your Committee believes would, if called into energetic operation, go very far to relieve the Revenue and the Colony from the oppressive burden with which they are now charged, in consequence of the unparalleled extent to which Pauperism has grown.

Firstly—They would direct the attention of the Government and the House to the encouragement of Ship Building—a Branch of industry which necessarily employs a vast number of various other trades and oc-

cupations, and which is peculiarly adapted to this colony, and to the genius of its industrious inhabitants. Your Committee would commend encouragement to be given in this way :

Wherever a Ship-yard or Dock shall be opened by any enterprising person, if the able-bodied poor were employed therein at current wages, and at the rate of Seven men to every 50 tons, Twenty Shillings per ton shall be allowed by the Government to every vessel built in such dock. The poor should be those who would otherwise come upon the Government as Paupers. The Justice of Peace of the district in which the dock is opened shall be charged with the duty of carrying out this arrangement, and seeing that it be fulfilled ; and on the completion of the vessel, and subjecting her to a rigid inspection by competent Inspectors, he shall give a certificate to that effect. On all which being officially reported to the Governor in Council and sanctioned, the Governor shall thereupon issue his warrant upon the Treasury for the payment of the aforesaid Tonnage money to the Builder or Builders of any such vessel.

Secondly.—The Committee would advise the establishment in every District of the colony, of a Factory or School of Industry for the in-door employment of the Poor, young and old, in the manufacture of nets and seines and the repairing of them—making butter tubs, water-pails, brooms, hoops, staves, shingles, &c., &c., the picking of oakum, the knitting of worsted, lambswool and yarn, carding, spinning, &c., and other works suitable to the country. To these Factories an Infirmary should be attached, where medicines and medical advice could be afforded the poor. There should also be a wide space of cultivable Land contiguous to the Establishment, which the Poor could be instructed to cultivate for their own special use and benefit.

In those districts where Ship Building cannot be pursued with profit, or where Ship timber may not abound, the Committee would recommend the employment of the able-bodied Poor, (who are supported by the Government) in the woods—they should be sent early in the season, under competent overseers, to the best wooded localities, and there set to work in felling wood-stuff of every description available—such as hoop-poles, heading, clapboard, shingles, staves, firewood, flake and stage beams, boughs, longers, pickets, posts, &c., &c., all which work should be paid for by the Government in cash or provisions at cash price. The Overseers in each District should be under the control and directed by the Instructions of a Board of Commissioners for the Relief of the Poor, appointed to each district, who would be guided by a code of Rules from the Board of Works in St. John's.

For the Metropolis, the Committee would advise the establishment of a large and commodious General House of Industry, where a multiplicity of the several articles of domestic use might be manufactured from raw materials—affording constant employment for every industrious poor man, woman, and child in the district—to persons who are now a burthen to themselves and to the colony,—the produce of whose labour, well directed, would always find a ready market in this town at remunerative prices.

If these few suggestions were acted upon with energy and determination, and with a zeal proportionate to the serious duty of staying the onward progress of an evil which is engulfing manhood, honesty, credit, and industry, in one common vortex, your Committee believes the best results might be anticipated.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT J. PARSONS,

JOHN. H. WARREN,

STEPHEN MARCH,

JOHN BEMISTER,

THOMAS KNIGHT,

E. D. SHEA,

(excepting the first suggestion.)

W. TALBOT,

PATRICK MORRIS,

JOHN DELANEY,

(excepting the first suggestion.)

Ordered,—That the House do, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the consideration of the said Report.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed a Bill entitled “ An Act to amend the Act 4th William 4th

entitled ' An Act to regulate the standard of Weights and Measures in this Colony, and to provide for the surveying of Lumber ' ” to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
16th April, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled " An Act to amend the Act 4 William 4th, entitled ' An Act to regulate the standard of Weights and Measures in this Colony, and to provide for the surveying of Lumber, ' ” was then read a first time.

Weights and Measures Bill
read 1st time.

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

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony.

Committee on Inland
Postal Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BYRNE took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to the following Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Resolution in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows:—

Resolution reported from
Committee.

Resolved,—That the Chairman rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof; and that the Bill, in the mean time, be referred to a Select Committee to report upon.

Ordered,—That the hon. the Surveyor General, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Warren, Mr. March, Mr. Morris, Mr. Hogsett, Mr. Byrne, and Mr. Delaney, do form such Committee.

Select Committee on Postal
Bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the Clock.

Tuesday, 22nd April, 1856.

Report of Select Committee
on claims of J. V. Nugent
and C. D. Newman.

Mr. PROWSE, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Petitions of C. D. Newman and John Valentine Nugent, Esqrs., claiming compensation for loss sustained by them as masters of the St. John's Academy, from the passing of an Act to amend the original Academy Act under which they were appointed, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read.

(For which see Appendix.)

On Table.

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

Petition from James
Campbell.

Mr. F. B. CARTER presented a Petition from James Campbell, School-master of Trinity, which was received and read,—Praying that certain arrears of Salary may be paid him.

On Table.

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

Petition from Salmonier.

Mr. DELANEY presented a Petition from Patrick McCormack and others, Inhabitants of Salmonier, which was received and read,—Praying for an alteration in the Postal route, by which the Packet-man, on his way to St. Mary's, may pass through that Settlement.

Ordered,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Postal Act.

Petition from Ann Malone
of Torbay.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Ann Malone, of Torbay, which was received and read,—Praying that the House would grant her a sum of money in compensation for the heavy loss sustained by her, from the destruction of her House and Property by fire, on the night of the 18th instant :

Petition from Honora
Mackey.

Also, a Petition from Honora Mackey, of St. John's,—Praying that the sum of Thirty-five Pounds, being the balance of Fifty Pounds awarded her for loss sustained by the pulling down of her House to arrest the progress of the fire on the 9th June, 1846, may be paid her.

On Table.

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

Notice of Addresses to
Governor.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor on the petitions of Ann Malone and Honora Mackey.

Messages from the Legislative Council.

Messages from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Messages :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council are of opinion that the Bill sent up to them from the House of Assembly, and now before this House entitled “ An Act for establishing the legal value of certain British and other Coins in this colony ” would be more complete if a provision to render the counterfeiting of the Foreign Coins mentioned in the said Bill, and the altering of such counterfeited Foreign Coins as penal as the counterfeiting of the Queen’s Coins and the altering of the same.

The Legislative Council therefore suggest that the necessary provision for such purposes should be added to the Bill.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
22nd April, 1856.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bills sent up to them by the House of Assembly entitled respectively “ An Act to amend an Act to incorporate sundry persons by the Name of the Newfoundland Provident Society ; ” and “ An Act to continue an Act passed in the 17th Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, entitled “ An Act to declare the rates in Currency at which British Gold and Silver Coins shall be a legal tender, ” without amendment.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
22nd April, 1856.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. WINTER gave notice that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Home Government, praying that St. John’s, Newfoundland, be made a Port of Call for the Royal Mail Steamers.

Notice for Address to Governor.

Petition from John Brine.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from John Brine, keeper of the Market House and Public Wharf, which was received and read,—Praying that a balance of Salary due him may be paid.

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

Committee on Supply.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

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

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

Notice for Address to remunerate Dr. Skelton.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor, praying that he will cause an appropriation of £20 10s. Stg. to Dr. Skelton, of Bonavista, for Medical advice and Medicines to Pauper Patients of that District.

Notice for copy of communication from Greenspond on State of the Poor.

Mr. WALBANK gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary for a copy of the communication transmitted to the Government from Greenspond, representing the state of the neighbourhood with reference to the Poor during the past winter.

Notice for Committee on the state of the Poor.

Mr. MARCH gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that on Monday next the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Poor of this Colony, and that it stand first on the order of the Day.

Notices for Addresses to Governor.

Mr. PROWSE gave notice that on to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reference to the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Petitions of C. D. Newman and John V. Nugent.

Mr. F. B. CARTER gave notice that on-to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reference to the Petition of James Campbell presented this day.

Then the House adjourned till Thursday next at Three of the clock.

Thursday, 24th April, 1856.

Mr. PROWSE gave notice that on to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, to grant the usual annual allowance of One Hundred Pounds to the St. John's Water Company.

Notice for Address to Governor.

Mr. TALBOT presented a Petition from Robert Hams and others, inhabitants of the South-side of Conception Bay, from Topsail to Indian Pond, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to enable them to support a Doctor there.

Petition from Conception Bay.

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

On Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the state of the Fisheries.

Committee on State of the Fisheries.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WALBANK took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that the Committee had passed a Resolution, and that the Committee had risen for want of a quorum.

Committee rise for want of a quorum.

An ten minutes to seven o'clock, the names of Members being taken as follows :—

Mr. Hoyles, Mr. Carter, Mr. Brown, Mr. Warren, Mr. F. Carter, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Walbank, and Mr. Knight,

Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

House adjourned for want of a quorum.

Friday, 25th April, 1856.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the following communication from the hon. Mr. Secretary Kent :

SIR,—

Reply of Governor to
Addresses.

I am directed by the Governor to acquaint you, in reply to the under-mentioned Addresses of the House of Assembly, viz., No. 8 in relation to James Martin of King's Cove, that His Excellency has been pleased to order him to be placed on the Permanent Pauper list, at an allowance of £8 per annum ; Nos. 9 and 12, in relation to John T. Oakley, of Greenspond, and Patrick Morris, Esq., M. H. A., of Burin, His Excellency has been pleased fully to comply with the same.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

J. KENT.

Notice to discharge Order
of the Day.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice that upon the order of the day on Tuesday next being moved, he will move that the Order of the day be discharged, and that the House do adopt the following Resolutions :—

Resolved,—That it appears by statistical returns that the quantity of our staple produce, the taking and curing of which forms the principal support of our population, has been for a series of years past progressively decreasing, and there is therefore reason to fear that unless other means of employment are opened, or those at present existing rendered more productive, this country cannot long maintain its present population.

Resolved,—That under these circumstances, it is the duty of the Executive Government to initiate, and of the Legislature to adopt, efficient measures for increasing the produce of our Cod-fishery, by preventing the exportation of Bait to the French, and by prohibiting the use of Bait for manure ; to enact laws for the preservation of our Salmon Fisheries, by regulating the mode in which this fishery shall be prosecuted ; to encourage the Herring Fishery by diffusing information on the subject of the Dutch and Scotch fisheries, or by the offering a bounty on the exportation of Herring cured after the manner usual in those countries ; to promote Shipbuilding by removing the inequality in the terms on which Ships built in this colony compete with those built in the neighbouring Provinces; and to develop in other respects the resources of this country.

Mr. BYRNE presented a Petition from Patrick Strapp and others, of Harbour Main and adjacent settlements, which was received and read,—Praying that the House will pass no Act to prohibit the taking of Caplin for manure.

Petition from Conception Bay.

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

On Table.

Mr. WARREN presented a Petition from Samuel Thurman and others, of Salvage, which was received and read,—Praying that the Mail Packet Boat may be allowed to call in at Salvage on her way to and from King's Cove and Greenspond.

Petition for alteration of Mail route from King's Cove and Greenspond.

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

On Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the Door.

Black Rod at the door.

Message from the Legislative Council.

Message from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up to them for their concurrence entitled " An Act to amend the Law of Insolvency," without amendment.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
25th April, 1856.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The CHAIRMAN resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Supply resumed.

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

Progress reported.

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

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the Clock.

Saturday, 26th April, 1856.

Notice for copy of correspondence on State of the Poor at Greenspond.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary for a copy of the correspondence between the Government and Lorenzo Moore and others, of Greenspond, relative to the state of the Poor of that District :

Notice for Select Committee on Postal Route between King's Cove and Greenspond.

Also, that on to-morrow he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire whether the Postal routes from King's Cove to Greenspond and Fogo, and from Trinity to Bonavista, have been efficiently carried out, according to the Instructions of the Government and the Postmaster General.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up to them for their concurrence, entitled "An Act to amend the Act for the Incorporation of the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company," without amendment.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
27th April, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

On motion of Mr. Prowse, seconded by Mr. F. B. CARTER,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the Petition of Sarah Ward and Catherine Looby, setting forth the injury they had sustained by their Houses having been torn down to stay the progress of the fire, on the occasion of the burning of Tarahan's Town, respectfully request that Your Excellency will cause the circumstances of the claims of the said parties to be investigated, and such relief afforded as they may be found to deserve.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. F. B. CARTER, seconded by the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the advantages that would result from making St. John's a Port of Call for Transatlantic Steamers.

Select Committee on Transatlantic Steamers.

Ordered,—That Mr. Carter, the hon. Colonial Secretary, Mr. Winter, Mr. Prowse, and Mr. E. D. Shea, do form such Committee.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, seconded by Mr. WALBANK,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully beg to request that your Excellency will be pleased to cause the sum of Twenty Pounds and Ten Shil-

lings, sterling, to be paid to Dr. Skelton, of Bonavista, to compensate him for medical advice and medicines given by him to Pauper Patients in that District, and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such Members of the House as are of the Hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. PROWSE, seconded by Mr. E. D. SHEA,

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

Address to Governor.

To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governur and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly having had under consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of John V. Nugent and Charles D. Newman, masters of the St. John's Academy, for House-rent and incidental expenses incurred by them respectively, since the year 1832, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to pay the said John V. Nugent the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, sterling, in full, for all present and future claims on account aforesaid; and the sum of Eighty Pounds Stg. to the said Charles D. Newman, in full, for his claims on the same account, and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for such payments.

Resolution for Committee
of the Whole on State of
the Poor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. MARCH, seconded by Mr. DELANEY,

Resolved,—That the House do, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the report of the Select Committee upon the state of the Poor in this colony.

On motion of Mr. F. B. CARTER, seconded by Mr. E. D. SHEA,

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

To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the accompanying Petition from James Campbell, Teacher of Commercial School at Trinity, praying for compensation for loss sustained by non-allowance of his promised salary as Teacher at Trinity, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to pay the said James Campbell the sum of £30 as compensation for loss, and in full discharge of all arrears aforesaid, and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for such expenditure.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

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

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

To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction the payment of the sum of One Hundred Pounds to the "St. John's Water Company," and this House will make provision for the same.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Amendments made by the Legislative Council upon Bills.

Committee on Council's
Amendments on Bills.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HOGSETT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had severally passed the Amendments of the Council upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for Limited Partnerships" with some amendments; and the amendments of the Council upon the Bill entitled, "An Act to authorise the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical or Chemical purposes," with some amendments, which they had severally directed him to report to the House; and he handed the amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

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

Ordered,—That the Amendments, as amended, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Three of the clock.

Monday, 28th April, 1856.

Road Petitions from Bonavista-

Mr. WARREN presented a Petition from William Sweetland and others, of Bonavista, which was received and read,—Praying for grants to repair the Roads and Bridges from thence to Bird Island and to Catalina :

Also, a Petition from John Skelton and others, of Bonavista and settlements adjacent, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the Road from thence to King's Cove.

On Table.

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

Mr. CARTER presented Petitions from Earnest A. Salle and others, of Bonavista and Bayley's Cove, which were received and read,—Praying for grants to repair Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in these localities.

On Table.

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

Mr. F. CARTER presented a Petition from William Sweetland and others, of Bird Island Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a fair proportion of the general grants made for Public improvements.

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

On Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Amendments of the Legislative Council upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled “An Act to provide for Limited Partnerships,” and the Bill entitled, “An Act to authorise the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical or Chemical purposes,” as amended, were severally read a third time.

Read 3rd time.

On motion of the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Resolved,—That the said Amendments pass; and that the following message be sent to the Legislative Council:

A Message to the Legislative Council.

Message to Council.

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly concur in the Amendments of the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly entitled “An Act to provide for Limited Partnerships,” with the exception of the Amendments on the 20th Section, 2nd line, and 21st Section, 3rd line, to which they have made an Amendment, and request the concurrence of the Council therein.

The Assembly also concur in the Amendments of the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly entitled “An Act to authorise the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mercantile, Mechanical, Mining or Chemical purposes,” with the exception of the Amendments in the 3rd line of the 26th and 27th Sections, upon which they have made an Amendment, and request the concurrence of the Council therein.

Ordered,—That the hon. Colonial Secretary and Mr. Parsons do take the Bills and Message to the Council.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill for the encouragement of Education.

Committee on Education Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. CARTER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

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

Ordered,—That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Committee on Council's Amendments on Bills.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Amendments of the Legislative Council upon Bills.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported without Amendment.

The Chairman reported that they had severally considered the Amendments to them referred, and had passed the Amendments of the Council upon the Bill entitled "An Act to determine the qualification of Jurors to serve in the several Courts of this Island, and to regulate the empannelling of Juries therein," without amendment :

Reported with Amendment.

And the Amendments on the Bill entitled "An Act to regulate the granting of Licenses for the Wholesale of Wines, and Spirituous Liquors," with an amendment.

Ordered,—That the Report be received.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be severally read a third time to-morrow.

Bills read 2nd time.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :

The Bill to consolidate a portion of the Debt of this Colony :

The Bill to amend the Patent Acts of this Colony :

The Bill to amend the Act for regulating the standard of Weights and Measures :

Ordered,—That on to-morrow the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said several Bills.

Order for Committee.

The Hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows :—

Committee Room,
April 28, 1856.

Report of Select Committee
on Postal Bill.

The Committee to whom the Postal Bill was referred by your Hon. House, beg leave to report that they have had under their consideration the Bill to regulate the Inland Posts of this Island, and respectfully state that the first amendment, expunging the first and second sections, has been made to meet the views of members of the House ; and that the section submitted in lieu thereof vests the powers given to the Postmaster General, under the provisions of the second section of 15th Vic., Cap. 13, in the Governor and Council, leaving as heretofore the rates of Postages to be fixed by the Assembly :

Your Committee also respectfully submit Sections to be introduced into the Bill fixing the Main Postal route, and regulating the mode of entering into contracts with couriers and others :

That a sum not exceeding Thirty-three Pounds be appropriated for the establishment of Couriers and a Way-office between Carbonear and Bay-de-Verds, including Old Perlican, at which place the Way-office to be established :

That the present Postal Communication between St. John's, Greenspond, Fogo, and Twillingate, winter and summer, be continued :

That arrangements be made for the conveyance of the Mails from Harbor Briton to and from LaPoile, calling at Burgeo ; provided that such arrangement shall not render it necessary for the Mail Boat at Harbor Briton to wait for the return Mails from these places.

That the sum of Fifty Pounds be placed at the disposal of the Government, to meet the expense for the transmission of the English and Colonial Mails from Halifax to Newfoundland, at such periods as the Cunard Steamer between these places is not bound to run :

That the sum of _____ Pounds be placed at the disposal of the Government, so as to enable the Postmaster General to transmit by the Mail Steamer, as freight, the Colonial Newspapers, and that the Postage on Colonial Newspapers shall be at the rate of one penny per every four ounces, the amount received from which shall be paid into the general Revenue of this Colony :

That a sum not exceeding Fifteen Pounds be expended in the establishment of a Way-office at Harbor Main, the mails for which place shall be transmitted once a fortnight in the summer months, via Holyrood, and the intervening week to Brigus :

That the Courier between Brigus and Port-de-Grave do also carry the Mails to and from Brigus and Bay Roberts :

That a Messenger and Office-keeper be appointed to the General Post-office in St. John's at an annual salary of Eighteen Pounds, and

That a Way-office be established at Grand Bank :

The Committee would lastly respectfully suggest that the Government be requested to communicate with the authorities at St. Piers on the establishment of Postal Communication between that place and St. John's.

EDMUND HANRAHAN,

Chairman.

GEORGE J. HOGSETT,

MICHAEL J. KELLY,

STEPHEN MARCH,

PATRICK MORRIS,

WILLIAM H. ELLIS,

THOMAS BYRNE,

JOHN DELANEY,

ROBERT PROWSE.

Referred to Committee on
Postal Bill.

Ordered,—That the said Report be referred to the Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony.

Notice of Return of
Dispensers or Poor Relief.

Mr. WARREN gave notice that on to-morrow he will move for the returns of the names of the different persons who have been appointed dispensers of Poor Relief in the different Districts of this Island :

Notice of question in
reference to Greenspond
and Bonavista mail.

Also, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary the cause of the Greenspond and Bonavista Mail of _____ not coming to hand before Saturday last, the 26th inst., and why the Mails should not be delivered in St. John's, but sent back to Trinity.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor respectfully requesting that he will be pleased to cause a communication to be had with the Authorities at St. Pierre, on the subject of Postal Communication between that port and St. John's.

Notice for Address to Governor.

Mr. F. CARTER gave notice, that on Wednesday next, he will move that the Report of the Select Committee on the case of William Magill, late Gaoler of St. John's, presented last Session, be taken into consideration by the House.

Notice for consideration of case of William Magill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Tuesday, 29th April, 1856.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill for the encouragement of Education, as engrossed, was read a third time.

Education Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of the hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL, seconded by Mr. KELLY,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass and be entitled "An Act for the Encouragement of Education."

Passed and titled.

Ordered,—That the hon. Surveyor General and Mr. Kelly do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Sent to Council.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Amendments of the Legislative Council upon the Bill to determine the qualification of Jurors to serve in the several Courts of this Island, and to regulate the empannelling of Jurors therein, were severally read a third time.

Amendments on Jury Bill read 3rd time.

Ordered,—That the said several Amendments do pass; and that a message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House concurs therein.

Message to Council.

Ordered,—That the hon. Attorney General and Mr. Hogsett do take the Message to the Legislative Council.

Sent to Council.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Amendments of the Legislative Council upon the Bill to regulate the granting of Licenses for the Wholesale of Wines and Spirituous Liquors, as amended, were severally read a third time.

Amendments on Licenses Bill read 3rd time.

Ordered,—That the said several Amendments do pass; and that the following Message be sent to the Legislative Council:

Message to Council.

A Message to the Legislative Council.

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they concur in the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly entitled “An Act to regulate the granting of Licenses for the Wholesale of Wines and Spirituous Liquors,” with the exception of the amendment expunging the proviso at the end of the 4th Section, which, they are of opinion, should stand part of the Bill, for the following reasons:

1.—That the Bill sent up to the Council was intended as a remedial measure to protect the Licensed Dealer in Spirituous Liquors from the unfair and injurious competition of parties selling by retail the same article without a License.

2.—That the Amendment of the Council does not carry out this idea, but on the contrary, would in its operation press with greater hardship on the Licensed Retailer, as, in addition to the License, they would be compelled to pay the fine imposed upon the importer, whose interest, it is manifest, it would be to increase the price of the article to the retail Dealer for the purpose of remunerating himself on the amount paid as a License fee.

The Assembly adopt this course to avoid the delay consequent upon asking a conference with the Council; but at the same time, have no desire that this departure from the usual forms on their part, nor their assenting to the amendment of the Council in the 3rd Section of the Bill in altering the amount of the License Fee, should be construed into a precedent.

The Assembly therefore request the concurrence of the Council in the Amendment made by them.

Ordered,—That the hon. Attorney General and Mr. Hogsett do take the Message to the Legislative Council.

Committee on Supply.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNIG took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read as follows :—

Resolutions reported.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that there be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, the following sums of money to defray the civil expenditure of the Island, for the year ending 31st December, 1856 :

The Private Secretary to the Governor, Two Hundred Pounds.

Two Clerks in the Secretary's Office, Four Hundred Pounds.

The Clerk in the Receiver General's Office, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

The Keeper of the Colonial Building, Sixty pounds.

An Office-keeper to the Colonial Secretary's Office, Sixty pounds.

A Messenger at the Secretary's Office, Sixty pounds.

The Gate-keeper at Government House Lodge, and preserver of the Grounds about the same, Sixty pounds.

The Keeper of the Half-way House on the Salmonier Road, Thirty-five pounds.

The Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme Court and Central Circuit Court, Three Hundred and Fifty pounds, together with Fifty pounds to defray the Salary of a Clerk Assistant, also Twenty pounds for the purchase of Printed Forms: Provided that all Fees and Perquisites received, or that shall be received, in or by virtue of the said Office or in any way connected therewith, shall be accounted for and paid over half-yearly to the Receiver General.

The Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Northern Circuit Court, Two Hundred pounds.

The Clerk of the Southern Circuit Court, Two Hundred pounds.

The Crier and Tipstaff of the Northern Circuit Court of Harbor Grace, Twenty pounds.

The Sum of Three Hundred pounds to defray the expenses of Crown Prosecutions.

The Sum of Two Hundred pounds to defray the expenses of Coroners.

The Sum of Four Hundred pounds towards defraying the expenses of Judges and Officers on Circuit, and of Crown Prosecutions thereon ; which Sum of Money includes Table Money and means of conveyance, and for payment of Rent of any Court Rooms where Court Houses may not be erected : Provided that passages shall be allowed and provided on board of each vessel proceeding on the respect-

ive Circuits, to such Members of the Bar as may desire to proceed thereon : Provided further, that the amount of Table-Money and Travelling Expenses hereinbefore provided for the said Judges and Officers of Court on Circuit, shall be apportioned for the said Judges and Officers respectively, by the Governor in Council ; and provided further that should the Governor in Council be of opinion that the said respective Judges and Officers can proceed on Circuit by land, the said sum of Four Hundred pounds shall be reduced to Three Hundred pounds.

The Sum of Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Pounds to defray the Salaries of the undermentioned Outport Magistrates as follows :—

- A Magistrate for Brigus and Port-de-Grave, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.
- A Magistrate at Harbor Grace, Two Hundred pounds.
- A Magistrate at Carbonear, One Hundred and Fifty pounds.
- A Magistrate at Old Perlican, One Hundred and Thirty pounds.
- A Magistrate at Trinity, One Hundred and Fifty pounds.
- A Magistrate at Bonavista, One Hundred and Fifty pounds.
- A Magistrate for Twillingate and Fogo, One Hundred and Thirty pounds.
- A Magistrate at Bay Bulls, One Hundred pounds.
- A Magistrate at Ferryland, One Hundred pounds.
- A Magistrate at Placentia, One Hundred and Thirty pounds.
- A Magistrate at Burin, One Hundred and Fifty pounds.
- A Magistrate at Grand Bank, One Hundred and Thirty pounds.
- A Magistrate at Harbor Briton, One Hundred Pounds.

The Sum of Five Hundred and Eighty pounds towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Outport Clerks of the Peace, as follows :—

- A Clerk of the Peace for Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Sixty pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Grace, One Hundred and Fifty pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Carbonear, Sixty pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Trinity, Sixty pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Bonavista, Forty-five pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace for Twillingate and Fogo, Forty-five pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Ferryland, Sixty pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Placentia, Thirty-five pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Burin, Thirty-five Pounds.
- A Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Briton, Thirty-five Pounds.

Provided that Fees of Office received by the said Clerks of the Peace shall be accounted for, and paid over half-yearly to the Receiver General.

The Sum of Nine Hundred and Sixty-six pounds towards defraying the salaries of the undermentioned Outport Constables, as follows :

- One Constable at Petty Harbor, Twenty pounds.
- One Constable at Torbay, Twenty pounds.
- One Constable at Portugal Cove, Twenty pounds.
- One Constable at South Shore, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Harbor Main, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Cat's Cove, Twelve pounds.
- Two Constables at Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Fifty pounds.
- One Constable at Bay Roberts, Twelve pounds.
- Three Constables at Harbor Grace, One Hundred pounds; that is to say, One Constable at Fifty pounds, and Two Constables at Twenty-five pounds each.
- Three Constables at Carbonear, Seventy-five pounds.
- One Constable at Bay-de-Verd, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Western Bay, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Hants Harbor, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Perlican, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Heart's Content, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at New Harbor, Twelve pounds.
- Two Constables at Trinity, Thirty-seven pounds.
- One Constable at Catalina, Twenty-five pounds.
- One Constable at Bonavista, Twenty-five pounds.
- One Constable at Tickle Cove, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at King's Cove, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Salvage, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Greenspond, Twelve pounds.
- Three Constables at Twillingate and Fogo, Forty-nine pounds.
- One Constable at Exploits Bay, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Bay Bulls, Twenty-five pounds.
- One Constable at Witless Bay, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Toad's Cove, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Brigus South, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Cape Broyle, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Caplin Bay, Twelve pounds.
- One Constable at Ferryland, Twenty-five pounds.

One Constable at Aquafort, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Fermeuse, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Renewes, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Trepassey, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at St. Mary's, Twenty-five pounds.
 One Constable at Placentia, Twenty-five pounds.
 One Constable at Little Placentia, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Oderin, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Merasheen, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Burin, Twenty-five pounds.
 One Constable at St. Lawrence, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Lamaline, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Grand Bank, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Jersey Harbor, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Harbor Briton, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Hermitage Bay, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Burgeo Islands, Twelve pounds.
 One Constable at Spaniard's Bay, Twelve pounds.

The Sum of Two Hundred and Ten pounds towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Outport Gaolers, as follows :—

A Gaoler at Harbor Grace, Ninety pounds : Provided, that all Fees of Office received by him shall be accounted for and paid over to the Receiver General.

A Gaoler at Trinity, Twenty-five pounds.

A Gaoler at Bonavista, Ten pounds.

A Gaoler at Twillingate and Fogo, Ten pounds.

A Gaoler at Ferryland, Twenty-five pounds.

A Gaoler at Placentia, Twenty-five pounds.

A Gaoler at Burin, Twenty-five pounds.

The Sum of Two Hundred and Seventy pounds towards defraying the Salaries of the undermentioned Ferrymen, as follows :—

A Ferryman at Great Placentia, Thirty pounds.

A Ferryman at Salmonier, Twenty-five pounds.

A Ferryman at Portugal Cove, Twenty-five pounds.

A Ferryman at Trinity, Thirty pounds.

A Ferryman between Harbor Grace and Thomas Fitzgerald's, on the South-side of the Harbor, Thirty pounds.

A Ferryman at Little Saint Lawrence, Ten pounds.

Ferrymen for Two Ferries between Burin and Mud Cove, Twenty-five pounds.

A Ferryman at Holyrood, Thirty pounds : That is to say, for a Boat to be stationed near Crawley's, on the South-side, and a Boat near Haley's on the North-side of the Harbor, Fifteen pounds each.

A Ferryman at Aquafort, Fifteen pounds.

Ferryman for Two Ferries at Mortier Bay, Twenty-five pounds.

A Ferryman at Colinet, Twenty-five pounds.

The Sum of Two Hundred pounds towards defraying the ordinary expenses of Court Houses and Gaols.

The Sum of Six Hundred pounds towards defraying the expenses of Gaols.

The District Surgeon for St. John's, Two Hundred pounds, including provision for Medicine.

The District Surgeon for Conception Bay, One Hundred pounds.

The Physician of the Lunatic Asylum, Two Hundred pounds.

For Medical attendance at St. John's Hospital, Two Hundred and Fifty pounds.

The Sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred pounds towards the relief of the Permanent and Casual Poor in St. John's and the Outports.

The Sum of Two Thousand pounds towards defraying the expenses of Lunatic Paupers.

The Sum of Fifteen Hundred pounds towards defraying the expenses of Paupers in St. John's Hospital.

To defray the expenses of repairing Public Buildings in this Island, Eight Hundred and Twenty pounds.

For Printing and Stationery, Five Hundred pounds.

The Sum of Two Hundred pounds towards defraying the expense of Fuel and Light for Government House.

The Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty pounds towards defraying the expenses of Fuel and Light for the Colonial Building.

The Sum of One Hundred pounds towards defraying the expense of Postages, and other Incidental expenses.

The Sum of Two Hundred Pounds towards defraying the expense of Insuring the Public Buildings.

The Sum of Three Hundred Pounds to defray the expenses of carrying the Crown Lands Act into operation.

The Sum of Five Hundred pounds to defray Unforeseen Contingencies.

The Sum of Thirty-six pounds and Ten shillings towards defraying the expenses of men stationed at Fort Amherst.

The Sum of Fifty pounds towards payment of Duties on Wines imported or purchased for the use of the Military.

The Sum of One Hundred and Fifty-eight pounds Six shillings and Eight pence towards defraying the expenses of Lighting St. John's with Gas.

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- The Sum of Fifty pounds to the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company towards defraying the expense of Lighting twelve Gas Lamps in that town.
- The Sum of Fifty pounds towards the support of the Dorcas Society in St. John's.
- The Sum of Twenty-five pounds towards the support of the Dorcas Society in Harbor Grace.
- The Sum of Twenty-five pounds towards the support of the Dorcas Society in Carbonear.
- The Sum of Fifty pounds towards defraying the expenses of the Mechanics' Institute in St. John's.
- The Sum of One Hundred pounds towards the support of the Factory, St. John's.
- The Sum of Fifty pounds towards the support of the Industrial Department of the Orphan Asylum School in St. John's.
- The Sum of Twenty-five pounds towards the support of the Reading Room in St. John's.
- The Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty pounds towards the support of the Agricultural Society in St. John's, to be expended as follows : The sum of One Hundred and Fifty pounds in the purchase of Seed, and of Cattle to improve the breed, in and for such Outport Electoral Districts as may require the same ; and the remaining sum of One Hundred pounds to be expended for the like purpose in St. John's.
- The Sum of One Hundred pounds towards defraying the expense of the Night Watch in St. John's.
- The Sum of One Hundred pounds towards defraying the expenses of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company, St. John's.
- The Sum of Three Hundred pounds to the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company: Provided the Conception Bay Steam Packet shall ply during the whole season in strict conformity, as far as practicable, with the terms of the existing contract for carrying the Mails.
- The Sum of Ten pounds to Robert Smith, Constable at Greenspond.
- The Sum of One Hundred pounds towards the relief of Shipwrecked Sealing Crews.
- The Sum of Three Hundred pounds towards the protection and encouragement of the Fisheries at Cape John and Belle Isle.
- The Sum of Seven Hundred pounds towards the purchase of Seed Potatoes for the Poor, in the several Electoral Districts of this Island.
- The Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty pounds towards defraying the expenses of constructing Pumps and Water Tanks in the Town of St. John's, under the direction of the Honorable the Surveyor General.

- The Gaol Surgeon, Harbor Grace, Thirty pounds.
- Three Police Magistrates for St. John's, Nine Hundred pounds.
- The Inspector of Police, Eighty pounds.
- The Police Constables for St. John's, Five Hundred and Thirty pounds.
- The Gaoler for St. John's, One Hundred and Fifty pounds, in lieu of all fees, which are to be accounted for and paid over to the Receiver General.
- The Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty-two pounds, Thirteen Shillings, and two pence, to satisfy the Judgment of the Court obtained by William S. Knight against the late Board of Road Commissioners in the District of St. John's.
- The Sum of Twenty pounds to Michael Carroll in full satisfaction of his claim for services rendered on the Bonavista Road.
- The Sum of Two pounds Fifteen shillings to the Executors of the late James Furlong as a drawback on Goods.
- The Sum of Forty-four pounds, One shilling, and Eight pence to Richard Rankin to defray expenses incurred in employing the Poor on the North Shore of Conception Bay.
- The Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty pounds to Robert Pack and others, towards defraying the expenses of erecting a Public Wharf at Carbonear.
- The Sum of Ninety pounds to Robert R. W. Lilly in full satisfaction of his claim for arrears of Salary and extra services as Secretary to the late Board of Poor Commissioners for the District of St. John's.
- The Sum of Five Hundred pounds for the Encouragement of the Greenland Seal Fishery, to be paid and expended subject to the Orders of the Governor in Council.
- The Sum of Twenty-five pounds to John Brine in full satisfaction of his claim as Keeper of the Market House in St. John's.
- The Sum of Ninety-five pounds, Fourteen shillings, and One penny to Samuel G. Archibald as a drawback on Machinery.
- The Sum of Twelve pounds, Fourteen shillings, and Two pence to R. J. Fraser as a drawback on Goods.
- The Sum of Four pounds, Six shillings, and Eight pence to Joseph Akerman to compensate him for his services in erecting a Hustings at Bonavista.
- The Sum of Fifty pounds towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor, appropriated by Address to reward several persons at Ferryland, for their services in saving the crew of the "Heather," shipwrecked on the coast of this Island.

- The Sum of Eighty-one pounds to defray expenses incurred in the District of Burin in the employment of the able-bodied Poor on the Roads in that District.
- The Sum of Sixty-seven pounds to defray the expenses incurred in the District of Trinity in the employment of able-bodied Poor on the Roads in that District.
- The Sum of Sixty-six pounds to defray expenses incurred by order of the Governor in Council on Two Bridges in the District of Conception Bay.
- The Sum of Eight pounds, Thirteen shillings, and four pence to John Oakley in full satisfaction for building a Bridge at Greenspond.
- The Sum of One Hundred and Fifty pounds to Patrick Morris as compensation in full for loss of office as Deputy Sheriff of the Southern District of this Island.
- The Sum of Fifty pounds to Clement Benning to defray expenses on a breakwater at Lamaline, in the District of Burin.
- The Sum of Thirty-one pounds, Seven shillings, and Ten pence to William Butler to defray the expenses of erecting a Suspension Bridge at Tite's Brook, in the vicinity of the District of Fortune Bay.
- The Sum of One Hundred and Fifty pounds to John Driscoll, Road Commissioner, to defray the expense of erecting a Breakwater at Toads' Cove in the District of Ferryland.
- The Sum of Five Hundred and Seventy-four pounds, Seven shillings, and One penny to defray expenses incurred on account of the Colonial Building.
- The Sum of Two Hundred pounds for general repairs on Roads and Bridges.
- The Sum of One Hundred and Fifty pounds to John V. Nugent, in full satisfaction of all claims he now has or may hereafter have or make, as Junior or other Master of the St. John's Academy, for or on account of house rent, fuel, or other expenses in any way relating to the said Academy or his connection therewith.
- The Sum of Eighty pounds to Charles D. Newman in full satisfaction of all claims he now has or may hereafter have or make, as late Senior, or other Master of the St. John's Academy, for or on account of house rent, fuel, or other expenses in any way relating to the said Academy or his connection therewith.
- The Sum of Thirty pounds to James Campbell in full satisfaction of all claims he now has or shall hereafter make, in respect of arrears of salary and rent of School-room.
- The Sum of One Hundred pounds to the St. John's Water Company.

The Sum of Twenty pounds and Ten shillings to Dr. Skelton in full satisfaction of his claims for medical attendance and Medicines given by him to the poor of Bonavista.

The Sum of Seventy-five pounds to defray expenses incurred on Bridges in Twillingate, in the District of Twillingate and Fogo.

The Sum of Fifty pounds to defray the expenses of a Breakwater at Point Verd in the District of Placentia and St. Mary's.

The Sum of Twenty-one pounds, Four shillings, and Eight pence to Robert Ellis, to defray expenses incurred in relieving the Poor of the District of Twillingate and Fogo.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that there be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the Sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-seven pounds, Fifteen shilling and One penny, to indemnify His Excellency the Governor for the said sum advanced by him out of the Colonial Treasury, partly on his own responsibility and partly with the concurrence of the Council, and expended by him for the Public Service, as follows :—

For Sixty-two pounds, Nineteen shillings and Six pence paid to Christopher Ayre for his Salary as Acting Colonial Secretary and Clerk of the Council, in the absence of James Crowdy from the Colony, Delegate to England from the Legislative Council.

For One Hundred and Twenty-two pounds, Three shillings and Eleven pence expended in the Employment of the Poor on the Roads in the District of St. John's.

For Thirty pounds, Seventeen shillings, and Seven pence to defray Election expenses.

For Forty-one pounds, Eighteen shillings and Ten pence to defray expenses in carrying the Quarantine Act into operation.

For One Hundred and Threepounds, Three shillings, and Five pence to defray expenses incurred in the improvement of the Roads and Bridges of the District of St. John's.

For Eighteen pounds, Sixteen shillings and Two pence to defray expenses incurred in improving Roads and Bridges in the District of Bonavista.

For Ten pounds, Twelve shillings and Five pence to defray expenses incurred in improving Roads and Bridges in the District of Ferryland.

For Three pounds, Sixteen shillings and Eleven pence expended in the improvement of the Road between Holyrood and Salmonier.

For One Hundred and Fifty-one pounds, Eleven shillings and Nine pence to defray the expenses of the Circuit Courts.

For Twenty-eight pounds, Two shillings and Five pence to defray Election expenses.

For Four Hundred and Eighty-nine pounds, Three shillings, and six pence to pay for Fuel and Light for the Public Service.

For Ninety-six pounds, Nineteen shillings, and nine pence to defray expenses incurred on account of Lunatic Paupers.

For Twenty-one pounds, Twelve shillings, and Ten pence paid to Commissioners of Lunatic Asylum.

For Twenty-four pounds, One shilling, and Two pence paid for Printing and Stationery.

For Seven Hundred and Fifty-two pounds, Five shillings, and Six pence paid for the Relief of the Poor.

For Seventy-one pounds, Eight shillings, and Five pence paid on account of the Postal Service of this Colony.

For One pound paid to carry out the provisions of the Quarantine Act.

For Twenty-one pounds, Thirteen shillings, and Four pence paid under the St. John's Rebuilding Act.

For Three Hundred and Ninety-seven pounds, Fifteen Shillings, and Ten pence expended on the Streets of St. John's.

For Forty-seven pounds, Eleven shillings, and Ten pence expended in the General repairs of Roads and Bridges throughout the Colony.

Ordered,—That the said Report be adopted.

Notice for Supply Bill.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask leave bring in a Bill of appropriation, in accordance with the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply.

Notices of question to hon. Colonial Secretary.

Mr. WARREN gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to grant a sum of money for the establishment of a Commercial School at Bonavista, in accordance with the Petition received by them from the inhabitants of that locality.

Also, that on to-morrow he will he ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary to inform the House to whose care, in Bonavista, the last Ten barrels of Indian Meal was sent for distribution to the Poor, and also, for a copy of the orders which accompanied it.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice, that on to-morrow he will and Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will sanction the appropri-

ation of £100, one-half as a testimonial to the memory of the late Joseph Hume, and the remainder as a testimonial to John A. Roebuck, Esq., for their advocacy of the claims of this Colony to Responsible Government:

Also, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting His Excellency to place at the disposal of any parties running a line of Steamers between the United States or the Colonies and Europe, should such parties make St. John's a Port of Call for said Steamers, the Public Wharf at Clift's Cove, opposite the Market-house; and that His Excellency be authorised to appropriate a sufficient sum to make the said Wharf suitable for such Steamers.

Mr. BEMISTER gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will be pleased to take the Petition of James Doyle, of Carbonear, into his favorable consideration, and grant him the sum of _____ as a compensation for the loss complained of by him.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move the suspension of the Rules of the House on all Bills and Addresses before the House.

Notice for suspension of Rules.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Wednesday, 30th April, 1856.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to indemnify His Excellency the Governor, for certain expenditure made on account of the Public Service :

Notice for Indemnity Bill.

Also, that on to-morrow he will move the House into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Notice for Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. F. B. CARTER gave notice that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that his Excellency will be

Notice of Address to Governor.

pleased to discharge the claim of M. H. Warren, for services rendered as Commissioner for protection of the Fisheries at Labrador, in the year 1853.

Petition for Road.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from J. S. Rutherford and others, inhabitants of St. John's, adjacent to Rennie's Mill, which was received and read,—Praying that a Road may be made from the Circular to the Military Road, passing the old Military Hospital.

On Table.

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

Petition from Widow McGrath.

Mr. Parsons presented a Petition from Ellen McGrath, widow. of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that the House would be pleased to refund the costs of Court paid by her late husband in an action taken against him for smuggling by the late Collector Spearman in the year 1845.

On Table.

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

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor on the subject of the foregoing Petition.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

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

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly having had the accompanying Petitions of Honora Mackey, Ann Malone, and William Hamlin and others, under consideration, respectfully beg to recommend that Your Excellency will be pleased to let enquiry be made into the merits of the same, and cause them to be paid such amounts as may be commensurate with the loss they have sustained, if it is found that they have just claims upon the public purse, and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Resolved,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to all Bills and Addresses now before the House.

Rules suspended.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of Money for defraying the expenditure of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending 31st December, 1856, and for other purposes, which was read a first time.

Supply Bill read 1st time.

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

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the Clock.

Thursday, 1st May, 1856.

Mr. HOGSETT presented a Petition from David Walsh, Messenger of the House of Assembly, in the year 1837, which was received and read, setting forth,—That all the officers who were displaced from office at the commencement of the 1st Session of the Amalgamated Legislature, received compensation excepting himself, and praying that his case may be considered by the Legislature, and such compensation made him as he may be found entitled to.

Petition from David Walsh.

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

On Table.

Mr. MARCH presented a Petition from Michael Facey and others, of Catalina, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to erect a Light-house on Green Island, at the entrance of Catalina.

Petition for Light-house on Green Island.

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

On Table.

On motion of Mr. Fox, seconded by the hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Resolved,—That the following Message be sent to the Legislative Council :—

Message to Council.

A Message to the Legislative Council.

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they concur in the suggestion contained in the Message from the Council of 22nd April last, viz., that the Bill sent up to them from the Assembly entitled "An Act for establishing the legal value of certain British and other Coins in this Colony," "would be more complete if a provision to render the counterfeiting of the Foreign Coins mentioned in the said Bill, and the altering of such counterfeited Foreign Coins, as penal as the counterfeiting of the Queen's Coins and the altering of the same."

The Assembly are therefore of opinion that a Section embodying such a provision should be added to the Bill now before the Council.

Ordered,—That the hon. the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Fox do take the Message to the Legislative Council.

Committee on Light-houses
erection Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to authorise the Governor in Council to erect Light-houses in this Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. FOX took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

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

Ordered,—That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

Read 3rd time.

And the Bill was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. BROWN,

Passed and Titled.

Resolved—That the Bill pass, and be entitled "An Act to authorise the Governor in Council to erect Light-houses on the Coast of this Colony and for other purposes."

Ordered,—That Mr. Fox and Mr. Brown do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Sent to Council.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of Money for making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in this Colony.

Committee on Road Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

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

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the Clock.

Friday, 2nd May, 1856.

The hon. Mr. SECRETARY KENT, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the House two Messages from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency.

Messages from the Governor.

The said Messages were severally read by the Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and are as follow :—

CHARLES HENRY DARLING.

The Governor has had much satisfaction in making the necessary arrangements with the Officer commanding Her Majesty's Troops in this Colony, for compensating out of the Public Revenue, such non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Newfoundland Companies, as may sustain damage to their clothing on occasions of fire in the city of St.

John's, in compliance with the Address of the hon. the House of Assembly to that effect, which Address bears such well-merited testimony to the services heretofore rendered by that corps in similar cases.

C. H. D.

Government House,
1st May, 1856. }

CHARLES HENRY DARLING.

The Governor begs to inform the hon. House of Assembly, in reply to the Address of the House requesting that he will bring under the notice of Her Majesty's Government the advantages which this Colony offers as a Military Station, that he has transmitted a copy of their Address to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, accompanied by a representation of the circumstances which, in the present position and prospects of the colony, seem to add to its natural importance as a Naval and Military Post.

C. H. D.

Government House,
1st May, 1856. }

Petition from Newfoundland
Steam Packet Company in
support of.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from William H. Ridley, Chairman of the Directors of the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company, which was received and read, setting forth,—That on the original establishment of the Company, the Legislature granted annually the sum of £500 in support of the undertaking for two years, but that since the year 1853, the grant has been reduced to £300 ; and, praying that the same may be increased to the original amount.

On Table.

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

Notice of Address to
Governor.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor on the subject of the foregoing petition.

Petition from Joshua Pike
of Carbonear.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from Joshua Pike, late master of the Brig *Perseverance*, of Carbonear, which was received and read, setting forth,—The services rendered to himself and crew by Mr. Jones, when shipwrecked at Labrador, in December, 1854, not only in saving their lives, but in providing them with food, lodging, and clothing, for more than four months ; and praying that the House will consider the case, and cause compensation to be made them.

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

On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor in reference to the foregoing Petition.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to authorise the Consolidation of a portion of the Debt of this Colony.

Committee on Debt Consolidation Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KELLY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Reported with amendments.

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

Amendments agreed to.

Ordered,—That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

And the Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Read 3rd time.

On motion of the Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, seconded by the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Resolved—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act to authorise the Consolidation of £68,607 5s. 4d. of the Public Debt of this Colony.”

Passed and Titled.

Ordered,—That the hon. the Receiver General and the hon. the Attorney General do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Sent to Council.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to repeal the Patent Acts of this Colony.

Committee on Patent Acts Repeal Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WARREN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

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

Ordered,—That the Bill, as amended, be read a third time this day.

Read 3rd time.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Passed.

Ordered,—That the Bill, as amended, do pass.

Message to Council requesting concurrence in Amendments.

Ordered,—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their concurrence in the Amendments made by the House.

Ordered,—That the hon. Attorney General and Mr. F. Carter do take the Bill and Message to the Council.

Notice of Land Act amendment Bill.

The hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Land Act, and make provision for obtaining a Geological Survey of this Island.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Saturday, 3rd May, 1856.

Notice of questions to hon. Colonial Secretary.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask the hon. the Colonial Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to complete the Public Wharf at Harbor Grace, and to continue the School at Harbor Grace:

Also, if it is the intention of the Government to put into operation the Act to open Fire-breaks in the Town of Carbonear, and to provide means to encourage the teaching of Navigation.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from Thomas Kitchen, mason, of Harbor Grace, which was received and read,—Praying that he may be reimbursed for the amount, expended by him in erecting the Farmer's Mill at Harbor Grace, over the amount granted by the Legislature for that purpose.

Petition from Thomas Kitchen.

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

On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor on the subject of the foregoing petition.

Notice of Address to Governor.

The hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL presented a Petition from Peter Rogerson and others, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that the House will pass a Bill for the encouragement Ship-building in this Colony.

Petition for encouragement of Ship-building.

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

On Table.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

Message from Council

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up to them from the Assembly, entitled “ An Act to amend the Laws for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of vessels at the Port of St. John's” with some amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
3rd May, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled “ An Act to amend An Act entitled ‘ An Act to amend the Laws for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of St. John's,’ ” were read a first and second time, and are as follows :—

Amendments of Council on Pilot Act Amendment Bill read 1st and 2nd time.

Insert after the Preamble of the Bill, as follows :

In the Sixth line of the Fourth Section of the said in part recited Act, passed in the 8th year of Her Majesty's Reign entitled "An Act to amend the Laws for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of St. John's," expunge the words "two thirds," and insert instead thereof "five sixths"; and in the 3rd line of the 12th Section of the said in part recited Act expunge "Three Miles," and insert instead thereof "One Mile."

Expunge the Schedule of the Bill, and insert in place thereof as follows :

SCHEDULE C.

Table of rates of Pilotage of Vessels in and out of the Harbor of St. John's.

	Rates Currency.
On Vessels under 80 Tons New Measurement	£2 0 0
On Vessels from 80 Tons to 100 Tons New Measurement	2 10 0
On Vessels from 100 Tons to 120 Tons New Measurement	2 15 0
On Vessels from 120 Tons to 160 Tons New Measurement	3 0 0
On Vessels from 160 Tons to 200 Tons New Measurement	3 5 0
On Vessels from 200 Tons to 240 Tons New Measurement	3 10 0
On Vessels from 240 Tons to 280 Tons New Measurement	3 15 0
On Vessels from 280 Tons to 300 Tons New Measurement	4 0 0
On Vessels from 300 Tons to 350 Tons New Measurement	5 0 0
On Vessels from 350 Tons to 400 Tons New Measurement	6 0 0
On Vessels from 400 Tons to 500 Tons New Measurement	7 0 0
On Vessels from 500 Tons to 600 Tons New Measurement	8 0 0
On Vessels from 600 Tons to 700 Tons New Measurement	9 0 0
On Vessels from 700 Tons to 800 Tons New Measurement	10 0 0
Over that size—for every 100 Tons additional	0 10 0
And on no one Vessel is the Pilotage to exceed	12 0 0

All Coasting Vessels which may take Pilots, to pay one-half of the above rates of Pilotage, in proportion to their Tonnage.

The above Scale of Pilotage shall be payable on the Register Tonnage of all such Vessels, as ascertained before going out of the Harbor.

			Currency.
Her Majesty's Ships under Sixth Rate			£3 10 0
Do.	do.	Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Rate	6 10 0
Do.	do.	First, Second, and third Rate	8 10 0

All Merchant or Mail Steamers to pay 6d. for each Horse Power, and in no one Ship to exceed Twelve Pounds currency, to be ascertained either by Ship's Register or, if necessary, by Captain's affidavit.

Insert at end of Schedule :

That no Vessel returning to the said Port within Twenty-four hours of her departure therefrom, without having completed her voyage, shall be compellable to take a Pilot on her said return to the said Port, nor on her second departure therefrom.

Ordered,—That the House do on to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Amendments.

Time of Committal.

On motion of the hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, seconded by the hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Resolved,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Ways and Means.

Committee on Ways and Means.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING 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 instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the Order of the Day to-morrow.

1st order for to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Three of the clock.

Monday, 5th May, 1856.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

Message from Council with
Amendments on value of
Coins Bill.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly, entitled “ An Act for establishing the legal value of certain British and other Coins in this Colony” with an amendment, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

The Legislative Council have also passed a Bill entitled “ An Act to amend An Act, entitled ‘ An Act for regulating the service of Merchant Seamen engaged in the Vessels of this Colony,’ ” to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
5th May, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Amendments made by the Legislative Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled “ An Act for establishing the legal value of certain British and other Coins,” were read a first time, and are as follows :—

Insert as the 11th Section, as follows :—

That any Person who shall knowingly and unlawfully counterfeit any of the Foreign Coins hereinbefore mentioned, or who shall knowingly and unlawfully alter such counterfeit Foreign Coins, shall be guilty of the like offence, respectively as knowingly and unlawfully counterfeiting any of the Queen's Coins, or knowingly and unlawfully altering such counterfeiting Queen's Coins, and shall be subject to the like procedure and penalties as persons charged with and convicted of counterfeiting any of the Queen's Coins, or of knowingly and unlawfully altering the same.

The 11th Section of the Bill to become the 12th Section.

On motion of Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. F. CARTER,

Resolved,—That the said Amendment be adopted, and that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that this House concurs therein.

Amendment adopted.

Ordered,—That Mr. Fox, and Mr. F. Carter, do take the Message to the Legislative Council.

Message of concurrence sent to Council.

The Bill sent down from the Legislative Council entitled “ An Act to amend An Act for regulating the service of Merchant Seamen engaged in the Vessels of this Colony,” was read a first time.

Bill read 1st time.

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

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the further consideration of Ways and Means.

Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as follows :—

Resolutions reported.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the following Table of Duties be substituted for the Table of Duties contained in the Act 18th and 19th Vic., Cap. 3.

TABLE OF DUTIES.

Ale, Porter, Cider and Perry, viz :				£	s.	D.
In Bottles, the dozen of 2 Gallons	.....	.....		0	0	9
In Casks	.....	.....	the gallon	0	0	3

ANIMALS, viz :

{ Horses	.....	.....	each	0	10	0
{ Oxen and Cows	.....	.....	“	0	5	0
{ Sheep, Swine and Calves	.....	.....	“	0	1	0
Apples	.....	.....	the Barrel	0	1	6
Bacon, Hams, Tongues, Smoked Beef and Sausages			} the Cwt.	0	7	6
Beef, salted and cured	.....	.....					the Brl. of 200 lbs.	0	2	0

			£	s.	D.
Biscuit	.....	.....	the Cwt.	0	0 3
Butter	.....	.....	"	0	3 0
Cheese	.....	.....	"	0	5 0
Chocolate and Cocoa	.....	.....	the lb.	0	0 1
Cigars	.....	.....	the M.	0	10 0
Coals	.....	.....	the ton	0	1 0
Coffee	.....	.....	the lb.	0	0 1
Feathers	.....	.....	the lb.	0	0 1
Flour	.....	.....	the brl.	0	1 6
Fruit, dried	...	.....	the lb.	0	0 1
" other descriptions	.....	.....	the £100	10	0 0
Lumber	.....	.....	the M.	0	2 6
Molasses	.....	.....	the gallon	0	2 2½
Oatmeal and Indian Meal	....	.....	the brl.	0	0 6
Pork	.....	.....	the brl. of 200 lbs	0	3 0
Salt	.....	.....	the ton	0	0 6
Shingles	.....	.....	the M.	0	1 0

SPIRITS, viz :

Brandy, Gin, Whiskey and Cordials, or other Spirits not herein defined or enumerated, and not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes's Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength and for any greater or less quantity than a Gallon,	}	the Gallon,	0	4	0
Rum, do. do.		"	0	1	6

SUGAR, viz :

{ Loaf and Refined Sugar	.....	the cwt.	0	12	0
{ Unrefined	.....	"	0	7	6
{ Bastard	....	"	0	7	6
Tea	.....	the lb.	0	0	4
Timber, including Balk and Scantling	.....	the ton	0	1	0
Tobacco, Manufactured and Leaf	.....	the lb.	0	0	3
Tobacco Stems	.....	the cwt.	0	2	0
Vinegar	.....	the gallon	0	0	3

WINE, viz. :

In Bottles	.....	the gallon	0	5	0
Wines in wood and other vessels, not being bottles, viz. : Port, Madeira, Hock, Burgundy, Claret	}	the gallon	0	4	0
Sherry		"	0	2	6
All other Wines	.....	the gallon	0	2	0

and 12½ per cent }
ad valorem. }

Anchors	}					
Barley and Oats						
Canvas						
Cordage and Cables						
Copper and Composition Metal for Ships, viz. : Sheathing, Bar, Bolt and Nails						
Corks and Corkwood						
Fishing Tackle, Indian Corn			the	£100	£5	0 0
Iron, viz. : Bar, Bolt, Sheathing and Sheet, Wrought Nails						
Medicines						
Oakum						
Pease						
Pitch, Tar, Turpentine and Rosin						
Poultry and Fresh Meat						
Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, not otherwise enumerated, described, or charged with duty in this Act, and not otherwise exempt	}	the	£100	10	0 0	

LOCAL DISTILLATION.

Rum not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes's Hydrometer, and so in pro- portion for any greater strength than the strength of proof, and for any greater or less quantity than a gal- lon,	}	the gallon	0	0	8
Brandy, Gin, or other Spirits, not here- in defined or enumerated, and not ex- ceeding the strength of Proof by Sykes's Hydrometer, and so in pro- portion for any greater or less quan- tity than a Gallon,	}	the gallon	0	1	0

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the following Table of Exemptions be substituted for the Table of Exemptions contained in the Act 18th and 19th Vic., Cap. 3.

TABLE OF EXEMPTIONS.

- Printed Books, Pamphlets, Maps and Charts,
- Coin and Bullion,
- Hemp, Flax, Tow,
- Plants, Trees, and Shrubs,
- Specimens illustrative of Natural History,
- Works of Art, viz. :—Engravings, Paintings, Statuary, and all Articles imported for Religious purposes, and not intended for sale,
- Manures of all kinds,

Provisions for H. M. Land and Sea Forces,
 Passengers' Baggage, Household Furniture, and Working Tools and
 Implements used in the use of Persons arriving in this Island,
 Refuse of Rice,
 Seeds for Agricultural purposes,
 Vegetables of all sorts,
 Mules and Asses,
 Animals certified by President of Agricultural Society to be imported
 for improvement of Stock,
 Printing Paper, Royal and Demy, in use for Newspapers,
 Cotton Yarn,
 Pig Iron,
 Coke,

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the following
 Articles, being the growth and produce of the United States of America,
 mentioned and enumerated in the Schedule to an Act made and passed
 in the Legislature, entitled "An Act to give effect, on the part of the
 Island of Newfoundland, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and
 the United States of America," shall be admitted Free of Duty, namely,

Grain, Flour, and Breadstuffs of all kinds,
 Animals of all kinds,
 Fresh, Smoked and Salted Meats,
 Cotton Wool, Seeds and Vegetables,
 Undried Fruits, Dried Fruits,
 Fish of all kinds,
 Products of Fish and all other Creatures living in the Water,
 Poultry, Eggs,
 Hides, Furs, Skins or Tails undressed,
 Stone or Marble in its crude or unwrought state,
 Slate,
 Butter, Cheese, Tallow, Lard,
 Horns, Manures,
 Ores of Metals of all kinds,
 Coal,
 Pitch, Tar, Turpentine,
 Ashes,
 Timber and Lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, and sawed, unmanu-
 factured, in whole or in part,
 Firewood, Plants, Shrubs, and Trees,
 Pelts, Wool,
 Fish Oil,

Rice, Broom Corn and Bark,
 Gypsum, ground or unground,
 Hewn or wrought or unwrought Burr or Grindstones,
 Dye Stuffs,
 Flax, Hemp, and Tow, unmanufactured,
 Unmanufactured Tobacco,
 Rags ;

so long as the said Treaty between Great Britain and the United States of America, in the said recited Act mentioned, shall remain in force in this Island.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the following Articles shall be admitted into this Island and its Dependencies, Free of Duty, being the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United Kingdom, or of the British North American Provinces, or of the Island of Prince Edward, respectively, notwithstanding any Law to the contrary, viz :

Animals,
 Beef and Pork,
 Biscuit, Bread,
 Butter, Cocoa Paste,
 Corn, or Grain of all kinds,
 Flour, and Bread Stuffs,
 Fish, fresh or salted, dried or pickled.
 Fish Oil,
 Fins or Skins, the Produce of Fish or Creatures living in the Sea,
 Gypsum,
 Horns, Poultry,
 Plants, Shrubs, and Trees,
 Potatoes and Vegetables of all kinds,
 Seeds of all kinds,
 Apples,
 Pelts, Skins, Furs, or Tails undressed,
 Wood, viz. : Boards, Planks, Staves, Timber and Firewood.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the following Articles shall be admitted into this Island and its Dependencies, Free of Duty, being the growth, produce, or manufacture of the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, or Prince Edward Island, respectively, viz. ;

Grain, and Breadstuffs of all kinds,
 Vegetables, Fruits, Seeds, Hay and Straw, Hops,
 Animals, Salted and Fresh Meats,
 Butter, Cheese,
 Chocolate, and other preparations of Cocoa,
 Lard, Tallow, Hides, Horns, Wool,
 Undressed Skins and Furs of all kinds,
 Ores, of all kinds,
 Iron, in Pigs and Blooms,
 Copper, Lead in Pigs,
 Grind-stones, and Stones of all kinds,
 Earth, Coals, Lime,
 Ochres, Gypsum, ground or unground,
 Rock Salt,
 Wood, Bark, Timber and Lumber of of all kinds,
 Firewood, Ashes,
 Fish,
 Fish Oil, viz. : Train Oil, Spermaceti Oil, Head Matter, and Blubber,
 Fins and Skins, the produce of Fish or Creatures living in the Sea.

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Five Pounds *per centum ad valorem*, shall be paid and discharged upon the sale or purchase of all Vessels brought into this Colony from any other country ; which sum shall be paid to the Receiver General before the Bill of Sale thereof shall be recorded, and before any such Vessel shall be registered in this Colony as a British Ship ; and such Receiver General, Assistant or Sub-Collector, is hereby authorised to administer an Oath to the party producing such Bill of Sale, as to the *bona fide* consideration paid or agreed to be paid upon the sale or purchase aforesaid.

Ordered,—That the said Resolutions be adopted.

Notice for Revenue Bill.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Revenue Bill, in accordance with the Resolutions reported from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Petition from Dr. Bunting.

MR. F. CARTER presented a Petition from Frederick G. Bunting, late Medical Keeper and Physician of the St. John's Hospital, which was received and read,—Praying that the House would be pleased to grant him an investigation into the charges made against him, upon which he had resigned his situation.

On Table.

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

Mr. F. CARTER gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the foregoing petition.

Notice of Select Committee
on Petition of Dr. Bunting.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the Clock.

Tuesday, 6th May, 1856.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

Message from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council request a conference with the House of Assembly, upon the Amendments made by that House upon the Amendments made by the Council upon the Bill sent up to them, entitled "An Act to authorize the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes," and have appointed Conferees to meet Conferees from the Assembly in the Committee Room of the Council on to-morrow at 4 o'clock.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
6th May, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY, seconded by the hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Resolved,—That this House do accede to the Conference requested by the Legislative Council.

Conference agreed to.

Ordered,—That the hon. the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Prowse, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Prendergast, do manage the Conference on the part of this House.

Managers appointed.

Attend Conference.

Report.

And they went to the Conference, and being returned,

The hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and had received from the Committee of Conference on the part of the Council, their Instructions, which he read to the House as follows :—

The Legislative Council have asked this Conference with the House of Assembly, upon the Amendment made by the House of Assembly upon the Amendments made by the Council upon the Bill sent up to them, entitled “ An Act to authorize the Formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, or Chemical purposes” for the purpose of bringing under the consideration of the House of Assembly the principle upon which the Council expunged the words in the 26th and 27th Sections “ Insolvent or”

A person may be Insolvent, that is unable to pay 20s. in the Pound to all his Creditors, for years before he be *declared* such by a Court of competent jurisdiction, or by a composition with Creditors, or by any other public declaration.

There is an obvious difference between Insolvency, and a declaration of that Insolvency; and whilst the Council are fully of opinion that Sales, Assignments, or Transfers, made after a declaration of Insolvency, or in contemplation of Insolvency, should be void as against Creditors; and, also are of opinion that the Company should not make any assignment of their Property when they are Insolvent, they nevertheless think that an innocent and *bona fide* Assignee of Property, should not be deprived of his security, and prejudiced by the fact of the circumstances of the Debtor at the time of making such transfer, being Insolvent when such Assignee did not know, and had no means of knowing that fact.

The Council think that the words “ actually Insolvent” do not alter the legal position, and they suggest that instead of those words, the words “ declared Insolvent” should be inserted, which they believe would meet the fair requirements of the case.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
5th May, 1856. }

A Message from the Legislative Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bills sent up to them for their concurrence, entitled “ An Act for the encouragement of Education ;” and, “ An Act to authorise the Governor in Council, to erect Light-houses on the Coast of this Colony and for other purposes” without amendment.

Bills passed Council.

The Legislative Council have also passed the Amendment of the House of Assembly on the Council's Amendments on the Bill, entitled “ An Act to regulate the granting of Licenses for the Wholesale of Wines, Spirituous and Malt Liquors,” without amendment.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
6th May, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of Money for defraying the Civil Expenditure of the Island for the year ending 31st December, 1856, was read a second time.

Supply Bill read 3rd time.

Ordered,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill.

Order for Committee.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without Amendment; and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Reported without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Bill be now read a third time.

And the Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Read 3rd time.

Passed and Titled.

Ordered,—That the Bill do pass, and be entitled “ An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of Money for defraying the Civil Expenditure of the Island for the year ending 31st day of December, 1856, and for other purposes.”

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That the hon. the Receiver General, and the hon. Surveyor General, do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Messages from Council.

Messages from the Legislative Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Messages :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed, without amendment, the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly intituled “ An Act to authorize the consolidation of Sixty-eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Seven Pounds, and Five Shillings and Fourpence out of the Public Debt of this Colony.”

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
6th May, 1856. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Amendments made by the House of Assembly upon the Bill sent up to them entitled “ An Act to repeal the Patent Acts of this Colony, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.”

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President

Legislative Council Chamber, }
6th May, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

Ordered,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in this Colony.

Committee on Road Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Reported with amendments.

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

Amendments agreed to.

Ordered,—That the Bill, as amended, be engrossed and read a third time this day.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Read 3rd time.

Ordered,—That the Bill do pass, and be entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in this Colony."

Passed and Titled.

Ordered,—That the hon. Surveyor General, and Mr. Kelly do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Sent to Council.

Mr. BROWN presented a Petition from Charles Cozens, of Brigus, which was received and read,—Praying that he may be compensated for the cost incurred by him in making a Road through Cochrane Dale, in that locality at his own expense; which has since been converted into a Public Road to approach the Ship Harbor line of Road.

Petition from Charles Cozens.

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

On Table.

Mr. BROWN gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor on the subject of the foregoing Petition.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from Lewis Emerson, Clerk of the Peace, Harbor Grace, which was received and read,—Praying that he may be paid the amount of arrears of Salary claimed by him.

Petition from Lewis Emerson.

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

On Table.

Notice of Address to
Governor.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor on the subject of the foregoing Petition.

Notice for Select Committee
on Contingencies.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move for the appointment of a Select Committee on Contingencies.

Notice of Address to
Governor.

Mr. F. B. CARTER gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to sanction the appropriation of £40 to erect Guide Posts on the Road between Heart's Content and Carbonear.

Notice for Committee on
State of the Poor.

Mr. MARCH gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move that Thursday next be set apart for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the State of of the Poor.

Notice of Address to
Governor.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor, on the subject of establishing Nautical Schools, and praying His Excellency's assent to a grant to support them, on the condition that a similar amount be collected by the public.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the clock.

Wednesday, 7th May, 1856.

Messages from Council.

Messages from the Legislative Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly, that they have passed a Bill entitled "An Act to regulate the Seal and other Fisheries of this Island," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
7th May, 1856. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up to them from the House of Assembly entitled “ An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of Money for defraying the the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony for the year ending on the Thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Six, and for other purposes,” without amendment.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
7th May, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, entitled “ An Act to regulate the Seal and other Fisheries of this Island,” was read a first time.

Bill read 1st time.

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

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. MORRIS,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

Addresses to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly, having had the accompanying Petition of Ellen McGrath under their consideration, respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause her to be paid a sum not exceeding Sixteen Pounds, to compensate her for the losses sustained by reason of the proceedings referred to in her Petition ; and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. F. CARTER, seconded by Mr. ELLIS,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly have had under consideration the accompanying Petition from Matthew H. Warren and Papers connected therewith, and respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause investigation to be made into the claim of said Matthew H. Warren, for One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Stg., on account of services performed by him for the protection of the Fisheries on the Coast of Labrador and Belle Isle, in the year 1853 ; and if found just, to defray the same.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such Members of the House as are of the Hon. the Executive Council.

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

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly, having had the accompanying Petition of the Directors of the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company under their consideration, respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause the circumstances stated in the accompanying Petition to be investigated, and adopt such course thereon as may be deemed expedient, to enable them to continue Steam Communication between St. John's and Conception Bay ; and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

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

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause an investigation of the claims of Captain Rendal Jones of Labrador, for supplies furnished to the Shipwrecked crew of the brig *Perseverance*, in the year 1854 ; and should such claim be found just, to order that the same may be liquidated.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

The hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Crown Lands' Act, and for other purposes, which was read a first time.

Crown Lands' Act Amend-
ment Bill read 1st time.

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

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

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly, having had the accompanying Petition of Thomas Kitchen under consideration, respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to investigate the claim (£50 Stg.) made by him for the expenses incurred in erecting a Mill at River Head, HarborGrace, and, if found correct, to sanction an appropriation to liquidate the same.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Motion for Address to
Governor.

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will be pleased to sanction the appropriation of Fifty Pounds, to reimburse the Commissioners of the Harbor Grace Grammar School, for certain expenditures incurred by them for the purposes of that Institution :

Motion negatived.

And the question being put thereon, it passed in the negative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

On motion of Mr. F. B. CARTER, seconded by Mr. ELLIS,

Committee on Petition of
Dr. Bunting.

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the merits of the Petition of Frederick G. Bunting.

Ordered,—That Mr. F. B. Carter, Mr. Ellis, Mr. E. D. Shea, the hon. the Receiver General, and Mr. Delaney, do form such Committee.

Revenue Bill
read 1st and 2nd time.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, which was read a first and second time.

Ordered,—That the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill.

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

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

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly, having had the accompanying Petition of Charles Cozens under consideration, respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause enquiry to be made into the statements therein set forth, and, if found correct, to sanction the appropriation of an amount to compensate him for the injury and loss sustained, and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, seconded by Mr. MORRIS,

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will cause an investigation to be made into the claim of Lewis Emerson, and deal with it in such manner as may appear just.

Motion for Address to Governor.

And the question being put thereon, it passed in the negative, and

Motion negatived.

Ordered,—Accordingly.

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

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, towards the encouragement and support of Nautical Schools, on the condition that a similar sum shall be advanced for that purpose by the public ; and this House will make provision therefor. The Schools to be under the control of a Board of Directors, to be chosen by the Subscribers, and approved of by the Governor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of the hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, seconded by Mr. ELLIS,

Resolved,—That a Select Committee be appointed on Contingencies.

Ordered,—That the hon. Receiver General, Surveyor General, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Warren, do form such Committee.

Committee on Contingencies

Mr. HOYLES gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to provide a Retiring Allowance for the Sheriff of the Central District.

Notice of Sheriff's Retiring Allowance Bill.

Notice of Address to
Governor.

The hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, for the payment of £59 8s. for a drawback on the Duties paid by the Right Rev. Dr. Mullock, on an Organ by him for the Roman Catholic Cathedral of this Island.

Petition from James Tobin
for repayment of wages paid
to John Cashin.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from James Tobin, of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That he has been obliged, by decision of the Court, to pay John Cashin Three years and Three months Wages, at the rate of £25 Currency per annum, together with costs; that the said John Cashin was sent round to St. George's Bay by Sir G. LeMarchant, for the purpose of instructing the people there in Agricultural pursuits: That Petitioner was not in any way connected with or privy to the hiring of the said John Cashin, and that he never sought for or required his services, which were of no value to him, he having already provided himself with sufficient servants for the work of his establishment; and praying that the House will take the circumstances of the case into consideration, and cause him to be reimbursed in the expenditure incurred on public grounds, and for the benefit of the public.

On Table.

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

Notices of Addresses to
Governor.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor, on the subject of the foregoing Petition of James Tobin:

Also, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor on the subject of remunerating persons in Harbor Main, for the erection of a Female School there.

Mr. WALBANK gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will be pleased to adopt such measures as may be necessary to prevent the Clerk of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts from acting as Barrister, Attorney, Solicitor, Conveyancer or Notary Public; and that all Fees, Commissions, Perquisites, and Emoluments whatsoever, which shall be received and collected by him, either as Commissioner of Affidavits, Registrar of Deeds, or as Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, or in anywise connected therewith, under or by virtue of any Rule or Order, either of the said Courts or of any Law now or hereafter to be in force, shall be paid over and accounted for by him, half-yearly, to the Receiver General, for the uses of the Colony.

Mr. PROWSE, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the advantages that would result from making St. John's a Port of Call for Transatlantic Steamers, informed the House that the Committee had attended to the duty to them referred, and had prepared an Address to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows :

Report of Select Committee
on Direct Steam com-
munication.

*To the Right Honorable HENRY LABOUCHERE,
Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for the Colonies.*

SIR,—

The House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Session convened, beg respectfully to bring under the notice of Her Majesty's Government the subject of Transatlantic Steam Communication, and the advantages that would arise if St. John's be made a Port of Call for the Steam Ships that ply between the United Kingdom and America.

This Island is nearer to Europe than any part of the Western Hemisphere, being about 1,600 miles from the West Coast of Ireland. The coast is bold and free from shoals and hidden dangers ; lights of the first order, visible at 30 miles distance, are on the headlands of Cape Bonavista, Cape Spear, and Cape Pine, and another is in course of construction at Cape Race. A powerful harbor light is placed at the entrance of St. John's, and ships of any size can enter the harbor in all states of the tide. Steam Ships making St. John's a Port of Call are exempted from Light-dues, and will not be subject to any charge but that for pilotage ; a public wharf being in course of construction, of which all such Ships will have the free use.

The facilities offered by the Port of St. John's for the visits of Transatlantic Steamers ; the anomalous position of the Colony, which, while being the nearest to the mother country of all the British North American Provinces, is practically the farthest removed from it ; the fact that nearly one-half the Steam-ships crossing the Atlantic, sight this Coast, and are often seen from the harbor of St. John's—these and other strong arguments have been repeatedly pressed on the attention of Her Majesty's Government, in favor of the views advocated in this Memorial, but heretofore without success.

In May, 1851, a memorial to the Queen was addressed by the Legislature, praying that the Atlantic Mail Steamers might be ordered to call here. At that time the project for connecting this Island with the

American Continent by means of an Electric Telegraph had just been entered on; and the Legislature, in support of their prayer, and in addition to the reasons before advanced, brought to the view of H. M. Government the great saving of time in the transmission of intelligence across the Atlantic, that, on the completion of this great enterprise, would be realised by making St. John's a Port of Call for the Mail Steamers. To this memorial Earl Grey replied under date, 28th July, 1851.—“ It has not been in my power to tender any advice to Her Majesty with respect to constituting St. John's a Port of Call for the Transatlantic Steamers. This will be matter for future consideration, when the work contemplated by the Legislature” (The Electric Telegraph) “ shall have advanced towards completion.”

The original Company for the carrying out of that undertaking failed, but in April, 1854, a Company in New York, composed of gentlemen of high character and ample means, obtained a new charter from the Local Government, and have spent a very large amount in carrying forward the work which, it is confidently believed, will be in operation in August next. It is not unreasonable to assume that in undertaking this enterprize, the new Company were influenced by the encouragement impliedly given by Earl Grey in stating that “ when the work contemplated by the Legislature” (The Electric Telegraph) “ shall have advanced towards completion,” the question of making St. John's a Port of Call would become a matter for consideration—The subject therefore, will now come before H. M. Government almost as one in which good faith is involved, and this point we feel especially called on to suggest, from the fact that the *New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company*, by whom this enterprize is being carried out, is composed exclusively of citizens of the United States.

It is affirmed, on most reasonable grounds, that first class Steamers will cross from the Harbor of Cork to this Port in from five to six days—thus in about one-half the time now required to communicate between London and New York, news can be forwarded between these places, if St. John's be made a Port of Call. H. M. Government could thus communicate in six days with the Government of the most distant of the British American Provinces, while the commercial and social benefits to be derived from drawing so much closer than before the intelligence and feeling of the Old and New Worlds, cannot fail to secure the most favourable consideration of a Government justly proud of the lead it takes in measures of progress and civilization.

When we consider the commercial spirit of the present day, which fixes on time a large money value, we cannot believe that the means by which a communication can be had from England to North America in five or six days, will or can remain neglected. Its obvious advantages will claim a speedy recognition, for men of business will not be content to wait ten or twelve days for news that they can procure in half that period of time. We have, therefore, no doubt that the attractions offered to commerce by the Electric Telegraph between the American Continent and this Island will soon be availed of; but we are anxiously desirous that in a work which is to mark a great era in the world's progress, the British Government should at least not be wanting in the performance of that part which seems naturally to fall to its share. By the spirit and enterprize of American Capitalists the Electric Wires are being brought to the point on this side of the Atlantic which is the nearest to the British Coast; and it would be to us a matter of deep regret if the British Government failed in its contribution to a work towards which Foreign private Capitalists have done so much, and where British interests, national and commercial, are so extensively concerned.

We pray therefore that the necessary means may be adopted to carry the object of this Memorial into effect, either by the employment of some of H. M. despatch boats, no longer needed for war purposes, or by the offer of such a sum for the conveyance of the Mails as will induce one of the first class line of steamers to call at this port.

We know that the hazards of navigation on this coast have been much dwelt on by those whose interests are adverse to our views; and the statements on this head have been grossly exaggerated. We have less fog in the latitude of St. John's than is experienced on the Nova Scotia coast; and on this head we beg to annex a copy of a return ordered by His Excellency C. H. Darling, Esq., Governor of this Colony, shewing how often and for what length of time the entrance of this harbor was affected by fog during the last months.

With respect to the ice, in the months of February and March, the navigation on this coast is sometimes impeded; but a line of Telegraph will be carried to Trepassey, which is always accessible, and where Steamers might call when the harbor of St. John's was difficult of approach.

But on the subject of the ice, as to its effects on our navigation, we beg to refer to an accompanying return from the Customs of this port,

shewing the continuous arrivals during the past winter, which was one of an unusual severity. The number of arrivals shewn by this return must also be viewed by relation to the fact that the nature of our trade is such as to require but a comparatively small amount of shipping to be employed during the winter months.

Respectfully submitted by

ROBERT PROWSE,
Chairman.

JOHN KENT,
ROBERT CARTER,
E. D. SHEA.

Committee Room,)
7th May, 1856.)

Ordered,—That the Address be adopted and engrossed.

Notice of Message to Council on foregoing Address.

Mr. PROWSE gave notice, that he will move that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their concurrence in the foregoing Address.

Petition from Thomas Talbot.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Thomas Talbot, Reporter of the late House of Assembly, which was received and read,—Praying that Twenty-five pounds, arrears of Salary, may be paid him.

Referred to Committee on Contingencies.

Resolved,—That the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee on Contingencies

At half-past Nine o'clock, the names of Members being taken down as follows :

Messrs. Prowse, Hogsett, Ellis, Warren, and E. D. Shea,

House adjourned for want of a quorum.

Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

Thursday, 8th May, 1856.

On motion of the hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, seconded by Mr. HOGSETT,

Resolved,—That the Rules of this House be suspended in reference to Bills and Addresses.

Rules suspended.

Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide a Retiring Allowance for the Sheriff of the Central District, which was received and read a first and second time.

Sheriff's Retiring Allowance Bill read 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—That the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill.

Time of Committal.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the Law of Evidence, as amended, was read a third time.

Law of Evidence Bill read 3rd time.

Ordered,—That the Bill, as amended, do pass, and that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council requesting their concurrence in the Amendments made by this House.

Passed and Message sent to Council requesting concurrence.

Ordered,—That the hon. the Attorney General and Mr. Fox do take the Message to the Legislative Council.

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

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause inquiry to be made into the claim of the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, said to be due on the building of a School at Harbor Main, and to deal therewith as may seem just—and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such Members of the House as are of the Hon. the Executive Council.

*Messages from the Legislative Council.***Messages from Council.**

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Messages :

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Amendments of the House of Assembly on the Bill sent down to them from this House, entitled "An Act to amend the Law of Evidence," without Amendment.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
8th May, 1856. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Amendments made by the House of Assembly upon the Amendments made by the Council upon the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Formation of Corporations, for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes," with some Amendments; to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly :

The Council have also passed the Amendments made by the House of Assembly upon the Amendments made by the Council upon the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for Limited Partnerships," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
6th May, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Amendments on Formation of Corporations and Partnerships Bills, read 1st time.

The Amendments made by the Council in and upon Amendments of the Assembly upon the Amendments of the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly entitled "An Act to authorize the For-

mation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mercantile, Mining, Chemical, and Mechanical purposes," and on the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for Limited Partnerships" were severally read a first time, and are as follows :

Expunge the words " actually Insolvent or" in the Amendment made by the House of Assembly, and insert instead thereof, in the 3rd and 4th lines of the 26th Section, before the word " Insolvency" the words in the 3rd line " a declaration of" and in the 4th line " declaration of."

And in the 4th line of the 27th Section, insert before the word " Insolvency" in two places, the words " a declaration of."

Expunge the words " actually Insolvent" in the two Amendments made by the House of Assembly, and insert instead thereof in the 20th Section, 3rd line, before the word " Insolvency" where first mentioned " a declaration of" and before the words " the Insolvency" the words " a declaration of."

And in the 21st Section, 3rd line, before the word " Insolvency" where first mentioned, the words " a declaration of" and before the words " the Insolvency" the words " a declaration of."

On motion of the hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY, seconded by the hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Resolved,—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council to acquaint them that this House concurs in the Amendments of the Council on the said several Bills.

Amendments of Council on Formation of Corporations and Partnerships Bills concurred in.

Ordered,—That the hon. Colonial Secretary, and the hon. Attorney General do take the Message to the Legislative Council.

Message to Council.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.

Committee on Revenue Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Notices of Addresses to Governor.

Mr. KELLY gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor in Council, to sanction the appropriation of a sum of money to defray the expense of compiling and printing an Alphabetical Index of all matters contained in the Journals of the Legislature of this colony, from the first Session thereof to the present, inclusive, and that One Hundred Copies thereof be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to continue the appropriation of last session, for the support of the School at Seldom-Come-by and Shoal Point, South-side of Harbor Grace.

Notice of Shipping protection Bill.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice, that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill to place vessels built in this Colony upon an equal footing with those built in other countries :

Notice for Board of Revenue Act Amendment Bill.

And, a Bill to amend the Act for the establishment of a Board of Revenue :

Notice for Message to Council for amount of Contingencies.

Also, that on to-morrow he will move that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, to request them to furnish this House with the amount of their Contingencies.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Three of the Clock.

Friday, 9th May, 1856.

Report of Committee on Salmon Fishery.

Mr. DELANEY, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Salmon Fishery of this Island, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows :—

The Select Committee appointed by the House of Assembly to enquire into the state of the Salmon Fishery, beg leave to report that they have obtained very valuable information from Thomas Knight, Esq., M. H. A., Henry Knight, Esq., J. M. Winter, Esq., and William Davis, all of whom are practically acquainted with the subject, and a perusal of their evidence will show that it is absolutely necessary that some steps should be taken to preserve and foster a branch of our Fisheries so very valuable.

Your Committee regret, that owing to the difficulty and uncertainty of communicating at this season with the distant Outports during the short period of the sitting of the Legislature, they are precluded from furnishing a sufficient amount of evidence to enable them to recommend the House to pass a Law upon the subject during the present session; but in the mean time, they would suggest to the House the propriety of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying him to communicate with the Stipendiary Magistrates, requesting them to furnish such information in reference to the Salmon Fishery as may enable the Legislature at its next Session to enact a Law for its protection.

JOHN KENT,
WILLIAM H. ELLIS,
THOMAS KNIGHT,
STEPHEN MARCH,
JOHN DELANEY,
Chairman.

Committee Room,)
9th May, 1856.)

(For evidence, see Appendix.)

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

On Table.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Revenue Bill.

Committee on Revenue Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without Amendment; and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Reported without amendment.

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

Read 3rd time.

And the Bill was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of the hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, seconded by Mr. KELLY,

Passed and Titled.

Resolved,—That the Bill do pass, and be entitled “ An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Island and its Dependencies.”

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That the hon. the Receiver General and Mr. Kelly do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up to them for their concurrence, entitled “ An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, within this Colony” without amendment.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
9th May, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Committee on Sheriff's Retiring Allowance Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to provide a Retiring allowance for the Sheriff of this Island.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PROWSE took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Passed without amendment.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without amendment ; and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

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

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by the hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Resolved,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to provide for a Retiring allowance for the Sheriff of the Central District of this Island.”

Passed and Titled.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hoyles and the hon. the Colonial Secretary do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Sent to Council.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to regulate Inland Posts.

Committee on Inland Posts Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BYRNE 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 Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

Ordered,—That the Committee stand first on the Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday, 10th May, 1856.

On motion of the hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, seconded by the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY,

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

Addresses to Governor.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction the payment of £59 8s. for a drawback on the duties paid by the Right Rev. Dr. Mullock, on an Organ imported by him for the Roman Catholic Cathedral of this Island; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such Members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. DELANEY, seconded by the hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to order that the Stipendiary Magistrates of the Island report upon the state of the Salmon Fisheries in their respective Districts, and whether the same are declining, stating the supposed causes of such declension; and to direct them to make such suggestions as their experience or information may direct as are best calculated to protect and regulate the same.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

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

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be continued to the Schools at Seldom-come-by and at Shoal Point, in Conception Bay, the appropriations made during the last year towards their support ; and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. WALEANK, seconded by Mr. WARREN,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request, that Your Excellency will be pleased to adopt such measures as may be necessary to prevent the Clerk of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts to act as Barrister, Attorney, Solicitor, Conveyancer, or Notary Public ; and to order that all Fees, Commissions, Perquisites, and Emoluments whatsoever, which shall be received and collected by him, either as Commissioner of Affidavits, Registrar of Deeds, or as Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme and Central Courts, or in anywise connected therewith, under or by virtue of any rule or order of either of the said Courts, or of any law now or hereafter to be in force, shall be paid over and accounted for by him, half-yearly, to the Receiver General, for the uses of the Colony.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of the hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, seconded by the hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction the appropriation of a sum not exceeding Three Hundred Pounds, to be expended in fitting up a Post-Office in the Market-House of this Town.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. PROWSE, seconded by Mr. F. CARTER,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction the payment of Thirty-nine Pounds, Seventeen Shillings Stg., for a drawback on the duties paid on Organs imported into this colony for the use of the Cathedral of the Church of England, and Congregational Church in this city ; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, seconded by the hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will please to cause an investigation into the claim of James Tobin, claiming compensation for loss sustained by him, by being obliged to pay John Cashin three years wages, as set forth in his Petition.

Motion of Address to Governor.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared :

For the Motion, 2.

Against the Motion, 8.

Division ;

Mr. Prendergast
Hon. Attorney General

Mr. Hogsett
" Kelly
" Prowse
" Walbank
" Carter
" Knight
" Winser
Hon. Colonial Secretary

So it passed in the negative, and

Motion negatived.

Ordered,—Accordingly.

The hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Act for the establishment of a Board of Revenue, &c., which was read a first and second time.

Board of Revenue
Amendment Bill read 1st
and 2nd time.

Ordered,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill.

Committed.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with an Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

Reported with amendment.

Amendment agreed to.

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

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

Read 3rd time.

And the Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Passed and Titled.

Ordered,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend an Act passed in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, entitled ‘An Act for the establishment of a Board of Revenue, and for the Regulation, Management, and Collection of all Duties granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.’”

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That the hon. Receiver General, and Mr. Hayward, do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence of this Colony.

Committee on Inland Posts Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill to regulate the Inland Posts.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BYRNE took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

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

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended, be engrossed, and read a third time this day.

Read 3rd time

And the Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Passed and Titled.

Ordered,—That the Bill pass and be entitled “An Act to regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony.”

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That the hon. Surveyor General and Mr. Kelly do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Messages from the Legislative Council.

Messages from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Messages :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly, intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the Nineteenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty intituled 'An Act for the establishment of a Board of Revenue, and for the regulation, management, and collection of all Duties granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into this Island and its Dependencies, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto,']" without Amendment.

They have also passed, without Amendment, the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly intituled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies."

The Legislative Council have likewise passed, without Amendment, the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the retirement of the present Sheriff of the Central District of Newfoundland."

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
10th May, 1856. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly entitled "An Act to Regulate the Inland Postage of this Colony," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
10th May, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

At Two o'clock the House adjourned till Three o'clock.

The House met at Three o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

Amendments of Council on
Postal Bill read 1st time.

The Amendments of the Legislative Council upon the Bill to regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony, were read a first time, and are as follows:

After the 56th Section, insert the following Section:

All Fees and Perquisites which shall be charged or received by any Officer under this Act, and not herein specially appropriated, shall be paid into the Treasury of this Colony for the public uses thereof.

Make the 57th, 58th, and 59th Section, respectively the 58th, 59th, and 60th Sections.

Rejected

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the Amendments made by the Council upon the said Bill, interfered with the privileges of this House, and could not be further entertained.

Committee on Amendments
of Council on Pilots Act
Amendment Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the Amendments of the Council upon the Bill to amend the Pilot Act.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. HOGSETT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported without Amend-
ment.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Amendments to them referred, without amendment.

Ordered,—That the Amendments be now read a third time.

Read 3rd time.

And the Amendments were read a third time accordingly.

Passed and Message sent to
Council.

Ordered,—That the Amendments pass, and that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council to acquaint them that this House concurs therein.

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That the hon. Attorney General, and Mr. Hogsett do take the Message to the Legislative Council.

Inland Postal Bill read 1st
and 2nd time.

The hon. the SURVEYOR GENERAL, on leave granted, presented a Bill to regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony, which was read a first and second time.

Ordered,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill.

Committee on Inland Posts Bill.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Amendments to them referred, without amendment.

Passed without amendment

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

And the Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Read 3rd time.

Ordered,—That the Bill pass and be entitled "An Act to regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony."

Passed and Titled.

Ordered,—That the hon. Surveyor General and Mr. Hayward do take the Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

Sent to Council.

Mr. HOYLES, on leave granted, presented a Bill to enable the Government to contribute towards the erection of a Post-office, which was read a first and second time.

Post-office erection Bill read 1st and 2nd time.

On motion that the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill,

Motion for Committal.

The hon. RECEIVER GENERAL moved, in amendment,

Amendment.

That the Bill be committed this day six months ;

And the House dividing, there appeared :

For the Amendment, 13.

Against the Amendment, 12.

Division.

The Hon. Receiver General
 " Colonial Secretary
 " Attorney General
 " Surveyor General
 Mr. Winser
 " Delaney
 " E. D. Shea
 " Benning
 " Kelly
 " Parsons
 " Byrne
 " Hayward
 " Morris

Mr. Prowse
 " Hoyles
 " Carter
 " F. B. Carter
 " Warren
 " March
 " Brown
 " Fox
 " Ellis
 " Knight
 " Walbank
 " Bemister

Amendment affirmed.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Ordered,—Accordingly.

Messages from Council.

Messages from the Legislative Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Messages :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council acquaint the House of Assembly, that they have passed the Bill entitled “ An Act to regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony,” without Amendment.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President,

Legislative Council Chamber, }
10th May, 1856. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council beg to inform the House of Assembly that the amount of their Contingencies during the present Session is as follows :—

Contingencies of the Clerk's Office	.....	.....	£187	4	1
Ditto of Usher of the Black Rod	.....	.....	7	17	7
To the Clerk for his services during the present Session			165	0	0
Master-in-Chancery ditto ditto	.....	.....	140	0	0
The Reporter ditto ditto	.....	.....	125	0	0
The Usher of the Black Rod ditto	.....	.....	100	0	0
Door-keeper ditto ditto	.....	.....	50	0	0
Assistant-Doorkeeper ditto	.....	.....	25	0	0
Messenger ditto ditto	.....	.....	20	0	0
The Proprietors of the <i>Newfoundlander</i> for publishing Debates	.....	.....	45	0	0
The Proprietor of the <i>Courier</i> ditto	.....	.....	45	0	0
The Proprietor of the <i>Express</i> for copying Debates			30	0	0
The Proprietor of the <i>Public Ledger</i> ditto			30	0	0
Robert Rodger, late Reporter, in full	.....	.....	10	0	0
James Seaton, late Reporter and Publisher, in full			20	0	0
John Higgens, attending hot air Stove	.....	.....	10	0	0

John Delaney, jr.. for Chart	6	6	0
Joseph Woods, balance of account for printing of Journals and binding of ditto for late Session	53	17	6
Probable cost of printing and binding Journal of present Session	160	0	0
Required for Books for the Legislative Library	50	0	0
James J. Graham	2	19	7
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	£1283	4	9
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The Legislative Council beg to observe that the former Council placed upon record their opinion, that its members were entitled to receive compensation for their Legislative services ; in the justice of that opinion this House coincide, and they feel that their right to such remuneration from the Public Purse is indisputably stronger, in consequence of the greater responsibility of their position under Parliamentary Government, and the very large increase in the amount of their labours, and in the frequency of their attendances. Nevertheless, they forego for the present, in consideration of the existing pressure upon the finances of the colony, their claim for Sessional pay.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
10th May, 1856. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered,—That the last Message be referred to the Committee of the Whole on Contingencies.

Mr. WARREN gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will be pleased to sanction an appropriation for the completion of the Court House and Jail at Greenspond.

Notices of Addresses to Governor.

Mr. HOGSETT gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move an Address to the Governor on the subject of Law Reporting.

Mr. Fox gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move the following Resolution :

Notice of Resolution.

Resolved,—That when the Shareholders of the intended St. John's Athenæum shall have paid up or expended towards the erection of the said Building the sum of £2,500, this House will authorize the Government to issue Debentures, towards the completion of the said Building, for £1,200, at 5 per cent. per annum, payable in 20 years, for which the Government shall have a prior claim on the said Building, and which advance shall be subject to such conditions as shall be prescribed by the Governor in Council.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Eleven of the Clock.

Monday, 12th May, 1856.

On motion of Mr. WARREN, seconded by Mr. WINTER,

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

Addresses to Governor.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be appropriated such sum of money as may be deemed necessary to complete the Court House and Jail at Greenspond ; and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. F. B. CARTER,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly have had the accompanying Petition of George Anderson, Assistant Clerk of the Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, praying for an increase of Salary, under their consideration, and respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause an inquiry to be made into the merits of such Petition, and to dispose thereof as to your Excellency shall seem just ; and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. WINTER, seconded by Mr. F. B. CARTER,

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to take into consideration the accompanying Petition of Patrick Casey, and award to him such sum as Your Excellency may deem reasonable, for the injury sustained by him ; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for the same.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

On motion of Mr. Fox, seconded by the hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Resolved,—That when the Shareholders of the intended St. John's Athenæum shall have paid up and expended in the erection of the said

Resolution in reference to
St. John's Athenæum.

Building the sum of £2,500, this House will authorize the Government to issue Debentures, towards the completion of the said Building, for £1,200, at 5 per cent. per annum Interest, to be paid by the Institution, redeemable in 20 years; for which Debentures the Government shall have a prior lien upon the said Building, and control over the expenditure and management of the Institution, in proportion to the amount so advanced, and which advance shall be subject to such conditions and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Governor in Council.

On motion of Mr. HOGSETT, seconded by Mr. KELLY,

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

Addresses to Governor.

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly respectfully beg leave to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum not exceeding Twenty-five pounds to be paid to the Law Reporter, for his services for the past year, and this House will make provision therefor.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

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

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

*To His Excellency CHARLES HENRY DARLING,
Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
in and over the Island of Newfoundland and
its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will transmit to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, the accompanying Memorial, adopted by the House of Assembly, praying that St. John's be made a Port of Call for Transatlantic Mail Steamers.

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by such members of this House as are of the hon. the Executive Council.

The hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Contingencies of the present Legislature, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows :—

The Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Contingencies of the present Session of the Legislature, beg leave to report that they have examined the various accounts laid before them, which they find correct, and recommend being paid. They also recommend that there be paid to the Members and Officers of the House for their service during the present Session, as follows :—

Report of Committee on Contingencies.

The Speaker of the House of Assembly	£200	0	0
The Clerk, for his services during the present Session, and for Indexing and superintending printing of Journals	200	0	0
The Clerk for transmitting copies of Journals to the Colonial Office	25	0	0—225
The Clerk Assistant, for his services during the present Session	100	0	0
The Solicitor, for his services during the present Session	150	0	0
The Sergeant-at-Arms, for his services during the present Session	100	0	0
The Door-keeper, for his services during the present Session	45	0	0
The Messenger, for his services during the present Session	40	0	0
The Under Door-keeper, for his services during the present Session	35	0	0
The Assistant Door-keeper, Messenger, and Attendant, for his services during the present Session	15	0	0
The Outer Door-keeper, for his services during the present Session	15	0	0
The Assistant Messenger and Fireman	15	0	0

The Reporters and Publishers of the Debates of the present Session, as follows :—

Edward Morris and Assistant	£190	0	0
George Webber	35	0	0
Proprietor of <i>Newfoundlander</i> Newspaper.....	60	0	0
Proprietor of <i>Courier</i> Newspaper	60	0	0—345

The Proprietor of the <i>Patriot</i> Press, for printing Bills and Miscellaneous papers during the Session	£384 15 6 cy.	£333 9 6
The Proprietor of the <i>Newfoundlander</i> , Estimate for printing Journals of the present Session	300 0 0	
Balance printing Journals of last Session	28 15 0	328 15 0
To 29 Members of the Assembly, the Speaker not included, for their services during the present Session, being £63 each for 8 Outport Members, not resident in St. John's, and £42 each for 21 Members residing in St. John's		1386 0 0
The Chairman of Supply		50 0 0

The Auditors of the Public Accounts, viz. :—

Peter Winser, Chairman	50 0 0	
John Hayward	50 0 0	
James L. Prendergast	50 0 0	150 0 0
The Clerk, to defray the Contingent expenses of his office		176 6 6
The Clerk to defray the Contingent expenses of the Library		67 14 7
The Sergeant-at-Arms to defray the Contingent expenses of his Office		63 11 0
Richard Holden, Jr., for copying Bills and Papers during the Session		60 0 0

To defray the following Accounts :—

Thomas McConnan, Stationary	47 16 0
J. J. Graham	23 13 10
Telegraph Company	43 0 0
Dicks and Brace, binding Journals	24 13 9
Post Office, St. John's	15 0 2
James Bayley, for compiling Statistics of the Trade of the Country with Foreign Countries	25 0 9

Amount carried forward..... £4080 0 4

Amount brought forward.....	£4080	0	4
Amount Contingencies of the Legislative Council, per Message	£1283	4	8
	£5363	5	1

This Report agreed to by

THOMAS GLEN,

Chairman.

EDMUND HANRAHAN,

JOHN FOX.

} With the exception of the
Contingencies of the Legislative Council.

F. B. T. CARTER,

JOHN H. WARREN.

} With the exception of the
vote for Auditors' pay and
Miscellaneous printing.

Committee Room, }
12th May, 1856. }

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

On Table.

The hon. RECEIVER GENERAL, on leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature, which was read a first and second time.

Contingencies Bill read 1st and 2nd time.

Ordered,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Bill.

Committed.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. BENNING took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without amendment.

Reported without Amendment.

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

And the Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Read 3rd time.

Ordered,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.”

Passed and Titled.

Sent to Council.

Ordered,—That the hon. Receiver General and Mr. Winser, do take the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Report of Committee of Audit.

Mr. WINSER, from the Select Committee appointed to Audit the Public Accounts, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows :—

The Committee of Audit, appointed by Your Honorable House to examine the Public Accounts and make a faithful Report thereon, beg to commence, by stating the most important and leading facts :—

On January the 10th, 1855 :

Cash in the Treasury	.....	.....	£ 3222	3	6
Outstanding Bonds	.....	.....	15220	17	3
Loan granted by your Honorable House, and passed into Law on the 4th of August, 1855, has been received into the Treasury, amounting to	.....	.....	£45000	0	0
To the 31st December, 1855, paid into the Treasury from the Customs' Department, in	.....	.....	
Cash to the amount	.....	.....	18241	9	1
Bonds ditto ...	.....	.....	47263	18	10

Also under the following heads :

Fees from the Clerk of the Supreme and Central Circuit Court	.....	.....	497	0	7
Sheriffs' Fees ....	.....	.....	330	18	9
Clerks of the Peace Fees ...	.....	.....	102	15	2
Gaolers' Fees ....	.....	.....	15	18	8
Quarantine Fee	.....	.....	0	15	0
Patent Fee .....	.....	.....	5	0	0
License Fund...	.....	.....	676	15	0
Fines and Forfeitures	.....	.....	85	1	8
Postal Revenue	.....	.....	538	17	4
Also Crown Rents, and Sale of Crown Lands, from July 1st, 1854, to the 25th May, 1855, by late Secretary, James Crowdy	.....	.....	638	14	3
Also the Sum drawn by him in the Year 1846, to provide for Shipwrecked Seamen	.....	.....	200	0	0
Also for a Sum to pay John Nurse, for passage of the crew of the brig <i>Ann</i> , wrecked at Long Harbor, Fortune Bay, January, 1855	.....	.....	8	13	4

Also for balance of Rent to November 1st, 1854, of Store below the Market House, from Clift, Wood and Co.	£136 11 2
Received Crown Rents to December 31st	448 11 5
Received from Robert Brecon, for Money collected under the Hospital Act, Vic. 7th, Cap. 13, in the District of Brigus, unappropriated	67 11 7
Received from Colonial Secretary, John Kent, for return expenditure incurred in searching for the missing boats of the <i>Arctic</i> Steamer	134 8 6
Also, for return expenditure, in the case of Peter Creamer, sent to the United States on a charge of murder	12 7 2
Received from Benjamin G. Garrett, Penitentiary Commissioner	21 16 6
Received for rent of Store under the Market House, from Clift Wood & Co., for the year ending 1st November, 1855	144 14 8
Balance unappropriated on account of Colonial Building and Market House	51 12 7
	£133,116 12 0

By Warrants issued by Governor Hamilton, from January 12th, 1855, to April 30th inclusive, amounting to, viz. :

Road Warrants	£999 6 2
Warrants on Sundries	14653 12 6
	£15652 18 8

“ Warrants issued by Governor Darling, from May 3rd, 1855, to December 31st, inclusive,

Road Warrants amount	3127 18 1
Warrants on Sundries	66646 12 5
	85427 9 2

Total amount of Warrants	85427 9 2
Debentures paid off, 1855	6750 13 4
Interest on Public Debt, 1855	6254 18 1
	£98,433 0 7

Whole amounting to.....

The Whole sum expended in 1855, according to the Receiver General's Consolidated Statement laid on the Table of the House, amounts to £98,445 5 0 to which your Committee most respectfully refer your Honorable House for the amounts under each particular heading.

PETER WINSER

Chairman of Audit.

On Table.

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

Notices of motion for next Session.

Mr. ELLIS gave notice that on an early day next Session, he will move the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this House, that the Printing of both branches of the Legislature should be done by Tender and Contract.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on an early day next Session, he will move the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this House, that the Accounts of the Receiver General in the Customs and Treasury Departments, should be Audited by the Financial Secretary before the same are laid upon the Table of the House, and that no paid Committee of Audit be in future appointed by this House.

Mr. F. CARTER gave notice that on an early day next Session, he will ask leave to bring in a Bill for the exclusion of Placemen from the House of Assembly :

And also, that he will move a Resolution for considering the necessity of having the Legislative Council an elected body.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on the first Monday of next Session, he will move for a particular and detailed statement of the Expenditure for Relief of the Poor for each Electoral District of this Colony, for the year ending December 31st, 1856, and in such Statement the amount for each particular person named for the year, and attached to each name, either of the letters P or C, to denote whether Permanent or Casual. The whole of the statements to be verified by documentary vouchers, or by the oath or oaths of the Stipendiary or other Commissioners.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice, that on an early day next Session he will move for a Select Committee to enquire into the case of Hugh A. Emerson, Esq., late Solicitor General of this Colony, who was struck off the Roll of Attorneys of this Island, by the Supreme Court of Newfoundland, by a Judgment or Decree pronounced by Chief Justice Brady, which Judgment or Decree has been pronounced erroneous, and has been revised and set aside by a Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council; with power to send for persons and papers.

On motion of the hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL, seconded by the hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this House, that the right asserted by the hon. the Legislative Council to require pay for its Members' attendance in the Legislature is untenable, and this House cannot concur therein.

Resolution in reference to pay for Members of Legislative Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

Message from Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down the following Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature during the present Session" without amendment.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber, }
12th May, 1856.

Ordered,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by F. W. Rennie, Esq., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Message from the Governor.

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

His Excellency the Governor commands your immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills :

Bills assented to.

An Act to continue an Act passed in the Seventeenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act to declare the rates in currency at which British Gold and Silver Coins shall be a legal tender."

An Act for establishing the legal value of certain British and other Coins in this Colony.

An Act to determine the qualification of Jurors to serve in the several Courts of this Island, and to regulate the Empannelling of Jurors therein.

An Act to amend the Law of Insolvency.

An Act to amend the Law of Evidence.

An Act to provide for Limited Partnerships.

An Act to provide for the Compromises or Compositions of Partners and Joint Debtors.

An Act to amend the "Act for the Incorporation of the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company."

An Act to authorise the formation of Corporations for Manufacturing, Mining, Mercantile, Mechanical, Chemical, or other purposes.

An Act to regulate the granting of Licenses for the Wholesale of Wines, Spirituous, and Malt Liquors.

An Act to repeal the Patent Acts of this Colony and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.

An Act for the Naturalization of Aliens.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the 19th year of the Reign of Her Majesty, entitled "an Act for the establishment of a Board of Revenue, and for the regulation, management, and collection of all duties granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, on Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, imported into this Island and its Dependencies, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto."

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Laws for the regulation of Pilots and the Pilotage of Vessels at the port of St. John's.

An Act for transferring to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the power and estates vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance.

An Act to amend an Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Provident Society.

An Act to provide for the retirement of the present Sheriff of the Central District of Newfoundland.

After which, which Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency as follows :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

Your Excellency having been graciously pleased to give your assent to the Bills passed in the present Session, it becomes my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her faithful Commons of Newfoundland, to present to Your Excellency the following Bills of Appropriation and Revenue, and to request Your Excellency's assent thereto.

His Excellency was then pleased to give his assent to the following Bills :

An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencie.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in this Colony.

An Act to regulate the Inland Posts of this Colony.

An Act for the Encouragement of Education.

An Act to authorise the Governor in Council to erect Light-houses on the Coast of this Colony, and for other purposes.

An Act to authorise the Consolidation of £68,607 5s. 4d. of the public Debt of this Colony.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the Expenses of the Civil Government of of this Colony, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1856, and for other purposes.

An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech :—

Governor's Speech.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

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

The completion of the various important enactments which have just received the assent of the Crown, enables me to bring to a close the labours of a Session which has extended over a period of more than usual length.

The full and careful deliberation which you have bestowed upon the several measures proposed to you, on behalf of the Government, justifies the expectation that those measures, while according in general principles with the spirit of the times, will prove well adapted in their details to the peculiar requirements of our social economy.

You will, I am confident, unite with me in rejoicing that the causes to which I adverted at the commencement of the Session, as militating against the full and fair operation of the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, have ceased to exist, and that from the restoration of Peace, we may look for effects upon our Trade and Commerce, which, while conducing to the improved condition and the comfort of the people, will tend not only to the augmentation of the public revenue, but also to its partial relief from those burdens to which it has been, of late, unavoidably subjected.

I shall not fail, at the earliest possible moment, to place Her Majesty's Government in possession of your representations of the advantages which the Colony offers as a port of Call for Transatlantic Steamers.

The energy with which the proceedings of the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company have been resumed with the opening of the present season had, indeed, already made it my duty again to bring under the notice of the Secretary of State, the facts and circumstances connected with our geographical position, which acquire increased importance in view of the approaching Telegraphic connection of the colony with the American Continent.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

In thanking you for the Supplies which you have voted for the maintenance of the Public Service, I recognise the soundness of the policy which has induced you to renew the appropriations for the construction and improvement of Roads, and to continue a provision for the support of Education, and the encouragement of agriculture.

I trust it may ere long be found practicable to effect such modifications in the application of the funds by which public schools are assisted and maintained, as may impart to the education generally of our Colonial youth, a degree of efficiency and practical benefit more commensurate with your liberal provision for this important object than can, I fear, at present be justly ascribed to it.

The increase of your usual vote to the Agricultural Society may, doubtless, be regarded as a due acknowledgment of the importance which is now attached to the cultivation of the soil, and the rearing of useful stock.

In all our more important settlements there are many amongst the inhabitants, especially those advanced in years, who habitually reside upon, and attend to the cultivation of their farms at those periods when necessity formerly induced them to resort to the Fisheries.

Although some descriptions of our produce are not yielded with the same abundance and facility as in the neighbouring colonies, yet with respect to other kinds, the increase is amply remunerative, and the quality unsurpassed; while unquestionably there is no pursuit, which, whether in respect to the habits it engenders, or the results that it produces, more surely contributes, than does the pursuit of agriculture, to the comfort and happiness of a people.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

It is not without reluctance that the intention of submitting to you a measure for the local management of the city of St. John's and other towns, has been abandoned for the present; but a careful and anxious consideration of the actual condition of those classes of the inhabitants upon whom a system of direct taxation, however moderate, would, under existing circumstances, bear with an unaccustomed pressure, has appeared to render it expedient to defer the initiation of such a measure to a more favorable moment.

That the interests of the industrial classes have not failed to engage your attention and secure your sympathy, is amply attested by the passage of those laws which, while duly regarding the rights of the employer and the capitalist, extend special protection to the seamen, fishermen, and others engaged in seafaring pursuits.

I believe that, upon the clearest principles of equity, the fruits of honest labor are everywhere entitled to protection of this nature; but towards none does it seem more incontestably just than to those hardy fishermen, upon the precarious earnings of whose adventurous calling, the aged, the feeble, and the sick, are so mainly dependant for support; whose ranks include the very flower of our population, and whose courageous and enduring spirit is in truth the mainspring, not less of the private wealth of the community, than of the financial resources of the Government.

As more or less affecting the prosperity of all classes, I regret to have occasion to record, that for the second year in succession the returns of the Sealing voyage have fallen below what has been hitherto regarded as an average.

I sincerely wish that on your retirement for a time from the discharge of your Legislative duties, it were in my power to congratulate you upon any substantial improvement in the aspect of that Pauperism to which I have felt it my painful duty to advert, upon every occasion on which I have had the satisfaction of meeting you collectively, since my assumption of the Government.

I lament, however, to believe that the evil, although not actually upon the increase, is yet but little subdued.

Its extinction is an object which claims the co-operation of all to whom the welfare of the community is dear.

I venture, therefore, to indulge a hope, that through the application of private capital to the fuller developement of our varied resources, employment may be found for the more destitute of our labouring population at seasons when the fisheries cease to yield them the current means of support; and that the influence which may be possessed by you, gentlemen, and by others who command the attention of the people, and to whose counsel they may be disposed to listen, will be effectually exerted in persuading them to the exercise of a higher degree of forethought and self-reliance.

After which, the hon. the PRESIDENT of the Legislative Council, by His Excellency's command, said,—

GENTLEMEN,—

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Friday, the 10th day of October next.

And this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Friday, the 10th day of October next, to be then here holden.

JOHN STUART,

Clerk of the House of Assembly.

END OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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APPENDIX.

ESTIMATES AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

ESTIMATE

OF ANNUAL VOTES AND DEBITING PART OF THE EXPENSES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SEVANUMBER FOR THE YEAR 1911.

APPENDIX.

THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

1911

Chief Justice's Office, including Clerk and Secretary	100 0 0
Chief Justice's Office, including Clerk and Secretary	100 0 0
Chief Justice's Office, including Clerk and Secretary	100 0 0
Chief Justice's Office, including Clerk and Secretary	100 0 0
Chief Justice's Office, including Clerk and Secretary	100 0 0

MISCELLANEOUS

Chief Justice's Office, including Clerk and Secretary	100 0 0
Chief Justice's Office, including Clerk and Secretary	100 0 0
Chief Justice's Office, including Clerk and Secretary	100 0 0

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1911

Chief of Police's Office, including Clerk and Secretary	100 0 0
Chief of Police's Office, including Clerk and Secretary	100 0 0
Chief of Police's Office, including Clerk and Secretary	100 0 0

APPENDIX.

ESTIMATES AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

ESTIMATE

OF ANNUAL VOTES FOR DEFRAYING PART OF THE EXPENSES OF THE CIVIL
GOVERNMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND FOR THE YEAR 1856.

Private Secretary to the Governor	£200	0	0	
Two Clerks in Colonial Secretary's Office	400	0	0	
Clerk in Receiver General's office	150	0	0	
Surveyor, Board of Works	160	0	0	
Keeper Colonial Building	60	0	0	
First Messenger, Colonial Secretary's Office.....	60	0	0	
Second Messenger ditto	60	0	0	
Gate-keeper, Government Lodge, and Preserver of Grounds	60	0	0	
Keeper, Half-house, Salmonier.....	35	0	0	
	1185	0	0	

THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

SALARIES.

Clerk, Supreme Court, including Clerk and Stationery.....	420	0	0	
Clerk, Northern Circuit Court	200	0	0	
Clerk, Southern ditto	200	0	0	
Crier and Tipstaff, St. John's	60	0	0	
Crier and Tipstaff, Harbor Grace..	20	0	0	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Crown Prosecutions ..	300	0	0	
Coroners..	200	0	0	
Circuit of Judges	400	0	0	
	1800	0	0	

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SALARIES.

*Three Magistrates, St. John's.....	900	0	0	
Clerk of the Peace, ditto	300	0	0	

Carried forward..... £1200 0 0 £2985 0 0

APPENDIX.

	Brought forward.....	£1200	0	0	£2985	0	0
Inspector, ditto .....	.....	80	0	0			
Constables, ditto .....	.....	530	0	0			
Gaoler, ditto .....	.....	150	0	0			

OUTPORTS.

*Stipendiary Magistrates, Clerks of the Peace, Gaolers, Constables, as per detailed statement.....	.....	3531	0	0			
Ordinary repairs of Court Houses and Gaols....	.....	200	0	0			
Gaol expenses .....	.....	600	0	0			
					6291	0	0

RELIEF OF THE POOR.

SALARIES.

District Surgeon, St. John's .....	.....	200	0	0			
District Surgeon, Harbor Grace....	.....	100	0	0			
Physician, Lunatic Asylum .....	.....	200	0	0			
Medical attendance, St. John's Hospital .....	.....	250	0	0			

MISCELLANEOUS.

Permanent and casual Poor in St. John's and Outports.....	.....	5000	0	0			
Paupers in Lunatic Asylum .....	.....	1700	0	0			
Paupers in St. John's Hospital ...	.....	1200	0	0			
					8650	0	0

*FERRYMEN.

SALARIES.

Ferry at Manuels .....	.....	10	0	0			
Ditto Great Placentia .....	.....	25	0	0			
Ditto Salmonier .....	.....	25	0	0			
Ditto Portugal Cove....	.....	25	0	0			
Ditto Trinity .....	.....	25	0	0			
Ditto Harbor Grace and South Side .....	.....	25	0	0			
Ditto Little St. Lawrence .....	.....	10	0	0			
Ditto Burin and Spoon Cove .....	.....	20	0	0			
Ditto Biscay Bay .....	.....	15	0	0			
Ditto Holyrood, two ferries .....	.....	30	0	0			
Ditto Aquaforte .....	.....	15	0	0			
Ditto Malbay .....	.....	12	0	0			
Ditto St. John's Pond, Salmonier, and North Harbor .....	.....	40	0	0			
Ditto Belle Isle and Topsail .....	.....	20	0	0			
Ditto Mortier .....	.....	15	0	0			
					312	0	0

Carried forward.....

£18238 0 0

Items marked * to be revised.

MISCELLANEOUS.

IN AID OF PUBLIC OFFICES.

	Brought forward.....	£18238 0 0
Repairs of Public Buildings	£700 0 0	
Printing and Stationery	500 0 0	
Fuel and Light	750 0 0	
Postages and Incidentals	100 0 0	
Insurance on Public Buildings ...	200 0 0	
Carrying out Crown Lands Act	300 0 0	
Unforeseen Contingencies	500 0 0	

GENERAL.

Men stationed at Fort Amherst....	36 10 0	
Duties on Wine, Military Mess	50 0 0	
Gas Company, St. John's, Lighting Streets ...	140 0 0	
Gas Company, Harbor Grace, ditto	50 0 0	
Dorcas Society, St. John's	50 0 0	
Dorcas Society, Harbor Grace.....	25 0 0	
Dorcas Society, Carbonear	25 0 0	
Mechanics' Institute....	50 0 0	
Factory	100 0 0	
Orphan Asylum, Industrial Department	50 0 0	
Reading Room, St. John's	25 0 0	
Agricultural Society ...	250 0 0	
Night Watch	100 0 0	
Fire Companies	100 0 0	
Conception Bay Steam Packet Company	300 0 0	
To defray liabilities incurred on account of Breakwater at Toads Cove	150 0 0	
Allowance to Robert Smith	10 0 0	
Shipwrecked Sealing Crews	100 0 0	
General Inspection of Schools	200 0 0	
Repairs of School Houses, to be equally divided	200 0 0	
Protection and encouragement of Fisheries	500 0 0	
Seed Potatoes for the Poor	700 0 0	
	<hr/>	6261 10 0
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		£24,499 10 0
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THOMAS GLEN,

Receiver General.

Estimates and Public Accounts.

D E T A I L

Of Salaries and Allowances to Stipendiary Magistrates and Constables, Clerks of the Peace and Gaolers, in the undermentioned Outports, for the Year 1856.

Outports.	Magis- trates.	Clerks of the Peace.	CONSTABLES.		Gaolers.	Total.
			No.	Salary.		
Petty Harbor			1	20		20
Torbay			1	20		20
Portugal Cove			1	20		20
South Shore			1	12		12
Harbor Main.			1	12		12
Cats Cove			1	12		12
Brigus and Port-de-Grave Bay Roberts	£150	60	2	50		260
Harbor Grace	200	150	1	50	90	540
			2	50		
Carbonear	150	60	3	75		285
Bay-de-Verds			1	12		12
Western Bay			1	12		12
Hants Harbor			1	12		12
Perlican	130		1	12		142
Hearts Content			1	12		12
New Harbor			1	12		12
Trinity	150	60	2	37	25	272
Catalina			1	25		25
Bonavista	150		1	25	10	230
Tickle Cove		45	1	12		12
King's Cove			1	12		12
Salvage			1	12		12
Greenspond			1	12		12
Twillingate and Fogo Exploits Bay	130	45	3	49	10	234
Bay Bulls	100		1	25		125
Witless Bay			1	12		12
Toads Cove			1	12		12
Brigus, South			1	12		12
Cape Broyle			1	12		12
Caplin Bay			1	12		12
Ferryland	100	60	1	25	25	210
Aquaforte			1	12		12
Fermewse			1	12		12
Renews			1	12		12
Trepassey			1	12		12
Carried forward....	£1,260	480	44	759	160	2659

Public Accounts.

DETAIL—CONTINUED,

OUTPORTS.	Magis- trates.	Clerks of the Peace.	CONSTABLES.		Gaolers.	Total.
			No.	Salary.		
Brought forward.....	£1,260	480	44	759	160	2659
St. Mary's			1	25		25
Placentia	130	35	1	25	25	215
Little Placentia			1	12		12
Oderin			1	12		12
Merasheen			1	12		12
Burin	150	35	1	25	25	235
St. Lawrence			1	12		12
Lamaline			1	12		12
Grand Bank	130		1	12		142
Jersey Harbor			1	12		12
Harbor Briton	100	35	1	12		147
Burgeo Islands			1	12		12
Hermitage Bay			1	12		12
Spaniards Bay			1	12		12
Total	£1,770	585	58	966	210	3531

RECAPITULATION.

13 Magistrates	£1,770
10 Clerks of the Peace	585
7 Gaolers	210
58 Constables	966

£3,531

Estimates and Public Accounts.

Dr. BALANCE SHEET OF THE COLONIAL

Customs Bonds, outstanding .....	.....	.....	£4,981 18 2
Ditto, (late Treasurer) .....	.....	.....	25 6 0
Cash (in Treasury) .....	.....	.....	918 2 8
Patrick Morris, (late Treasurer, deceased) .....	.....	.....	2,541 6 8
			Assets..... £8,466 13 6
Public Debt (as per Contra,) .....	.....	.....	111,388 1 4
			Revenue and Expenditure, being excess of Liabilities over Assets 10,131 15 8
			Total Debtors £129,986 10 6

I hereby certify that the foregoing Accounts are just and true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ROBERT CARTER,
Colonial Treasurer.

St. John's Newfoundland,)
The 29th day of May, 1855.)

Treasury Accounts.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS, 29TH MAY, 1855.

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Outstanding Warrants		£1,201 8 8
Unpaid Interest		505 14 9
Unpaid Warrants, late Treasurer		749 10 5
Market House .....	.....		119 6 0
Colonial Building, per account, folio 5 ....	.....		24 4 11
Treasury Note Account, ditto ....	.....		7,874 10 8
Savings Bank .....	.....		8,123 13 9

Liabilities..... £18,598 9 2

Debentures issued, viz.,—

St. John's Re-building Act, 15th Vic.	£49,701 15 4		
Harbor Grace Street Act, 9th and 10th Vic.	1,372 14 8		
St. John's Academy Act, 7th Vic.	695 10 0		
Colonial Building and Market House Acts	22,166 0 0		
Colonial Penitentiary Act, 14th Vic.	7,500 0 0		
Lunatic Asylum Act, 15th Vic.	5,750 0 0		
Act 9th Victoria, cap. 7, general purposes	9,250 0 0		
“ 12th “ 20, “	8,952 1 4		
“ 17th “ “	6,000 0 0		
	—————	—————	111,388 1 4

Total Creditors..... £129,986 10 6

We do hereby certify that we have duly audited the foregoing Accounts, and that we have finally settled and closed the same.

PETER WINSER, *Acting Chairman*,
 JAMES L. PRENDERGAST, } *Acting Committee*.
 JOHN HAYWARD,

St. John's, Newfoundland,)
 The 20th day of June, 1855.)

Treasury Accounts.

STATEMENT shewing the total amount of Expenditure for each particular service from the 10th day of January, 1855, to the 29th day of May, 1855, inclusive; together with the sum unexpended from last year; and the balance now remaining unexpended, if any.

SERVICE.	Balance from last year.	Amount expend- ed.	Balance remain- ing unexpended.
Breakwater at Toads Cove	£13 6 8	.....	£13 6 8
Ditto Olivers Cove	34 14 0	.....	34 14 0
Ditto Bonavista	268 0 0	.....	268 0 0
Crown Lands' Act .....	.....	£1080 7 3	.....
Carrying out provisions of ditto	148 17 7	38 0 3	110 16 10
Civil and Criminal Prosecutions .....	.....	114 16 2	.....
Court Houses and Gaols, ordinary ex- penses .....	.....	57 3 5	.....
Constructing Drains in St. John's, to preserve the health of the town .....	.....	731 16 10	.....
Debentures paid off .....	.....	2167 6 8	.....
Delegation to England .....	.....	62 16 9	.....
Employment of the Poor on Roads .....	.....	329 14 9	.....
Education .....	.....	1935 0 0	.....
Election Expenses .....	.....	65 6 8	.....
Ferry at Mortier Bay	15 0 0	.....	15 0 0
Fuel and Light .....	.....	313 8 0	.....
Gaol Expenses .....	.....	303 0 9	.....
General Protestant Academy Board in St. John's	200 0 0	.....	200 0 0
Interest on Public Debt .....	.....	8 15 8	.....
Light Houses .....	.....	423 8 11	.....
Legislative Contingencies, 1853	190 18 0	.....	190 18 0
Lunatic Paupers .....	.....	534 6 8	.....
Lunatic Asylum Commissioners .....	.....	86 13 4	.....
Night Watch, St. John's .....	.....	22 15 0	.....
Outport Permanent Poor .....	.....	97 18 4	.....
Pier at Belloram	50 0 0	.....	50 0 0
Public Wharf at Point Verd, Placentia Bay	40 0 0	40 0 0	.....
Ditto Presque ditto	10 0 0	.....	10 0 0
Postages and Incidentals	22 19 6	34 1 5	.....
Printing and Stationery .....	.....	3 18 0	.....
Postal Act .....	.....	480 2 6	.....
Poor Relief .....	.....	7112 11 5	.....
Penitentiary Commissioners .....	.....	260 0 0	.....
Quarantine Act .....	.....	724 7 4	.....
Roads and Bridges St. John's District .....	.....	187 0 6	.....
Conception Bay "	130 8 9	93 4 0	37 4 9
Trinity Bay "	103 9 4	35 16 11	67 12 5
Bonavista Bay "	4 16 2
Fogo "	246 10 0	85 7 9	161 2 3

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STATEMENT—(CONTINUED.)

SERVICE.	Balance from last year.	Amount expend- ed.	Balance remain- ing unexpended.
Roads and Bridges Fortune Bay District	£406 1 1	£65 5 0	£340 16 1
" " Burin	202 14 3	75 0 9	127 13 6
" " Ferryland	71 16 3	82 8 8	....
" " Salmonier to Rocky " " River	100 18 9	37 7 0	63 11 9
" " From the Southward " " Bridge round the " " North-West Arm " " of Holyrood	58 7 9	19 9 0	38 18 9
" " Ship Harbor Road " " Holyrood to Salmo- " " nier	140 1 10	4 7 10	135 14 0
" " Placentia to Distress	3 10 10	7 7 9	....
" " St. John's Streets, &c.	12 9 4	6 10 10	5 18 6
" " General Repairs	....	407 12 0	....
Registration of Voters	....	42 13 1	....
Survey for the construction of a Break- water at Carbonear	7 18 0	92 10 0	....
Seed Potatoes	100 0 0	....	100 0 0
Shipwrecked Crews	99 4 10	370 10 0	....
St. John's Hospital	41 2 8	8 13 4	32 0 4
Special Salaries	206 13 4	....	206 13 4
St. John's Re-building Act	....	612 10 0	....
Unforeseen Contingencies	....	56 10 7	....
Wells and Tanks at Carbonear	245 8 6
	14 13 4	8 6 10	6 6 6
	£2,939 15 7	£19,576 12 1	£2,216 16 8

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STATEMENT SHEWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE RECEIVED
INTO THE TREASURY, FROM THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1855,
TO THE 29TH DAY OF MAY, 1855, INCLUSIVE.

Customs				£6,061 18 11
10 per cent. on St. John's Importations				641 18 5
Quarantine Fees				12 16 0
Light Dues				447 11 0
Crown Rents, &c.....				688 14 3
Sheriff's Fees, Central District		£140 0 0		
Ditto Northern ditto		28 18 2	168 18 2	
Clerk of the Peace Fees, Carbonear		13 12 0		
Ditto Trinity		1 1 8		
Ditto Twillingate		3 2 6		
Ditto Ferryland		5 13 0		
Ditto Harbor Briton		4 7 6	27 16 8	
Licenses Harbor Grace		37 10 0		
Ditto Harbor Briton		9 0 0	46 10 0	
Fines and Forfeitures, Harbor Grace...				0 8 8
Postal				282 8 4
Patent's Fees				5 0 0
Clerk of Court's Fees, St. John's				249 17 7
Rent of Store below Market House, from Clift, Wood & Co. balance to 1st November, 1854.....				136 11 2
Hospital Money, collected under Act 7th Vic., cap. 13, in the District of Brigus, by Robert Brown, and remaining unappropriated....				67 11 7
Return Expenditure, from James Crowdy, Colonial Secretary, for sum drawn by him from the Treasury, in the year 1846, to enable him to provide for Shipwrecked Seamen				200 0 0
Return Expenditure, for sum paid John Nurse, on 16th January, 1855, for passage of Crew of Brigantine <i>Ann</i> , wrecked at Long Harbor, Fortune Bay				8 13 4
				£9,046 14 1

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COLONIAL BUILDING.

CR.

1855.				1855.
May 9—To paid Patrick Kough Superintendent, for balance of 4 per cent	£100	0	0	January 10—By Balance
“ “ Paid Patrick Kough Superintendent, for extra services	82	10	0	£206 14 11
29—“ Balance, as per balance sheet	24	4	11	
	£206	14	11	£206 14 11

DR. PATRICK MORRIS, (late Treasurer deceased.) CR.

1855.				1855.
January 10—To Balance	£2791	6	8	March 1—By Amount received from Edward M. Archibald, H. M. Attorney General
	2791	6	8	£250 0 0
	£2791	6	8	May 29—“ Balance as per balance sheet
				2541 6 8
				£2791 6 8

DR. TREASURY NOTE ACCOUNT. CR.

1855.				1855.
May 26—To 2 One Pound Notes cancelled, dated 16th October, 1855 equal to in Sterling	£1	14	8	January 10—By Balance
“ 29—“ Balance as per balance sheet	7874	10	8	£7876 5 4
	£7876	5	4	
				£7876 5 4

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REVENUE AND

1855.

January	12—	To Warrant No. 1	£86	5	7	
		“ “ “ 2	61	10	5	
		“ “ “ 3	62	14	0	
		“ “ “ 4	137	14	7	
						£348
	13—	“ “ “ 1—Roads.....				4 7
	16—	“ “ “ 2 “	38	15	2	169 7 10
		“ “ “ 5	238	18	11	
						277
	22—	“ Debenture No. 26, under Act 12th, Vic., Cap. 20, in favor of James Picco, due Nov. 29th, 1854, paid off				173 6 8
	25—	“ Warrant No. 3—Roads.....				105 11 11
		“ Debenture No. 27, under Act 12th, Vic., Cap. 20, in favor of Patrick Strapp, due 4th January, 1855, Paid off	260	0	0	
		“ Three days interest on ditto at 6 per cent.	0	2	4	
						260
	27—	“ Warrant No. 4—Roads.....				71 6 3
	29—	“ “ “ 6				453 12 1
February	3—	“ “ “ 5—Roads.....				97 8 0
	5—	“ “ “ 7				900 0 11
	15—	“ “ “ 6—Roads.....				90 8 8
	17—	“ “ “ 8				452 2 10
	19—	“ Debenture No. 13, under Colonial Build- ing and Market House Acts, in favor of the Trustees of the Benevolent Irish So- ciety of St. John's, Newfoundland, due the 1st February, 1855, paid off				1734 0 0
		“ One Month's interest on ditto at 6 per cent				8 13 4
March	3—	“ Warrant No. 9	1729	16	10	
		“ “ “ 7—Roads.....	74	1	10	
						1803 18 8
	20—	“ “ “ 10	714	3	9	
		“ “ “ 11	169	19	1	
						884
						2 10
						£7830
		Carried forward.....				1 0

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EXPENDITURE.

CR.

1855.				
January	10.—	By Balance	£398	2 4
	11—	“ Quarantine Fees per William G. Bradshaw, Sub-Collector of Her Majesty’s Revenue, Placentia, on a vessel from the United States	0	15 0
	16—	“ Sheriff’s Fees, Northern District, per Garland C. Gaden, for the half year ended 31st December, 1854	28	18 2
	18—	“ Fines and Forfeitures, per Garland C. Gaden, Sheriff of the Northern District, for the year 1854	0	8 8
		“ Postal Revenue, per William L. Solomon, Post-Master General, for the quarter ended 5th October, 1854 ...	112	0 6
		“ Sheriff’s Fees, Central District, per Benjamin G. Garrett, on account the year 1854	100	0 0
	29—	“ Fees per John Mackey, Clerk of the Peace, Carbonear, for the year ended 30th September, 1854	13	12 0
		“ Fees per Marmaduke W. Clow, Clerk of the Peace, Ferryland, for the half year ended 30th September, 1853	4	6 0
		Ditto Ditto Ditto 1854	1	7 0
	31—	“ Sheriff’s Fees, Central District, per Benjamin G. Garrett, on account the year 1854	40	0 0
Feb.	22—	“ Licenses per Andrew Ellis, Clerk of the Peace, Harbor Briton, for the year 1853	9	0 0
		“ Fees per Abraham A. Pearce, Clerk of the Peace, Twillingate, for the year ended 30th September, 1854	3	2 6
March	15—	“ Received from James Crowdy, Colonial Secretary, for balance of Rent to November 1st, 1854, of Store below Market House, from Clift, Wood & Co.	136	11 2
	20—	“ Fee per James Crowdy, Colonial Secretary, in granting Patent to Samuel G. Archibald....	5	0 0
	31—	“ Received from James Crowdy, Colonial Secretary, for expenditure on 16th January, 1855, to John Nurse for passage of Crew of Brigantine <i>Ann</i> , wrecked at Long Harbor, Fortune Bay	8	13 4
		Carried forward	£861	16 8

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REVENUE AND

1855.	To amount brought forward				£7830 1 0
March 26—	“ Warrant No. 8—Roads				92 4 11
29—	“ “ “ 9 “				79 17 1
31—	“ “ “ 12			841 12 0	
	“ “ “ 13			225 0 0	
	“ “ “ 14			387 10 0	
	“ “ “ 15			724 0 0	
	“ “ “ 16			713 10 0	
	“ “ “ 17			95 0 0	
	“ “ “ 18			547 10 0	
				<hr/>	3534 2 0
April 4—	“ “ “ 19			222 0 0	
	“ “ “ 20			244 15 4	
				<hr/>	466 15 4
	“ “ “ 21				3188 15 8
	“ “ “ 22				446 0 6
	“ “ “ 10—Roads				191 6 10
	“ “ “ 23				1235 19 10
	“ “ “ 24				261 16 10
	“ “ “ 11—Roads				88 17 8
May 1—	“ “ “ 25				235 2 3
2—	“ “ “ 26				278 12 3
3—	“ “ “ 1—Roads				60 6 3
10—	“ “ “ 2				35 14 3
11—	“ “ “ 1				642 10 3
22—	“ “ “ 2			271 6 5	
	“ “ “ 3—Roads			102 16 4	
	“ “ “			<hr/>	374 2 9
25—	“ “ “ 3				270 5 0
28—	“ “ “ 4—Roads				60 5 8
29—	“ “ “ 5 “			99 15 9	
	“ “ “ 4			104 0 0	
				<hr/>	203 15 9
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					£19,576 12 1
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EXPENDITURE.

1855.

CR.

By Amount brought forward	£861 16 8
April 9.—“ Customs Revenue, per John Kent, Collector of Her Majesty's Revenue, on account the quarter ended 5th April, 1855	2073 2 4
“ Customs Revenue in Bonds, per John Kent, Collector of Her Majesty's Revenue, for the quarter ended 5th April, 1855	5090 7 0
11—“ License money, per Lewis W. Emerson, Clerk of the Peace, Harbor Grace, on account the year 1854	37 10 0
14—“ Fees, per Charles Simms, Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, for the year ended 30th June, 1854	249 17 7
“ Postal Revenue, per William L. Solomon, Post-master General, for the quarter ended 5th January, 1855	170 7 10
27—“ Fees, per Robert Bayly, Clerk of the Peace, Trinity, for the half year ended 31st March, 1855	1 1 8
May 21—“ Received from Robert Brown, for money collected under the Hospital Act, 7th Vic. cap. 13, in the District of Brigus, Conception Bay, and remaining unappropriated	67 11 7
26—“ Received from James Crowdy, Receiver of Crown Rents, &c., for rents and sales of Crown Lands, from 1st July, 1854, to 25th May, 1855	688 14 3
28—“ Received from James Crowdy, Colonial Secretary, for sum drawn by him from the Treasury, in the year 1846, to enable him to provide for shipwrecked seamen (this sum being unappropriated)	200 0 0
“ Fees, per Andrew Ellis, Clerk of the Peace, Harbor Briton, for the year ended 31st March, 1855	4 7 6
	£9,444 16 5
29—“ Balance as per balance Sheet	10,131 15 8
	£19,576 12 1

Treasury Accounts.

DR.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC

1855.

January 10.—To Balance £113,555 8 0

£113,555 8 0

DR.

Expenditure from the 10th
January, 1855, to the
29th May, 1855 £19,576 12 1

£19,576 12 1

CR.

Revenue from the 10th Jan-
uary, 1855, to the 29th
May, 1855 £9,046 14 1

Balance from the 10th Jan-
uary, 1855 398 2 4

£9,444 16 5

Balance as per balance
sheet 10,131 15 8

£19,576 12 1

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DEBT ACCOUNT.

Cr.

1855.

January 22—By the following Debentures paid off:—

	No. 26, in favor of James Picco, under Act 12th Vic., Cap. 20, due 29th November, 1854	£173 6 8
25—	“ 27, in favor of Patrick Strapp, under Act 12th Vic., Cap. 20, due 4th January, 1855	260 0 0
February 19—	“ 13, in favor of the Trustees of the Benevolent Irish Society of St. John's Newfoundland, under Colonial Building and Market House Acts, due 1st February, 1855	1,734 0 0
		2,167 6 8
May 29—	“ Balance as per Balance Sheet	111,388 1 4
		£113,555 8 0

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DR.	BALANCE SHEET OF THE RECEIVER		
Customs Bonds, outstanding	£13,467	11 7
Ditto, (late Treasurer) P. Morris.....	25	6 0
Cash (in Treasury) .....	.....	11,849	15 4
Patrick Morris, (late Treasurer) .....	.....	2,541	6 8
		£27,883	19 7
	Assets.....		
Public Debt (as per Contra,) per Account, folio 11 .....	.....	151,804	14 8
		£179,688	14 3
	Total Debtors		

I hereby certify that the foregoing Accounts are just and true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOMAS GLEN,
Receiver General.

St. John's, Newfoundland, }
The 1st day of January, 1856. }

Treasury Accounts.

GENERAL'S ACCOUNTS, DECEMBER 31ST, 1855.

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Outstanding Warrants	£6,668 12 11
Outstanding Interest	3,591 7 8
Unpaid Warrants, (late Treasurer, P. Morris)	737 10 5
Treasury Note Account	.....	.....	260 0 0
			£11,257 11 0
Liabilities.....			
Debentures issued, viz.,—			
St. John's Re-building Act, 15th Vic.	.....	£49,701 15 4	
Harbor Grace Street Act, 9th and 10th Vic.	.....	1,372 14 8	
St. John's Academy Act, 7th Vic.	.....	195 10 0	
Colonial Building and Market House Acts	.....	19,166 0 0	
Colonial Penitentiary Act, 14th Vic.	.....	7,500 0 0	
Lunatic Asylum Act, 15th and 16th Vic.	.....	5,750 0 0	
Act 9th Vic., general purposes	.....	9,250 0 0	
“ 12th “ “	.....	7,868 14 8	
“ 17th “ “	.....	6,000 0 0	
“ 18th & 19th “ “	.....	45,000 0 0	
			151,804 14 8
Revenue and Expenditure, per Account, folio 2 to 10, being excess of Assets over Liabilities	.....		16,626 8 7
Total Creditors.....			£179,688 14 3

We do hereby certify that we have duly audited the foregoing Accounts, and that we have finally settled and closed the same.

PETER WINSER, *Chairman of Audit,*
JAMES L. PRENDERGAST, } *Auditors.*
JOHN HAYWARD,

St. John's, Newfoundland,
The 5th day of March, 1855. }

Treasury Accounts.

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REVENUE AND

1855.

May 29—	To Balance		£10,131 15 8
June 5—	Warrant No. 5—Sundries		319 10 3
7—	“ “ “ 6—Roads		127 5 6
8—	“ “ “ 6—Sundries	£298 15 11	
	“ Less amount charged to Market House	86 13 4	
			212 2 7
16—	Warrant No. 7—Sundries	98 18 5	
	“ Less amount charged to Colonial Building....	5 5 0	
			93 13 5
23—	Warrant No. 7—Roads....		107 16 0
	“ “ “ 8—Sundries		616 3 2
26—	“ “ “ 9— “		112 5 4
30—	“ 6 months' interest on £49,161 15 4, De-		
	bentures issued under St. John's Re-build-		
	ing Acts at 5 per cent. interest	1,229 0 11	
	6 months' interest on £6,000 0 0, Deben-		
	tures issued under Act 17th Vic.,		
	2,650 0 0 at 5 per cent 66 5 0		
	1,800 0 0 4 “ 44 2 0		
	1,000 0 0 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ “ 24 7 6		
	550 0 0 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ “ 13 1 3		
			147 15 9
	6 months' interest on £5,750 0 0,		
	Debentures issued under Lunatic		
	Asylum Acts, viz. :—		
	3,500 0 0 at 5 per cent 87 10 0		
	1,450 0 0 4 “ 35 17 9		
	800 0 0 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ “ 19 10 0		
			142 17 9
	6 months' interest on £7,500 0 0,		
	Debentures issued under Penitentiary Act,		
	viz. :—		
	200 0 0 at 6 per cent 6 0 0		
	7,300 0 0 5 “ 182 10 0		
			188 10 0
	6 months' interest on £22,166 0 0		
	Debentures issued under Colonial Building		
	and Market House Acts, viz. :—		
	21,166 0 0 for 6 months at 6 per cent 634 19 7		
	1,000 0 0 198 days “ 32 11 0		
			667 10 7
	6 months' interest on £695 10 0		
	Debentures issued under St. John's Academy		
	Act @ 6 per cent.		20 17 4
	6 months' interest on £1,372 14 8		
	Debentures issued under Harbor Grace Street		
	Act @ 5 per cent. interest		34 6 4
			£2,430 18 8
	Carried forward.....		£11,720 11 11

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EXPENDITURE.

CR.

1855.

June 2—By Territorial Deposits received from John Kent, Colonial Secretary, being handed over to him by the late Colonial Secretary, James Crowdy

12— “ Clerk of Peace Fees, per John Stentafor, Clerk of the Peace, Brigus, for the half-year ended 1st April, 1855.

£65 0 0

3 6 6

Carried forward

£68 6 6

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REVENUE AND

1855.	To amount brought forward....	£2,430 18 8	£11,720 11 11
June 30—	“ 6 months interest on £9,250 0 0, Debentures issued under Act 9th Vic., viz. :—		
	2,090 0 0 at 6 per cent. 62 14 0		
	7,160 0 0 5½ “ 196 18 0		
		259 12 0	
	Interest on £8,478 14 8, Debentures issued under Act 12th Vic., Cap. 20, viz. :—		
	7,868 14 8 for 6 months at 6 per cent. 236 1 3		
	200 0 0 144 Days “ 4 14 8		
	150 0 0 133 “ “ 3 5 7		
	260 0 0 115 “ “ 4 18 3		
		248 19 9	
			2,939 10 5
	“ Debenture No. 25, in favor of Rev. James Gilchrist, due 25th June, 1855, paid off under Colonial Building and Market House Act,		200 0 0
	“ Warrant No. 10—Sundries		694 7 9
July 2—	“ “ 11—Education	225 0 0	
	“ “ 12 “	387 10 0	
	“ “ 13 “	724 0 0	
	“ “ 14 “	713 10 0	
	“ “ 15 “	95 0 0	
			2,145 0 0
3—	“ “ 16—Sundries		229 16 4
	“ “ 17 “		552 8 10
	“ Debenture No. 18, in favor of N. Stabb, President, J. Clift, and G. J. Hayward, Vice-Presidents of St. George's Society, paid off due 7th June, 1855, under Colonial Building and Market House Acts		100 0 0
	“ Debenture No. 14, in favor of Revd. John Snowball, due 3rd June, 1855, paid off under Colonial Building and Market House Acts		500 0 0
4—	“ Debenture No. 15, in favor of John Gregory, due 15th June, 1855, paid off under Colonial Building and Market House Acts		500 0 0
	“ Debenture No. 28, in favor of Robert Ayles, due April 26th, 1855, paid off under Act 12th, Vic., Cap. 20		260 0 0
	“ Debenture No. 29, in favor of James S. Hayward, due 14th May, 1855, paid off under Act 12th, Vic., Cap. 20		150 0 0
			£19,991 15 3
	Carried forward		

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Dr.	REVENUE AND		
1855.	To amount brought forward	£19,991 15 3
July 4—	“ Debentures No. 30 and 31, in favor of John Casey, due 25th May, 1855, paid off under Act 12th Vic.	200 0 0
5—	“ Debenture No. 20, in favor of Chr. Ayre, due 1st July, 1855, paid off under Colonial Building and Market House Acts ....	.....	100 0 0
	“ Warrant No. 8—Roads	.....	143 18 1
12—	“ “ 18—Postal Act	.....	£204 10 0
	“ “ 19 “	.....	252 17 0
			457 7 0
14—	“ “ 20—Sundries	.....	613 18 1
16—	14 days' interest on Debenture No. 26, in favor of Richard Hillman, for £500 0 0, due 14th July, 1855, at 6 per cent., under Colonial Building Act	.....	1 3 0
17—	Debenture No. 26, in favor of Richard Hillman, due 14th July, 1855, paid off under Colonial Building and Market House Act...	.....	500 0 0
26—	Warrant No 21—Sundries	.....	94 1 0
27—	“ “ 9—Roads	.....	86 16 10
30—	“ “ 22—Sundries	.....	198 8 11
	“ “ 23 “	.....	72 18 2
	“ “ 24 “	.....	122 5 9
	“ “ 25 “	.....	120 17 11
			514 10 9
August 4—	“ “ 10—Roads	.....	87 9 4
8—	“ “ 26—Sundries	.....	666 13 2
	“ “ 27 “	.....	960 11 9
	“ “ 28 “	.....	1418 17 9
	“ “ 29 “	.....	1847 10 0
	“ “ 30 “	.....	350 9 8
	“ “ 31 “	.....	1159 7 1
	“ “ 32 “	.....	1025 0 0
	“ “ 33 “	.....	1702 16 3
	“ “ 34 “	.....	1256 15 5
	“ “ 35 “	.....	223 18 9
	“ “ 36 “	.....	1263 18 5
	“ “ 37 “	.....	703 0 0
	“ “ 38 “	.....	1274 18 8
	“ “ 39 “	786 17 9
			14,640 14 8
9—	“ “ 40—Salaries	1,064 4 6
	“ “ 41 “	1,011 13 7
			£39,507 12 1
	Carried forward	

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REVENUE AND

1855.	To amount brought forward....			£39,507 12 1
August 9—	Warrant No. 42—Salaries	£317 19 8	
11	“ “ 43 “	.....	950 0 0	
	“ “ 44 “	.....	397 10 0	
	“ “ 45 “	.....	239 10 0	
	“ “ 46 “	.....	140 0 0	
	“ “ 47 “	.....	103 10 0	
	“ “ 48 “	.....	148 10 0	
			2,296 19 8	
10—	“ “ 49 “	.....	3,170 0 0	
	“ “ 50 “	.....	1,630 5 0	
	“ “ 51 “	.....	1,965 0 0	
	“ “ 52 “	.....	393 0 0	
	“ “ 53 “	.....	293 0 0	
	“ “ 54 “	.....	280 0 0	
	“ “ 55 “	.....	262 0 0	
	“ “ 56 “	.....	795 0 0	
			8,788 5 0	
11—	“ “ 57—Sundries	.....		55 6 1
14—	“ “ 11—Roads	.....		78 12 2
15—	“ “ 12 “	.....	665 0 0	
	“ “ 58—Sundries	.....	234 17 5	
	“ “ 59 “	.....	448 12 6	
			1,348 9 11	
20—	“ “ 60 “	.....		2,570 16 10
22—	“ “ 61 “	.....	910 14 2	
	“ “ 62 “	.....	208 2 8	
	“ “ 63 “	.....	147 4 8	
			1,266 1 6	
24—	“ “ 64 “	.....		161 1 11
30—	“ “ 65 “	.....	547 8 4	
	“ “ 66 “	.....	72 10 7	
	“ “ 67 “	.....	547 3 9	
			1,167 2 8	
Sept. 3—	“ “ 13—Roads	.....		163 7 5
6—	“ “ 14 “	.....	160 12 0	
	“ “ 68—Sundries	.....	291 9 3	
	“ “ 69 “	.....	543 1 4	
			995 2 7	
7—	“ “ 70 “	.....	1,351 13 0	
	“ “ 71 “	.....	384 8 11	
			1,746 1 11	
	Carried forward	.....		£60,144 19 9

Treasury Accounts.

EXPENDITURE.		Cr.
1855	By amount brought forward	£25,112 6 9
August 9—	“ Clerk of Peace Fees, per Lewis W. Emerson, Clerk of the Peace, Harbor Grace, for the half-year ended 1st April, 1855	9 13 6
	“ Clerk of Peace Fees, per Marmaduke W. Clow, Clerk of the Peace, Ferryland, for the half- year ended 31st March, 1855	3 9 6
16—	“ Clerk of Courts Fees, per Charles Simms, Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, for the half-year ended 31st December, 1854	119 14 6
Sept. 1—	“ Licenses per Benjamin Sweetland, Magis- trate Trinity, for the year 1854	17 10 0
	“ Fines and Forfeitures, per Benjamin Sweet- land, Magistrate Trinity, for the year 1854	0 19 0
	“ Received from Benjamin G. Garrett, Chair- man of Penitentiary Commissioners, being funds remaining unappropriated	21 16 6
5—	“ Clerk of Peace Fees, per Abraham A. Pearce, Clerk of the Peace, Twillingate, for the half- year ended 31st March, 1855	0 8 0
6—	“ Received from John Kent, Colonial Secretary, for balance of Crown Rents and Grants, for year ended 30th June 1855	24 5 0
	“ Received from John Kent, Colonial Secretary, for receipts of Crown Rents to 6th Septem- ber, 1855	83 12 0
		83 12 0
Carried forward		£25,393 14 9

Treasury Accounts.

DR.	REVENUE AND				
1855.	To amount brought forward....	.....			£60,144 19 9
Sept. 14—	“ Warrant No. 72—Sundries	.....			111 17 8
20—	“ “ 15—Roads ....	.....			100 19 3
21—	“ “ 73—Sundries	.....			538 11 11
22—	“ “ 74 “	.....			95 19 6
25—	Debenture No. 17, in favor of John Hayward, due 11th June, 1855, paid off under Colonial Building and Market House Act	.....			50 0 0
28—	Warrant No. 75—Sundries	.....			231 9 7
29—	“ “ 76 “	.....	588 3 5		
	“ “ 16—Roads	.....	63 12 11		
					651 16 4
Oct. 4—	Debenture No. 24, in favor of George Dowsley, due 19th November, 1854, paid off under Act 12th Vic., Cap. 20 .....	.....			173 6 8
8—	Warrant No. 77—Salaries	.....	597 7 9		
	“ “ 78 “	.....	574 0 0		
	“ “ 79 “	.....	475 0 0		
	“ “ 80 “	.....	198 15 0		
	“ “ 81 “	.....	119 15 0		
	“ “ 82 “	.....	70 0 0		
	“ “ 83 “	.....	51 15 0		
	“ “ 84 “	.....	74 5 0		
	“ “ 85 “	.....	225 0 0		
	“ “ 86—Education	.....	387 10 0		
	“ “ 87 “	.....	724 0 0		
	“ “ 88 “	.....	713 10 0		
	“ “ 89 “	.....	95 0 0		
	“ “ 90—Salaries	.....	728 15 0		
	“ “ 91—Sundries	.....	612 5 1		
	“ “ 92—Postal	.....	204 10 0		
	“ “ 93 “	.....	204 1 8		
					6055 9 6
9—	“ “ 94 “	.....			606 0 11
10—	Debenture No. 23, in favor of James Power, due 4th July, 1855, paid off under Colonial Building and Market House Acts	.....			300 0 0
11—	Warrant No. 17—Roads	.....			145 17 10
15—	“ “ 95—Sundries	.....			380 16 3
16—	“ “ 96 “	.....	297 7 7		
	“ “ 97 “	.....	245 19 11		
	“ “ 18—Roads	.....	51 13 4		
					595 0 10
					£70,182 6 0
	Carried forward	.....		

Treasury Accounts.

EXPENDITURE.		CR.
1855.	By Amount brought forward	£25,393 14 9
Sept. 11—	“ Gaol Fees, per Richard Brace, Gaoler, St. John’s, for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1855	5 1 8
	“ Licenses received per R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of the Peace, St. John’s, from 1st January 1855, to 29th May, 1855	165 10 0
12—	“ Crown Rent, per John Dunn, for the year ended 24th June, 1855	0 6 0
15—	“ Received from the Newfoundland Savings’ Bank on loan to the Colony at 25 per cent. interest under Act 18th and 19th Vic.	15,000 0 0
18—	“ Received from Richard Hillman, on loan to the Colony at 5 per cent interest, for 20 years under Act 18th and 19th Vic.	500 0 0
	“ Received from the St. George’s Society, on loan to the Colony for 20 years at 5 per cent. interest under Act 19th Vic.	100 0 0
28—	“ Received from Customs Department, on account the Quarter ending 10th October ...	2,000 0 0
Oct 2—	“ Crown Rent, per Johanna Keating, for the year ended 24th June, 1855	1 6 6
6—	“ Received from Mary Williams, on loan to the Colony for 20 years at 5 per cent. interest under Act 18th and 19th Vic.	100 0 0
8—	“ Received from John Kent, Colonial Secretary, for return expenditure incurred in searching for the missing boats of the Steamer <i>Arctic</i>	134 8 6
10—	“ Clerk of Peace Fees, per John Stentaforde, Clerk of the Peace, Brigus, for the half-year ended October 1st 1855	0 9 0
	“ Licenses per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of the Peace, St. John’s, from 29th May, 1855, to 30th September, 1855	64 5 6
11—	“ Fines and Forfeitures, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of the Peace, St. John’s, from 29th May, 1855, to 30th September, 1855	52 12 6
12—	“ Received from Customs Department, for the Quarter ended 10th October, 1855	21,610 3 9
16—	“ Postal Revenue, per William L. Solomon, Post-Master General, for the Quarter ended 5th July, 1855	163 9 9
	Carried forward	£65,291 7 11

Treasury Accounts.

DR.	REVENUE AND			
1855.	To amount brought forward	.....	£70,182	6 0
Oct. 17—	“ Debenture No. 1, in favor of William Bindon, due 8th December, 1855, under Act 7th Vic., for St. John's Academy, paid off	.....	500	0 0
	Warrant No. 98—Sundries	.....	439	5 1
	3½ months' interest, at 6 per cent, to 15th October, on Debenture No. 1, in favor of William Bindon, under St. John's Academy Act, due 8th December, 1855, for £500 (being re-invested from 15th October, in Loan, under Act 18th and 19th Vic., at 5 per cent. interest)	.....	8 15	0
	53 days' interest, at 1 per cent., from 15th October to 8th December, on above Debenture, bearing interest at 6 per cent., now re-invested at 5 per cent.	.....	0 14	6
			<hr/>	9 9 6
22—	Warrant No. 99—Sundries	.....	701	4 3
24—	“ “ 100 “	.....	138	6 5
25—	“ “ 101 “	.....	377 17	5
	“ “ 102 “	.....	378 13	11
			<hr/>	756 11 4
	Debenture No. 16, in favor of John Murphy, due 11th June, 1855, paid off under Colonial Building and Market House Acts	.....	150	0 0
27—	Warrant No. 19—Roads	.....	74	17 9
31—	“ “ 103—Sundries	.....	670	1 6
Nov. 3—	“ “ 104 “	.....	208	13 11
5—	“ “ 105 “	.....	164	10 7
10—	“ “ 106 “	.....	343	6 6
	“ “ 20—Roads	.....	82	18 9
16	“ “ 107—Sundries	.....	76	10 10
	Debenture No. 21, in favor of Christopher Ayre, due 1st July, 1855, paid off under Colonial Building and Market House Acts	.....	100	0 0
	Debenture No. 27, in favor of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank, due July 1st, 1855, paid off under Colonial Building and Market House Acts	.....	500	0 0
17—	Warrant No. 108—Sundries	48	1 4
19—	“ “ 21—Roads	70	3 2
21—	“ “ 109—Sundries	388	19 8
23—	“ “ 110 “	129	18 3
	“ “ 111 “	148	14 8
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	Carried forward.....		£75,883	19 6

Treasury Accounts.

EXPENDITURE.

		CR.
1855	By amount brought forward	£65,291 7 11
Oct. 17—	“ Received from the following parties, under Act 18th and 19th Vic., on loan to the Colony:—	
	William Bindon, for 20 years @ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. interest	900 0 0
	Patrick Doyle, “ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ “	700 0 0
	John Gregory, “ 5 “	500 0 0
	Rev. Patrick Cleary, “ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ “	100 0 0
	James Furlong, “ “ “	1000 0 0
	Michael Harding, “ “ “	1000 0 0
	Samuel Carson, “ “ “	350 0 0
		4,550 0 0
23—	“ Crown Rent, per Richard Trelegan, for the year ended 1st September, 1855	9 0 0
	“ Crown Rent, per Dorothy Doyle, for the year ended 1st September, 1855	1 5 0
29—	“ Clerk of Peace Fees, per John Mackey, Clerk of the Peace, Carbonear, for the year ended 30th September, 1855	12 9 8
30—	“ Received from Martin Eden Driscoll, on loan to the Colony for 20 years at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent interest, under Act 18th and 19th Vic.	100 0 0
	“ Received from John Kent, Colonial Secretary, for return expenditure incurred in the case of Peter Creamer, sent to the United States from this Colony on a charge of murder	12 7 2
Nov. 1—	“ Received from the following parties, for Crown Rents, for year ended 1st September, 1855:—	
	Andrew Fitzgerald,	5 0 0
	William West,	1 8 0
	Estate of John Thompson,	40 10 0
		46 18 0
3—	“ Received from the Newfoundland Savings' Bank, on loan to the Colony, at 5 per cent. interest, under Act 18th and 19th Vic.	10,250 0 0
6—	“ Crown Rent, per Nathaniel Hill, for the year ended 1st September, 1855	12 15 0
7—	“ Clerk of Peace Fees, per Abraham A. Pierce, Clerk of the Peace, Twillingate, for the half-year ended 30th September, 1855	1 5 0
	“ Crown Rent, per Bridget Dailey, on account the year ended 1st September, 1855	1 0 10
		£80,288 8 7
	Carried forward	

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Dr.	REVENUE AND		
1855.	To amount brought forward	£75,883 19 6
Nov. 27—	“ Debenture No. 22, in favor of John Walsh, due 6th November, 1854, paid off under Act 12th Vic., cap. 20	300 0 0
28—	Warrant No. 112—Sundries	.....	305 18 2
30—	“ “ 113 “	.....	335 1 7
Dec. 1—	“ “ 22—Roads	.....	113 10 7
3—	“ “ 114—Sundries	.....	41 0 8
5—	“ “ 115 “	.....	193 5 9
8—	“ “ 23—Roads	.....	83 8 9
	“ “ 24 “	.....	23 7 3
	“ “ 116—Sundries	.....	735 1 10
	“ “ 117 “	.....	21 13 4
			863 11 2
10—	“ “ 118 “	.....	43 10 10
	“ “ 119 “	.....	80 17 4
			124 8 2
13—	“ “ 120 “	.....	17 17 2
	“ “ 121 “	.....	79 12 11
	“ “ 122 “	.....	18 13 7
			116 3 8
14—	“ “ 123 “	.....	3 0 0
	“ “ 124 “	.....	6 9 11
	“ “ 125 “	.....	16 4 8
			25 14 7
15—	“ “ 126 “	.....	2 5 6
17....	“ “ 127 “	.....	8 15 0
19...	“ “ 128—Poor relief	.....	141 10 6
20—	“ “ 129—Lunatic Asylum	.....	0 9 1
	“ “ 130—Election Expenses	.....	6 10 0
	“ “ 131—Printing and Stationery	.....	10 19 4
	“ “ 132—Unforeseen Contingencies ...	.....	2 6 9
			20 5 2
21—	“ “ 133—Crown Prosecutions	.....	18 7 2
	“ “ 134—Poor relief	.....	2 7 1
	“ “ 135—Postal Act	.....	3 0 0
	“ “ 136—Crown Prosecutions	.....	10 11 0
	“ “ 137—Poor relief	.....	94 0 8
	“ “ 138—Printing and Stationery	.....	50 2 3
	“ “ 139—Lunatic Asylum	.....	30 11 0
			208 19 2
22—	“ “ 25—Roads	.....	275 9 6
			275 9 6
	Carried forward	.....	£78,959 18 8

Treasury Accounts.

EXPENDITURE.		CR.
1855.	By Amount brought forward	£80,288 8 7
Nov. 10—	“ Clerk of Peace Fees, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of the Peace, St. John's, for three Quarters ended 30th September, 1855	25 18 6
12—	“ Clerk of Peace Fees, per Robert Bayly, Clerk of the Peace, Trinity, for the half-year ended 30th September, 1855	2 6 0
17—	“ Received from the following parties on account	
	Crown Rents:—	
	Ellen Merrigan,	2 12 0
	Lawrence Maccasey,	4 0 0
	William Calver,	1 1 0
		7 13 0
19—	“ Clerk of Courts Fees, per Charles Simms, Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, for the half-year ended 30th June, 1855	127 8 6
20—	“ Clerk of Peace Fees, per Lewis W. Emerson, Clerk of the Peace, Harbor Grace, for the half-year ended October 1st, 1855	6 19 6
21—	“ Gaolers' Fees, per Richard Brace, Gaoler St. John's, for Fees and Diet, for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1855	3 19 0
	“ Received from the following Parties under Act 18th and 19th Vic. on loan to the Colony:—	
	Michael Dunphy, for 20 years, at 5½ per cent.	300 0 0
	John Dunphy, “ “	300 0 0
	Jacob Chafe, “ “	300 0 0
	Ann Mary Cullen, “ “	100 0 0
	Patrick Strapp, “ “	700 0 0
	Comrs. of Pilots, “ “	150 0 0
	James Furlong, “ “	500 0 0
	Michael Power, “ “	500 0 0
	John Casey, “ “	200 0 0
	Johanna Casey, “ “	104 0 0
	Executors of late Lawrence Geran, “	311 0 0
	Nathaniel Hill, “ “	100 0 0
	Edward St. John, “ “	800 0 0
	A. W. DesBarres, “ “	550 0 0
	Lawrence O'Brien, “ “	2,000 0 0
	Trustees for the Benevolent Irish Society of St. John's, Newfoundland,	2,000 0 0
		8,915 0 0
	Carried forward	£89,377 13 1

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Dr.	REVENUE AND			
1855.	To amount brought forward		£78,959 18 8
Dec. 22—	“ Warrant No. 140—Lunatic Asylum	236 1 9	
	“ “ 141 “	.....	121 8 7	
	“ “ 142—Relief of the Poor	.....	151 13 4	
	“ “ 143—Repair of Court-houses ....	.....	44 5 0	
	“ “ 144—Unforeseen Contingencies	.....	23 5 0	
	“ “ 145—Fuel and Light	.....	6 3 6	
	“ “ 146—Relief of the Poor	.....	122 12 11	
	“ “ 147—Pumps and Tanks	.....	19 8 0	
	“ “ 148—Crown Prosecutions	.....	25 11 0	
	“ “ 149—St. John’s Hospital	.....	7 9 3	
	“ “ 150—Lunatic Asylum	.....	4 10 10	
	“ “ 151—Relief of the Poor	.....	3 11 3	
			766 0 5	
27—	“ “ 152—Night Watch	.....	26 0 0	
	“ “ 153—Relief of the Poor	.....	10 0 0	
	“ “ 154—Unforeseen Contingencies	.....	8 13 4	
			44 13 4	
28—	“ “ 155—Relief of the Poor	.....	2 3 4	
	“ “ 156—Printing and Stationery ....	.....	7 3 6	
	“ “ 157—Light Houses	.....	60 0 11	
			69 7 9	
31—	“ “ 158—Pumps and Tanks	.....	1 2 9	
	“ “ 26—Roads	.....	61 19 2	
	“ “ 159—Salaries	.....	958 18 3	
	“ “ 160 “	.....	687 11 9	
	“ “ 161 “	.....	462 10 0	
	“ “ 162 “	.....	198 15 0	
	“ “ 163 “	.....	119 15 0	
	“ “ 164 “	.....	70 0 0	
	“ “ 165 “	.....	51 15 0	
	“ “ 166 “	.....	74 5 0	
	“ “ 167 “	.....	225 0 0	
	“ “ 168—Education	.....	387 10 0	
	“ “ 169 “	.....	724 0 0	
	“ “ 170 “	.....	713 10 0	
	“ “ 171 “	.....	95 0 0	
	“ “ 172—Salaries	.....	347 10 0	
	“ “ 173 “	.....	281 5 0	
	“ “ 174—Postal Act	.....	201 15 0	
	“ “ 175 “	.....	202 7 0	
			5,801 7 0	
	Carried forward.....			£85,704 9 1

Treasury Accounts.

		EXPENDITURE.	CR.
1855	By amount brought forward		£89,377 13 1
Nov. 23—	“ Received from the following parties, under Act 18th and 19th Vic., on loan to the Colony:—		
	Joseph Shears, for 20 years, at 5½ per cent.	1,000 0 0	
	William Sterling, Sr. “ “	217 0 0	
	James McLaughlan, “ “	1,000 0 0	
	Thomas Whelan, “ “	100 0 0	
		2,317 0 0	
	“ Received from the following parties for Crown Rent, for year ended 1st September, 1855		
	Thomas Brown,	0 12 3	
	Estate of Denis Hanigan,	52 10 0	
		53 2 3	
28—	“ Crown Rent, per Richard Weir, for three years ended 1st September, 1855		2 10 4
30—	“ Licenses, per Andrew Ellis, Clerk of the Peace, Harbor Briton, for the year ended 31st March, 1855		9 0 0
	“ Crown Rent, per Peter Neville, for year ended 24th June, 1855		2 5 0
Dec. 3—	“ Received from the following parties, under Act 18th and 19th Vic., on loan to the Colony:—		
	Charles Loughnan, for 20 years, at 5½ per cent.	1,000 0 0	
	Edward Rawlins, “ “	500 0 0	
	Thomas Grant, “ “	200 0 9	
		1,700 0 0	
8—	“ Received from William Irwin, on account Crown Rent		4 12 6
17—	“ Sheriffs' Fees, Southern District, per John Stephenson, for the year 1855		8 13 4
	“ Received from the following parties, on account Crown Rents:—		
	Susannah Warne,	3 10 0	
	William Kitchin,	5 0 0	
		8 10 0	
19—	“ Received from the following parties, under Act 18th and 19th Vic., on loan to the Colony:—		
	Right Rev. Dr. Mullock, for 20 years, at 5½ per cent.	100 0 0	
	Lucinda Bulger, “ “	868 0 0	
	Philip F. Little, “ “	500 0 0	
		1,468 0 0	
	Carried forward		£94,951 6 6

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REVENUE AND

1855.	To amount brought forward	£85,704 9 1
Dec. 31—	“ 6 months' interest on £49,161 15 4, Debentures issued under St. John's Re-building Acts, at 5 per cent.	£1,229 0 11
	6 months' interest on £6000 0 0, Debentures issued under Act 17th Vic., viz.:—	
	2650 0 0 at 5 per cent. 66 5 0	
	1800 0 0 4 “ 44 2 0	
	1000 0 0 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ “ 24 7 6	
	550 0 0 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ “ 13 1 3— 147 15 9	
	6 months' interest on £5750 0 0, Debentures issued under Lunatic Asylum Acts, viz.:—	
	3500 0 0 at 5 per cent. 87 10 0	
	1450 0 0 4 “ 35 17 9	
	800 0 0 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ “ 19 10 0— 142 17 9	
	6 months' interest on £7500 0 0, Debentures issued under Penitentiary Act, viz.:—	
	7300 0 0 at 5 per cent. 182 10 0	
	200 0 0 6 “ 6 0 0— 188 10 0	
	6 months' interest on £19,166 0 0, Debentures issued under Colonial Building and Market House Acts, at 6 per cent.	574 19 7
	6 months' interest on £195 10 0, Debentures issued under St. John's Academy Act, at 6 per cent.	5 17 4
	6 months' interest on £7500 0 0, Debentures issued under Act 12th Vic., cap. 20, at 6 per cent....	225 0 0
	6 months' interest on £9250 0 0, Debentures issued under Act 9th Vic., viz.:—	
	2090 0 0 at 6 per cent. 62 14 0	
	7160 0 0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ “ 196 18 0 259 12 0	
	6 months' interest on £1372 14 8, Debentures issued under Harbor Grace Street Act, at 5 per cent.	34 6 4
	Interest on £45,000 0 0, Debentures issued under Act 18th and 19th Vic., to date, viz.:—	
	15000 0 0 for 107 days, at 5 per cent. 219 17 6	
	600 0 0 104 “ “ “ 8 11 0	
	100 0 0 86 “ “ “ 1 3 7	
	11650 0 0 77 “ “ “ 122 17 9	
	3250 0 0 77 “ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ “ 37 14 2	
	14400 0 0 41 “ “ “ 88 18 2 479 2 2	
		3,287 1 10
	“ Paid the Bank of British North America, for interest on overdrawn account in the year 1855	8 17 8
	Balance, as per balance sheet	16,626 8 7
		£105,626 17 2

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EXPENDITURE.

CR.

1855.	By Amount brought forward		£94,951 6 6
Dec. 21—	“ Received from Clift Wood and Co., for rent of Store under the Market House, for the year ended November 1st, 1855		144 14 8
24—	“ Received from the following parties for Crown Rent, for year ended 1st September, 1855 :—		
	A. W. DesBarres,	64 10 0	
	Charles Loughnan,	60 0 0	
		124 10 0	
29—	“ Sheriffs' Fees, Central District, per Benjamin G. Garrett, on account the year 1855		100 0 0
31—	“ Received from Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of the Peace, St. John's, for Licenses	364 13 6	
	Fines and Forfeitures,) for the Quarter ended	21 16 6	
	Fees of Office,) 31st December, 1855	8 13 4	
		395 3 4	
	“ Gaolers' Fees, per Richard Brace, Gaoler, St. John's, for Fees and Diet, for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1855		6 18 0
	“ This amount remaining unappropriated from Colonial Building Funds, and now transferred to the credit of the General Revenue of the Colony		18 19 11
	“ This amount remaining unappropriated from Market-house funds, and now transferred to the credit of the General Revenue of the Colony		32 12 8
	“ Received from Customs Department, for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1855		9,852 12 1
			9,852 12 1

£105,626 17 2

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STATEMENT OF PUBLIC

1855.

May 29—To Balance £111,388 1 4

Dec. 31—“ amount of Debentures issued under Act 18th and 19th Vic., for general purposes of the Colony,

27,350 0 0 at 5 per cent. interest

17,650 0 0 5½ “
(payable in 20 years)

45,000 0 0

£156,388 1 4

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DEBT ACCOUNT.

Cr.

1855.

June 30—By the following Debentures, paid off under Colonial Building and Market House Acts				
	No. 25 due 25th June, 1855	£200	0	0
July 3—	“ 18 “ 7th “ “	100	0	0
	“ 14 “ 3rd “ “	500	0	0
4—	“ 15 “ 15th “ “	500	0	0
5—	“ 20 “ 1st July, “	100	0	0
17—	“ 26 “ 14th “ “	500	0	0
Sept. 25—	“ 17 “ 11th June, “	50	0	0
Oct. 10—	“ 23 “ 4th July, “	300	0	0
25—	“ 16 “ 11th June, “	150	0	0
Nov. 16—	“ 21 “ 1st July, “	100	0	0
	“ 27 “ 1st July, “	500	0	0
		£3,000	0	0
“ the following Debentures, paid off under Act 12th Vic., cap. 20				
July 4—	No. 28, due 26th April, 1855	260	0	0
	“ 29 “ 14th May, “	150	0	0
	“ 30 & 31 25th May “	200	0	0
Oct. 4—	“ 24 “ 19th November, 1854	173	6	8
Nov. 27—	“ 22 “ 6th November “	309	0	0
		1,083	6	8
Oct. 17—	No. 1, paid off under St. John's Academy Act, due 8th December, 1855		500	0
Dec. 31—	Balance as per Balance Sheet		151,804	14
			£156,388	1
			4	

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Dr.	COLONIAL BUILDING.	Cr.
1855.	1855.	
June 16—To paid William B. Row, for claim against the Commissioners for Law Services £5 5 0	May 29—By Balance	£24 4 11
Dec. 31—“ This amount trans- ferred to the credit of the General Revenue of the Colony, being balance remaining unappropriated 18 19 11		
£24 4 11		£24 4 11

Dr.	MARKET HOUSE.	Cr.
1855.	1855.	
June 8—To Paid Patrick Kough, in full for services as Superintendent for the erection of Co- lonial Building and Market House £86 13 4	May 29—By Balance	£119 6 0
Dec. 31—“ This amount trans- ferred to the credit of the General Revenue of the Colony, being balance remaining unappropriated 32 12 8		
£119 6 0		£119 6 0

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DR.	SAVINGS' BANK.	CR.
1855.	1855.	
Sept. 15—To paid the Cashier on account sum borrowed	May 29—By Balance	8,123 13 9
£15,000 0 0	July 11—“ Received from the Governors, on loan to the Colony	1,000 0 0
Nov. 3—“ Ditto Ditto	18—“ Ditto Ditto	1,000 0 0
10,250 0 0	Aug. 1—“ Ditto Ditto	2,000 0 0
Dec. 4—“ Ditto Ditto	4—“ Ditto Ditto	3,000 0 0
5,729 5 11	Sept. 10—“ amount retained from sundry parties for advances made on account Supply and Con- tingency Bills, 1854	15,855 12 2
£30,979 5 11		£30,979 5 11

DR.	TREASURY NOTE ACCOUNT.	CR.
1855.	1855.	
Dec. 29—To paid the Bank of British North Ame- rica for £8,786 0 0 Cy., in Treasury Notes (to be can- celed) equal to in Sterling	May 29—By Balance	£7,874 10 8
£7,614 10 8		
31—“ Balance, as per bal- ance sheet		
260 0 0		
£7,874 10 8		£7,874 10 8

DR.	UNPAID WARRANTS, (late Treasurer P. MORRIS.)	CR.
1855.	1855.	
Oct. 16—To paid Thomas Laskey, Constable at Lama- line, for salary unpaid in the year 1846 and 1847	May 29—By Balance	£749 10 5
£12 0 0		
Dec. 31—“ Balance as per bal- ance sheet		
737 10 5		
£749 10 5		£749 10 5

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STATEMENT shewing the total amount of Expenditure for each particular service from the 29th day of May to the 30th September, 1855.

Crown Lands' Act	£249	17	5
Court Houses and Gaol Repairs	147	3	5
Civil and Criminal Prosecutions	91	4	3
Circuit Courts	115	0	0
Coroners	316	14	0
Debentures paid off	2,560	0	0
Education	1,920	0	0
Employment of the Poor on Roads	142	9	2
Election Expenses	115	10	11
Fuel and Light	346	17	2
Ferry-men	443	0	0
Gaol Expenses	254	5	8
Gas Light Company, St. John's	215	0	0
Interest on Public Debt	2,940	13	5
Insurance on Public Buildings	174	19	0
Light Houses	679	11	0
Legislative Contingencies	14,209	1	6
Lunatic Paupers	466	16	10
Lunatic Asylum Commissioners	1,205	13	0
Men stationed at Fort Amherst	18	5	0
Night Watch, St. John's	19	10	0
Outport Permanent Poor	175	15	0
" Magistrates	2,915	0	0
" Clerks of the Peace	877	10	0
" Gaolers	315	0	0
" Constables	1,449	0	0
Postages and Incidentals	66	1	9
Printing and Stationery	677	14	7
Postal Act	594	18	7
Poor relief	4,394	9	5
Penitentiary Commissioners	174	10	10
Public wharf at Carbonear	25	0	0
Pumps, Harbor Grace Island	26	0	0
Quarantine Act	41	14	8
Retired Officers' allowances	105	1	7
Registration of Voters	54	6	8
Seed Potatoes	449	10	8
Shipwrecked Crews... ..	19	14	10
Salaries (miscellaneous)	7,409	15	11
Ditto (special)	612	10	0
St. John's Re-building Act	43	6	8
Unforeseen Contingencies	24	6	0
Carried forward	£47,082	18	11

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STATEMENT—(CONTINUED.)

	Brought forward.....			£47,082 18 11
Miscellaneous Votes, viz. :—				
To John Churchill, Schoolmaster, for 1854	.....	£30	0	0
George Hogsett, publishing Law Reports, for the year 1854	.....	60	0	0
Joseph Woods, publishing Almanac	.....	25	0	0
Walter Shelly, keeping half-way house, Salmonier	.....	52	10	0
Officers of Mess, for Duties on Wines, for the years 1854 and 1855	.....	100	0	0
The Gas Company, Harbor Grace, 1854 and 1855	.....	100	0	0
The Wesleyan Training School, St. John's	.....	100	0	0
The Dorcas Society, Harbor Grace	.....	25	0	0
Donald Bethune, } In addition to salary for the years	.....	50	0	0
James Winter, } 1854 and 1855	.....	50	0	0
Lorenzo Moore, }	.....	50	0	0
The Mechanics' Institute, St. John's	.....	50	0	0
The Orphan Asylum School, for the years 1854 and 1855	.....	100	0	0
The St. John's Reading Room	.....	25	0	0
W. T. Parsons, repairing Town Clock	.....	42	18	4
Matthew Stevenson, Pension, 1854 and 1855	.....	50	0	0
Robert Smith, gratuity, " "	.....	20	0	0
Sarah Blaikie, pension, " "	.....	50	0	0
Robert Connell, " "	.....	10	0	0
The Commissioners of Roads, St. John's	.....	665	0	0
The Auditors of Public Accounts, for the years 1853 and 1854	.....	300	0	0
Earle Brown, Sub-Collector, Harbor Grace	.....	84	7	6
John Delaney, keeper of the Colonial Building, for the year 1854	.....	60	0	9
William Dow, District Surgeon, Conception Bay	.....	100	0	0
The Phoenix Fire Company	.....	60	0	0
F. B. T. Carter, Circuit Expenses	.....	21	0	0
James Tobin, compensation, 1854	.....	121	5	0
P. F. Little, Delegation, 1854 and 1855	.....	350	0	0
J. and W. Boyd, Drawback	.....	22	8	4
Still, Brothers	.....	4	2	4
The Steam Packet Company, Harbor Grace	.....	300	0	0
William Donnelly, for Public Wharf, "	.....	209	19	10
Michael J. Kelly, for Commercial School at Placentia, (Address of the House of Assembly)	17	6	8
Carried forward.....	£3,305	18	0	£47,082 18 11

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STATEMENT—(CONTINUED.)

		Amounts brought forward.....	£3,305 18 0	£47,082 18 11
Miscellaneous Votes, viz. :—				
To John Connors, for rent of office, for Assayer of Weights and Measures	}		10 0 0	
James Campbell, compensation	}	Address of the House	8 13 4	
The St. John's Water Company	}	of Assembly	100 0 0	
C. F. Bennett and Co., for drawback on Rum exported	}		18 4 11	
The Electric Telegraph Company	}		109 13 0	
			3,552 9 3	
Roads and Bridges,—				
District of St. John's	.....	.....	79 7 6	
“ Conception Bay	.....	.....	35 10 8	
“ Bonavista	.....	.....	14 0 0	
“ Fogo	.....	.....	22 3 5	
“ Fortune Bay	.....	.....	147 10 0	
“ Burin	.....	.....	19 1 1	
Road from Salmonier to Rocky River	.....	.....	3 5 0	
Ship Harbor Road	.....	.....	17 6 8	
General repairs of Roads	.....	.....	108 13 2	
St. John's Streets	.....	.....	531 2 10	
			978 0 4	
Wells and Tanks ....	.....	.....	180 9 10	
			£51,793 18 4	
Expenditure from 29th May, 1855, to 31st December, 1855				
		£78,868 12 11		
Balance from 29th May, 1855		..... 10,131 15 8		
			89,000 8 7	
Balance as per balance sheet, 31st December, 1855		16,626 8 7	
			£105,626 17 2	
Revenue from 29th May, 1855, to 31st December, 1855.....				£105,626 17 2

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STATEMENT shewing the total amount of Revenue received into the Treasury from the 29th day of May to the 31st December, 1855.

FROM WHAT SOURCE.	AMOUNT.
Customs	£50,109 0 5
10 per cent on St. John's Importations	5,319 11 11
Quarantine Fees	6 5 0
Light Duties	2,907 1 3
Crown Rents, &c.....	448 11 5
Sheriffs' Fees, Central District	129 3 1
" Northern "	24 4 2
" Southern "	8 13 4
	162 0 7
Clerk of Courts' Fees, St. John's	247 3 0
Clerks of the Peace Fees, St. John's	64 11 10
" Brigus	3 15 6
" Harbor Grace....	16 13 0
" Carbonear	12 9 8
" Trinity	2 6 0
" Twillingate.....	1 13 0
" Ferryland	3 9 6
	74 18 6
Licenses, St. John's	594 9 0
" Harbor Grace	9 6 0
" Trinity.....	17 10 0
" Harbor Briton	9 0 0
	630 5 0
Fines and Forfeitures, St. John's	74 9 0
" Harbor Grace ...	9 5 0
" Trinity	0 19 0
	84 13 0
Postal Revenue	256 9 0
Gaolers' Fees	15 18 8
Loan Act, 18th and 19th Vic., for general purposes of the Colony	45,000 0 0
Rent of Store under the Market House, from Clift Wood and Co., for the year ended 1st November, 1855	144 14 8
Received from John Kent, Colonial Secretary, for return expenditure incurred in searching for the missing boats of the Steamer <i>Arctic</i>	134 8 6
Carried forward.....	£105,541 0 11

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STATEMENT—(CONTINUED.)

FROM WHAT SOURCE.	AMOUNT.
Amount brought forward.....	£105,541 0 11
Received from John Kent, Colonial Secretary, for return expenditure incurred in the case of Peter Creamer, sent to the United States from this colony, on a charge of murder	12 7 2
Received from Benjamin G. Garrett, Chairman of Penitentiary Commissioners	21 16 6
Balance remaining unappropriated from Colonial Building....	18 19 11
Ditto ditto Market House	32 12 8
	£105,626 17 2

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE COLONY OF NEWFOUNDLAND,
ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1855.

LIABILITIES:

The Electric Telegraph Company .....	.....	£3,500	0	0	
Outstanding Warrants .....	.....	6,668	12	11	
Unpaid Debentures .....	.....	1,668	14	8	
Treasury Notes in circulation .....	.....	260	0	0	
Unexpended Grants .....	.....	7,514	7	4	
Unpaid Interest .....	.....	3,591	7	8	
			£23,203	2	7
Balance in favor of the Colony .....	.....		2,114	4	4
			£25,317	6	11

ASSETS:

Cash on hand .....	.....	£11,849	15	4	
Customs Bonds outstanding	13,467	11	7	
			£25,317	6	11

THOMAS GLEN,

Receiver General.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE COLONY OF NEWFOUNDLAND FOR THE YEAR 1856.

EXPENDITURE.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

The Governor, £3,000, payable in dollars at 4s. 2d.	£3,120	0	0	
Private Secretary	200	0	0	
Gate Keeper, Government Lodge, and Preserver of Grounds	60	0	0	
Fuel and Light	200	0	0	
	3,580	0	0	

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S.

Colonial Secretary	500	0	0	
Two Clerks	400	0	0	
1st Messenger	60	0	0	
2nd Messenger	60	0	0	
	1,020	0	0	

RECEIVER GENERAL'S—TREASURY.

Receiver General	500	0	0	
Clerk	150	0	0	

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

Assistant Collector	300	0	0	
Landing and Tide Surveyor	250	0	0	
Two Landing Waiters	400	0	0	
1st Clerk and Warehouse Keeper	200	0	0	
2nd Clerk	150	0	0	
3rd Clerk	120	0	0	
Two Lockers	115	0	0	
Tide Waiters and Boat Men .	1,170	0	0	
Allowances to Unofficial Members Board of Revenue	50	0	0	
Housekeeper	40	0	0	

OUTPORTS.

Sub-Collector, Lamaline	100	0	0	
“ LaPoile	100	0	0	

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STATEMENT—(CONTINUED.)

Sub-Collector, Greenspond	£125	0	0	
“ Gaultois	100	0	0	
“ Twillingate	100	0	0	
“ Trinity	.....	150	0	0	
“ Harbor Grace	.....	160	0	0	
“ Brigus	.....	100	0	0	
“ Placentia	.....	100	0	0	
“ Burin	.....	100	0	0	
“ Harbor Briton	.....	100	0	0	
“ Fogo	.....	125	0	0	
“ Carbonear	.....	125	0	0	
Preventive Officer, Bay Bulls	.....	50	0	0	
“ Ferryland	.....	50	0	0	
Per Centage on Duties to Sub-Collectors, Outports	.....	300	0	0	
Incidental expenses of the Establishment	.....	120	0	0	
					5,450 0 0
The Financial Secretary	.....				300 0 0

BOARD OF WORKS.

Surveyor General	.....	400	0	0
Secretary to the Board	.....	200	0	0
Surveyor of Roads	.....	160	0	0
Keeper of Colonial Building	.....	60	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS IN AID OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Expenditure under St. John's Street Act	.....	1,000	0	0
Repairs of Public Buildings	.....	700	0	0
Fuel and Light	.....	550	0	0
Printing and Stationery	.....	500	0	0
Postages and Incidentals	.....	100	0	0
Insurance on Public Buildings	.....	200	0	0
Unforeseen Contingencies	.....	500	0	0

CROWN LANDS' ACT.

Superintendent of Public Buildings	.....	£50		
Chairman, Surveyor General	.....	40		
Deputy Surveyors and Incidentals	300		
Mrs. Westcott's Pension...	30	420	0 0
				4,790 0 0

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STATEMENT—(CONTINUED.)

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Chief Justice £1,200, payable in dollars at 4s. 2d.	£1,248	0	0
Two Puisne Judges, £1400	“ “	1,456	0	0
Attorney General	.....	500	0	0
Solicitor General	.....	200	0	0
Sheriff, Central District	.....	500	0	0
“ Northern	“	300	0	0
“ Southern	“	200	0	0
Clerk Supreme Court, including Clerk and Incidentals	.....	420	0	0
Clerk Northern Circuit Court	.....	200	0	0
Clerk Southern ditto	.....	200	0	0
Crier and Tipstaff, St. John's	.....	60	0	0
Crier and Tipstaff, Harbor Grace	.....	20	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

Crown Prosecutions	.....	300	0	0
Coroners	.....	200	0	0
Circuit of Judges	.....	400	0	0
		6,204	0	0

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Three Magistrate	.....	900	0	0
Clerk of the Peace	.....	300	0	0
Inspector	.....	80	0	0
Constables	.....	530	0	0
Gaoler	.....	150	0	0
Stipendiary Magistrates, Constables, Gaolers, Clerks of the Peace, in the Outports, as per detailed Statement	.....	3,531	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ordinary Repairs of Court Houses and Gaols	.....	200	0	0
Gaol Expenses	.....	600	0	0
		6,291	0	0

RELIEF OF THE POOR.

Commissioner of the Poor	.....	250	0	0
District Surgeon, St. John's	.....	200	0	0
“ “ Conception Bay	.....	100	0	0
Physician, Lunatic Asylum	200	0	0
Medical Attendance, St. John's Hospital	250	0	0

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STATEMENT—(CONTINUED.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

Permanent and Casual Poor in St. John's and Outports	£4,750	0	0	
Paupers in Lunatic Asylum	1,700	0	0	
Paupers in St. John's Hospital	1,200	0	0	
				8,650 0 0

FERRYMEN.

Estimated amount for the support of Ferries throughout the Island	312	0	0	
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EDUCATION.

Amount to be distributed under the Act	7,880	0	0	
For general inspection	200	0	0	
For Repairs of School Houses, to be equally divided	200	0	0	

ACADEMY ACT.

Master Roman Catholic Academy	250	0	0	
“ Episcopalian “	200	0	0	
“ General Protestant “	150	0	0	
“ Harbor Grace “	150	0	0	
“ Carbonear “	150	0	0	
				900 0 0
				9,180 0 0

LIGHT HOUSES.

Inspector	100	0	0	
Keeper, Cape Spear	95	0	0	
“ Cape Pine	95	0	0	
Assistant ditto	69	0	0	
Keeper, Harbor Grace Island	105	0	0	
“ “ Beacon	30	6	8	
“ Cape Bonavista	95	0	0	
“ Fort Amherst	70	0	0	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Oil Supplies, &c., &c.	1,340	6	8	
				2,000 0 0

Treasury Accounts.

STATEMENT—(CONTINUED.)

POST OFFICE.

Post Master General	.....	£275	0	0
Chief Clerk	.....	100	0	0
Assistant Clerk	.....	50	0	0
Messenger and Assorter	.....	35	0	0
Postmasters in Outports (15)	.....	290	0	0
Way Masters (7)	.....	28	0	0
Conveyance of Mails to Outports	.....	1,022	0	0
Incidental Expenses of the Establishment	.....	100	0	0
			1,900	0 0

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL.

Men stationed at Fort Amherst	.....	36	10	0
Duties on Wine, Military Mess	.....	50	0	0
Gas Company St. John's, Lighting Streets	.....	140	0	0
Gas Company Harbor Grace, " "	.....	50	0	0
Shipwrecked Sealing Crews	.....	100	0	0
Doras Society, St. John's	.....	50	0	0
" Harbor Grace	.....	25	0	0
" Carbonear	.....	25	0	0
Mechanics' Institute	.....	50	0	0
Factory, St. John's ....	.....	100	0	0
Orphan Asylum, Industrial Department	.....	50	0	0
Reading Room, St. John's	.....	25	0	0
Agricultural Society, St. John's and Outports	.....	250	0	0
Night Watch, St. John's	.....	100	0	0
Allowance to Robert Smith	.....	10	0	0
Keeper Half-way House, Salmonier	.....	35	0	0
Conception Bay Steam Packet Company	.....	300	0	0
Fire Companies, St. John's	.....	100	0	0
To defray Liabilities incurred on account Breakwater at Toads Cove	.....	150	0	0
Protection and Encouragement of Fisheries	.....	500	0	0
Seed Potatoes for the Poor	.....	700	0	0
			2,846	10 0

RETIRED ALLOWANCE ACT.

PENSIONS.

James Crowdy, late Colonial Secretary ....	.....	400	0	0
Edward M. Archibald, late Attorney General	.....	350	0	0
Joseph Noad, late Surveyor General	285	0	0
Hugh A. Emerson, late Solicitor General	90	0	0
			1,125	0 0

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STATEMENT—(CONTINUED.)

INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT.

Amount of Debt £151,804 14 8, estimate of Interest £8,000 0 0

DEBT REPAYABLE.

Amount Proposed to be consolidated 9,791 12

LEGISLATIVE CONTINGENCIES.

Estimated Amount of Expenditure 5,000 0 0

£76,440 2 0

ASSETS.

Balance from 1855 £2,114 4 4

REVENUES.

Estimated Account amount from Customs Duties	.....	67,000	0	0
Ditto ditto ditto Light Dues	.....	4,000	0	0
Ditto ditto ditto Crown Lands	.....	750	0	0
Ditto ditto ditto License Fund Fees &c.	.....	1,500	0	0
Ditto ditto ditto Post Office	.....	400	0	0
Ditto ditto ditto late Treasurer, P. Morris's estate	.....	250	0	0
		73,900	0	0
Balance against the Colony		425	17 8
			£76,440	2 0

THOMAS GLEN,

Receiver General.

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STATEMENT SHEWING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE DEBT OF THE
COLONY OF NEWFOUNDLAND, ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1855,
AND THE YEARS IN WHICH THE SEVERAL POR-
TIONS OF IT ARE RE-PAYABLE.

Amount re-payable on the 31st December, 1855	.....	.....	£1668	14	8
" " in the year	1856	.....	9791	12	0
	1857	.....	19663	0	0
	1858	.....	31003	0	0
	1859	.....	8212	10	0
	1860	.....	11159	16	0
	1861	.....	4556	6	8
	1862	.....	7916	16	8
	1863	.....	1082	18	8
	1864	.....	3500	0	0
	1865	.....	2250	0	0
	1868	.....	6000	0	0
	1875	.....	45000	0	0
			£151,804	14	8

THOMAS GLEN,

Receiver General.

A Consolidated Statement of the Expenditure of the Colony of Newfoundland, for the year ended the 31st day of December, 1855;

showing the total amount for each particular service, together with the sum voted, distinguishing the sum expended; and the balance remaining unexpended, if any.

SERVICE.	Balance of Grants from last year.	Grant for the year 1855.	Total.	Amount expended.	Balance remaining unexpended.
Breakwater at Toads' Cove	£13 6 8	...	£13 6 8	£13 6 8	.....
Ditto Olivers Cove	34 14 0	.....	34 14 0	.....	£34 14 0
Ditto Bonavista	268 0 0	.....	268 0 0	.....	268 0 0
Survey for the construction of a Breakwater at Carbonear	100 0 0	.....	100 0 0	.....	100 0 0
Men stationed at Fort Amherst .....	.....	£36 10 0	36 10 0	27 7 6	9 2 6
Public Wharf at Carbonear, (Carbonear Street Act) .....	.....	.....	.....	25 0 0	.....
Pumps, Harbor Grace Island, (Act 10th Vic. Cap. 8) .....	.....	.....	.....	26 0 0	.....
Crown Lands' Act	148 17 1	1600 0 0	1748 17 1	1517 10 8	231 6 5
Light Houses .....	.....	1800 0 0	1800 0 0	1660 11 8	139 8 4
General Protestant Academy Board in St. John's	200 0 0	.....	200 0 0	.....	200 0 0
Pier at Belloram	50 0 0	.....	50 0 0	.....	50 0 0
Public Warf at Point Verd, (Placentia Bay)	40 0 0	.....	40 0 0	40 0 0	.....
Ditto Presque, ditto	10 0 0	.....	10 0 0	.....	10 0 0
Legislative Contingencies, (Three Sessions)	190 18 0	14544 1 6	14734 19 6	14420 6 8	314 12 10
Postages and Incidentals	122 19 6	120 0 0	242 19 6	112 1 1	130 18 5
Registration of Voters	7 18 0	180 0 0	187 18 0	147 11 8	40 6 4
Seed Potatoes	99 4 10	1000 0 0	1099 4 10	820 0 8	279 4 2
Outport Magistrates	1965 0 0	1900 0 0	3865 0 0	3832 10 0	32 10 0
Ditto Clerks of the Peace	585 0 0	585 0 0	1170 0 0	1170 0 0	.....
Ditto Gaolers	210 0 0	210 0 0	420 0 0	420 0 0	.....
Ditto Constables	966 0 0	966 0 0	1932 0 0	1932 0 0	.....
Ditto Permanent Poor	32 12 0	400 0 0	432 12 0	357 4 3	75 7 9
St. John's Hospital	206 13 4	206 13 4	53 8 3	153 5 1
Gas Light Company, St. John's	143 6 8	143 6 8	286 13 4	215 0 0	71 13 4

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SERVICE.	Balance of Grants from last year.	Grant for the year 1855.	Total.	Amount Expended.	Balance remaining unexpended.
Pumps, Wells, &c., and Sanitary arrangements ...	£14 15 4	£400 0 0	£414 15 4	£286 19 0	£127 16 4
Civil and Criminal Prosecutions	115 18 8	300 0 0	415 18 8	283 10 6	132 8 2
Court Houses and Gaol Repairs	133 11 9	200 0 0	333 11 9	306 18 1	26 13 8
Debentures paid off .....	.....	.....	.....	6750 13 4	.....
Delegation to England .....	.....	.....	.....	62 16 9	.....
Education Act .....	.....	7880 0 0	7880 0 0	7695 0 0	185 0 0
Employment of the Poor on Roads .....	.....	350 0 0	350 0 0	472 3 11	.....
Quarantine Act .....	.....	1456 0 0	1456 0 0	1498 18 10	.....
Fuel and Light	139 8 5	450 0 0	589 8 5	1086 11 3	.....
Gaol Expenses	254 13 9	600 0 0	854 13 9	725 14 2	128 19 7
Interest on Public Debt .....	.....	.....	.....	6254 18 1	.....
Insurance on Public Buildings .....	.....	174 19 0	174 19 0	174 19 0	.....
Lunatic Paupers .....	.....	1700 0 0	1700 0 0	1796 19 9	.....
Printing and Stationery	410 15 2	500 0 0	910 15 2	934 16 4	.....
Postal Act .....	.....	1900 0 0	1900 0 0	1971 8 5	.....
Relief of the Poor .....	.....	15000 0 0	15000 0 0	14286 16 0	.....
Employment of the able-bodied Poor on Roads....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1465 9 6
Lunatic Asylum Commissioners	800 0 0	1326 0 0	2126 0 0	2147 12 10	.....
Penitentiary Commissioners .....	.....	1200 0 0	1200 0 0	536 14 2	663 5 10
Special Salaries .....	.....	1825 0 0	1825 0 0	1825 0 0	.....
St. John's Re-building Act ....	.....	.....	.....	121 10 1	.....
Unforeseen Contingencies ...	574 19 2	500 0 0	1074 19 2	692 3 0	382 16 2
Circuit Courts .....	.....	300 0 0	300 0 0	451 11 9	.....
Coroners	185 8 0	300 0 0	485 8 0	380 10 8	104 17 4
Election Expenses .....	.....	150 0 0	150 0 0	209 0 0	.....
Address of the House of Assembly .....	.....	589 6 4	589 6 4	308 17 11	280 8 5
Night Watch, St. John's	100 0 0	100 0 0	200 0 0	97 10 0	102 10 0
Miscellaneous Salaries	4975 5 0	4596 16 10	9572 1 10	9522 13 8	49 8 2

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SERVICE.	Balance of Grants from last year.	Grant for the year 1855.	Total.	Amount expended.	Balance remaining unexpended.
Ferryman	£308 5 0	£312 0 0	£620 5 0	£595 5 0	£25 0 0
Miscellaneous votes	1721 5 3	3367 3 8	5088 8 11	4591 8 0	497 0 11
Retired Officers' allowances ....	.....	.....	.....	667 11 7	.....
Salaries of Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Government .....	.....	.....	.....	1688 10 4	.....
Fishery Protection, and for the improvement of the Herring Fishery .....	.....	600 0 0	600 0 0	86 13 4	513 6 8
Shipwrecked Crews	141 2 8	100 0 0	241 2 8	35 4 8	205 18 0
Roads and Bridges	2341 4 11	1250 0 0	3591 4 11	3108 5 6	482 19 5
	£17611 3 2	70912 4 0	88523 7 2	98445 5 0	7514 7 4

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APPENDIX.

St. John's, Newfoundland, }
8th February, 1856. }

THOMAS GLEN,
Receiver General.

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STATEMENT OF DEBENTURES ISSUED UNDER ACT 19TH VIC., CAP. 14.

Nos.	Term of Years.	Rate of Interest.	NAMES.	Sums.
1	20	5 per cent.	The Savings' Bank	£1000 0 0
2	ditto	1000 0 0
3	ditto	1000 0 0
4	ditto	1000 0 0
5	ditto	1000 0 0
6	ditto	1000 0 0
7	ditto	1000 0 0
8	ditto	1000 0 0
9	ditto	1000 0 0
10	ditto	1000 0 0
11	ditto	1000 0 0
12	ditto	1000 0 0
13	ditto	1000 0 0
14	ditto	1000 0 0
15	ditto	1000 0 0
16	Richard Hillman	500 0 0
17	St George's Society	100 0 0
18	Mary Williams	100 0 0
19	...	5½ per cent.	Patrick Cleary	100 0 0
20	Michael Harding	1000 0 0
21	...	5 per cent.	William Bindon	900 0 0
22	5½ per cent.	Patrick Doyle	700 0 0
23	Samuel Carson	350 0 0
24	(Cancelled)	
25	5 per cent.	John Gregory	500 0 0
26	5½ per cent.	Martin E. Driscoll	100 0 0
27	The Savings' Bank	1000 0 0
28	ditto	1000 0 0
29	ditto	1000 0 0
30	ditto	1000 0 0
31	ditto	1000 0 0
32	ditto	1000 0 0
33	ditto	1000 0 0
34	ditto	1000 0 0
35	ditto	1000 0 0
36	ditto	1000 0 0
37	ditto	250 0 0
38	5½ per cent.	James Furlong	1000 0 0
39	Thomas Whelan	100 0 0
				£30,700 0 0

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STATEMENT—(CONTINUED.)

Nos.	Term of Years.	Rate of Interest.	NAMES.	Sums.		
			Amount brought forward.....		£30,700	0 0
40	20	5½ per cent.	Michael Dunphy	£300 0 0		
41	John Dunphy	300 0 0		
42	Jacob Chafe	300 0 0		
43	Edward St. John	800 0 0		
44	Ann Mary Cullen	100 0 0		
45	Joseph Shears	500 0 0		
46	Joseph Shears	500 0 0		
47	Patrick Strapp	700 0 0		
48	Augustus W. Desbarres	100 0 0		
49	ditto	100 0 0		
50	ditto	100 0 0		
51	ditto	100 0 0		
52	ditto	100 0 0		
53	ditto	50 0 0		
54	Lawrence O'Brien	500 0 0		
55	ditto	500 0 0		
56	ditto	500 0 0		
57	ditto	500 0 0		
58	Charles Laughnan	1000 0 0		
59	Edward Rawlins	500 0 0		
60	Commissioners of Pilots	150 0 0		
61	James Furlong	500 0 0		
62	Michael Power	500 0 0		
63	Right Rev. Dr. Mullock	100 0 0		
64	John Casey	100 0 0		
65	ditto	100 0 0		
66	Joanna Casey	104 0 0		
67	Benevolent Irish Society	2000 0 0		
68	Lucinda Bulger	868 0 0		
69	James McLaughlan	400 0 0		
70	ditto	300 0 0		
71	ditto	300 0 0		
72	William Sterling, Sr.	117 0 0		
73	ditto	100 0 0		
74	Exrs. of the late L. Geran	311 0 0		
75	Nathaniel Hill	100 0 0		
76	Thomas Grant	200 0 0		
77	Philip F. Little	100 0 0	£13,900	0 0
			Carried forward...		£44,600	0 0

Treasury Accounts.

Nos.	Term of Years.	Rate of Interest.	NAMES.	Sums.
			Amount brought forward....	£44,600 0 0
78	20	5½ per cent.	Philip F. Little	100 0 0
79	....	....	ditto	100 0 0
80	....	....	ditto	100 0 0
81	....	....	ditto	100 0 0
				£45,000 0 0

Amount Tendered £69,415 19 4 ; Amount accepted, £45,000 0 0 ;
 Amount rejected, £24,415 19 4.

THOMAS GLEN,
 Receiver General.

St. John's,
 25th January, 1856.

£44,600 0 0

Treasury Accounts.

STATEMENT shewing the total amount of Expenditure for each particular service, from the 1st day of October, 1855, to the 31st December, 1855; together with the sum unexpended on the 1st day of October, 1855, and the balance now remaining unexpended, if any.

SERVICE.	BALANCE ON 1st Oct., 1855.	Amount expended.	Balance remaining unexpended.
Breakwater at Toad's Cove.....	£13 6 8	£13 6 8	
Ditto Oliver's Cove	34 14 0	....	34 14 0
Ditto Bonavista	268 0 0	....	268 0 0
Crown Lands' Act	380 12 2	149 5 9	231 6 5
Civil and Criminal Prosecutions	209 18 3	77 10 1	132 8 2
Coroners	168 14 0	63 10 8	104 17 4
Circuit Courts	185 0 0	336 11 9	....
Court Houses and Gaols	129 4 11	102 11 3	26 13 8
Education Act	4025 0 0	3840 0 0	185 0 0
Address of the House of Assembly	325 8 5	45 0 0	280 8 5
Election Expenses .....	....	28 2 5	....
Fuel and Light .....	....	489 3 6	....
Ferrymen ...	177 5 0	152 5 0	25 0 0
Fishery protection, and for the improvement of the Herring Fishery	600 0 0	86 13 4	513 6 8
Gaol Expenses	297 7 4	168 7 9	128 19 7
General Protestant Academy Board in St. John's....	200 0 0	....	200 0 0
Light Houses	697 0 1	557 11 9	139 8 4
Legislative Contingencies	525 18 0	211 5 2	314 12 10
Lunatic Paupers	698 16 6	795 10 3	....
Lunatic Asylum Commissioners	833 13 8	855 0 6	....
Men Stationed at Fort Amherst	18 5 0	9 2 6	9 2 6
Night Watch, St. John's	157 15 0	55 5 0	102 10 0
Outport Permanent Poor	158 18 8	83 10 11	75 7 9
Ditto Magistrates	950 0 0	917 10 0	32 10 0
Ditto Clerks of the Peace	292 10 0	292 10 0	....
Ditto Gaolers	105 0 0	105 0 0	....
Ditto Constables	483 0 0	483 0 0	....
Miscellaneous Salaries	2162 5 11	2112 17 9	49 8 2
Printing and Stationery	229 2 7	253 10 9	....
Postages and Incidentals	142 16 4	11 17 11	130 18 5
Relief of the Poor	3492 19 2	4245 4 8	....
Employment of the able-bodied Poor on Roads.....	....	....	1465 9 6
Postal Act	824 18 11	896 7 4	....
Penitentiary Commissioners ...	765 9 2	102 3 4	663 5 10
Pumps, Wells, &c., and Sanitary arrangements ...	225 18 8	98 2 4	127 16 4
Pier at Belloram	50 0 0	....	50 0 0
Public Wharf at Presque	10 0 0	....	10 0 0
Gas Light Company, St. John's	71 13 4	....	71 13 4
Registration of Voters	41 1 4	0 15 0	40 6 4
Miscellaneous Votes, 1854	465 0 0	400 0 0	65 0 0

Treasury Accounts.

STATEMENT—(CONTINUED.)

SERVICE.	Balance on 1st Oct. 1855	Amount expended.	Balance re- maining un- expended.
Miscellaneous Votes, 1855	£1329 17 4	£902 16 8	£432 0 11
Survey for the construction of a Breakwater at Carbonear	100 0 0	...	100 0 0
Seed Potatoes	279 4 4	...	279 4 2
Shipwrecked Crews	212 14 6	6 16 6	205 18 0
St. John's Hospital	206 13 4	53 8 3	153 5 1
Unforeseen Contingencies	805 4 8	422 8 6	382 16 2
Quarantine Act .....	...	1 0 0	...
Roads and Bridges, District of Conception Bay ...	1 14 1	...	1 14 1
Ditto Trinity	67 13 1	35 7 10	32 5 3
Ditto Fogo	138 18 10	25 6 7	113 12 3
Ditto Fortune Bay	193 6 1	10 0 0	183 6 1
Ditto Burin	108 12 5	...	108 12 5
St. John's Streets	344 14 8	742 0 6	...
General Repairs of Roads	98 13 9	146 5 7	...
Road from Salmonier to Rocky River	60 6 9	16 17 5	43 9 4
Retired Officers' Allowances	562 10 0	562 10 0	...
Salaries of the Principal Officers of H. M. Govern- ment	1688 10 4	1688 10 4	...
Special Salaries	600 0 0	600 0 0	...
St. John's Rebuilding Act .....	...	21 13 4	...
Debentures paid off .....	...	2023 6 8	...
Interest on Public Debt .....	...	3305 9 0	...
	£27215 7 1	28603 1 6	7514 7 4

JAMES TOBIN,

Financial Secretary.

January 1st, 1856.

Customs Returns.

*PORT OF ST. JOHN'S,
A Consolidated Account of the Goods imported in the year ended 31st December, 1855, shewing the aggregate quantities and value of the various articles, and amount of Duty collected thereon.*

ARTICLES IMPORTED.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Ale, Porter, Cider and Perry, viz., in Bottles, in Casks	1,042 Dozens	£364 8 4	£44 1 11
Animals, viz., Horses	24,757 Gals.	2359 16 2	272 3 6
Oxen and Cows	19	316 0 0	9 10 0
Sheep, Swine and Calves	2,563	15280 9 11	683 4 5
Apples	2,761	2696 1 0	138 1 0
Bacon, Hams, Tongues, Smoked Beef and Sausages	2,371 Brls.	1271 1 6	177 16 6
Beef, (Salted and Cured)	687 1 27 Cwts.	2444 17 10	232 4 6
Biscuit	1,920½ Brls.	4941 18 8	192 1 0
Butter	123,319 2 14 Cwts.	143814 7 10	1541 10 4
Cheese	13,812 3 17 "	49594 14 4	1721 7 6
Chocolate and Cocoa	442 3 27 "	1394 2 5	110 14 10
Cigars	10,865 Lbs.	223 19 9	31 0 6
Coals	358,750 M.	1330 3 0	143 12 0
Coffee	19,695¼ Tons.	19654 14 3	984 15 9
Feathers	165,010 Lbs.	3858 3 6	397 9 5
Fish (dried)	11,915 "	219 12 1	49 12 11
Flour	26 Cwts.	38 15 0	6 10 0
Fruit (dried)	105,629 Brls.	229110 6 7	7922 3 6
" Other descriptions	50,020 Lbs.	1231 16 6	208 7 8
Lumber	204 6 11	4417 7 3	221 3 9
Leather (Manufactures of)	1,769,424 Feet.	17317 9 6	1731 14 10
Molasses	742,759 Gals.	40637 10 10	5394 12 4
Oatmeal and Indian Meal	21,294½ Brls.	28529 3 2	532 7 3
Pork	19,410 "	55152 12 7	2911 10 0
Ready-made Clothing	19705 17 1	19705 17 1	1970 11 7
Salt	40,167·7 Tons.	36305 17 9	1004 3 7
Shingles	2,466,500	1933 6 10	123 6 6
Spirits, viz., Brandy, Gin and Cor- dials	9982 4 3	9982 4 3	3688 4 6
Rum	21,392½ Gals.	11416 1 0	5364 11 3
Sugar, viz., Refined	104,953¼ "	2782 10 2	545 9 2
Unrefined	1,229 2 1 Cwts.	19303 19 11	5304 6 1
Bastard	18,128 2 26 "	125 10 6	22 0 5
Tea	62 2 2 "	14173 18 5	3992 11 7
Timber	287,984 Lbs.	2178 1 10	101 18 2
Tobacco (Manufactured)	1,596¼ Tons.	9118 5 9	2506 6 2
Stems	264,844 Lbs.	56 2 6	6 12 2
Vinegar	66 0 8 "	70 12 6	14 13 3

Customs Returns.

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A Consolidated Account of the Goods imported in the year ended 31st December, 1855, shewing the aggregate quantities and value of the various articles, and amount of Duty collected thereon.—
Continued.*

ARTICLES IMPORTED.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Wines—viz., in bottles	419 $\frac{1}{3}$ Gals.	£338 10 0	£84 6 8
not in bottles, viz., Port, Madeira, Hock, Burgundy, Claret, & Dry Lisbon	22,040 $\frac{1}{2}$	9289 5 0	2324 11 0
Sherry	332 Gals.	97 10 0	43 18 9
Other Wines	360 "	144 0 0	36 0 0
Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, enumerated, to pay duty at the rate of 5 per cent.		256649 3 2	12832 7 4
Ditto ditto ditto 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.		49130 4 3	3684 16 8
Silk, (Manufactures of)		2934 4 3	293 8 5
Not otherwise enumerated or described		34702 4 5	3470 4 6
		£1,106,841 8 6	£73,092 11 10

THOMAS GLEN,

Receiver General.

Custom House,
24th January, 1856.)

Customs Returns.

PORT OF ST. JOHN'S.

DR. A CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT CURRENT OF RECEIPTS AND

1855.

December 31—To Outport Balances from last year, viz. :

Lamalaine	£16	2	5	
Trinity	171	0	1	
Carbonear	133	14	10	
Harbor Grace ...	275	17	4	
Placentia	45	17	3	
Burin	111	19	0	
Harbor Briton....	431	8	4	
La Poile	798	8	9	
				1984 8 0
Outport Duties				13477 8 6
Duties on Goods imported, St. John's				59615 3 4
Ten per cent. on that amount				5961 10 4
Duties collected under Copyright Act.....				0 6 11
Light Dues, net amount				3354 12 3
Duties collect on Spirits distilled in the Island				222 3 9
Quarantine Fees, St. John's				68 13 6
“ “ Outports				18 6 0
Surcharges on Outport Accounts				3 7 10
Colony's Share of Seizures				45 7 4
Net proceeds of Samples sold				13 12 9
Remittance from Placentia to be carried to Account next Quarter				17 6 8
				£84,782 7 2

I certify that the foregoing Account is just and true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Custom House,
the 24th of January, 1856. }

APPENDIX

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

PORT OF SAN JOAQUIN

Dr. A CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT CURRENT OR RECEIPTS AND

1850

Balance at To Other Balance from last year, viz

Balance	
Wages	
Expenses	
Produce	
Merchandise	
Interest	
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Outstanding

Balance on the 31st of December, 1850

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Customs Returns.

PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1855. Cr.

1855.

December 31—By	Over Entries			£373 8 1
	Drawbacks			5137 2 2
	Incidental Expenses			465 19 0
	Tidewaiters			918 0 1
	Lumber Certificates			5 0 0
	Reserved Salaries.....			6372 11 11
	Customs Salaries, viz. :			
	St. John's	1929 0 2		
	Outports	1746 11 4		
				3675 11 6
	Return Duties			140 2 6
	Quarantine Officer....			68 13 6
	Remittance to Commissioners of Customs, London, on account of Duties collected under Copyright Act			20 1 10
	Treasury Department, viz. :			
	Bonds	47263 18 10		
	Cash	18241 9 1		
				65505 7 11
	Outport Balances to next Quarter :			
	Fogo	127 4 2		
	Trinity	162 6 6		
	Carbonear	260 11 9		
	Harbor Grace ...	1146 1 8		
	Burin	190 0 1		
	Harbor Briton....	214 4 6		
				2100 8 8
				£84,782 7 2

THOMAS GLEN,

Receiver General.

We do hereby certify that we have duly audited the foregoing Account, and that we have finally settled and closed the same.

PETER WINSER, *Chairman of Audit.*
JAMES L. PRENDERGAST, } *Auditors.*
JOHN HAYWARD.

St. John's, Newfoundland, }
the 1st day of February, 1856, }

Customs Returns.

PORT OF ST. JOHN'S.

DR. A CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT CURRENT OF RECEIPTS AND

1855.

December 31—To Outport Balances from last year, viz. :

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Custom House, }
the 24th of January, 1856. }

Customs Returns.

A RETURN OF DUTIES PAID IN THE SEVERAL OUTPORTS IN THIS COLONY, FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS.

OUTPORTS.	1853.	1854.	1855.
Twillingate	£114 6 1	£135 7 6	£193 8 2
Fogo	1023 5 9	886 5 7	986 18 4
Greenspond	255 9 8	160 17 0	313 2 5
Trinity	657 14 1	248 8 2	770 10 3
Carbonear	1056 13 4	1106 6 10	1182 14 10
Harbor Grace	3632 1 1	3629 19 5	5326 3 4
Brigus	40 12 8	88 13 0	119 6 0
Ferryland	6 18 9	.....	5 0 0
Placentia	533 10 9	454 15 11	216 12 0
Burin	979 7 8	948 0 8	1071 13 4
Lamaline	80 11 5	118 13 1	118 5 9
Little Bay	1281 5 1	1477 11 0	1895 13 10
Gaultois	194 0 9	440 17 7	439 3 3
LaPoile	1089 16 7	1382 14 4	1546 3 1
Bonavista	37 8 11	368 14 3	167 18 3
Grand Bank	0 7 6	.....	.....
Fortune .....	.....	.....	.....
St. Mary's	29 18 10	31 12 6	12 3 8
	£11013 8 11	11478 16 10	14364 16 6

THOMAS GLEN,

Receiver General.

Custom House, St. John's,
Newfoundland, 17th March, 1856.

Receiver General.

We do hereby certify that we have duly audited the foregoing Accounts, and that we have
found them correct and in accordance with the original Accounts, and that we have
found them correct and in accordance with the original Accounts, and that we have

PETER WINSOR, Chairman of Audit,
JAMES J. FRENDEGAST,
JOHN HAYWARD,

St. John's, Newfoundland,
the 17th day of February, 1856.

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, TRANSMITTING AN ORDER IN COUNCIL, PROHIBITING THE EXPORTA- TION OF SALT PETRE AND OTHER CHEMICAL SALTS FROM ENGLAND TO THE NORTH AMERICAN AND WEST INDIAN COLONIES.

(CIRCULAR.)

DOWNING STREET, }
9th January, 1856. }

SIR,—I transmit to you enclosed, an Order of the Lords of the Council, dated the 27th ult., which you will perceive prohibits absolutely the exportation of Saltpetre, and other Chemical Salts from this Country to the North American and West Indian Colonies.

The effect of this Order is to extend the provisions of that of the 1st November, transmitted in my circular Despatch of the 24th November last, to the North American and West Indian Colonies, placing them in this respect on the same footing as Foreign Countries. I need not say that Her Majesty's Government are placed under the necessity of taking this course by the exigencies of the War, as it is of the first importance to prevent illicit traffic with the enemy in this article; and as the efforts of the Local Governments, with all the good-will which they would no doubt exhibit, could not avail to prevent their re-exportation for such illicit use, if importation into the Colonies was absolutely free.

Attempts, however, might still, it is true, be made to evade this last peremptory prohibition by conveying the prohibited Articles to the West Indian and North American Colonies, either from Foreign Countries or from other Colonies, with a view to the transmission of the articles in question by various channels to the enemy.

How far the Laws of will enable you to prohibit the importation or exportation of Saltpetre and other Chemical Salts in the manner indicated I am not at present aware; but I cannot doubt that the Legislature of will readily arm you with sufficient powers for effectually checking any improper trade in those Salts.

The subject is of considerable importance, and I have to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of this instruction, and favour me with any information or practical suggestions which you may consider calculated to facilitate the attainment of the object which Her Majesty's Government have in view.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient

Humble Servant,

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

XXVI.

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WHITEHALL,

The 27th day of December, 1855.

BY THE LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST HONOURABLE PRIVY COUNCIL.

The Lords of the Council having taken into consideration the expediency of extending the Prohibition to export from the United Kingdom of certain Articles used in the Manufacture of Military and Naval Stores, in pursuance of Her Majesty's Proclamation of the 18th February, 1854, are pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, That the Officers of Her Majesty's Customs do prevent the Exportation of Saltpetre, Nitrate of Soda, Sulphate of Potash, and Muriate of Potash (Chloride of Potassium), to Her Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in North America, including the West Indian Islands, as well as to all Foreign Countries; and that the Officers of Her Majesty's Customs do permit the Articles herein mentioned to be carried Coastwise to any Port in the United Kingdom, or to be exported to any other of Her Majesty's Colonies, Plantations, or Possessions Abroad, or to the Territories of the East India Company, upon taking from the Persons exporting the same a Bond that the said Articles shall be landed and entered for use and Consumption within such of Her Majesty's Dominions or within the Territories of the East India Company.

Whereof the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and Officers of Her Majesty's Customs, and all other Persons whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

W. L. BATHURST.

COPY OF CIRCULAR DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
THE COLONIES, ON THE SUBJECT OF ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM BY
WHICH LIGHT HOUSES AND LIGHT VESSELS MAY BE ERECTED
AND MAINTAINED, BY MEANS OF TOLLS LEVIED ON
VESSELS DERIVING BENEFIT THEREFROM.

(CIRCULAR.)

DOWNING STREET,
6th September, 1855. }

SIR,—I have to communicate to you, for your information as to the views of Her Majesty's Government, and in order that you may bring them, whenever occasion shall require, under the consideration of your Executive Council, the following observations and proposal on the subject of Colonial Lights.

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

2.—The great importance of a well-ordered system of Colonial Lights to the Trade and Shipping of the British Empire has suggested to Her Majesty's Government the propriety of inviting the co-operation and assistance of the Local Authorities in the Colonies, in order to bring about a more efficient and more economical system of management in the erection and maintenance of Colonial Lights than that which at present exists.

3.—Since the passing of the "Shipping Law Amendment Act" in 1853, the control of the Lights of the United Kingdom has been vested in the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade.

4.—It is proposed to apply the information and experience which the Board of Trade has acquired under that arrangement in assisting the Colonial Governments to effect such improvements in the management of their Lights as may be found desirable.

5.—The accompanying Printed Memorandum, which has been prepared by the Board of Trade with the assistance of the Elder Brethern of the Trinity House, fully explains the nature and extent of the assistance and information which that Department is prepared to afford to the Colonial Authorities, as well as the steps to be taken by those Authorities for obtaining such assistance and information.

6.—In addition to the assistance which the Board of Trade are prepared to give, as above mentioned, the "Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act" recently passed, a copy of which I enclose, contains a provision for enabling Her Majesty, by Order in Council, to fix Dues to be paid for Colonial Lights. The nature and objects of this provision you will find fully explained in a Letter from the Board of Trade to this Department, dated 15th August, of which a copy is also herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

(Signed)

W. MOLESWORTH.

Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade,
Whitehall, 15th August, 1855.

SIR,—With reference to your Letter of the 6th instant, I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to transmit to you for distribution to the various Colonies, the accompanying copies of the printed Memorandum relating to Lighthouses and Light Vessels in the Colonies.

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

My Lords have not before replied to the above-mentioned Letter, as it appeared to them that it would be desirable, in transmitting the Memorandum in question to the Colonial Authorities, to call the attention of the Governors and other Officers to those provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1855," which relate to the collection of dues for the maintenance and erection of Colonial Lights. If Secretary Sir William Molesworth should think such a course expedient, the following are points which will, in my Lords' opinion, require special attention.

1.—That the object contemplated by the Imperial Legislature is to assist the Colonies in erecting and maintaining Lighthouses, by providing Funds for the purpose by means of Tolls levied on the ships which derive benefit from the Lights, whether those ships go to Ports in the Colony in which the Light is situate or not.

2.—That the principle upon which the Tolls are to be fixed and collected is the same as that adopted in this Country.

3.—That provision is made for procuring advances for building, as well as an annual income for maintaining Lights.

4.—That whilst no Colony can be required to levy a Tax against its will, the money when paid must, if necessity (being levied in different Colonies, as well as in the United Kingdom) be under the control of the Imperial Government.

5.—That it is not the wish or the intention of the Board of Trade, in administering any funds so levied, to interfere with the Local Authorities, who will still have the management of the Lights, except so far as may be necessary to insure proper accounts, and a proper expenditure of the public money.

6.—That whenever any application is made for assistance towards erecting or maintaining a Light, the Governor of the Colony or Possession should send all the information in his power, as to the number and tonnage of Vessels passing or deriving benefit from the Light, and the ports and places to or from which they trade. In giving this information, attention should be paid to the particular circumstances of the case, so that the Imperial Government may be enabled, in fixing the Toll, to determine what the amount should be, and at what ports it will be desirable to collect it. As a general rule, it will probably be found most convenient to collect the dues at the Port of Departure of the ship, rather than at the Port of Arrival, where both Ports are British Ports, but the application of this rule must depend upon the circumstances of each case.

7.—Where a Light is to be erected or maintained in one Colony, and Tolls will have to be taken in other Colonies, the communications from the first Colony should be so made as to enable Her Majesty's Government to communicate as early and as effectively as possible with the latter Colonies.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

T. H. FARRER.

H. MERIVALE, Esq., &c.
Colonial Office.

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

CAP. XCI.**AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF COLO-
NIAL LIGHT HOUSES, AND OTHERWISE TO AMEND THE
MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1854.**

14th August. 1855.

Whereas it is expedient to make Provision for facilitating the Erection and Maintenance of Light-houses in the British Possessions abroad, and otherwise to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

I.—This Act may be cited as “The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1855,” and shall be taken to be Part of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and shall be construed accordingly.

II.—In any case in which any Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon has been or is hereafter erected or placed on or near the Coasts of any British Possession, by or with the consent of the Legislative Authority of such Possession, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, fix such Dues in respect thereof, to be paid by the Owner or Master of every Ship which passes the same or derives benefit therefrom, as Her Majesty may deem reasonable, and may in like manner from time to time increase, diminish, or repeal such Dues, and from the time specified in such Order for the commencement of the Dues thereby fixed, increased, or diminished, the same shall be leviable throughout Her Majesty's Dominions in manner here-in-after mentioned.

III.—No such Dues as aforesaid shall be levied in any Colony unless and until the Legislative Authority in such Colony has, either by Address to the Crown, or by an Act or Ordinance duly passed, signified its opinion that the same ought to be levied in such Colony.

IV.—The said Dues shall in the United Kingdom be collected by the same persons by whom, and by the same means, in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions, so far as circumstances permit, by, in, and subject to which the Light Dues leviable under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, are collected, and shall in each British Possession abroad be collected by such Persons as the Governor of such Possession abroad may appoint for the purpose, and shall be collected by the same means, in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions, so far as circumstances permit, by, in, and subject to which the Light Dues leviable under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, are paid and collected, or by such other means, in such other manner, and subject to such other conditions as the Legislative authority in such Possession may direct.

V.—All Dues levied under this Act shall be paid over to Her Majesty's Paymaster General at such times and in such manner as the Board of Trade may direct, and shall be applied, paid, and dealt with by him, for the purposes herein-after mentioned, in such manner as such Board may direct.

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

VI.—The Dues levied under the Authority of this Act in respect of any such Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon as aforesaid shall, after deducting any expenses incurred in collecting the same, be applied for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in erecting and maintaining such Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon, and for no other purpose whatever.

VII.—For the purpose of constructing or repairing any such Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon as aforesaid, the Board of Trade may raise, upon the Security of the Dues to be levied in respect thereof, such Sums of Money as they may deem fit; and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, out of any Monies which may be provided by Parliament, the Public Works Loan Commissioners, or any other Person or Body of Persons, may advance the same accordingly, such Advances to be made in the same Manner, with the same Powers, and subject to the same Provisions, so far as circumstances permit, in, with, and subject to which, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854. Advances may be made upon the Security of the Mercantile Marine Fund for the construction and repair of Lighthouses in the United Kingdom.

VIII.—Accounts shall be kept of all Sums expended in the Construction, Repair, or Maintenance of every Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon in the British Possessions abroad, for which Dues are levied under the Authority of this Act, and of the Dues received in respect thereof, in such Manner as the Board of Trade may direct, and shall be laid before Parliament annually; and the said Accounts shall be audited in such Manner as Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct.

IX.—Any Person who, in any Declaration made in the Presence of or produced to any Registrar of Shipping, in pursuance of the Second Part of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, or in any Documents or other Evidence produced to such Registrar, wilfully makes, or assists in making or procures to be made, any false statement concerning the Title to or the Ownership of or the Interests existing in any Ship, or any Share or Shares in any Ship, or who utters, produces, or makes use of any Declaration or Document containing any such false Statement, knowing the same to be false, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

X.—Shares in Ships registered under the said Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, shall be deemed to be included in the Word "Stock," as defined by the Trustee Act, 1850, and the Provisions of such last mentioned Act shall be applicable to such Shares accordingly.

XI.—In any case in which any Bill of Sale, Mortgage, or other Instrument for the Disposal or Transfer of any Ship or any Share or Shares therein or of any Interest therein is made in any Form or contains any Particulars other than the Form and Particulars prescribed and approved for the purpose by or in pursuance of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, no Registrar shall be required to record the same without the express Direction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs.

XII.—Upon the transfer of the Registry of a Ship from one port to another, the Certificate of Registry required by the Ninetieth Section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, to be delivered up for that purpose, may be delivered up to the Registrar of either of such Ports.

XIII.—The Commissioners of Customs may, with the consent of the Board of Trade, exempt any Pleasure Yacht from the Provision contained in the Thirty-fourth section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, which requires the name of every Ship and the port to which she belongs to be painted on her stern.

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XIV.—The Owner of any Ship which is measured under Rule II. contained in the Twenty-second Section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, may at any subsequent period apply to the Commissioners of Customs to have the said Ship remeasured under Rule I. contained in the 21st Section of the same Act, and the said Commissioners may thereupon, and upon payment of such fee, not exceeding Seven shillings and sixpence for each transverse Section, as they may authorize, direct the said Ship to be remeasured accordingly, and the number denoting the Register tonnage shall be altered accordingly.

XV.—The copy or transcript of the Register of any British Ship which is kept by the Chief Registrar of Shipping at the Custom House in London, or by the Registrar General of Seamen, under the direction of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs, or of the Board of Trade, shall have the same effect to all intents and purposes as the original Register of which the same is a copy or transcript.

XVI.—The Board of Trade may issue instructions concerning the relief to be administered to Seamen and Apprentices, in pursuance of the Two hundred and eleventh and Two hundred and twelfth Sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and may by such instructions determine in what cases and under what circumstances and conditions such relief is to be administered; and all powers of recovering expenses incurred with respect to distressed Seamen and Apprentices, which by the Two hundred and thirteenth Section of the said Act are given to the Board of Trade, shall extend to all expenses incurred by any foreign Government for the purposes aforesaid, and repaid to such Government by Her Majesty's Government, and shall likewise extend to any expenses incurred by the conveying home such Seamen or Apprentices in foreign as well as British Ships; and all provisions concerning the relief of distressed Seamen and Apprentices, being subjects of Her Majesty, which are contained in the said Sections of the said Act, and in this Section, shall extend to such Seamen and Apprentices, not being subjects of Her Majesty, as are reduced to distress in foreign parts by reason of their having been shipwrecked, discharged, or left behind from any British Ship; subject nevertheless to such modifications and directions concerning the cases in which relief is to be given to such foreigners, and the country to which they are to be sent, as the Board of Trade may, under the circumstances, think fit to make and issue.

XVII.—The enactment of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, relating to Savings Banks shall apply to all seamen, and to their wives and families, whether such seamen belong to the Royal Navy or to the Merchant Service, or to any other Sea Service.

XVIII.—Any Naval Court summoned, under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, to hear any complaint touching the conduct of the Master or any of the Crew of any Ship, shall, in addition to the powers given to it by the said Act, have power to try the said Master or any of the said Crew for any offences against the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, in respect of which two Justices would, if the case were tried in the United Kingdom, have power to convict summarily, and by order duly made to inflict the same punishments for such offences which two Justices might in the case aforesaid inflict, upon summary conviction; provided, that in cases where an offender is sentenced to imprisonment, the sentence shall be confirmed in writing by the Senior Naval or Consular Officer present at the place where the Court is held, and the place of imprisonment, whether on Land or on board Ship, shall be approved by him as a proper place for the purpose, and copies of all sentences made by Naval Court summoned to hear any such complaint as aforesaid shall be sent to the Commander-in-Chief or Senior Naval Officer of the Station.

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XIX.—Whenever any articles belonging to or forming part of any Foreign Ship which has been wrecked on or near the Coasts of the United Kingdom, or belonging to or forming part of the cargo thereof, are found on or near such Coasts, or are brought into any Port in the United Kingdom, the Consul General of the Country to which such Ship, or, in the case of Cargo, to which the owners of such Cargo, may have belonged, or any Consular Officer of such Country authorized in that behalf by any Treaty or Agreement with such Country, shall, in the absence of the Owner of such Ship or Articles, and of the Master or other Agent of the Owner, be deemed to be the Agent of the Owner, so far as relates to the Custody and Disposal of such Articles.

XX.—In cases where services are rendered by Officers or Men of the Coast Guard Service in watching or protecting shipwrecked Property, then, unless it can be shown that such Services have been declined by the Owner of such Property or his Agent at the time they were tendered, or that Salvage has been claimed and awarded for such Services, the Owner of the Shipwrecked Property shall pay in respect of the said Services Remuneration according to a Scale to be fixed by the Board of Trade, so, however, that such Scale shall not exceed any Scale by which payment to Officers and Men of the Coast Guard for extra Duties in the ordinary Service of the Commissioners of Customs is for the time being regulated; and such Remuneration shall be recoverable by the same Means and shall be paid to the same Persons and accounted for and applied in the same Manner as Fees received by Receivers appointed under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854.

XXI.—If any Person, being a British Subject, charged with having committed any crime or offence on board any British Ship on the High Seas or in any Foreign Port or Harbour, or if any Person, not being a British Subject, charged with having committed any crime or offence on board any British Ship on the High Seas, is found within the jurisdiction of any Court of Justice in Her Majesty's Dominions which would have had cognizance of such crime or offence, if committed within the limits of its ordinary Jurisdiction, such Court shall have Jurisdiction to hear and try the case as if such crime or offence had been committed within such limits: Provided, that nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to alter or interfere with the Act of the Thirteenth Year of Her present Majesty, Chapter Ninety-six.

XXII.—It shall be the duty of the East India Company to take charge of and send home or otherwise provide for all Persons, being Lascars or other Natives of the Territories under the Government of the said Company, who are found destitute in the United Kingdom; and if any such Person is relieved and maintained by any Guardians, Overseers, or other Persons administering the Relief of the Poor, such Overseers, Guardians, or other Persons may, by Letter sent through the Post or otherwise, give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, specifying, so far as is practicable, the following particulars, *viz.* :—

- 1.—The Name of the Person so relieved or maintained :
- 2.—The Presidency or District or part of the Territories of the East India Company, of which he professes to be a Native :
- 3.—The Name of the Ship in which he was brought to the United Kingdom :

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4.—The Port or Place abroad from which such Ship sailed, and the Port or Place in the United Kingdom at which such Ship arrived, when he was so brought to the United Kingdom, and the time of such arrival :

And the said East India Company shall repay to the said Overseers, Guardians, or other persons, out of the Revenues of the said Company, all Monies duly expended by them in relieving or maintaining such destitute Person, after the time at which such notice aforesaid is sent or otherwise given.

XXIII.—It shall be lawful for any Master or owner of a ship or his agent to enter into agreements with Lascars or Natives of the Territories of the East India Company, binding them to proceed to any port or ports in the United Kingdom, either as Seamen or as passengers, and there to enter into a further agreement to serve as Seamen in any ship which may happen to be there, and to be bound to any port in the Territories of the East India Company ; provided, that every such original agreement shall be made in such form, and shall contain such provisions, and shall be executed in such manner, and under such conditions for securing the return of such Lascars or Natives to their own Country, and for other purposes, as the Governor General of India in Council, or the Governors of the respective Presidencies in which the original agreement is made, in Council may direct ; and if any Lascar or other Person who has bound himself by any such original agreement is, on arriving in the United Kingdom, required to enter into a further agreement to serve as a Seaman in any Ship bound to any port in the Territories of the East India Company, and if it is certified by some Officer appointed for that purpose by the East India Company that such further agreement is a proper agreement in all respects for such Lascar or other person to enter into, and is in accordance with the original agreement, and that the Ship to which such further agreement relates is in all respects a proper Ship for such Lascar or other person to serve in, and that there is not, in the opinion of such Officer, any objection to the full performance of the said original agreement, such Lascar or other person shall be deemed to be engaged under such further agreement, and to serve as a Seaman in the Ship to which it relates, and shall thereupon be deemed to be for all purposes one of the crew of the Ship ; and for every Lascar or other person in respect of whom such Certificate is applied for, the Person applying for the same shall pay to such officer as aforesaid such fee as the East India Company may appoint, not exceeding Ten Shillings.

XXIV.—Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to repeal or affect any provisions contained in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, or Thirty-fourth Sections of the Act of the Fourth Year of King George the Fourth, Chapter Eighty, or in the Sixteenth Section of the Act of the Eighteenth Year of Her present Majesty, Chapter One hundred and twenty.

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CIRCULAR DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE RELATIVE TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS TO BE INTRODUCED INTO ANY ACT THAT MAY BE PASSED RELATIVE TO PILOTAGE, &c.

(CIRCULAR.)

DOWNING STREET, }
15th January, 1856. }

SIR,—An ordinance having been recently received from the Governor of Western Australia, “To consolidate and amend the Laws for the regulation of Shipping, and of Pilotage and other Dues in the Harbours of that Colony,” without any provision having been inserted for requiring the Dues, of which the levy is thereby authorized, to be applied to the purpose of maintaining the Harbour Lights and Pilotage, on account of which they are so levied, I wish to call your attention to the circumstance, in order that in the event of an Act of this description being passed by your Government, the propriety may be considered of introducing a Clause either for requiring the Dues so levied to be applied specifically for the maintenance of the Works and Services in respect of which they are so authorized to be levied, or for requiring such Accounts to be kept as will shew how far the Dues thus levied upon Shipping exceed or fall short of the expenditure incurred in respect of those Works and Services.

The object of these Provisions is to prevent parties engaged in the Shipping Interest from considering that they are unduly taxed, or that the Duties which they are called upon pay are made applicable to the General Services of the Local Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

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DESPATCHES, &c., TO AND FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ON THE SUBJECT OF A CHARGE OF ONE PENNY EACH ON NEWSPAPERS SENT TO CERTAIN BRITISH COLONIES, IN REPLY TO AN ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

(COPY.)

Financial

No. 39.

Government House,
St. John's, 6th August, 1855.

MY LORD,—By the Packet immediately preceding that which conveyed to me Your Lordship's Despatch of the 26th June last, intimating that Her Majesty's Government had decided that on and from the 30th of that month, a British rate of Postage of One Penny should be levied upon every Newspaper forwarded from the United Kingdom to a British Colony, a letter was received by the Postmaster General of this Colony from the Department of Her Majesty's Postmaster General in London, a copy of which I have the honor to enclose, directing that officer to charge a penny upon all Newspapers forwarded—1st from the Colony to the United Kingdom—2nd through the United Kingdom to any other British Colony or Possession,—and 3rdly to any other British Colony or to a Foreign Port without passing through the United Kingdom. In the first case the amount is to be retained by the Colony, in the latter cases to be accounted for to Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

2.—Had I been in possession of your Lordship's Despatch of the 26th of June, at the time when this instruction was received by the Local Postmaster General, I should probably have prohibited him from carrying it into effect, upon the ground that I was bound to regard your Lordship's communication as intimating for my guidance that part of the plan proposed by the Imperial Postmaster General, which had received the sanction and concurrence of Her Majesty's Government. In the absence of that Despatch, I considered the local bound to submit to the Imperial Post Office authority, and the Penny Postage has been paid accordingly upon all Newspapers forwarded to this Colony since the receipt of the instruction referred to.

3.—This unlooked for charge so suddenly imposed has occasioned much dissatisfaction, which has not only been expressed by the public Press, whose conductors might perhaps naturally object to any impost of the kind, but has given rise to an address from the House of Assembly to your Lordship, which I have now the honor to transmit.

4.—In the statement this Address contains, as to the injurious effects upon the circulation and interchange with other countries of public intelligence and information generally through the medium of Newspapers, I entirely concur, and your Lordship will more clearly understand how this may be the case when I request your reference to the accompanying copy of a letter from two of our local Editors, and to the enclosed copy of a Colonial News-

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paper which affords a fair specimen of the size and weight of all the Journals (at present seven in number) published in Newfoundland, at rates varying from about a penny to two-pence sterling per number.

5.—I am aware that my Predecessor intimated to Her Majesty's Government that the Colony would accept the arrangement proposed in the enclosures to the Duke of Newcastle's Circular Despatch of the 5th April, 1853. But the principles of that arrangement as respected Newspapers were that "an uniform rate of one penny (to be paid in advance) shall be established on Newspapers, the same freeing them to their destination either way, and the Postage to be retained by whichever party collects it."

6.—It would appear, moreover, that Colonel Maberly's letter to Mr. Merivale of the 19th March, 1853, in which the details of this arrangement are stated, relates exclusively to Letters and Newspapers transmitted between the *United Kingdom and the Colonies*—while the plan now directed to be enforced by Mr. Tilley's letter, not only extends the Impost to Newspapers transmitted in British Packets between the Colonies themselves, or from the Colonies to a Foreign Port without passing through the United Kingdom, but effects an important change from the principle originally proposed by requiring that the Postage collected in the case referred to should be accounted for to the Imperial Postmaster General instead of being "retained by whichever party collects it," thus effectually preventing the remission by local authority of the postage on Newspapers forwarded from the Colony, should it be (as I doubt not it would be) the policy of the Colonial Government to adopt that course.

7.—Without entering upon the merits of the subject, or the expediency of the charge in question there can, I think, be no doubt that the new arrangement is not that in which the concurrence of the Colony has been expressed. The necessity of such concurrence, and the importance of the measure being accepted in its "integrity, as then proposed, are so expressly referred to in Colonel Maberly's letter of the 19th March, 1853,—while the new arrangement goes so far beyond either the original plan, or that stated in your Lordship's Despatch of the 26th June, as to almost justify the supposition that the Instruction from the Department of the Postmaster General has been prematurely issued.

8.—As the charge has, however, been exacted upon the occasion of the dispatch of the last two Packets, I have not thought it proper to direct the Colonial Postmaster General to transmit Newspapers as formerly Postage free; but with the advice of the Executive Council, that officer has been desired not to take payment from persons posting Newspapers, and at the same time to keep an account of the amounts chargeable thereon, and to mark the Newspapers "Post Paid;" the Government guaranteeing to him that he should be held harmless for the amount which Her Majesty's Postmaster General will require him to account for, should it prove that the new regulations have the ultimate sanction of Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

C. H. DARLING.

The Right Honourable,
LORD JOHN RUSSELL, M. P.

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(COPY.)

DOWNING STREET, }
21st September, 1855. }

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 89, of the 6th ult., containing your observations on the Penny Postage levied on Newspapers forwarded from the United Kingdom to a British Colony, which I have referred for the consideration of the Postmaster General, and I now transmit for your information a copy of his Lordship's reply upon the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

W. MOLESWORTH.

Governor DARLING,
&c., &c., &c.
Newfoundland.

(COPY.)

GENERAL POST-OFFICE, }
September, 15th, 1855. }

SIR,—Having submitted to the Postmaster General your letter of the 8th inst., enclosing the copy of a despatch from the Governor of Newfoundland, and also the copy of an address from the House of Assembly of that Colony, complaining of the regulations with regard to Newspapers recently laid down under the authority of the Act of the 18 Vic., cap. 27, I am directed by his Lordship to acquaint you, for the information of Sir W. Molesworth, that there appears to have been a misunderstanding at Newfoundland on this subject.

In the instructions dated the 22nd June last, transmitted from this office to the Postmaster of Newfoundland, after mentioning that a postage of One Penny would be levied in this country from the 30th of that month upon each Newspaper sent to Newfoundland, it was added:

“Upon Newspapers addressed to the United Kingdom, posted in Newfoundland, the rate *not to exceed one penny*, levied in Newfoundland, will be retained by the Colony, and no charge will be made on delivery in this country.”

It seems to have been assumed by the Government of Newfoundland, that it was not only *compulsory* to levy such a rate, but that it must be as high as a penny; whereas, the fixing of a penny as a maximum implies a power in the local authorities to reduce the rate within such limits as they might approve, and as a necessary consequence, left them at liberty to abstain from levying any rate whatever.

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Explanation upon this point has already been made to the Postmaster of Newfoundland, in a letter dated the 31st ult.

The Government of Newfoundland objects, secondly, to the penny rate charged by the Imperial Government upon Newspapers posted in that Colony for transmission by British Packet, whether to another British Colony, or to a Foreign Country.

The dissatisfaction seems to have arisen from the fact that no such charge was adverted to in the general measure proposed to the several Colonial Governments in 1853.

The simple answer to this is, that the measure referred to, as distinctly recognized by the Governor of Newfoundland, related exclusively to Letters and Newspapers transmitted between the United Kingdom and the Colonies; and that the charge now in question was not then under consideration.

Lord Canning desires me to observe that the fairness of this charge will at once appear when it is simply a rate paid to the Imperial Government for services performed by Packets maintained at its own expense, and that it does not exceed the charge for conveyance within the United Kingdom. It appears to his Lordship scarcely necessary to add that the Imperial Post Office has no monopoly in the conveyance of Newspapers, and that consequently the Colonial Authorities are at full liberty to provide for their conveyance and distribution by any other means. They may even arrange with the Owners of the Government Packets to convey Newspapers as Freight, and thus at small expense remove all obstacle to their free transmission to Halifax, their port of communication with the other British North American Colonies.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

ROWLAND HILL,

(CIRCULAR.)

DOWNING STREET,
3rd September, 1855.)

SIR,—With reference to the Circular Despatch addressed to you by my predecessor on the 26th June last, signifying that on and from the 30th of that month, a British rate of postage of one penny would be levied upon every Newspaper forwarded from the United Kingdom to a British Colony, I have now to acquaint you that Her Majesty's Government have come to the determination to abolish the Regulation, by which it has hitherto been requisite that all Newspapers sent out of the United Kingdom, besides being liable to postage, should bear an impressed stamp denoting the Stamp Duty.

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Henceforth it will not be necessary that Newspapers sent abroad, whether to the British Colonies or to Foreign Countries, should bear the impressed stamp. The stamp will neither be required, nor will it count as postage, as it will be presumed that, where it is employed, it has already served for the transmission of the Newspaper within the United Kingdom.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

(Signed.)

W. MOLESWORTH.

(CIRCULAR.)

DOWNING STREET,
7th August, 1855.)

SIR,—Referring to the Circular Instructions of my Predecessors, dated the 27th December, 1850, on the subject of the Colonial Book Post, I transmit to you, herewith, extract of a Letter which has been addressed to this Department by direction of the Postmaster General, proposing that an alteration recently made in the scale of weight for charging Postage on Book Packets sent between places in the United Kingdom, should be extended to Book Packets sent to, or from the Colonies.

You will bring this subject under the early consideration of your Executive Council, and inform me whether your Government is prepared to acquiesce in the proposed alteration. The date at which it will come into operation will be fixed hereafter by the Postmaster General.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

(Signed)

W. MOLESWORTH.

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Extract of a Letter from the Assistant-Secretary of the General Post Office, dated 23rd July, 1855, addressed to Herman Merivale, Esq., Under Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

“Under the authority of a Treasury Warrant, dated the 4th ultimo, an alteration has been made in the scale of progression by weight for charging Postage upon Packets of Books sent by the Inland Book Post between places in the United Kingdom.

“When the weight of any such Packet exceeds half a pound, the charge now increases by steps of half a pound, a rate equal to the charge for half a pound being added for each additional half pound that the Packet weighs.

“The Postmaster General considers it desirable to apply a like scale of weight to Packets of Books sent by the Colonial Book Post to or from the Colonies, and he has therefore obtained the authority of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for requesting Lord John Russell to propose this measure.”

DESPATCH FROM SECRETARY OF STATE ACCOMPANYING REPORT OF CAPTAIN PURVIS ON THE FISHERIES OF NEWFOUNDLAND IN 1855.

(Copy.)

No. 7.

DOWNING STREET, }
23rd November, 1855. }

SIR,—I transmit, for your information, the copy of a Report by Commander Purvis, of Her Majesty's Steam-sloop *Argus*, on the fisheries on the South West Coast of Newfoundland.

I shall be glad to receive from you any observations which you may have to offer with respect to the alleged evasion of the Law by the illicit traffic in bait, by means of which the fishermen are enabled to obtain at St. Pierre provisions and clothing at a cheaper rate than that at which English Traders are willing to supply them.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

W. LABOUCHERE.

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(COPY.)

H. M. STEAM-SLOOP "ARGUS," }
Halifax, 18th July, 1855. }

SIR,—I beg to submit the following Report on the Fisheries on the South West Coast of Newfoundland for your information.

On the 17th May last, I left St. John's, Newfoundland, in Her Majesty's Steam-sloop, under my command; arriving at Trepassey on the 18th, from thence visited St. Mary's, Placentia, Burin, Great Lawn, Lamaline, Grand Bank, Fortune Bay, the Burgeo Islands, and St. George's Bay, returning to Lamaline on the 19th ultimo; it was my intention to have been at the latter place on the 15th, in order to check as much as possible the Fishermen from taking to St. Pierre the Caplin which struck in about that time; but owing to an accident to the machinery, of which you have already been made acquainted, I did not arrive before the 19th; the Fishermen taking advantage of my absence during these few days, carried to St. Pierre an enormous quantity of bait, and I am inclined to think that large quantities were also taken from Fortune and Grand Bank.

This evasion of the law is to be regretted, inasmuch as many of the Fishermen are driven to such illicit means of traffic, to enable them to maintain a livelihood—Provisions and Clothing at St. Pierre being from 60 to 70 per cent. cheaper than English traders are willing to supply them.

The practice of supplying the French with Fish has now become so common that the French merchants give provisions, &c., in advance for bait and Codfish; the latter is collected at the end of the season, and sent either to Halifax or St. John's Newfoundland, and thence to Europe, the French not being allowed to land dried fish procured from English Fishermen at St. Pierre.

To effectually put a stop to this system of smuggling, at least two or three fast sailing boats capable of mounting a 6 or 9 pounder gun each would be required, which should be manned from the ship sent for the protection of the Fisheries, as the boats of a ship-of-war are almost useless for this purpose.

The Herring generally strike in early in April, and the Cod fishery commences about the beginning of May.

This season will be much better than the last, as many as 900 quintals of Fish (equal to 300 dried) having been caught in a seine at Lamaline in one day; the average taken with the hook and line is about 6 quintals (equal to 2 dried) per man daily. The Fishermen at the other settlements (Placentia excepted) have been equally successful. At the Burgeo Islands the fishery is carried on in winter and summer; this is the only part of the South West Coast where the Cod are caught throughout the year.

The Caplin leave the Coast generally about the end of June, when the Squid strike in, and remain a few days; then the Herring again make their appearance and remain until the latter end of August, when the fishery is considered over.

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At St. George's Bay I was informed that an enormous quantity of herring had been caught, and that a good understanding existed between the English and French Fishermen.

I have every reason to believe that no encroachments have been made by the French on the South West Coast this season.

The French Bankers have been very unsuccessful, many of the fishing vessels having returned to St. Pierre without fish.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

R. PURVIS,

Commander.

DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ON THE SUBJECT OF PROVIDING A FUND FOR RETURNING TO THE COLONIES TO WHICH THEY BELONG, SEAMEN ARRIVING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

(COPY.)
[CIRCULAR, No. 12.]

DOWNING STREET, }
21st December, 1855. }

SIR,—My attention has recently been called to the frequent cases which occur of Seamen arriving in this country from the North American Provinces in a destitute condition, and in many instances unable to work, for whose relief no funds are provided, either by the Imperial or by the Local Governments.

You are probably aware that by the Merchant Shipping Act of last Session, power is conferred on the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to cause distressed Seamen found in Foreign Ports, being subjects of Her Majesty, to be sent home either to this country or to the colony to which they belong. For this purpose an annual vote is taken; but the Act in question does not confer the power to send home to the colonies to which they may belong Colonial Seamen found distressed in this country.

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The duty which the Act in question devolves on the Imperial Government is founded on the principle that each Government is bound to provide for its own Seamen, and I cannot doubt that the Legislature of Newfoundland would readily admit the justice of this principle, and that it applies with great force to the case of Seamen belonging to Colonial Ports.

I have therefore to request that you will bring the subject under the consideration of your Council, and it will afford me much gratification to learn that the Legislature is prepared to undertake the necessary expense, and to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in making any arrangements which may be necessary for effecting the object they have in view.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

H. LABOUCHERE.

DESPATCHES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE BETTER CURING AND PACKING OF HERRING FOR EXPORTATION FROM THIS ISLAND TO FOREIGN MARKETS.

(Copy.
Executive, No. 47.)

Government House,
St. John's, 31st August, 1855.

SIR,—In the recent Session of the Legislature a sum of £500 was placed at the disposal of the Local Government, for the purpose of taking measures for encouraging improvement in the mode of curing and packing Herring, which as at present practiced in Newfoundland is so inferior to that in use by other Herring exporting Countries as to place our produce of this description at a great disadvantage in the principal markets to which it is consigned.

2.—It is considered that the most effectual step for meeting the views of the Legislature in this respect, would probably be to obtain from Scotland or Holland the services of a few persons well skilled in the preparation of the Herring. It is proposed that their passage to this country should be provided for in the first instance at the public expense. The arrangement for their subsequent employment in the colony in the manner most conducive to the object in view, would necessarily depend upon the readiness or otherwise with which individuals engaged in the Herring Fishery might be found disposed to enter into arrangement with them, as well as upon the terms for which they themselves might be inclined to stipulate.

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3.—Before taking any positive steps for this purpose, my Government is desirous of obtaining information and advice from quarters where practical experience and acquaintance with the question exist, and as it is understood that measures of a very similar nature for improving the cure of Scotch Herrings by the introduction of Herring Curers from Holland were at one time taken by the Commissioners of British Fisheries, I have to request, should you see no objection to such a course that the Commissioners may be asked to favor this Government with any advice upon the subject, that their experience may enable them to offer, as well as with any information which they may either possess, or may have it in their power readily to procure, as to the terms upon which persons adapted to the purposes I have explained, would be induced to remove from Scotland and Holland to this Colony.

4.—If a permanent settlement in the Colony should enter into the views of such persons, small grants of Land in situations eligible for Agricultural purposes, or for the pursuit of their occupation as Curers of fish might be superadded to other advantages. I have, however, reason to believe that there would be no difficulty in obtaining profitable engagements for them immediately upon their landing, and at any rate the Government would be prepared upon ascertaining what their views and expectations may be to guarantee them against all loss or injury, as the result of their emigration from their native country until they should, either as their own free act, or as the result of some specified condition of their engagement, have established themselves independently on their own account.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

C. H. DARLING.

The Right Honourable,

SIR WILLIAM MOLESWORTH,
Bart., M. P., &c., &c.

(COPY.)

No. 3.

DOWNING STREET,
22nd November, 1855.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge your Despatch No. 47, of the 31st August, respecting the grant of five hundred pounds made by the Legislature of Newfoundland for encouraging improvement in the mode of curing and packing Herrings.

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I transmit herewith for your information the copy of a letter from the Board of Fisheries, Edinburgh, conveying such suggestions as the limited information at the command of the Commissioners, respecting the Newfoundland Herring Fishery have enabled them to offer on the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor DARLING,
&c., &c., &c.

(COPY.)

Board of Fisheries,
Edinburgh, 12th November, 1855. }

SIR,—Having laid before the Board of Fisheries your letter of the 6th ultimo, together with its enclosure, copy of a Despatch from the governor of Newfoundland, requesting the advice and assistance of the Board as to the measures to be taken for improving the present mode of curing and packing Herring in that colony.

I am directed to state that the Board of Fisheries being unacquainted with the manner in which the Newfoundland Herring Fishery is carried on, whether by decked vessels in the open sea, or by open boats from the shore, or partly by both, what kind of nets are in use, the general accommodation for curing, the facility for obtaining barrels and salt, the nature of the coast, the time of appearance of the Herrings and character of the Fish, and the command of labour to man the boats and carry on the curing operations, feel great difficulty in suggesting any measures for the improvement of the Fishery.

In the meantime they enclose six copies of a Treatise, containing "directions for taking and curing Herrings," by Sir Thomas Dick Lauder, Bart., the late Secretary of the Board, the circulation of which has been found extremely useful in Scotland, and which may also be of service in Newfoundland.

The Scotch Herring Trade is at present so very flourishing, and persons find such ready employment in it at good wages, that the moment is unfavourable to expect them to emigrate for the purpose of embarking in the doubtful adventure of the Newfoundland Fishery, which indeed may be so different from what they have been used to, and require a system of cure so little like what they have been accustomed to perform, that the Board are disposed rather to recommend the Colonial Legislature, as a first step, to send some superior person thoroughly conversant with the practical details, arrangements, and resources of the Newfoundland Fishery

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and the coasts where it is carried on, to visit and inspect the Dutch, Scotch, and English Herring Fisheries, that he might see them all in operation, when he would be able to judge what parts of their respective systems would be applicable to that of Newfoundland, and could be introduced with advantage there, while as an emissary from the Local Government, he could represent and explain its offers to any parties he might think fit to be removed to Newfoundland, and make the necessary engagements with them.

In this view such a person should reach England by the month of April, he would then during May see the early Yarmouth Herring Fishery in England, and the early Stornoway Herring Fishery in Scotland, and in the succeeding months the great Herring Fishery, when he would fall in with the Dutch Busses fishing off the Coast of Scotland, and the fleet of French Herring Vessels fishing there, he would then close with the Yarmouth Herring Fishery again in September.

I am to state that should this suggestion meet the approval of the Local Government, the Board of Fisheries would be happy to render the person so appointed all the aid on his mission in their power.

I have &c.,

(Signed)

F. B. PRIMROSE,

Secretary.

JOHN BALL, Esq., &c., &c., &c.

(Per ICENI.)

LONDON,
2nd October, 1855.

Messrs. LAURENCE O'BRIEN & Co., St. John's, Newfoundland.

DEAR SIR,—We had this pleasure by the Mail on the 28th ultimo, and we avail of this opportunity in the hope of our letter reaching earlier than by the next Steamer, to transmit extracts of two letters from our Correspondents at Yarmouth and Rotterdam, in reply to our enquiry on your behalf for men conversant with the Herring Fishery.

You will perceive nothing can be done in Holland, but at Yarmouth we are likely to succeed if the remuneration you are disposed to give be sufficiently tempting to induce the men to leave their employment at home.

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We shall be glad of your reply, giving us every particular, as it is evident the class of men requisite for your object will not listen to any promises about liberal pay, but require something definite to be stated before entering upon an agreement.

Believe us to be, dear Sirs,

Your most obedient Servants,

MALHUISH, SONS & CO.

(Copy.)

GREAT YARMOUTH
20th September, 1855. }

Messrs. MALHUISH, SONS & Co., London.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 27th, and should be most happy to facilitate your views. As regards obtaining men conversant with curing Herrings to go out to Newfoundland, there will be no difficulty in doing so, if you will only give me the particulars, as to their wages, passage-money, &c. I presume you would require men of general knowledge of the Fishery. You are aware, Herrings are salted on board the boats, which in some degree is a part of the curing—after being landed, they pass into the hands of another class of men, who have to manage them on the floor for further salting, as may be required for different Markets, and then hang them for smoking and drying accordingly. Most of the men are now employed, the fishery being at its height, but at the close of the voyage such men might be easily obtained. If you write me further on the subject, I will do my best in carrying out your instructions.

(Signed,)

MATTHEW BUTCHER.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM MESSRS. MEES AND MOENS.

Rotterdam,
29th September, 1855. }

We are in receipt of your esteemed favor of 25th inst., and in reply we beg to say that we fear it will be difficult to find eight or ten men, who understood the art of curing Herrings, disposed to go to Newfoundland and settle there. Most of our Fishermen are married, and

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having never been out of the North Sea, do not feel inclined to try their fortune far from home. Besides this, the laws of this country on the Fisheries, forbid them on a heavy penalty to engage in Foreign fisheries, and the same law imposes a penalty of about £200 with a year's imprisonment on every one who directly or indirectly endeavours to persuade any natives of this country to engage in Foreign Herring Fishery.

(COPY.)

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland, 17th September, 1855. }

SIR,—The Secretary of State for the Colonies has recently put me in possession of a communication from Mr. G. P. R. James, Her Majesty's Consul at Norfolk, in Virginia, in which that gentleman has called attention to the disadvantages to which cured Herrings imported from Nova Scotia are subject in certain markets of the Southern States, from an imperfection in the mode of curing and packing, which appears to be such as completely to counterbalance the admitted superiority both as to the size and quality of the fish itself over the fish of the United States catch, with which it is brought into competition in the markets referred to.

The subject is one of much interest to the inhabitants of Newfoundland, a large proportion of the Herrings which find their way into the Southern markets in the character of Nova Scotia produce, being in fact caught upon the coasts of this Island and exported in the first instance to Nova Scotia.

The inferiority of our cure is a fact which had latterly become sufficiently manifest in the ordinary course of commercial transactions, and the attention of the Local Government is now earnestly given to the attempt to stimulate and encourage improvement in this branch of our exports, which was formerly of great value, and which there seems no good reason to doubt, may, by due attention and care, be restored to its original importance.

With this view, a sum of money was voted during the recent Session of the Legislature for the purpose of obtaining from Scotland and Holland the services of a few persons practically skilled in the best modes of curing and preparing the Herring for Foreign markets; and as the first step towards the accomplishment of that object, I have requested the good offices of the Secretary of State in obtaining from the Commissioners of British Fisheries such assistance in this particular, and information on the subject generally, as it may be in their power to afford.

It appears, however, that there is some diversity in the mode of preparation and packing which is best calculated to secure favor, even in the various markets of the United States,—that in some places, for example, the Herring is preferred without either heads or tails, while in others the opposite system of preparation is essential to secure its acceptance.

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We consider that it would be of great importance to this branch of our trade, under the prospects of a freer commercial intercourse with the United States, which are now opening, to have accurate information on this subject, and I trust that your Excellency will not consider that I am imposing undue trouble upon you personally, or asking that which is incompatible with the character of your high office, if I request the exercise of your influence with Her Majesty's Consuls and Vice-Consuls at the Ports of the United States, to induce their communication of such details, in respect to the peculiar requirements of the several Markets with which they are acquainted, as may enable our curers and exporters of Herring to prepare and put up the article accordingly.

As the mode which will entail the least trouble upon yourself, I suggest that any communication these gentlemen may be pleased to make upon the subject should be addressed directly to this Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

C. H. DARLING.

Governor.

His Excellency J. F. CRAMPTON, Esq.,
Her Britannic Majesty's Minister, Washington.

H. B. M's CONSULATE, Philadelphia, U. S.,
October, 26th, 1855. }

SIR,—In pursuance of instructions addressed to me by yesterday's Mail, from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, I beg to enclose a letter from a very respectable Merchant in this city on the best mode of curing and packing Herrings for the Philadelphia market.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

GEO. B. MATTHEWS.

His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
&c., &c., Newfoundland.

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PHILADELPHIA, }
October 25th, 1855. }

G. B. MATTHEWS, Esq., British Consul.

DEAR SIR,—I have your note of yesterday enquiring about Herrings, how they should be packed for this market, &c.

The heads and tails should not be taken off, but they should be gibbed, that is, the throat should be cut, and the entrails drawn out, leaving the roe in.—They should be well struck with salt, while they are fresh from the water, before they become stale. They should be packed by hand, edgewise, close, in barrels with coarse salt, and the barrel then be filled with pickle, made from sea-water. Two hundred pounds should be put in each barrel.

The quantity of Mackarel caught this season will be unusually small, and Herrings will be in demand at good prices. If your correspondent at Newfoundland is disposed to ship to this market, I shall be glad to receive consignments.

I am, respectfully yours,

(Signed.)

HENRY WINSOR.

(COPY.)

Her Britannic Majesty's CONSULATE, New York, }
November 1st, 1855. }

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a letter, dated the 13th ultimo, addressed to me by Mr. Crampton, Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, desiring me to transmit direct to you any information I might be able to procure respecting the particular requirements of the markets within my jurisdiction, in regard to the preparation and packing of Herrings, in order to render them acceptable.

I have received minute answers from two of the most prominent fish-dealing firms in New York, Messrs. A. Woodruff & Robinson, and Messrs. Lewis & Brown, in reply to enquiries which I addressed to them on the subject, copies of which answers I herewith transmit to you, hoping they will prove acceptable.

I am &c.,

(Signed)

ANTHONY BARCLAY.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR of Newfoundland,
St. John's, Newfoundland,

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(COPY.)

WASHINGTON,
October 13th, 1855. }

SIR,—The attention of the Government of Newfoundland has been called by the Secretary of State of the Colonies to the disadvantage to which Herrings cured in that island, and imported from Nova Scotia, are subject in certain markets of the United States, from an imperfection in the mode of curing and packing, which appears to be such as to counterbalance in a great degree the admitted superiority both as to size and quality of the fish itself over the fish of the United States catch, with which it is brought into competition in the markets referred to.

It would seem that there is some diversity in the mode of preparation and packing which is best calculated to secure favor in the various markets of the United States; in some places, for instance, the Herring is preferred without either heads or tails; while in others the opposite system of preparation is essential to secure its acceptance.

I am further informed by the Governor of Newfoundland that it would be of considerable advantage to the curers and exporters of Herrings in that island to learn the particular requirements of the markets within your jurisdiction with which you are acquainted, in order that they may in future be enabled to prepare and put up Herrings in such manner as may render them acceptable there; and I would therefore request you to transmit direct to the Governor of Newfoundland any information of the nature above referred to which you may be able to procure.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

ANTHONY BARCLAY, Esq., &c., &c., &c., New York.

NEW YORK,
October 24th, 1855. }

SIR,—In reply to your note requesting information in relation to Salt Herring and other kinds of fish, we would say—

Herring are most saleable in this market, when put up with heads and tails on, the roe left in, and the Herring gibbed, that is, the entrails and gills drawn, without splitting, or cutting down the belly. At certain seasons of the year when there are no roe in the Herring, put them up gibbed, in the same manner as described above.

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All other kinds of fish, split on the back, except Alewives, which require to be packed whole, just as they are caught.

In the winter season, there are a good many Herring packed whole, without gibbing, or drawing the entrails. The consequence is, that as soon as the weather gets a little warm, they are apt to become tender on the bellies, and this spoils the sale. Herring put up with heads and tails off, or trimmed, are in reality worth more when packed this way, but they are not so saleable, and it is not advisable to put them up in this manner. There is only a certain kind of trade to take them, which is very small, and not to be depended upon. In all Herring put up for the market, particular attention should be paid to quality; an inferior article is very unsaleable here, while a prime article will always sell.

Good Herring are now worth \$4 per barrel.

Very respectfully, &c.

(Signed)

A. WOODRUFF & ROBINSON.

ANTHONY BARCLAY, Esq., &c., &c., &c., New York.

(COPY.)

NEW YORK,
October 24th, 1855. }

SIR,—Herring ought to be packed in barrels of 200lbs. good cooperage, heads and tails on and roes in—are worth \$4 per barrel; Mackarel, heads off and in barrels of 200lbs., and half-barrels of 100lbs. in good demand at \$20, \$1, \$8½, \$2, \$5, for No. 3, always saleable.

Yours respectfully

(Signed,)

A. A. LEWIS,

Of the Firm of LEWIS & BROWN.

ANTHONY BARCLAY, Esq., &c., &c., &c., New York.

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(COPY.)

British CONSULATE, New Orleans, }
November 15th, 1855. }

SIR,—I have received a Despatch from Mr. Crampton, making an enquiry suggested by your Excellency regarding New Orleans as a market for Newfoundland Herrings.

The consumption of Herrings in New Orleans has always been very limited, owing in a great degree to the Planters thinking that their use amongst Negroes predisposes them to Cholera, a disease unusually fatal with that race.

The kind of fish in general use in this part of the United States, are Mackarel and dried Cod; both descriptions are brought almost entirely from Boston. Herrings are chiefly brought from the Chesapeake Bay, and are considered more delicate than those of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. From careful enquiry I should estimate that the importation has never exceeded 800 barrels per annum, and dealers in fish assure me that last year the number of barrels imported amounted to but 500 barrels.

The price obtained is usually about \$4 50 per barrel, and with regard to the system of preparation, the entire fish, viz., with heads and tails, are most saleable.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN MURE.

H. B. M. Acting Consul.

His Excellency CHARLES H. DARLING, &c., &c., &c.

(COPY.)

British CONSULATE, Baltimore, }
26th November, 1855. }

SIR,—Her Majesty's Minister at Washington having informed me that in some of the markets of the United States complaints were prevalent respecting the imperfect mode of curing and packing Herrings in the Island of Newfoundland, which, in fact, appeared to be such as to counterbalance in a great degree the admitted superiority both as to size and quality of the fish itself over the fish of the United States catch with which it is brought into competition in the markets referred to; I have made enquiry amongst the principal importers of cured fish at this port, and now, by Mr. Crampton's desire, I beg leave to submit to your Excellency the following points shewing the result of that enquiry.

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1.—All the parties questioned by me agreed in affirming that most of the Herrings received here from the British Provinces are at all times more or less spoiled, or in a poor condition on arrival, the majority being of opinion that this unsatisfactory condition of the fish is mainly attributable to the injudicious mode of curing them adopted, as they have been informed, in Newfoundland. Several of these merchants, however, went further, declaring that they considered the Herrings themselves caught in the waters of British North America to be inferior in size and quality to those taken in the rivers, Patapses and Chesapeake.

2.—With reference to the injudicious process of curing complained of, those parties inform me that in the British Provinces the Herrings are salted in bulk within the holds of the vessels, and that it is impossible, under such circumstances, to turn them daily; and as very frequently those vessels are detained by adverse winds or tempestuous weather, the fish, on arrival, are in most instances found to be in a very poor condition. According to their statement, their system of curing the Herrings taken in their own rivers consists in the fish being thrown into moderately sized vats immediately on their capture, whereupon salt is sprinkled upon them, and then they are frequently turned during three days, salt being again applied to them on every such occasion, and at the expiration of those three days they are at once packed in barrels.

3.—As regards the particular treatment of the cured Herrings in such manner as to insure their acceptance at the different ports of the United States, Messrs. Schurtz and Post, the Inspectors of Fish in this city, inform me that it may be assumed with tolerable certainty, that at all the ports South of Baltimore, the docked Herring, *i. e.*, without head and tail, is preferred, whilst in Northern markets the Herrings are generally preferred entire. At Baltimore, they say, many people prefer the Herrings split and cleansed, and a general notion seems to prevail here that the roe of the Newfoundland Herring is unserviceable, whilst that of their own is of the finest quality.

I fear that the information I have the honor to submit to Your Excellency under the foregoing three points may prove but insufficient; but it is all that I have been enabled to collect. Should your Excellency, however, desire to be furnished with further details respecting one or more of the points adverted to above, I shall use my best endeavours to obtain such additional information for immediate transmission to Newfoundland.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

HENRY GEORGE KEEPER,

H. M. Consul.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR of Newfoundland,

&c., &c., &c.

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(COPY.)

British CONSULATE, State of Virginia, U. S., Norfolk, }
December 17th, 1855. }

SIR,—Mr. Anthony Barclay, British Consul for the State of New York, having brought to my notice some correspondence which he has had with you upon the subject of the trimming and cure of Herring for the markets of the United States, and having been the first myself, I believe, to point out to the Home Government how great a trade might be established between our Northern Colonies and the Southern States of the Union in fish, were our Colonial fish cured in such a way as to suit the Southern markets, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject. I do so more particularly as the directions for curing, received by Mr. Barclay from the New York dealers, and suited to that market, would render the fish unsaleable in the South. Since my return to Virginia, in order to be sure that the mode communicated by me to many masters of vessels from the North was in all respects suited to promote the object in view, I have made enquiries of the principal merchants here, in Richmond, and in Petersburg, and I subjoin the result.

A great proportion of the food of the Negroes on plantations consists of fish; but the planters require them to be cured in such a manner as to give the greatest portion of nutritive matter in the least bulk. The North Carolina mode, which, with one sweep of the knife cuts off the head and takes away the entrails of the fish, is therefore that which alone suits the Southern market. But it is also required that the fish should be so cured that, being perfectly fresh when salted, no deterioration should take place (or as little as possible) on their passage or after their arrival in a Southern climate. Unfortunately our curers have not as yet taken due precautions in this respect; and I know of several instances in which whole cargoes have either been altogether spoiled, or placed at a very low grade by the Inspectors of the ports.

I have the honor to enclose an extract from a letter of one of the greatest merchants in Richmond, upon the necessity of promptly and thoroughly curing the fish; and I may remark that on the complaint of the master of a Nova Scotia vessel to the effect that the Inspector of Richmond favored his countrymen of North Carolina by giving a higher brand to their herring, I went up to Richmond and compared the fish, when I found that I could pass my fingers through the Colonial fish, while the North Carolina fish were perfectly firm. This proceeded solely from the curing: the Colonial fish being of an infinitely finer quality previous to salting.

I beg to add to the extract from Messrs. Webb's letter in regard to the salting of the fish, the concluding part of the same letter which gives some account of the amount required in Richmond, and also makes an observation in regard to Mackarel which may deserve the attention of the Colonies under your Government.

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I may add that I shall not be in Virginia more than four or five months longer ; but any thing I can do during that time to promote the commercial interests of the British Colonies in their trade with these Southern States, shall never be neglected by,

Sir,

Your most obedient, &c., &c.

(Signed,)

J. P. R. JAMES,

Consul.

To His Excellency

CHARLES H. DARLING, Esq.,
&c., &c., &c., St. John's.

EXTRACT FROM THE LETTTR OF MESSRS. WEBB & SON, DATED RICH- MOND, VA., DEC. 13TH, 1855.

These Herrings, i.e., North Carolina Herring, are cut or trimmed on the beach as soon as taken out of the water, while yet alive, and immediately put in large hogsheads of Pickle ready to receive them, where they remain ten or twelve days, and are then packed in barrels in dry salt—therefore it is all important that the fishermen in the British Provinces should cure and pack theirs in the same way, as, if put in vessels and carried to distant places to be packed, they are usually damaged before being put in barrel and soon spoil in warm climates. Our market requires annually about 20,000 barrels cut Herrings ; and, as only about 5000 barrels are received from North Carolina, we want some 15,000 barrels from the Provinces. If they are put up properly, cut herrings bring \$1 to \$1½ per barrel more than the gross or whole herrings.

This market requires considerable quantities of Nova Scotia, No. 3 Mackarel, the only kind saleable here—they should be put up in Pickle in the manner required for the Boston and New York markets. No. 1 cut herrings are now worth \$5 50. No. 3 Mackarel (large medium size) \$5 50.

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(COPY.)

Her Majesty's CONSULATE, Galveston, }
November 20th, 1855. }

SIR,—With reference to a Despatch I have had the honor to receive from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, instructing me to transmit to your Excellency such information as I could acquire relative to the modes of curing Herring, and the requirements of this market necessary to secure its acceptance, I have to state that at the ports within my Consular jurisdiction there is but a limited demand for this fish, and that such as are imported have been cured and packed at Lubec or Mount Desert, Maine. To make a comparison, therefore, between the Herrings cured in Newfoundland, of which I have no sample, and those cured in the United States, is not in my power. A knowledge of the method adopted by the curers in Newfoundland would be necessary for me to point out any peculiarity, should such exist, which might be considered an imperfection.

The Herring to which I have alluded as imported from Maine, are in size and flavour equal to those on the coast of Great Britain, and appear to have been cured in a similar manner. They are packed in small boxes, and the head and tail of the fish are retained.

With the regret that the markets in this state do not permit me to transmit more particular information on this subject,

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

ARTHUR T. LYNN,

H. B. M. Consul.

His Excellency
The GOVERNOR of Newfoundland,
&c., &c., &c.

(COPY.)

No. 11.)

DOWNING STREET, }
13th December, 1855. }

SIR,—With reference to my Despatch No. 3, of the 22nd November, I transmit to you the copy of a letter with its enclosures from the Foreign Office containing information relative to the most approved method of curing fish, which, in consequence of your application to the

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British Minister at Washington, has been obtained from Her Majesty's Minister at the Hague. The suggestion of Her Majesty's Consul at Amsterdam with respect to engaging the services of some Dutch fishermen for the purpose of introducing their art of curing herrings into the British Possessions, deserves your consideration.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor DARLING, &c., &c., &c.

(COPY.)

FOREIGN OFFICE,
December 5th, 1855.

SIR,—I am directed by the Earl of Clarendon to acquaint you, that in consequence of an application having been made to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington by the Governor of Newfoundland for information respecting the method of curing herrings in the United States, Lord Clarendon instructed Her Majesty's Minister at the Hague to forward to this office such information as he could obtain upon this subject in Holland.

I am now to transmit to you for the information of Secretary Sir George Grey, copies of two Despatches which have been received from Sir R. Abercromby, in reply, and I am to request that you will state to Sir George Grey that, in accordance with the suggestion made by Her Majesty's Consul at Amsterdam, Lord Clarendon would recommend an endeavour being made to engage some Dutch fishermen for the purpose of introducing their art of curing herrings into the British fisheries.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

WOODHOUSE.

HERMAN MERIVALE, Esq.,

&c. &c., &c.

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(COPY.
No. 99.)

THE HAGUE,
23rd November, 1855. }

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, enclosing copy of a letter from the Colonial Government of Newfoundland to Her Majesty's Minister in the United States of America, on the subject of the best mode of curing Herrings, as employed in this country.

I have in consequence addressed instructions upon this question to Her Majesty Consuls at Amsterdam and Rotterdam, copies of which I herewith enclose, together with the replies which I have received from those gentlemen.

I am, &c.

(Signed,)

R. ABERCROMBY.

The EARL of CLARENDON,
&c. &c., &c.

(COPY.)

THE HAGUE,
November 19th & 20th, 1855. }

SIR,—I herewith transmit to you the copy of a Despatch addressed by the Colonial Government of Newfoundland to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington on the subject of the best mode of curing fish, particularly that employed for that branch of Industry in this country.

Her Majesty's Government are desirous of obtaining upon this subject the most detailed and correct information that can be procured, and I have in consequence to direct your careful attention to the subject which the Colonial Government of Newfoundland have in view, as explained in the accompanying Despatch, and to request that you will, with as little delay as is compatible with the full collection of the information required, report to me for

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the information of Her Majesty's Government the details respecting the most approved system of curing fish pursued at Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and at such other places as exist for that purpose within the jurisdiction of H. B. M. Consulate at that port.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

RA : ABERCROMBY.

R. F. TURNING, Esq.,
H. M. Vice-Consul, } Rotterdam.

JAMES ANNERLAY, Esq.,
H. M. Consul, } Amsterdam.

(COPY.)

ROTTERDAM,
November 19th, 1855. }

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Despatch of the 17th inst., transmitting copy of a Despatch addressed by the Colonial Government of Newfoundland to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, on the subject of the best mode of curing Herrings, and desiring me to direct my attention to the object which the Colonial Government of Newfoundland have in view, and to report to your Excellency full information respecting the system of curing Herrings adopted in this country.

I have taken the necessary steps to obtain, if possible, the required information, but I may be permitted to state that the most jealous secrecy is observed in this country on the subject of the system of curing, &c.

I beg to return the copy of the Despatch above named, and have, &c.,

(Signed.)

R. J. TURNING.

Sir R. ABERCROMBY,

&c., &c., &c.

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(COPY.)

AMSTERDAM,
November 27th, 1855. }

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Despatch of yesterday's date, enclosing copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Newfoundland to Her Majesty's Minister in the United States upon the subject of the Fisheries.

In compliance with your directions, I shall endeavour to obtain all the information I can upon the mode of curing and preparing the herring of this country, and forthwith report it to your Excellency. I take it for granted that the fish alluded to by you must be cured herrings, and not the smoked or salted fish, of which considerable quantities are exported to Foreign Countries.

If I am not mistaken, there exists a strict secret as to the manner in which these herrings are cured; and the operation taking place at sea, I have heard that the fishermen employed in the necessary preparations are solemnly sworn not to divulge the secret. I shall make however minute enquiry into these circumstances, and hope in a few days to lay the result before your Excellency.

I have the honor to return the copy of the Governor's letter to Mr. Crampton, having taken a copy of it, which, with your permission, I will place among my archives.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES ANNERLY.

(COPY.
No. 100.)

THE HAGUE,
November 29th, 1855. }

MY LORD,—I have the honor to transmit herewith for your Lordship's information, copy of a despatch which I have received from her Majesty's Consul at Amsterdam with reference to the mode employed in this country of curing Herrings.

I am as yet without any positive information on this subject from Her Majesty's Consul at Rotterdam, but as soon as I receive his report, I will immediately forward it to your Lordship.

I have &c.,

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

The EARL of CLARENDON, &c., &c., &c.,

Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

AMSTERDAM,
November 24th, 1855. }

SIR,—With reference to your Excellency's Despatch of the 20th inst., in which you are pleased to direct me to forward to you for the information of Her Majesty's Government, a report upon the most approved method of curing fish at Amsterdam and other places within its jurisdiction, I have the honor to state that I have endeavoured to collect all the information I could upon this subject, and have consulted several persons whose position enables them to form a correct judgment, and I now venture to lay before you the result of my enquiries.

I find that in the month of May, 1854, a committee appointed by the Dutch Government had several meetings for the purpose of enquiring into and ameliorating the declining state of the Dutch Fisheries, and a report was drawn up by them; but as neither your Excellency's Despatch nor that of the Governor of Newfoundland refers to a statistical report of the fisheries here, I shall confine my observations to the mode adopted in the curing of fish in this country, the main object apparently in view.

In the first instance, I beg to state that the proportion borne by North Holland in carrying on the trade in herrings, is very small in comparison with that of South Holland, the markets for the most part, including Amsterdam, being supplied by the Port of Vloarding, to which the great majority of the boats belong. In a former communication to your Excellency, I stated that it was the general impression that the mode of preparing Herrings for the Dutch market was a secret. I now find that I have fallen into the common error, and there is neither mystery nor secrecy in the matter. The principal art seems to be in the fact that each fish is killed, and not left to die from exhaustion, and immediately prepared, only a small quantity being taken at a time; preference is given to fish caught in deep waters over those taken near the shore. The exact proportion of salt made use of is difficult to ascertain, and upon this perhaps much may depend; but one fact is worthy of notice that the best kind, indeed the only kind of Salt made use of by the fishermen and curers, is the *St. Ubes' Salt*.

The process takes place at sea, when the herrings are cured whole, and then packed in a peculiar way, subsequently delivered to the Venders just as they left the boat.

I have endeavoured to ascertain more ample details on this subject but rest convinced that little is to be added to the simple facts I have had the honor to state.

The decided superiority of the Dutch cured Herrings over the British and Scotch, must arise from the peculiar knack of the Dutch fishermen, whose art may be but imperfectly known elsewhere; and I trust I may be pardoned in venturing to suggest that if a few of those curers could be induced to serve in the British possessions, and their mode of curing adopted, the disparity in the quality of the prepared fish soon might cease to exist.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

JAMES ANNERLY.

His Excellency

SIR R. ABERCROMBY, &c., &c., &c.

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(COPY.
Circular.)

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
28th September, 1855.)

SIR,—I am directed by the Governor to transmit to you the enclosed printed directions for taking and curing Herrings, and to request that you will distribute them in your locality, so as to diffuse as widely as possible useful information on a branch of our fisheries, the produce of which may be made, by improved cure, a source of more remunerative employment to our population, and of considerably enhanced value as an article of export.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

J. KENT.

100 Copies of "Printed Directions" referred to in Circular sent for distribution—to

Chamber of Commerce.

Members of Legislature.

Stipendiary Magistrates.

Bishops and Clergy.

(COPY.
No. 16.)

DOWNING STREET,
14th January, 1856.)

SIR,—With reference to my despatch, No. 11, of the 13th ultimo, I transmit to you the copy of a further letter from the Foreign Office, enclosing a Report from Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Rotterdam, detailing the mode of curing and packing Herrings in Holland.

I have &c.,

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor DARLING, &c., &c., &c., Newfoundland.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
January 10th, 1856. }

SIR,—With reference to my letter of the 5th ultimo, I am directed by the Earl of Clarendon to transmit to you, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Labouchere, a copy of a further Despatch from H. M. Minister at the Hague, enclosing copies of a letter and report from H. M. Vice-Consul at Rotterdam, relative to the process by which Herrings are cured in Holland.

I am, &c.

(Signed,)

WOODHOUSE.

HERMAN MERIVALE, Esq.,
&c., &c., &c.

COPY.
No. 122.)

THE HAGUE,
28th December, 1855. }

MY LORD,—With reference to your Lordship's Despatch, No. 51, of the 13th November, I have the honor to transmit copy of a letter from H. M. Vice-Consul at Rotterdam, together with a very detailed and clear report which he has drawn up relative to the manner of curing Herrings practised in this country.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

R. ABERCROMBY.

The EARL of CLARENDON, K. G.,
&c. &c., &c.

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British Consulate, ROTTERDAM,
24th December, 1855. }

In compliance with the instructions contained in your Excellency's Despatch of the 17th ultimo, I have the honor by the present to transmit for the information of the Colonial Government of Newfoundland, a report on the Herring Fisheries of Holland, detailing the mode of curing and packing the fish, and the existing regulations respecting the survey of the same on its arrival in this country.

I beg leave to observe that I have procured information contained in the enclosed report from official publications, works, and private sources, on which I can place perfect reliance, and I trust therefore that I have fulfilled your Excellency's wishes in this matter.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

R. J. TURNING.

His Excellency
SIR R. ABERCROMBY, K. C. B.

REPORT ON THE HERRING FISHERIES OF HOLLAND.

The enquiry proceeding from the Colonial Government of Newfoundland with respect to curing fish, seems to be in an especial degree referable to Herrings, on which account I have endeavoured to procure the most correct information on that particular topic from sources on which I can place the most reliance.

Having, in common with the prevailing opinion, entertained the belief that the Dutch mode of curing Herrings was more or less a mystery known only to a few, and maintained with the most scrupulous jealousy, as well by the Netherland Government, as by those immediately engaged in the National Fisheries,—I have acquired the conviction that such is far from being the case, and that the Dutch mode of curing Herrings is now as well understood by the Scotch Herring Curers, as by the Dutch themselves.

That for a length of time, the Dutch did maintain and lead the world to suppose that the curing was only known to themselves, is unquestionably true; but the delusion has been gradually dispelled, nor can any one be more anxious than the Dutch Government of the present day is, to aid in removing from the mind of the Nation, all obsolete and erroneous

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traditions regarding the fisheries : so much in earnest is the Netherland Government on this point, that a project has been submitted and is now under deliberation before the Legislative Chambers, to revise the existing fishery Laws with a view to assimilate them to the principle of unrestricted Commerce, as well by the abolition of old enactments tending to maintain a baneful monopoly at home, as by the free admission of Foreign fish into the Dutch markets at a moderate duty, and a new law will ere long be adopted based on the avowed principle of free and unrestricted commerce.

Although the pamphlet above alluded to would appear to embrace full information on every point connected with the Dutch process, I nevertheless consider it incumbent on me to furnish the information I have had it in my power to collect on the same topic, and other matters connected with the Herring Fishery, from practical sources, and beg to transmit the following statement showing "*The mode of Curing,*" "*The mode of Packing,*" and "*The regulations for the survey of Cured Herrings.*"

1.

MODE OF CURING HERRINGS.

The Herring after having been caught off the coast of Scotland, or the Shetland Isles, is gutted and cured on board of the fishing vessels, and the whole catch must have been *cleaned and salted within 24 hours* after the nets have been hauled in.

The gutting is accomplished by holding the fish in the left hand, with the belly uppermost, and by introducing a knife under the cheek by means of which a slight incision is made, through which the gills and part of the guts are extracted, leaving the head, the fins, and the tail untouched. In this state the fish is laid into salt, at the rate of one-fourth of salt to three-fourths of the weight of Herrings, and the Law provides that four tons of salt shall be used to every last of fish. The fish so cured is divided into three assortments, known in the trade, as 1st full herrings, being fish full of roe, which keeps well, and is the most suitable for export; when near the time of spawning, this kind, salted either with *refined* or with *raw salt*, is divided into two kinds, known as *raw salt* or as *small salt* herring, the latter of which kind is most palatable to the taste.

2d *Measure Herring*, being without roe or milt, but very fat, and though tasty, does not keep, and 3rd *Yr. or light Herring*, being without either roe, *milt or fat*, but which, nevertheless, keeps well.

The salt used is St. Ubes or Lisbon salt, other descriptions having been found unsuitable or less appropriate.

2.

OF THE PACKING OF HERRINGS.

The largest casks used for packing the fish *while on board of the vessels*, must hold 160 Netherland pounds, or about 353 pounds English, and the smaller sized respectively 80lbs., 40lbs., 20lbs., Netherland, or 176, 88, 44, English pounds. The size of the Herring varies so much that a cask holding 160lbs. Netherland, may contain 500 up to 1000 herrings.

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Two or three days after the first filling on board, the casks are again opened, and filled up to the brim and so brought to market.

Each of the three chief kinds of cured herrings mentioned above, as well as the *Roe sick*, must be carefully separated and assorted, and laid into the casks, namely, Full Herring with Full, Measure Herring with Measure Herring, Yr. or Light with Light, and Roe sick with Roe sick; but each sort must be laid into the casks without delay, and without using flour or any other ingredient. The fish which may have fallen out of the nets, or have remained over a night, may not be cured, but must be thrown into the sea.

The Chief Officer is bound to take especial care that the cured fish be laid down in equal rows of four together in length, crossways, and with the back downwards; the fish may not be thrown in carelessly, but only in accordance with the above rules, which the Chief Officer must attend to, under a penalty in case of neglect, besides compensation to the owners of the Ship or the Buyers of the Herring, having nevertheless recourse against the Packer, provided he shall betimes have duly remonstrated against his mode of packing.

Before the 21st of July no kind of Herring may be salted, excepting with raw or unrefined salt, but of the herring caught after the 21st July the full kind alone may, if preferred, be salted with fine or refined salt. The casks must be duly marked with distinguishing marks; those containing fish caught from 21st to 25th July up to 24th August with J, and those with fish caught from 25th of August to 14th September, with B, and after that period with X.

The casks before landing must be marked outside with the number of the ship, in the middle, between the centre hoops.

The Chief Officer is bound on the arrival of the ship at the port of discharge, to declare on oath, the quantity of each sort of Herring, separately, of which declaration he is furnished with a certificate to be exhibited to the Collector of Customs, for the payment of duty, and to the Surveying Officer for the subsequent survey.

3.

OF THE SURVEY.

The salted herrings must, immediately after arrival at the port of discharge, be surveyed by the officers appointed for that purpose, on production of the certificate alluded to above, and the survey must be made before the herring can be brought or housed or removed from one place to another.

Four casks taken at random by the packer, must first be surveyed, in order to prove that the fish has been properly assorted and packed; if one or more of such casks be found to be insufficiently packed, more casks of the same mark must be inspected, of which notice has to be given to the Water Bailiff, and to the Book-keeper of the ship, for the purpose of regulating the fine.

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Whenever the herring is found to have been not properly assorted or packed, or salted, and for those reasons rejected, the loss must be recovered from the packers in diminution of wages.

Immediately after the survey, the Surveying Officer must have the casks separately laid away, each containing herrings of one and the same kind. Before the surveyed herrings be sold, or removed from the port of arrival, the officers must brand on the body of the casks, the name of the place and year; and if the surveyed herring be re-packed either at that place or elsewhere, the name of the province, and the year of arrival, must be branded in addition to the first brand.

The first survey will remain of value between seller and buyer fourteen days, after which it will have to be renewed at the option of the buyer, and no herring may be sold excepting upon said survey.

The re-packing can only be done in public, by persons specially appointed for that work.

All herring intended for export, must be surveyed for the second time, and the large casks be coopered with at least 16 ordinary hoops.

Re-packed herring may not be mixed, but must be all of the same kind. After re-packing, each cask intended for export must be branded, to show the kind of herring, with special marks designated by law, and may then be removed without being subjected to other brands or survey.

As soon as new herring arrives, every cask containing herring of a former year, must be branded with the words "Old Herring." and any one selling old herring for new will be punishable according to law. The mark of every Dealer must be scraped or branded on the casks intended for export, which mark must be made known to the Local Magistrates at the Dealer's place of residence.

Every dealer in herring must have in his service a sworn layer, in no degree related to him, and no one except qualified packers or layers are allowed to pack or lay herring for export, whether for our own account or for that of others.

A simple mode to acquire practical knowledge of the process of curing herrings, would be to take Dutch Fishermen into service, but according to the existing laws, Fishermen being natives of this country are prohibited from taking service abroad under a penalty, if they should be apprehended, of six months imprisonment. It is not impossible however, that under the prevailing inclination to emancipate the fisheries from trammels, the Dutch Government might be prevailed upon to rescind the old law, which dates from the 12th March 1818, and having never been repealed, remains still in force.

In conclusion, I think it right to observe, that the superior quality of the Dutch herring is considered to be attributable, in an essential degree, to the system of survey detailed above, and that under that impression, it is the intention of the Government to adhere to

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the same system in the new law, about to be adopted, although in other respects not strictly compatible with the perfect freedom which that law advocates ; the survey is, however, not as hitherto, to be compulsory, but optional.

(Signed.)

R. F. TURNING

H. B. M. Vice-Consul.

British Consulate, ROTTERDAM, }
24th December, 1855. }

DESPATCH FROM THE PRESIDENT ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT OF MONTSERRAT, DATED 16TH JULY, 1855, TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, ON THE SUBJECT OF FREE TRADE BETWEEN THAT ISLAND AND THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PROVINCES.

Government House,
MONTSERRAT, 15th July, 1855. }

SIR,—Having in the early part of this year, on my assumption of the office of President Administering this Government, found a communication addressed in November last to the Colonial Secretary of the Island, from a committee appointed by the Legislature of Canada, having for its object the establishment of Reciprocity of Trade between that Province and the several West India Islands, and having fully considered that the true interests of Montserrat were alone to be looked for in the direction of the most unrestricted freedom of change with the more wealthy and more populous Dependencies of the Crown, I lost no time in bringing the subject under the consideration of the Legislature of the Island.

In my message recommending a measure framed on those principles, I urged on them the policy of at once taking the initiative, as far as Free Trade is concerned, not only with Canada, but with the other British North American Possessions, and passing a Bill for re-

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moving, not only all duties on vessels that may arrive here for the purposes of Trade from those Provinces, but also all Duties on the Produce of those countries imported in such vessels.

These recommendations, I am happy to acquaint your Excellency, received the unanimous concurrence of both branches of the Legislature; and bills have been passed, and with the sanction of the Governor-in-Chief, assented to by me, for giving effect to the establishment of unrestricted trade between this Island and the whole of the British Possessions in North America.

The Act relieving all vessels arriving at this Port from the payment of tonnage dues, is now in operation; and the other Act abolishing all duties on Articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the British North American Possessions, has been forwarded to the Governor-in-Chief for the purpose of being transmitted to the Imperial Government, there to await the assent of Her Majesty before it can come into operation, as, owing to a Loan from the Imperial Treasury, being charged on the revenue of the Island, it was necessary to insert a suspending clause in the enactment.

As soon, however, as the assent of Her Majesty has been notified to the Executive here, I will do myself the honor of transmitting a copy of the Act to your Excellency, with a request that the same may be communicated to that portion of the Mercantile community in Newfoundland, who are engaged in the West India Trade.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

Humble Servant,

EDWARD RUSHWORTH.

His Excellency

CHARLES H. DARLING,

&c. &c., &c.

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DESPATCH FROM HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S MINISTER AT WASHINGTON, DATED 18TH DECEMBER, 1855, TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, TRANSMITTING A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE ACT OF THE PRESIDENT ADMITTING CERTAIN ARTICLES TO ENTRY IN THE UNITED STATES—FROM NEWFOUNDLAND—FREE OF DUTY.

WASHINGTON,
December 18th, 1855. }

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you the copy of a Note which I have received from the Secretary of State of the United States, together with a copy of the Act of the President therein enclosed, by which the Articles enumerated in the Reciprocity Treaty of the 5th June, 1854, are admitted to entry in the United States, from Newfoundland, free of duty.

I have &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His Excellency

CHARLES H. DARLING, Esq.,

&c. &c., &c.

(COPY.)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, Dec. 17th, 1855. }

SIR,—Referring to your Note of the 8th inst., enclosing the copy of a Proclamation issued by His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland, on the 14th ultimo, declaring that the provisions and stipulations of the Treaty between the United States and Great Britain, of

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the 5th of June, 1854, extend to that Colony, I now have the honor to transmit to you a copy of the Act of the President, by which the Articles enumerated in the Treaty referred to, are admitted to entry in this Country, free of duty.

I avail myself, &c.

(Signed.)

W. L. MARCY.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, by the second Section of an Act of the Congress of the United States, approved the fifth day of August, 1854, entitled "An Act to carry into effect a treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed on the fifth day of June, 1854," it is provided that whenever the Island of Newfoundland shall give its consent to the application of the stipulations and provisions of the said Treaty to that Province, and the legislature thereof and the Imperial Parliament shall pass the necessary laws for that purpose; grain, flour, and bread stuffs of all kinds; animals of all kinds; fish, smoked, and salted meats; cotton, wool; seeds and vegetables; undried fruits; dried fruits; fish of all kinds; products of fish and all other creatures living in the water; poultry; eggs; hides; furs; skins or tails undressed; stone or marble in its crude or unwrought state; slate; butter, cheese, tallow, lard; horns, manures; ores of metals of all kinds; coal, pitch, tar, turpentine; ashes, timber, and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, and sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part; fire wood, plants, shrubs, and trees; pelts, wool, fish oil; Rice; broom, corn, and bark; gypsum, ground or unground; hewn or wrought or unwrought burr or grindstones; dye stuffs; flax, hemp, and tow, unmanufactured; unmanufactured tobacco, and rags; shall be admitted, free of duty, from that Province into the United States, from and after the date of a Proclamation by the President of the United States, declaring that he has satisfactory evidence that the said Province has consented, in a due and proper manner, to have the provisions of the Treaty extended to it, and to allow the United States the full benefits of all the stipulations therein contained:

And Whereas I have satisfactory evidence that the Province of Newfoundland has consented, in a due and proper manner, to have the provisions of the aforesaid Treaty extended to it, and to allow the United States the full benefits of all the stipulations therein contained, so far as they are applicable to that Province.

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Now therefore, I, Franklin Pierce, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and proclaim that from this date, the articles enumerate in the preamble of this Proclamation, being the growth and produce of the British North American Colonies, shall be admitted from the aforesaid Province of Newfoundland into the United States, free of duty, so long as the aforesaid Treaty shall remain in force.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed to these presents.

L. S. Done at the City of Washington, the 12th day of December, 1855, and of the Independence of the United States the Eightieth.

(Signed,)

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

By the President,
W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of State.

ABSTRACT OF EDUCATION RETURNS (PROTESTANT BOARDS).

Schools where situate Names of Districts.	No.	Teachers No.	Amount of Salaries. Currency.	No. of Scholars.			Average Attendance.	Settlements in Districts (with the population) with- out Schools.
				Male	Female.	Total.		
St. John's	8	8 (one wanting at Lance Cove)	£362 0 0	153	150	303	251	District well supplied with Schools, at least as regards their number.
Brigus	2	2	93 0 0	35	31	66	45	
Bay Roberts	5	5	206 3 1	189	140	329	179	No. 2 River (Port de Grave) 40 to 50 Children.
Harbor Grace	5	5	215 7 8	157	107	264	173	
Carbonear	13	12 (one wanting at Burnt Point)	405 0 0	388	363	751	546 of 11 Schools	11 Settlements with 1535 inhabitants.
Trinity South	4	4	138 0 0	106	118	224	114	1 " " 50 "
West	2	2	75 0 0	60	46	106	78	2 " " 450 "
North	6	5	139 4 7	77	58	135	107	
Bonavista South	3	3	90 0 0	78	76	154	60	5 " " 917 "
West								
North								
Fogo	3	3	105 0 0	56	46	102	61	19 " " 1263 "
Twillingate								
Morton's Harbor								
Bay Bulls and Fer- ryland	5	5	98 0 0	77	79	156	106	2 " " 150 "
St. Mary's and Pla- centia								
Burin (the whole District not given, two schools being left out)								2
Fortune Bay	3	3	109 0 0	46	46	92	68	21 " " 1573 inhabitants.
Burgeo & LaPoile								

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Chairman.

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APPENDIX.

DISTRICT OF ST. JOHN'S, 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1855.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District (with the population) with- out Schools.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.		
St. John's (Maggotty Cove)	{ James Lee Ann Bulley	29 27	£100 0 0 20 0 0	} 39	30	69	67	<p>This District seems well supplied with schools, at least as regards their number :— The Colonial Church and School Society having : 2 schools in St. John's } 1 North Side 1 " " Portugal Cove } 1 South Side 1 " " Petty Harbor 1 " " Torbay The Rev. J. G. Mountain, M. A., provides the salaries of 1 Master at Pouch Cove 1 " " Wheeler's Farm, on the Torbay Road The Wesleyan Methodists have a School in St. John's, and the Presbyterians also. The Settlements without Protestant Schools are 1 Chamberlain's, South Shore 2 Manuels " " 3 Kelligrews " " 4 Lower Gully " " 5 The Beach, Belle Isle, but the average number of Protestant children in each does not appear to exceed 11 (under 14 years) by the census of 1845.</p>
Quidi Vidi	Henry Charles	24	40 0 0 and a house						19	16	35	30
Broad Cove, St. Philip	William Bursell	26	45 0 0 and a house	18	32	50	35	
Topsail, South Shore	James Allen	50	36 0 0	13	16	29	20	
Long Pond do.	John Widdicombe	68	20 0 0	24	25	49	35	
Middle Bight do.	Richard Parmeter	50	36 0 0	25	19	44	40	
Upper Gulley do.	Charles Coat	61	20 0 0	15	12	27	24	
Lance Cove, Belle Isle	Vacant		45 0 0					

THOMAS F. H. BRIDGE,

Chairman.

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DISTRICT OF BRIGUS, 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1855.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers.			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District (with the population) with- out Schools.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.		
Bull Cove.	Thomas Gouden.	58	£43 10 Cy.	17	20	37	25	
Burnthead.	William Smith.	58	49 10 Cy.	18	11	29	20	

W. S. MILLS.

*Chairman.*DISTRICT OF BAY ROBERTS, CONCEPTION BAY, 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1855.

Coley's Point, Bay Roberts.	G. W. R. Hierlihy.	32	£40 Stg. per annum.	73	53	126	63	Northern River, Port-de- Grave, we have no returns of the Population, but to best of belief, from 40 to 50 children would be found to attend school, could one be provided.
River Head Ditto.	J. Beasant.	54	40 Cy. per annum.	60	41	101	54	
French's Cove, Ditto.	R. Pepper.	25	40 Cy. per annum.	24	16	40	27	
The Dock, Port-de-Grave.	R. Fisher.	38	40 Cy. per annum.	13	9	22	15	
Blow me Down, Ditto.	John Garland.	40	40 Cy. per annum.	19	21	40	20	
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M. BLACKMORE,

Chairman.

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DISTRICT OF HARBOR GRACE, THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1855.

1. North side Harbor Grace.	Henry Trapnell.	53	£40 Stg.	45	13	58	40
2. South side Ditto.	John S. Martin.	25	Ditto.	41	37	78	39
3. Bryant's Cove.	Thomas Stevenson.	52	Ditto.	30	20	50	32
4. Mosquitto.	William Simmons.	56	Ditto.	24	23	47	42
5. Bear's Cove, Harbor Grace.	Sarah C. Comer.	22	26 13 4	17	14	31	20

* Population.
1. Island Cove (Upper). 731

2. Bishop's Cove 305

N.B.—These two settlements being a mile and a half apart, a school was established under the Newfoundland School Society at an intermediate spot for the children of both places. It was closed, September, 1855, and at the same date a salary was assigned by the Board of Education for a Teacher in Island Cove, to commence as soon as a Master and School-room could be procured. The Newfoundland School Society, will, (it is expected) establish a School at Bishop's Cove at an early period.

* According to the census of 1845.

BERTRAM JONES,

Chairman.

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DISTRICT OF CARBONEAR, YEAR ENDED THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1855.

Schools where situate.	Teachers.			No. of Scholars.			Average Attendance.	Settlements in Districts (with the population) without schools.	
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.			
Bay de Verds	William Loder	64	£35 0 0	41	41	82	School open for 2 months only	The Population given in the undermentioned Settlements, is taken from the Population Returns of 1845, and has reference only to settlements in which there are no schools under the jurisdiction of this Board :— Population. Broad Cove 473 Blackhead 173 Gusett Cove 73 Bradley's Cove 127 Long Beach 42 Gull Island 134 Burnt Point 74 Job's Cove, 252 Red Islands 25 Caplin Cove 46 Low Point 117	
Island Cove	William Turner	65	35 0 0	33	24	57			47
Northern Bay	Thomas Moors	50	25 0 0	16	17	33			28
Ochre Pit Cove	John Curtis	39	30 0 0	37	31	68			62
Burnt Point			20 0 0	vacant at present					
Mulley's Cove	Mary Jane Howell	45	20 0 0	17	31	48			36
Western Bay	W. C. Churchill	43	35 0 0	47	39	86			79
Adam's Cove	Joseph Baggs	34	30 0 0	39	39	78			50
Perry's Cove	John Swain	49	30 0 0	19	15	34			28
Otterbury	Joseph Jutson	59	25 0 0	15	16	31			30
Fresh Water	Joseph Parsons	50	40 0 0	38	39	77			62
Carbonear (North side)	Thomas Roberts	46	40 0 0	47	49	96			77
Carbonear (South side)	George Apsey	57	40 0 0	39	22	61			47
	Totals		£405 0 0	388	363	751			

Protestant Board of Education, }
District of Carbonear. }

W. E. SHENSTONE,

Chairman.

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DISTRICT OF TRINITY BAY SOUTH, ENDED 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1855.

Hants' Harbor	John Husson	61	£36	0	0	25	34	59	32	Russells Cove and Indian Point Population 50.
Scilly Cove	John Walker	37	36	0	0	30	40	70	40	Received annual grant £161 0 0 Stg. Deduct for Old Perlican 25 0 0 "
Grates Cove	Thomas Cooper	58	36	0	0	33	28	61*	26	£136 0 0 "
Seal Cove	Robert Balbor	38	30	0	0	18	16	34	16	In Currency £156 18 5 School Master's Salary 138 0 0 Cy. Contingencies 18 18 5 "
			£138	0	0	106	118	224	114	£156 18 5

P. PRESTWOOD,

Chairman.

DISTRICT OF TRINITY BAY WEST, 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1855.

New Perlican	W. Swansborough	26	£35	0	0	35	25	60	40	New Harbour has a Schoolhouse, but the Board have not sufficient funds to engage a Teacher. Population about 400 Heart's Ease 200
Heart's Delight	James Godden	25	40	0	0	25	21	46	38	

HENRY LIND,

Chairman.

RETURNS FROM THE PROTESTANT BOARDS OF EDUCATION.—(Continued.)

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DISTRICT OF TRINITY NORTH, YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1855.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers.			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District (with the population) with- out Schools.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.		
Trinity (North Side)	Arthur Watts	40	£30 Stg., per annum	15	12	27	24	Salmon Cove, population 300 New Bonaventure do. 150
Cuckhold's Cove	John Gover	47	30 " "	12	8	20	16	
Trouty				14	3	17	12	
British Harbor	Thomas Gavoler	50	30 Cy., "	14	15	29	16	
Ireland's Eye	William Wotton	21	10 " "	8	6	14	12	
Bonaventure, (old) for half year	James Pitcher	63	30 " "	14	14	28	27	

N. B.—The School-master at Old Bonaventure has only been employed 7 to 8 months.

BENJAMIN SMITH,

Chairman.

RETURNS FROM THE PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Continued.

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DISTRICT OF BONAVIDA BAY NORTH, 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1855.

Muddy Hole Green Bay	Charles Harris	28	£30 of which half is paid by the Wes- leyan Board in St. John's.	24	24	48	19	Cat Harbor, Green Bay, permanent po- pulation 176 increased during the Summer months to 267 The summer residents are entire fami- lies with children. Cape and Coblers' Islands, population 92 Flowers' Island, " 55 Deer Island, " " Pinchards' Island, " 323 A good School-house and Master's resi- dence is built here, and the School has been in operation, but is now vacant. The School numbered 50 pupils, Average attendance 19. Flat Island, population 180 The same remarks apply to this place as to Pinchards' Island, Pupils lately on the Books, 42 Average attendance, 28
Middle Bill Cove Cape Freels	Thomas F. Parker	61	30	20	22	42	13	
Goosberry Island	John Flann	45	30	34	30	64	28	

JULIAN MORETON,
Chairman.

DISTRICT OF MORTON'S HARBOR, 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1855.

Morton's Harbor	Mr. Abel Russell	23 years about	£35 Cy.	18	14	32	16	Shoe Cove, Population 170 Wards Harbor " 122 Leading Tickle " 176 Nippers Harbor " 84 Black Island " 163 Indian Burying Place " 77 Fluny's Bight " 70 Little Bay Island " about 70 Bound Harbor " 66 Three Arm Islands " 57 New Bay Head " 45 Rogues Harbor " 31 King's Island and } " 24 Stocking Harbor }
Exploits Burnt Island	" E. Dounton	55	35 "	22	25	47	30	Jacketts' Cove " 23 Triton Harbor " 48 Donier " 28 Tilt Cove " 19 Wild Bight " about 20 Seal Bay Head " 30
Tizzard's Harbor	" G. O. Every	45	35 " up to the last year when he received an additional sum of £5 Cy.	16	7	23	15	

JOHN KINGWELL, Jr.
Chairman.

RETURNS FROM THE PROTESTANT BOARDS OF EDUCATION.—Continued.

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DISTRICT OF PLACENTIA, 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1855.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District (with the population) with- out Schools.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.		
Harbor Buffet	James Burton	27	£30 Cy.	18	12	30	26	1. Woody Island, popula- tion about 110; 80 Pro- testants, and about 30 Ro- man Catholics. 2. Arnold's Cove, popula- tion 40. 3. There are many small- er settlements, but all too remote from each other to render the establishment of Schools practicable.
Pound Island	Charles Dounes		10 "	22	16	38	21	
Spencer's Cove	James Slade	48	20 "	14	12	26	16	
Isle Valen (Summer)	Jane Lockyear	21	8 "	9	17	26	18	
Oderin	Nelson Bailey	36	30 "	14	22	36	25	

W. F. MECH,

Chairman.

DISTRICT OF BURIN, THE 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1855.

Grand Bank	John Tough	49	£55 Cy.	45	39	84	71	Molliers Cove, 2 families Little Barrisway, 2 families Grand Beach, 3 families Frenchmans Cove, 5 families The last-named place is about 2 miles from Garnish, where there is a School un- der the Fortune Bay Board.
	No Teacher since the 1st of May last, up to that	not known sup- pose about				the exact number not known about		
Fortune	Cyrus Crew	55	50 "			55		

JOHN S. PEACH,

Chairman.

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DISTRICT OF FORTUNE BAY, 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1855.

Harbor Briton	Mrs. E. Trood		£29 Cy.	16	17	33	25	1 Jersey Harbor	132
Garnish	Henry Camp	34	40 "	17	14	31	23	2 Lagona	98
Brunett	George Snellgrove	34	40 "	13	15	28	20	3 Little Bay	43
								4 Wreck Cove	66
								5 Coombs Cove	61
								6 English Harbor	44
								7 St. Jacques	75
								8 Harbor Mille	37
								19 Jack Founlam	39
								10 Great Jarns	47
								11 Push Through	98
								12 Grole	145
								13 Hermitage Cove	107
								14 Gaultois	222
								15 Pass	64
								16 Head Hermitage Bay	51
								17 Great Harbor	28
								18 Turby's Cove	95
								19 Picaree	44
								20 Round Harbor	38
								21 Point Rosey	39

WILLIAM KEPPLÉ WHITE,
Chairman.

DISTRICT OF BONA VISTA BAY WEST, 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1855.

King's Cove	John Coffin	35	£27 per an.	17	18	35	25	Knight's Cove	42
Tickle Cove	John Skaffington	54	25 " "	28	14	42	25	Barrow Harbor and Broom Close	} small and fluctu- ating populations.
Indian arm	William Tilly	40	30s. per month for the winter	15	9	24	15	Long Island Plate Cove	
Kiels	vacant since June								
Open Hole (with Radcliff)	vacant some time but to re- open in January								
Salvage	Newfoundland Society has a School there								

JOHN MORETON,
Chairman.

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NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, SUMMARY.

Districts.	Teachers.	No. of Scholars.			Number of Schools.	
	No.	Male.	Female.	Total.		
St. John's	8	217	207	424	6	Schools
Brigus	4	130	110	240	4	"
Harbor Grace	6	214	194	408	4	"
Bay Roberts	4	176	129	305	3	"
Trinity West	2	53	40	93	1	"
Trinity North	3	90	81	171	3	"
Bonavista South	1	70	60	130	1	"
Bonavista North	6	208	210	418	5	"
Fogo	1	25	30	55	1	"
Twilingate	1	51	45	96	1	"
Fortune Bay	2	35	50	85	1	"
Bonavista West	2	50	34	84	1	"
Placentia	1	22	23	45	1	"
	41	1341	1213	2554	32	

No portion of the Sums appropriated to the Boards is contributed to these Schools.

JOHNSTONE VICARS,
Superintendent,

RETURNS FROM THE PROTESTANT BOARDS OF EDUCATION.—Continued.

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NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF ST. JOHN'S.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District (with the population) with- out Schools.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.		
St. John's	Gardner, Mr. & Mrs.		£120 Stg.	110	90	200	196	
" Infants	Gardner, Mr. G. E.Hacket, Assistant		30 Cy. 10 "	45	55	100		
Petty Harbour	Bishop, Mr. & Mrs.		50 " with collection	37	38	75	52	
Portugal Cove	Oke, Mrs.		40 Cy. with half collection	13	17	30	22	
Torbay.	Mr. Martin		30 Cy. with half collection	12	7	19	16	
				217	207	424		

JOHNSTONE VICARS,

Superintendent.

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NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF BRIGUS.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers.			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District (with the population) with- out Schools.	Remarks.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.			
Brigus	Mills, Mr. & Mrs.		£100 Stg.	90	80	170	80		
Burnt Head	Mills, Mr.			20	20	40	40	Sunday School	
Salmon Cove	Ryal, Mr.		45 Cy. with half collec- tions	20	10	30	25		
				130	110	240			

JOHNSTONE VICARS.

Superintendent.

NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF HARBOR GRACE.

Harbor Grace	Crossman, Mr., Mrs., and son		£90 Stg.	64	70	134	110		
Spaniard's Bay	Earle, Mr. and Mrs.		80 "	100	77	177	85		
Island Cove	Payne, Mr.	35	30 Cy. with half col- lections.	50	47	97	56		
				214	194	408			

JOHNSTONE VICARS,

Superintendent.

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NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF BAY ROBERTS.

Bay Roberts	Davis Mr.		£35 Cy. with half collec- tions	36	18	54	45
Port-de-Grave	Maddock Mr. } " Mrs. }		65 Cy. with half collec- tions.	75	69	144	120
Bareneed	Kelligrew Mr.		40 Cy. with half collec- tions.	65	42	107	85
				176	129	305	

JOHNSTONE VICARS.

Superintendent.

NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF TRINITY WEST.

Heart's Content	Ryall Mr.	47	£45 Cy. with half collections	53	40	93	73
	and Miss		£5 Cy.				

JOHNSTONE VICARS,

Superintendent:

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NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF TRINITY NORTH.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers.			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District (with the population) with- out Schools.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.		
Trinity	} Collis Mr. Lockyer Miss	47	£55 Cy. with half collec- tions	} 44	48	92	75	
Ship Cove								
English Harbor	} Moore Mr.	47	£30 Cy. with his collec- tions	15	19	34	24	
				31	14	45	34	
				90	81	171	133	

JOHNSTONE VICARS,

Superintendent.

NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF BONATISTA SOUTH.

Bonavista	Miffen, Mr.	£50 Cy.	70	60	130	90
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JOHNSTONE VICARS,

Superintendent.

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NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF BONA VISTA NORTH.

River Islands	Cutler Mr.	£15 Cy. with collections	33	30	63	36
Greenspond	{ Dyer Pico, P. W. } { Dyer Mrs. }	100 Stg.	153	158	311	151
" (Infants)	Oakley Miss	30 Cy.				
Pools' Islands	Spurrell Mr.		No returns			
Swains' Islands	Bishop Mr.	15 Cy. with collections	22	22	44	30
			208	210	418	

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Superintendent.

NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF FOGO.

Change Islands.	Jeans Mr.		25	30	55	
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JOHNSTONE VICARS,
Superintendent.

NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF TWILLINGATE.

Twillingate.	Every Mr.	£50 Cy. with half collections	51	45	96	
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JOHNSTONE VICARS,
Superintendent.

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NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF FORTUNE BAY.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District (with the population) without Schools.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.		
Belloram	Marshall Rev. J. and Mrs.		£80 Stg.	35	50	85	75	

JOHNSTONE VICARS,

Superintendent.

NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF BONAVISTA WEST.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers	Age.	Salary.	No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Remarks.
				Male	Female	Total.		
Salvage	Thurman, Mr. " Mrs.	37 27	£50 Cy. and half col- lections	50	34	84	50	No portion of the sum ap- propriated to the Board is contributed to the support of this School.

JOHNSTONE VICARS.

Superintendent.

NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY, DISTRICT OF PLACENTIA.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers	Age.	Salary.	No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Remarks.
				Male	Female	Total.		
Harbor Beaufett	Ward, Mr.		£60 Cy.	22	23	45	25	No portion of the sum ap- propriated to the Board is contributed to the support of this School.

JOHNSTONE VICARS,

Superintendent.

ABSTRACT OF EDUCATION RETURNS (ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARDS.)

Schools Where situate Names of Districts.	No. of Schools	Teachers.		Amount of Salaries. Currency. £581 0 0	No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in Districts (with the population) without Schools.
		No.			Male	Female	Total		
St. John's	21	20		£581 0 0	1083	1390	2478	1353	
Brigus and Bay Roberts.	9	9		210 0 0	368	164	532	403	3 Settlements with 150 to 180 children
Harbor Grace	6	6		110 0 0	169	117	286	175	1 Settlement with 31 families.
Carbonear	10	10		280 0 0	340	144	484	303	Vide remarks upon return.
Trinity South									
" West									
" North	7	6	Another newly ap- pointed in Ragged Harbor.	191 18 5	129	92	221	177	3 Settlements with 230 inhabitants.
Bonavista South									
" West									
" North	3	3		57 13 10	59	40	99	69	3 " " 230 "
Fogo									
Twillingate									
Morton's Harbor	5	5		180 0 0	177	143	320	235	1 " " 15 "
Bay Bulls									
Ferryland	11	13		172 0 0	160	355	515	440	2 " " 180 "
St. Mary's	7	7		105 0 0	169	107	276	335	6 " " 159 "
Placentia									
Burin and Lamaline									
Grand Bank, For- tune, and Burgeo and LaPoile.									

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Chairman.

DISTRICT OF ST. JOHN'S, 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1855.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District. (with the population) without Schools.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.		
Belle Isle	John Hughes	65	£25 Cy.	17	11	28	18	
Portugal Cove	Richard Cuddihy	35	40	31	27	58	31	
Coady's well	Patrick Hickey	55	30	20	14	34	18	
Windsor Lake	Miss Roches	40	20	10	21	31	22	
Longpond (Cove Road	Mrs. Dyer	35	15	19	27	46	19	
Pouch Cove	W. T. Bussett	45	30	21	16	37	12	
Flat Rock	Dennis Meagher	55	35	27	20	47	21	
Torbay	James Coady	48	30	73	69	142	77	
Outer Cove	John Hand	52	35	21	16	37	21	
Logy Bay	Miss Roches	25	25	14	22	36	20	
Quidi Vidi	Henry Hurt	46	45	134	77	211	64	
Black Head	Francis Boyle	40	25	36	21	57	31	
Petty Harbor	James Hacket	50	50	58	69	127	52	
Goolds	Joanna Ryan	62	15	18	19	37	22	
Goolds	Margaret Conolly	36	21	39	29	68	40	
Brookfield	John Barron	52	35	53	34	87	27	
River Head	James O'Neil	62	40	123		123	62	
River Head	Catherine Walsh	25	25		123	123	57	
Freshwater	John Roche	60	40	31	35	66	27	
Presentation Con- vent					740	740	500	
Orphan Asylum	Henry Simms	57		343		343	212	
				1088	1390	2478	1353	

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† JOHN T. MULLOCK.

Chairman.

DISTRICT OF BRIGUS CONCEPTION BAY, 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1855.

Brigus	James Power	50	£35	48	30	78	60	<p>South-side Holyrood, 60 or 70 children without tuition.</p> <p>Salmon Cove, 40 or 50 children without tuition.</p> <p>Northern Gut, 50 or 60 children without tuition.</p> <p>Cupids, no School under the control of this Board.</p>
Harbor Maine	Jeremiah Kenedy	60	35	84		84	65	
Chaples Cove	Richard Lawless	61	25	60	30	90	65	
Colliers	John Shea	50	20	53	22	75	57	
Killegrews	James Barron	52	20	16	12	28	21	
Holyrood	John Kehoe	60	25	18	13	31	25	
Bacon Cove	Richard Griffin	57	20	25	17	42	32	
Turks Gut	Thomas Simmonds	61	10	14	10	24	18	
Cats Gut	John Conoway	28	20	50	30	80	60	

DENIS MACKIN,

Chairman.

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DISTRICT OF HARBOR GRACE, 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1855.

Northern Gut	Patrick Finnucan	65	£10 Cy.	25	17	42	27	<p>South-side of Harbor Grace, 31 families, comprising a population of upwards of 200.</p>
Bay Roberts	Patrick Russell	64	20 "	26	20	46	30	
Spaniards' Bay	Edward Kenny	48	20 "	25	18	43	30	
Bryants Cove	Mary Hearn	45	20 "	14	6	20	14	
River Head	Daniel Scott	77	20 "	41	24	65	38	
Mosquitto	John Keefe	35	20 "	38	32	70	36	

CHS. DALTON,

Chairman.

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DISTRICT OF CARBONEAR, THE YEAR ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1855.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers.			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District (with the population) without Schools.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.		
Carbonear	Laurence Mackey	25	£70 0 0	130		130	50	<p>There are many improvements required in the Schools under the control of this Board.</p> <p>In one or two places—the South-side of Carbonear, which contains nearly a fourth of the Catholic population of Carbonear, and at Broad Cove on the North Shore, new School-houses are required.</p> <p>Class books in all our Schools and other appliances without which the system cannot work well, are greatly needed.</p> <p>There has been a School-house erected recently at Turks Cove, which is not yet fully finished.</p> <p>It is needless to add that more efficient teachers than we have at present in several places would be required; but it is not to be expected that men of much ability to teach will be attracted to our services at a salary of five or six pounds a quarter, while a better means of subsistence can be obtained in other pursuits.</p> <p>The remedy for all these defects would be easily found if a more ample sum than past legislation has placed at our disposal were allocated for this purpose by our present rulers, who are rightly supposed to be ready to devote as much of the public money to this purpose as may be found necessary to secure a profitable outlay.</p> <p>The people in no instance contribute a penny towards the support of Teachers,</p>
Crockett's Cove	William Driscoll	64	25 0 0	30	24	54	30	
Broad Cove	William Millea	68	25 0 0	22	18	40	25	
Turk's Cove, Trinity Bay	Richard Brown	45	20 0 0	23	8	31	20	
Grates Cove	James James	32	20 0 0	9	12	21	18	
Bay-de-Verd	John Morrissey	52	20 0 0	25	20	45	35	
Low Point	John Lynch	48	25 0 0	17	15	32	25	
Job's Cove	Patrick Doutney	36	25 0 0	27	18	45	32	
Northern Bay	James Tobin	50	25 0 0	28	12	40	32	
Western Bay	Pierce Hanrahan	47	25 0 0	29	17	46	36	
			£ 280 0 0	340	144	484	303	

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J. DALTON,

Chairman.

DISTRICT OF BONAVIDA, THE 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1855.

King's Cove	James Stewart	49	£40 Cy.	30	22	52	42	Greenspond, population about 50 Hayward's Cove, " " 90 Plate Cove, " " 90
Broadcove and Keels	Patrick Larkin	48	25 Stg.	32	24	56	44	
Tickle Cove and Open Hall	Thomas Smith	52	20 Cy.	25	12	37	30	
Knight's Cove	Thomas Long	50	20 "	21	20	41	35	Of the £31 Sterling granted for Trinity, North one moiety has been paid to the Teacher of the Com- mercial School in Trinity, the sum being too small to pay a Teacher, and the other moiety has been laid out in finishing the School-house in Ragged Har- bor, for which School a Teacher has been engaged this fall at £20 Stg. per annum, the deficiency to be paid by myself.
Bonavista	Sylvester Brophy	34	40 "	8	6	14	10	
Burnt Island	L. Hollahand	27	20 "	13	8	21	16	

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MATTHEW SCANLAN, P. P.

Chairman.

DISTRICT OF FOGO, THE 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1855.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District (with the population) without Schools.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.		
Fogo	James Shea	45	£20 Stg.	24	12	36	20	Lions Den, population about 50. Herring Neck, population about 30. I beg leave to observe that Couch is a large settlement on the French Shore, containing a population of about 150. A school is very much wanted in this place.
Joe Bat's Arm	Michael Sullivan	60	10 "	10	8	18	14	
Tilton Harbor	James Dwyer	50	20 "	25	20	45	35	

PATRICK WARD,

Chairman.

DISTRICT OF BAY BULLS, DAY OF 1855.

Bay Bulls	Terence Morrissey	55	£40 0 0	54	46	100	75	
Witless Bay	Thomas Getheral	45	40 0 0	45	35	80	60	
Toads Cove	Michael Handlen	60	28 0 0	36	24	60	40	
Mobile	James Hartwell	56	20 0 0	22	18	40	30	
Caplin Bay	John Driscoll	62	20 0 0	20	20	40	30	LeManche, a school. Pop. 15.
			8 0 0	for the repairing of School Rooms, &c.				
			£156 0 0	Sterling.				

PATRICK CLEARY,

Chairman.

DISTRICT OF FERRYLAND, THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1855.

Brigus South	Sarah Doyle	27	£12 Cy.		30 M.&F.	30	25	Admiral's Cove, near Cape Broyle, and Broad Cove near Renewse, population averaging about 90 in each. In both these places I have endeavoured to establish Schools. But having only £8 Cy. at my disposal for each, and the poor people, from the depression of the times, (these late years) being able to pay but little or none towards the support of the old men I had employed as teachers, the Schools were forced to be discontinued.
Cape Broyle	Ellen Kelly and	28	10	30	35	65	55	
	T. Cunningham	24	20					
Caplin Bay South	Edward Nealy	50	12	30	30 M.&F.	60	50	
“ North	Edward Kehoe	50	12					
Ferryland South	Mrs. Slaney	50	12	30 taught by Commercial School	60	90	80	
“ North	Cath. Cummins	25	8					
Aquafort	James Maher	50	16	25	25	50	45	
	Mrs. Olivant	30	10					
Fermeuse North	James O'Neil	60	20	45	females taught by the Nurs 15	120	100	
“ South	Mary Cody	24	12		30 M.&F.	30	25	
Renewse North	Mary Power	23	16		40 “			
“ South	Mrs. Roach	30	12		30 “	70	60	

N.B.—The Teacher of the Male School here, George Jackman, whose salary was £20, has resigned this sometime back, not being willing to teach any longer for this amount, and wherever an occurrence like that takes place, and that a School becomes vacant by the resignation or death of the Teacher, the salary is usually expended either in the erection or repairs of School-houses in that place, and in the purchase of Books, &c., &c., &c., till there be another procured.

In Brigus, too, I had established a Male School, and that also had to be discontinued for the want of means.

JAMES MURPHY,

Chairman.

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DISTRICT OF ST. MARY'S, 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 1855.

Schools Where situate.	Teachers.			No. of Scholars.			Average Attend- ance.	Settlements in District (with the population) without Schools.
	Name.	Age.	Salary.	Male	Female	Total.		
St. Mary's, Com- mercial School	Patrick Walsh	28	Annual. £10 from L. B.	50	30	80	100	Tickles, population about 16
			40 G. M. Grant					John's Pond " " 31
Holyrood	Patrick Duffy	70	12 during winter	20	14	34	40	North Harbor " " 28
Woody Cove	Elizabeth Dobbin	26	5 " "	15	10	25	30	Mosquito Island " " 60
Point La	Bridget Bishop	24	5 " "	15	10	25	30	Cape Dog " " 10
River-head of St. Mary's	William McDonald	50	9 " "	21	15	36	45	Mall Bay " " 14
Salmonier, N. Side	James Morrissy	65	18 annual	30	16	4	50	
" S. "	John Whelan	50	6 during winter	18	12	30	40	

N. B.—No fees are paid by the Pupils in any of the above Schools.

JOHN RYAN,

Chairman.

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THE NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY IN CONNEXION WITH THE COLONIAL CHURCH AND
SCHOOL SOCIETY, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1855.

To amount paid to the Superintendant and Teachers	£1767	14	0
“ amount paid for repairing School-houses	153	8	2
“ amount paid for Books, Maps, and Apparatus	120	0	0
“ amount paid for Rents, Stationery, Board of persons whilst training, travelling expenses, fuel, and other incidentals	210	7	9

£2251 9 11

By amount of Government Grant, £500 Stg.	£576	18	5
“ amount of voluntary contributions and fees for tuition in Newfoundland	333	16	8
“ amount received from Parent Society	1340	14	0

£2251 9 11

E. E.

JOHNSTONE VICARS,

Superintendent.

The value of the clothing for poor children is not included in the above Account.

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REPORT OF THE MASTER OF THE GENERAL PROTESTANT ACADEMY.

To the Directors of the General Protestant Academy.

GENTLEMEN,—In laying before you some account of the Academy, I am happy in being able to state that it still continues to prosper. The attendance has been greater during the last four quarters than any four since its establishment; while it is losing more and more its elementary character, the class of boys being on the whole of a higher standing than in any previous year. The number at present on the roll is forty-one. Of these thirty-six are studying Latin; eleven, French; nine, Spanish; two German; seven Geometry and Algebra; and all of them, the various branches of an English education, viz: Grammar, History and Geography, the use of the Globes, &c. In a former report I pointed out the necessity of procuring the services of another Teacher; that necessity has increased rather than diminished. In order to conduct an Educational Establishment efficiently, three conditions must be fulfilled. The pupils must be classed according to their advancement. The course of study must be a graduated one. And sufficient time must be given to the teaching of each class. I am becoming gradually more unable to fulfil these conditions as the pupils advance in the course, and if assistance is not speedily obtained, their progress will be stopped and the character of the Academy irretrievably injured. Moreover, other branches of instruction beside the strictly Academical Course, ought to be introduced in order to make the education complete. The interesting and useful facts of science, the various phenomena and laws of nature ought to be illustrated and explained. This is a very important part of an educational course and should receive a great deal more attention than I can give it at present. It is no doubt true that the various departments of science, when studied in their full extent, present a wide field for the exercise of mature intellect, yet they contain phenomena and relations, which not only attract the attention which might otherwise be dissipated on trifles, but afford grounds for reflection. Reflection excites inquiry, and imbues youth with an amiable spirit, often leading them incidentally from the examination of the works of nature to consider the design of the Creator. Besides, this elementary instruction is really necessary to prepare the young for the systematic study of science. I have already intimated to you my willingness to do anything in my power to make the Academy worthy of the support of the community, but I require your co-operation which, I have no doubt, you will willingly concede to me. Of course, if the services of a second teacher are procured, more accommodation will be required. A room of the same dimensions as the one I have at present, would, I think, answer the purpose.

I am, Gentlemen.

Your obedient servant,

ADAM SCOTT.

St. John's, }
January 12th, 1856. }

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Journal of Mr. Henry Knight.

**PROTECTION OF FISHERIES AT AND ABOUT CAPE JOHN, IN THE SUMMER
OF 1855.**

JOURNAL AT CAPE JOHN, }
July 9th. }

Arrived at Cape John, put up my camp at Mad Rock Cove, found the French very busy engaged with the fish, spoke several boats, told them my business and the extent of my authority ; remained at the limit all night, fish plenty.

TUESDAY 10th.

Frenchmen began work at sun-rise, hauled about 20,000 fish for 300 men ; asked them what fish they had on shore, told me rather more than last summer for the time ; at 9 p. m. Frenchmen stowed away, remained on the ground all night.

WEDNESDAY 11th.

French commenced to haul at 6 a. m., hauled this day 6,000 fish for 33 men at the limit 3 Seines and 9 Batteaux, stowed away for the night, remained at the limit all night.

THURSDAY, 12th.

Commenced work at 4 a. m. ; Frenchmen hauled 9,000 fish for 4 seines and 68 men ; weather very fine, Frenchmen all anxious to hear from Sebastopol ; remained at the limit for the night.

FRIDAY 13th.

Frenchmen began work at sunrise, fish rather scarce, hauled this day at the Cape 10,000 fish for 7 Seines—asked one Seine Master how much he hauled up to this time, told me 130,000 fish, stopped at the boundary all night.

SATURDAY, 14th.

Frenchmen commenced to haul at 4 a. m. Hauled this day at the limit 25,000 fish for 4 seines and 68 men ; at dark stowed away for the night.

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SUNDAY 15th.

At 3 a. m. Frenchmen began work, hauled this morning 3,000 fish for 4 Seines at 7 a. m. boats all left the limit and went north of the Cape, at 8 a. m. went to my camp to boil kettle for breakfast, returned to the boundary at 11 a. m., found one boat encroaching on the limit, had in his Seine 3,000 fish, took it from him with one Batteaux, turned the master out of her, and sent her to Mad Rock Cove, distance 2 miles, complained very much, said Frenchmen and Englishmen at Sebastopol was all alike, told him killing fish and killing men were different at noon several boats came to the limit, hauled this day at the Cape about 12,000 fish for 9 Seines at sun-down stowed away for the night, weather fine.

MONDAY, 16th.

Frenchmen commenced at sun-rise to haul. At 6 a. m. my men distributed the fish in the French Batteaux to the Shore Cove fishermen, about 30 quintals; sent the men with boat about their business. This day about 14,000 fish taken at the limit; at 10 p. m. Frenchmen covered for the night. Stopped in Cape Cove until morning.

TUESDAY, 17th.

At 4 a. m. Frenchmen began work; fish scarce on the French side of the Cape; appear very anxious to pass the limit. Took to-day, according to French account, 6,000 fish for 9 seines and 27 batteaux. Blowing hard, wind S. W. with rain, remained at the Cape all night.

WEDNESDAY 18th.

At 4 a. m., strong breeze, wind North, Frenchman forced to come on the South-side of the Cape for shelter, at noon spoke Seine Master from Packet Harbor, told me the caplin was gone at Packet, was but 10 days on the Shore; had but 40,000 fish for their Ship with 70 men, thank me to show him the English bounds at sun-down, wind moderate, remained at the limit with French men all night.

THURSDAY, 19th.

At sun-rise Frenchmen commenced work. Hauled no fish at the limit this morning; very anxious to pass the boundary, forced to threaten them; at noon one boat hauled at the point of the Cape 4,000 fish; heavy rain with fog at 7 p. m., wind North, blowing a gale; forced to run for Shoe Cove in company with 37 French boats; remained all night.

FRIDAY 20th.

At 6 a. m. left Shoe Cove in company with the French boats, got as far as Mansfield Bite, forced to remain at anchor all day, too much sea for hauling at sun-down, wind more moderate, remained with the French in Mansfield Bite all night.

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SATURDAY, 21st.

At daylight Frenchmen left Mansfield Cove for the Cape, sea not so high ; at 7 a. m. began to Haul ; took this day from the Cape 18,000 fish for 9 seines and 27 batteaux ; caplin getting scarce ; at 9 p. m. fishermen lay down for the night ; made my boat fast to stern of French seine boat for the night.

SUNDAY, 22nd.

At 4 a. m. French began work, strong wind from the west, hauled this day at the Cape 22,000 fish, at noon one Seine Master, belonging to Packet Harbor, came and asked me if I could help him to some Provisions, as they were short and could not get home, distance 22 miles ; gave him some bread and molasses, pork and rum, asked him what fish they had, told me 100,000 fish for 2 vessels and 85 men ; said they were but 15 days in the country, found great difficulty in leaving France for want of men, said voyage at Flourdélouis was bad also ; remained at the limit all night.

MONDAY, 23rd.

At sun-rise commenced work ; 22 batteaux at the limit this morning ; hauled through the day at the Cape and limit 30,000 fish for 9 seines and 168 men ; weather very fine. At dark covered for the night. Made fast to French boat until the morning.

TUESDAY, 24th.

At daylight Frenchmen uncovered and began work ; one boat belonging to Packet hauled 3,000 fish ; at 8 a. m. spoke French Brig crossing the Cape, bound to the Banks from Lascie ; asked him what fish he landed, told me 40,000. At 1 p. m. 7 seines boats and 9 batteaux anchored at the Cape point ; no fish, caplin scarce. At 6 p. m. left the Cape for Middle Bill Cove. At 7 p. m. strong breeze, N. E. ; left the limit for my camp ; about 7,000 fish taken at the Cape to-day.

WEDNESDAY, 25th.

At daylight rowed to the Cape, found the French asleep, at 4 a. m. commenced to haul, one boat took 2,000 fish at the limit ; about 40,000 taken this day for 9 Seines at 6 p. m., gale of wind from North with heavy rain, 40 boats came in Mansfield Cove for shelter, sea high, no caplin at the Cape, remained in Mansfield Bite for the night.

THURSDAY, 26th.

At 3 a. m. left Mansfield Cove for the Cape in company with French boats ; 3 boats belonging to Packet asked liberty to remain to split their fish, told them they could do so, provided they went close in shree. At 5 a. m. a 3 mast Steamer passed the Cape, could not distinguish her flag, distance about 4 miles, took her to be the Cameleon of St. Pierre ; about 2,000 fish taken from the Cape this day 10 for seines ; no caplin ; wind N. E. ; at dark went to Mad Rock Cove.

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FRIDAY, 27th.

At 3 a. m. left Mad Rock Cove and rowed in Mansfield bite, found 28 French boats at anchor, come through the night for shelter, wind North; at sun-rise left for their own ground; at 6 a. m. left the Cape and tacked further North; at 9 a. m. 26 boats returned to Mansfield Cove, wind North, blowing hard with heavy sea, remained all day; no caplin, but plenty of Herrings. Stopped with the French all night.

SATURDAY, 28th.

At sun-rise left Mansfield Cove for the limit. At 8 a. m. all the French boats came back, sea too high for hauling; at noon forced to run for Shoe Cove Bite, distance 5 miles, in company with 40 French boats, remained at Shoe Cove all night.

SUNDAY, 29th.

At 6 . m. left the Cove in company with the French boats. At 8 a. m. got to Mansfield Cove; sea high; Frenchmen asked permission to jig fish on the English ground, told them they may jig sufficient to eat, thanked me. At 4 p. m. 18 boats left for Lascie, the rest remained at anchor; at sun-set put their camps up for the night. I went to Mad Rock Cove, Herrings very plenty, Caplin none.

MONDAY, 30th.

At daylight rowed in Mansfield bite, Frenchmen at anchor; at 6 a. m. left for the Cape; one boat hauled 400 fish on South Bill; spoke seine master, told [me their several catches for Lascie,

Ship Angelique ....	....	...	3,000	qtls
Triton ....	....	....	2,600	"
Francois ....	....	....	2,300	"
St. Louis ....	....	....	2,800	"
Jennelies Banks ....	....	....	400	"

asked him what wages each man in his boat had for the summer, said 200f., but himself had 400f. and so much a M., told me there was men on their room had but 100f. for the summer and had 3 and 4 picaniny. At 4 p. m. left for Lascie to land their seine: returned to Mad Rock Cove for the night.

TUESDAY 31st.

At 4 a. m. rowed to the Cape, found but 6 boats at the South Bill; at 5 a. m. Hauled, but took no fish. At 8 a. m. caplin seine master came and asked me to allow him to look in Mansfield bite for caplin, told him he may do so but take no caplin; said he only wanted to ascertain if the bait was all gone before he left for home; at 10 a. m. returned, told me there was none to be seen; left for Lascie; no fish taken for the day.

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AUGUST, 1st.

At 4 a. m. rowed to the limit, found but two seines at the Cape and six batteaux; hauled no fish for the day; at 4 p. m. Frenchmen all left the Cape for Lascie, at dark returned to my camp in Mad Rock Cove.

THURSDAY, 2nd.

Rowed to the Cape at 6 a. m., saw no French boats until 7 a. m.; 9 batteaux came to Middle Bill Point and set bultows; remained at the Cape jigging until 4 p. m.; Hauled their bultows and returned to Lascie at dark; went to my quarters for the night.

FRIDAY, 3rd.

At sun-rise rowed to the limit, saw no Frenchmen until 7 a. m., 3 seines and 9 batteaux came to the North point of the Cape and hauled their bultows; spoke seine master, told me all the fish was gone with the caplin, took no fish for the day; at dark went to my camp, herring plenty.

SATURDAY, 4th.

At sun-rise rowed to the limit, saw no boats until 9 a. m. 8 batteaux came to the Cape and took from 1500 fathoms of bultows about 6 qtls. of fish, asked one man where all their boats were, told me most of the hook and line men were sent to Mings' Bay after room timber, told me all the seines werelanded; at dark rowed to my camp.

SUNDAY, 5th.

At 6 a. m. rowed to the Cape, no boats came until 8 a. m.; 11 batteaux came and fished at the Cape at noon; hauled their bultows and took 1,300 fish; at 5 p. m. left for Lascie; went to Ragged Rock Cove for the night.

MONDAY, 6th.

At 4 a. m. rowed to the Cape, no boats came until 7 a. m., 7 batteaux came and took up bultows with 400 fish; at noon left the South Point and went North of the Cape; at 2 p. m. rowed to Mad Rock Cove and took down my camp, and proceeded to Shoe Cove. The distance from my camp to the limit is 2 miles, from the limit to Shoe Cove is 5 miles.

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TUESDAY, 7th.

At daylight despatched the boat and 4 men to Cape. Learned from the fishermen of Shoe Cove they were fishing with herrings the last week. Fish was scarce, but plenty herrings and good sign of mackarel; told me their average was about 40 qtls. per man. The Lascie average at present, according to their own account, is 30 qtls. per man; at dark boat returned. Saw but six boats at the Cape for the day.

WEDNESDAY, 8th.

At daylight despatched the boat and crew to Cape, fearing the Frenchmen may put their bultows on our side of the limit; at dark returned, reported but 4 batteaux at the limit for the day, took from 1000 fathoms of line 600 fish.

THURSDAY, 9th.

At 4 a. m. started the boat for the Cape; at 8 a. m. 5 boats came to the limit and hauled bul tows, took 300 fish; at dark the boat returned to Shoe Cove.

FRIDAY, 10th.

At 4 a. m. boat went to the Cape; saw but 5 boats for the day; fish very scarce.

SATURDAY, 11th.

At daylight boat left Shoe Cove for the limit, but 4 batteaux at the Cape; at 8 a. m. blowing strong breeze from the N. E.; boat and 4 French boats took shelter in Mansfield bite for the day; at dark returned to Shoe Cove.

SUNDAY, 12th.

Boat remained at Shoe Cove all day.

MONDAY, 13th.

Sent the boat and crew to the Cape; at 6 p. m. returned; saw no boat for the day; sea very high.

Perhaps it is worthy of remark, that previous to protection on the French Shore, there was but 3 or 4 Bankers from all the Harbours between Carpoone and Cape St. John. This summer there is 11 vessels that choose the Banks in preference to the Shore fishery, in consequence of the protection at Cape John, and I might also add Belle Isle, for there has been no fish caught there this summer by the French. There are 2 vessels less at Lascie this season, and those 2 are on the Banks.

HENRY KNIGHT.

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REPORT FROM JAMES MARMADUKE WINTER Esq., ON THE SALMON FISHERY OF THIS ISLAND.

St. John's, Newfoundland, }
February 8th, 1856. }

SIR,—In compliance with your desire, I have the honor to lay before you the following information which I have derived from various sources, as well as from my own observation with regard to the Salmon Fisheries prosecuted in the Bays and Rivers of this Colony.

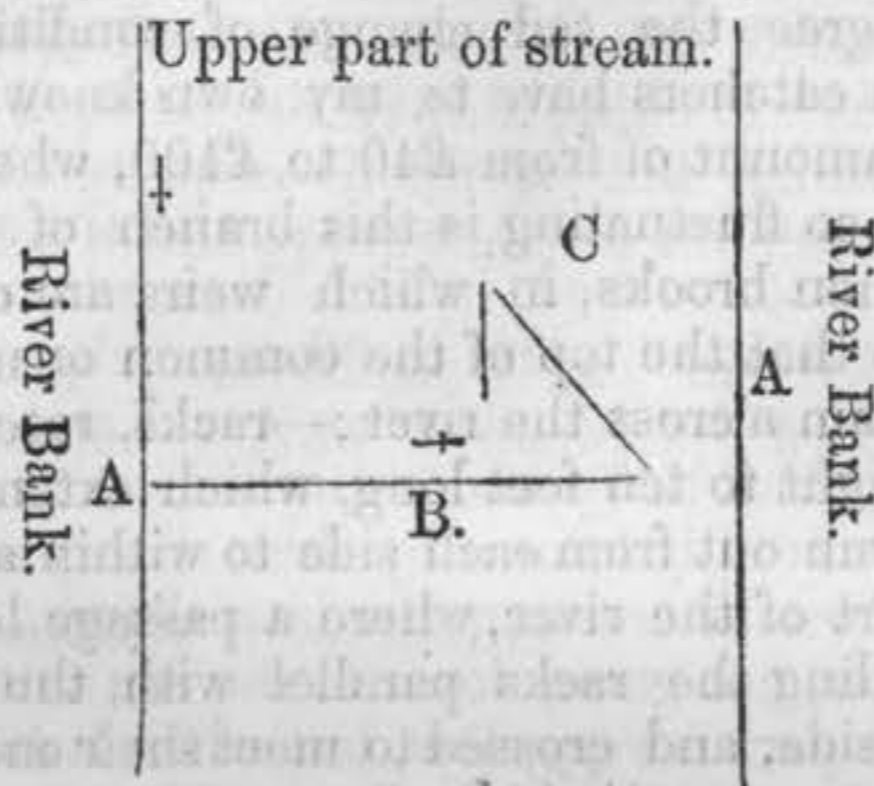
The preservation and maintenance of the Salmon Fisheries of Newfoundland is a subject well worthy of earnest attention and support. To prevent the destruction of the fish during the spawning season, by proper modes of fishing, as also to provide for the passage of the fish up those streams which they have formerly frequented, some enactments are absolutely necessary. It is a fact that the labouring population possess very imperfect knowledge respecting the peculiar habits of the animals and fishes, the procurement of which is their chief employment;—it would appear that the sole object is the obtaining possession of them in any way and by every means, without giving themselves time to enquire as to the best mode of increasing their number, by allowing them, at certain times, to perform undisturbed those functions by which the species are propagated, and the stock preserved. I propose to confine my remarks solely to the subject of the Salmon, its preservation, procreation, and its habits; and its almost total annihilation by the present method generally adopted by those whose interests would be to perpetuate and increase the species, so as to make it an unlimited source of profit and support. The present system, as carried out in certain localities, from over-netting in some, and the using of weirs in other places, has contributed, year after year, to the destruction of this fine and valuable fish, which are in their annual return to the place of incubation to deposit their spawn; on every side obstacles meet and obstruct their progress; and as the current is continually flowing into the sea, from which the fish are returning, they are bewildered and impeded in their course until captured, or are from necessity obliged to deposit their spawn in places wholly unsuited to their development, and thus thousands of thousands are annually destroyed. This is not understood by the poor unenlightened Salmon-catcher; and, unconscious of his great error, this system is year by year continued, and he complains loudly that his voyage, each succeeding year, is less than the former, not knowing that he himself is the instrument of his own deprivation and its consequent results. The habits of the Salmon are so generally known that it would be superfluous to offer many observations. The Salmon is a fish that requires both the ocean water and fresh water rivers to sustain its existence; and at regular intervals it returns to the same river in which it first received its being—this fact has been fully proved and recorded by many who have assiduously watched their development, growth, and progress. “The Salmon enters the rivers of Nova Scotia during the latter part of April. Those rivers of New Brunswick which fall into the Bay of Funday, the Salmon enters at the latter part of May, while it seldom enters the rivers which fall into the Gulf of St. Lawrence until the month of June.” In the Northern part of Newfoundland it enters the rivers in the latter month. “The female Salmon first enters the rivers, the male fish follows, about a month later than the female, and lastly comes the grilse, or young Salmon, which continue to ascend the rivers during July and August. Salmon swim with great rapidity, shoot up the most

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oblique and glancing rapids with the velocity of an arrow, and frequently leap falls of 10 and 12 feet in height. It is believed that the utmost limits of perpendicular height which a Salmon can attain in leaping is 14 feet; but their perseverance is remarkable, for although they fail, time after time, yet after remaining quiescent for a few moments to recruit their strength, they renew their efforts and generally succeed; but, it is said, they sometimes kill themselves by the violence of those efforts. Before entering the rivers, they live awhile in the brackish water of the tide-ways, as they do also when they descend to the sea, to render the change from one to the other less abrupt, and rid themselves of certain parasitical animals which attach to them, when they remain long either in fresh water or salt, as the case may be. The spawn is not deposited until the water is greatly below its summer temperature. Professor Agassiz stated that 42° of Fahrenheit's Thermometer, or 10° above the freezing point, was the temperature at which Salmon cast their ova. It is absolutely necessary, that the water should be aerated, or highly supplied with oxygen, hence the Salmon resort to shallow pure water, and swiftly running streams, the rapidity and frequent falls in which impart purity and vitality, mingling their waters with the atmosphere. It has been found that the eggs of the Salmon are hatched in 114 days when the temperature of the water is at 36°, in 101 days when it is at 43°; and in 90 days when it is at 45°. At the end of two months, the young fish attains the length of an inch and a quarter; at the age of six months, it has grown to the length of three-and-a-quarter inch. In this state the young Salmon fry are called parrs, and are readily known by their silvery scale, and by their having perpendicular bars of a dusky gray colour crossing the lateral line. In this state the fry remain a whole year in the fresh water, not going down to the sea until the second spring after being hatched. The growth of the parr is very slow, but when it has attained the length of seven inches, a complete change takes place in its colour. The dark crossbars disappear, as also the small red spots, and the fish assumes a brilliant silvery appearance; it then bears the outward resemblance of what it really is—a young Salmon, and is termed a Salmon smolt. As soon as this change has taken place, the smolt evinces the most anxious desire to visit the sea; and it is alleged, that if it is prevented doing so, by any insuperable obstacle, it will throw itself on the bank and perish. Up to this time the growth of the young Salmon is very slow, but on reaching the sea, it is exceedingly rapid; a smolt of six or seven ounces in weight, after two or three months absence in the sea, will return as a grilse of 4 or 5 pounds weight; this has been proved beyond all dispute. Smolts have been taken by hundreds, marked with numbered tickets of zinc attached to their dorsal fins, then set at liberty, and recaptured in the autumn of the same year, as grilse, varying from 2 to 8 pounds in weight. These have been released with the labels unremoved, and have been seen in the spring of the third year, returning to the sea, with weight not increased; in the succeeding autumn, they have been once more taken, as full-grown fish, from 16 to 25 pounds weight. Direct experiments have been made, by the learned Professor before named, showing that the intensity of the red colour of their flesh depends upon the quantity of *gammarinae* which they have devoured. The Salmon in descending rivers invariably take the sides of their banks, and never go far into the centre of the stream. In Green Bay, from 20th October until ice forms in the Bay, Salmon of a large size are caught, and in Twillingate, in the latter part of the month December and in January, large numbers of Salmon are captured of great size and fatness; the colour of the fish being much paler than of those caught in the summer season: they weigh some 15 to 25 pounds each. It is a singular fact that not one Salmon in one hundred is caught going up the river, but almost all when coming out of the Bay; when the tide runs into Hall's Bay, few fish are caught—the tides are very uncertain, as for some days it is continually running in, and *vice versa*. The tides, therefore, affect the voyage to a great degree—Salmon caught in the head of the Bay, are generally much smaller than those caught at the

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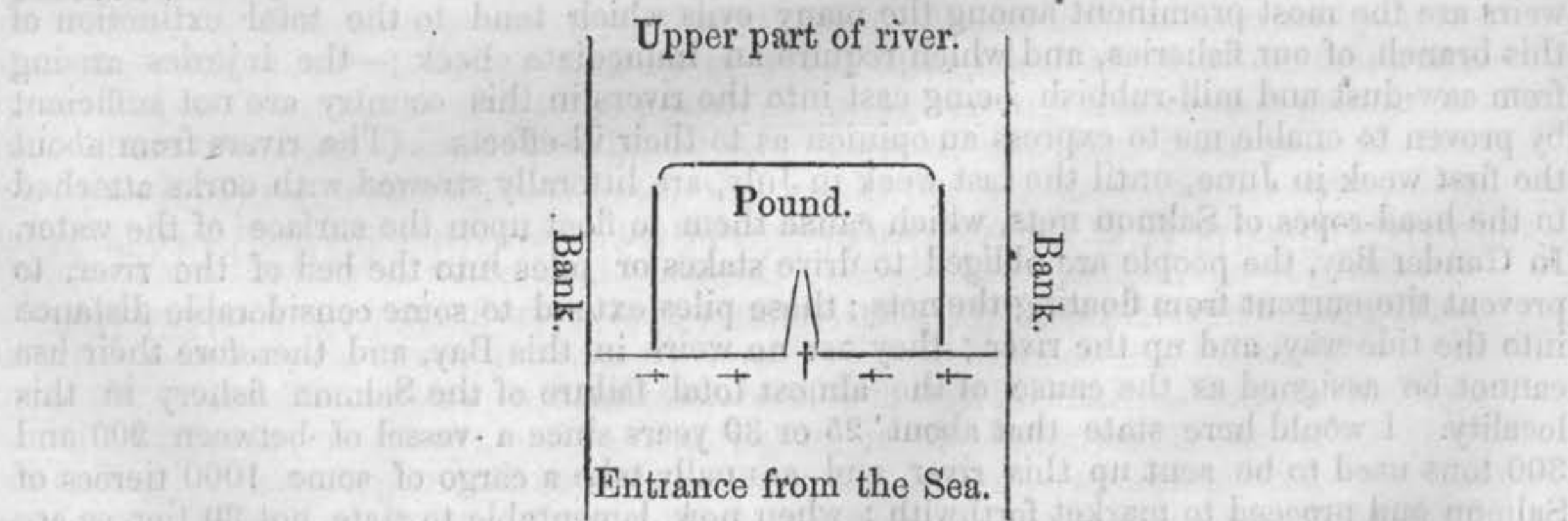
entrance. It requires about sixty to one hundred fish to the tierce of those caught in the rivers, when from thirty to forty-five of those caught on the seaboard are amply sufficient. The usual size of mesh used on the South-side of Green Bay, extending to Twillingate and Fogo, is 4 to 4½ inches; when on the north-side of the Bay, where the fish is of large size, 5 to 5½ inch mesh is required. The length of Net varies from 40 to 60 fathoms, and the depth from 2 to 4 fathoms, according to circumstances; these Nets are moored close to the shore, and run out some distance into the river—if more than one Net is used it is called a fleet, and sometimes 4, 5, or 6, as the case may be, are attached close to each other, so closely that no fish can pass between them; at the outer part of this fleet or Net, what is termed a hawkbill is formed. In the following diagram the shore is indicated by the letter A, the net or fleet by B, the hawk Bill by C, the daggers show the direction which the fish is taking:



The distance between each net or fleet is usually from 100 to 150 fathoms, according to the position of the Salmon station. It is supposed by some that, from the fish being caught descending the rivers, they go up in the centre of the river, and when in search of food, trim along shore towards the sea. I will now endeavour to shew that the almost total annihilation of this invaluable fish is induced by the course adopted by those employed in its capture. The closing of the various rivers and their tributaries by mill-dams, and mooring their nets from each side across the river; and, in many places, as I am informed, the practice of using weirs are the most prominent among the many evils which tend to the total extinction of this branch of our fisheries, and which require an immediate check;—the injuries arising from saw-dust and mill-rubbish being cast into the rivers in this country are not sufficient by proven to enable me to express an opinion as to their ill-effects. (The rivers from about the first week in June, until the last week in July, are literally strewed with corks attached to the head-ropes of Salmon nets, which cause them to float upon the surface of the water. In Gander Bay, the people are obliged to drive stakes or piles into the bed of the river, to prevent the current from floating the nets; these piles extend to some considerable distance into the tide-way, and up the river; they use no weirs in this Bay, and therefore their use cannot be assigned as the cause of the almost total failure of the Salmon fishery in this locality. I would here state that about 25 or 30 years since a vessel of between 200 and 300 tons used to be sent up this river, and annually take a cargo of some 1000 tierces of Salmon and proceed to market forthwith; when now, lamentable to state, not 30 tierces are caught there.) To these causes the failures of the fisheries are mainly attributable beyond dispute generally throughout the Colony. Facts are stubborn things, and such are the facts. With regard to the catch of Salmon in the coves and headlands, it is always very uncertain, as the winds, in a great measure, affect their capture in these places. There has been great dispute with regard to the rule which should regulate the laying down of

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their nets, as some are in the habit of placing what are termed berth-nets, viz :—small pieces of net, at certain points, and claiming such points as their right—thus causing serious inconvenience and loss to those who are not prepared, or may be unable to adopt the same course ; the consequence is that encroachments upon each other frequently arise, and blows interchanged, there being no definite rule or law by which all should be governed. In Biscay Bay River, near Trepassey, from 80 to 100 tierces of Salmon were taken in one season some 40 years ago—of late years the average catch has not been more than from 10 to 20 tierces ; a weir has been for many years used in this river. I would respectfully suggest that some salutary law should be enacted, defining the power of each individual interested in this branch of the fisheries, and thus put an end to the perpetual bickerings and squabbles that are disturbing the peace and unity of the neighbourhood in which they reside. To show in some degree the sad change of condition consequent on the failure of the Salmon—many Salmon catchers have to my own knowledge sent Bills of Exchange to purchase Nets, &c. to the amount of from £40 to £100, who are now unable to purchase the actual necessaries of life—so fluctuating is this branch of our staple trade. In Hall's Bay there are three large Salmon brooks, in which weirs are constantly used ; these weirs are placed across the river, so that the top of the common or neap tide just reaches them ; they are formed by placing a beam across the river ;—racks, resembling those in use in stable for horses, are formed about eight to ten feet long, which extend from the bottom of the river to the top of the beam, these run out from each side to within about three feet of each other, or extending to the deepest part of the river, where a passage left for the ingress of the fish into a pound formed by extending the racks parallel with the banks of the river, to six or eight feet in length on either side, and crossed to meet their ends, forming a pound of about six to eight feet square, the entrance to which is on the principle of the common wire rat cage, so that the fish can force in, but cannot return—thus forming a perfect barrier to the egress of the Salmon—the consequence is that the fish cannot escape that is once entrapped. The fish are thus prevented from reaching their spawning beds, and millions are thus destroyed. This system is condemned by all Salmon-catchers except those using weirs, and pronounced highly injurious and destructive to this invaluable fishery, and tends to their utter extinction. The following diagram will show the form of weir, with pound attached :—



[a moveable plank is thrown across the pound, on which to stand when dipping out the fish.] When the fish are brought to land, they are immediately split through the upper jaw or skull, down the back to the tail,—washed in salt water, and the blood thoroughly separated from the fish—a process of great importance, as regards the quality and value of the fish ; they are then placed in puncheons, by laying the first tier on their backs—previously salting

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each separately, and completely covering each layer with salt until the puncheon is filled, when weights are placed on the top layer to keep the fish under the pickle, which is formed from the juices of the fish and the salt. After thus lying until convenient, they are packed in tierces of 300 pounds each, sprinkling about three or four ounces of saltpetre equally through each tierce; (the saltpetre imparts a rich red colour to the fish,) the tierces are then heaped up, and strong pickle poured into the bung-hole of each cask until filled, when they are fit for shipment. One hogshead of salt is required to preserve about four tierces of Salmon. In Green Bay about 3 tons of salmon are annually preserved, fresh, in tin cans, hermetically sealed for exportation; and in Trinity Bay a large quantity is similarly prepared for the same purpose. Some quantity of Salmon is also preserved by smoking, which process is performed in the first place by splitting the fish as before described; but now the back bone is separated from the fish, it is then placed on a table or boards and lightly salted for about 24 hours, then washed and kept spread by thin strips of wood placed across from gill to gill, in front and behind, hung in an open chimney, and hardwood fuel is preferred to create smoke until cured—some use rooms appropriate to the purpose.

For many of the foregoing observations, I am indebted to the perusal of "Reports on the Sea and River Fisheries of New Brunswick," by M. H. PERLEY, Esquire, of that Province.

The above Report is respectfully submitted by

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES MARMADUKE WINTER,

Sub-Collector Fogo.

The Hon. JOHN KENT;
Colonial Secretary. }

SELECT COMMITTEE ON EVIDENCE TAKEN BEFORE THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE INTO THE SALMON FISHERIES OF THIS COLONY.

Mr. WINTER, Fogo—

Is of opinion, that the Salmon Fishery should terminate on the 1st day of August in each year, that no net should be allowed to remain set after that period, under any pretence under a penalty. That no Salmon net should be used less than five inches. That Salmon

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nets should have the name of the owner marked upon the Cork or Buoys thereof, and kept there during the season; that all Poles, Stakes, or any other obstruction placed in the River for the purpose of the Salmon Fishery, be removed on or before the 6th day of August, in each year:

That no person shall set a net or any other device across any River, Cove, or Creek, to injure the natural course of the Salmon, or in any place where they usually go: That no person shall take possession of a Berth or Berths, by placing any nets other than a proper net used for the Salmon Fishery generally: That no person shall place or set a net nearer to another than some distance which may be hereafter defined.

THOMAS KNIGHT, M. H. A.—

I am acquainted with the Salmon Fisheries to the Northward, have been so for many years. I have noticed the decline of that Fishery, particularly within the last few years; cannot account for it in any other way than by the stoppage of the Brooks, both by racks and nets. This I think should be prevented, and a free passage left to the fish at all seasons; does not think a time could be fixed, as the season varies in different parts; believes it would be beneficial to obtain the opinion of the Magistrates and other persons in the different Districts: That a certain distance should be observed between the nets. I have no doubt but that the saw-dust from the Mills injures the Salmon Fishery.

HENRY KNIGHT, Esq.—

Is acquainted with the Salmon Fishery in Exploit's Waters and Gander Bay. The fish is taken with nets, the only place he knows of Weirs to be used are in Hall's Bay. The average catch of Salmon is declining for the last ten years, the cause perhaps is owing to more persons engaged in catching it. Spawning fish, when not obstructed, will go up to the heads of the Rivers and deposit their spawn in shoal water; cannot say the exact time, think it is about a month after the Salmon Fishery commences, which is in May. The Salmon never spawn in the salt water. At Belle Isle the method of taking Salmon is by erecting weirs; they are constructed so as to admit of a free passage of the fish up the Rivers, and on their return to the salt water, the weirs are lowered and the fish taken.

Is of opinion that mill dams are injurious to the Salmon Fishery, and where they are erected on main Rivers the fish invariably abandon them.

The manner of putting out nets should be regulated by law, every Salmon-catcher puts out his nets as he pleases. This should not be allowed, as the first man may put out his nets so as to sweep the whole shore. The nets should be defined as follows, viz.: where one net is used, a distance of one hundred yards should be kept, where two nets in fleet two hundred yards and where there are three in fleet, three hundred yards (this of course has reference to the deep sea fishery.) There should, also, be a regulated distance between nets in Rivers, so as to allow a free intercourse for the fish to and from the salt and fresh water.

Is also of opinion that the size of the mesh used in taking Salmon should not be less than four inches.

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WILLIAM DAVIS, Colinet, St. Mary's Bay—

Is engaged in catching Salmon for the last Thirty-seven years at Colinet, Twenty-five years ago, in conjunction with his Uncles, they used to take twenty-five tierces and about two thousand smoked Salmon ; since that time the fishery has been gradually declining. The last five years the average is from three to five tierces :

Is of opinion that the decline of the Salmon Fishery is owing to persons engaged in that fishery, keeping out their craft too long, which takes up the spawning fish ; and thus he accounts for so much white fish being taken. Is also of opinion that no nets or any obstruction should be allowed after the 25th of July, thinks it would have a most beneficial effect on the Salmon Fishery, if a law were enacted to regulate the shooting out of nets, and under any circumstances it should not be permitted to have nets out when the fish are going up the rivers to spawn. The Salmon Fishery commences at Colinet from the 1st to the 5th of June :

Is aware of the decline in the Salmen Fishery at Salmonier, and thinks it is caused by the want of a proper law to direct the time of keeping out nets.

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GENERAL LIGHT HOUSE ACCOUNT.

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1855.							
Oct. 5.—	To	Cape Spear Light-house.....	£278	11	1
		Cape Bonavista ".....	396	18	7
		Cape Pine ".....	453	13	7
		Harbor Grace ".....	.....	.....	275	19	7
		" Beacon.....	.....	.....	127	19	11
		Fort Amherst Light-house.....	.....	.....	209	15	6
		Contingent Account.....	.....	.....	255	15	3
		H. W. Hoyles....	.....	.....	1	5	0
		J. H. Cozens, Lumber.....	.....	.....	2	10	0
		Undercharged on Salary keeper at Harbor					
		Grace, 3 quarters, in 1854.....	8	13	0
						12	8
							0
					£2011	1	6

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1855.							
Jan. 1—	By	Balance.....	£60	2	9
8—		Cash from Treasurer.....	£60	0	0
Feb. 15—		" ".....	81	11	1
April 9—		" ".....	136	3	4
		" ".....	.....	.....	125	0	0
		" ".....	.....	.....	80	14	6
June 5—		" ".....	.....	.....	47	4	5
23—		" ".....	.....	.....	342	3	2
30—		" ".....	.....	.....	99	17	7
July 3—		" ".....	.....	.....	136	3	4
		" ".....	.....	.....	54	2	6
Oct. 2—		" ".....	.....	.....	136	3	4
		" ".....	.....	.....	327	14	8
					Stg. £1626	17	11
					—£1877	3	9
		Proceeds Oil returned from Cape Pine.....		16	2
		Balance.....	£49	19	3
						57	13
							0
					£2011	1	6

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NICHOLAS STABB,

Chairman L. H. Commissioners.

St. John's, Newfoundland, Oct. 6th, 1855.

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FORT AMHERST LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

1855.

Jan. 15.—	To J. J. Dearin	£3 14 1
	Dunn & Goff....	.....	.....	.....	1 15 0
Feb. 10—	Trehear, painting,	.....	.....	.....	1 7 2
	Thomas Ryan, Boat hire	.....	.....	.....	0 10 0
	Samuel Carnell	.....	.....	.....	1 19 3
	W. Freeman, carpenter's work	.....	.....	.....	16 13 6
April 1—	Keeper, quarter Salary £13 15 0 Stg.	.....	.....	.....	15 17 4
20—	R. Peace, tin work	.....	.....	.....	7 7 7
	W. Coyell, Estimates	.....	.....	.....	2 9 0
	J. Maher, Smith	.....	.....	.....	0 15 0
	R. O'Dwyer, copper	.....	.....	.....	2 2 0
June 15—	C. Daly, Mason	.....	.....	.....	1 9 9
	J. Memory, Mason	.....	.....	.....	1 0 3
July 1—	Keeper, quarter Salary	.....	.....	.....	15 17 4
	200 Gallons Oil	.....	.....	.....	46 1 3
	Baine Johnston & Co., account D. & T. Stevenson	.....	.....	.....	15 5 3
	Premium on Keeper's Life Policy	.....	.....	.....	3 7 11
Oct. 1—	Keeper, quarter Salary	.....	.....	.....	15 17 4
	J. J. Dearin ....	.....	.....	.....	0 6 0
	Baine, Johnston & Co.	.....	.....	.....	18 4 5
	Hunters & Co....	.....	.....	.....	4 14 5
	S. Carnell .....	.....	.....	.....	2 16 9
	L. Macassey, Coals	.....	.....	.....	13 10 0
	P. Woods, conveying coals and oil	.....	.....	.....	5 10 0
	W. T. Parsons, repairing Lamp	1 0 0
	Bowring Brothers, small stores	9 4 11
	Thomas Ryan, boat hire	1 0 0
					£209 15 6

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1855.

Oct. 5.—	By General Account	£209 15 6
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Light Houses.

HARBOR GRACE LIGHT HOUSE, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

1855.					
Jan.	15—	To J. J. Dearin.....	.....	.....	£2 1 6
Feb.	—	Keeper's Life Premium	.....	.....	2 10 2
April	1—	Ditto, quarter Salary	.....	.....	30 5 9
June	—	Ditto, 12 months' Fuel	.....	.....	32 6 2
July	1—	Ditto, quarter salary	.....	.....	30 5 9
		500 Gallons Oil, £59 10 0	.....	.....	115 4 8
		McDonald, Cartage	.....	.....	0 4 0
Oct.	1—	Keeper, quarter salary	.....	.....	30 5 9
		Ditto, conveying oil	.....	.....	7 10 0
		John Herald, boathire	3 10 0
		Bowring Brothers, small stores	20 16 4
		J. J. Dearin	0 19 6
					£275 19 7

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1855.					
Oct.	5—	By General Account	£275 19 7

Light Houses.

HARBOR GRACE BEACON, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

1855.				
Jan. 10—	To Baine Johnston & Co.	.....	.....	£19 1 0
	J. & W. Boyd, lumber	.....	.....	14 10 4
	J. J. Dearin .....	.....	.....	0 15 4
Feb. 10—	Trehear, glazing	.....	.....	1 14 6
April 1—	Keeper, quarter salary	.....	.....	8 15 0
	R. L. Whiting, carpenter	.....	.....	46 8 0
July 1—	Keeper, quarter salary	.....	.....	8 15 0
	Gladney, cartage	.....	.....	0 7 6
Oct. 1—	Keeper, quarter salary	.....	.....	8 15 0
	Trehear, painting	.....	.....	2 3 6
	G. Brown, boarding man	.....	.....	1 1 1
	Gleeson, screw plate	.....	.....	0 10 0
	Rutherford Brothers	2 4 8
	R. L. Whiting	8 1 0
	Kitchen, smith	2 5 0
	Dillon, ditto	2 13 0
				£127 19 11

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1855.				
Oct. 5—	By General Account	£127 19 11

Light Houses.

CAPE SPEAR LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

1855.				
Jan. 15.—	To J. J. Dearin, Sundries	.....	.....	£2 18 10
	McGrath, Smith	.....	.....	2 2 5
April 1—	Keeper, quarter Salary	£23 15 0 Stg.	.....	27 8 1
	Ditto 12 months' fuel	28 0 0 "	.....	32 6 2
June 30—	Keeper, quarter Salary	.....	.....	27 8 1
	Premium on Keeper's Life Policy	.....	.....	5 6 7
	S. Allen, boat hire	.....	.....	8 5 0
	M. Keefe, road work	.....	.....	4 2 6
	J. Cantwell "	.....	.....	7 10 0
Oct. 1—	Keeper, quarter Salary	.....	.....	27 8 1
	" conveying oil and sundries	.....	.....	10 0 0
	Bowring Brothers, small stores	.....	.....	15 2 6
	N. Stabb, & Son, sundries.....	.....	.....	9 0 0
5—	J. J. Dearin .....	.....	.....	0 15 6
	Baine Johnston & Co., Soap, &c.	.....	.....	2 4 4
	Keefe, road work	.....	.....	4 0 0
	Cantwell, ditto	.....	.....	8 0 0
	Croke's Estate, for a winch ....	.....	.....	9 10 0
	W. T. Parsons, 1 clock	£2 15 0	4 0 0
	Services	1 5 0	4 0 0
	300 Gallons Oil	69 3 0
	Vinnacomb, boathire	2 0 0
				£278 11 1

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Oct. 5—	By General Account	£278 11 1
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Light Houses.

CAPE BONAVISTA LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

1855.			
Jan. 15.—	To J. J. Dearin ...	.....	£2 9 10
	McGrath, Smith	.....	5 11 0
	J. H. Warren, freight	.....	1 5 0
Feb. 5—	P. Canning, tin work	.....	0 11 6
April 1—	Keeper, quarter Salary	.....	27 8 1
	Ditto 12 months' fuel	.....	32 6 2
	W. Sweetland, orders for Balances due on Road work	.....	23 6 9
July 1—	Keeper, quarter Salary	.....	27 8 1
	700 Gallons Oil	.....	161 7 0
Oct. 1—	Keeper, quarter Salary	.....	27 8 1
	N. Stabb, & Son, sundries.....	.....	5 17 9
	J. & W. Boyd, lumber	.....	5 4 10
	W. Abbott, freight	.....	0 10 0
	Akerman, Cartage	.....	0 6 0
	Job Brothers, goods	.....	1 19 2
	Astrathie, carpenter	.....	10 17 0
	Ditto ditto	.....	5 10 0
	W. Hunt, smith	.....	2 15 10
	Premium on Keeper's Policy	.....	8 12 10
	John Kough, freight, 2 years....	24 2 6
	Bowring Brothers, small stores	18 10 4
	J. Shean, amount account	3 10 10
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			£396 18 7

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1855.			
Oct. 5.—	By General Account	£396 18 7

Light Houses.

CAPE PINE LIGHT HOUSE, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

1855.				
Jan. 15.—	To J. J. Dearin, Sundries	.....	£1	8 2
	Brooking & Co., Sundries	.....	17	14 11
	O'Brien & Co....	.....	1	4 0
Feb. 10—	Trehear, painting account	.....	2	16 6
April 1—	Keeper, quarter salary	.....	27	8 1
	Assistant, ditto	.....	20	0 0
	12 months' fuel for Keeper	.....	32	6 2
	Ditto ditto Assistant	.....	15	0 0
	Winter man.....	.....	6	0 0
June 6—	McNeill, sundries	.....	0	19 6
	Peace, tin work	.....	0	14 8
	Waddleton, freight	.....	1	0 0
July 1—	Keeper, quarter salary	.....	27	8 1
	Assistant ditto	.....	20	0 0
	McMurdo, sundries	.....	1	12 6
Oct. 2—	Waddleton, freight	.....	2	10 0
	W. Devereux, ditto	.....	15	0 0
	Header, boarding tradesmen	.....	2	0 0
	Keeper, quarter Salary	.....	27	8 1
	Assistant ditto	.....	20	0 0
	Bowring Brothers, small stores	.....	25	8 4
	Coombs, rope ....	.....	0	19 0
	H. Foster, smith	.....	5	4 0
	J. J. Dearin ....	.....	4	6 4
	John Devereux, Superintending road to Cape Pine	.....	40	0 0
	W. T. Parsons,	.....	2	0 0
	F. Walsh, carpenter	.....	1	10 0
	McNeill	.....	0	16 0
	O'Brien & Co., tools	.....	1	13 4
	Austin, board for carpenter ....	.....	0	16 0
	Brooking & Co., olive oil, &c.	2	15 3
	500 Gallons Oil	115	4 8
	J. Devereux, amount account, freight, &c.	10	10 0
			£453	13 7

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Oct. 5—	By General Account	£453	13 7

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CONTINGENT LIGHT HOUSE ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

DR.

1855.					
Jan.	15—To	E. D. Shea, printing	£1 16 8
		W. J. Ward do.	.....	.....	3 1 0
		J. Woods do.	.....	.....	2 16 0
		<i>Express</i> do.	.....	.....	4 1 9
		J. J. Graham, stationery	.....	.....	4 15 3
Feb.	10—	R. Oke, travelling expenses ...	.....	.....	11 17 8
		Ditto quarter salary, due 1st instant	.....	.....	28 17 0
		Secretary, ditto ditto	.....	.....	14 8 6
		Ditto Disbursements	.....	.....	1 18 6
		W. Donnelly, Bill freight, &c., per Ellen Gisborne	.....	.....	6 12 10
May	1—	Inspector, (R. Oke) quarter salary	.....	.....	28 17 0
		Secretary, ditto	.....	.....	14 8 6
July	1—	Premium on Inspector's Life Policy	.....	.....	7 18 8
Aug.	1—	Inspector, quarter Salary	.....	.....	28 17 0
Oct.	2—	E. D. Shea, printing	.....	.....	1 16 8
		Inspector, travelling expenses	.....	.....	8 4 6
		Ditto do. do.	.....	.....	9 17 6
		McCoubrey, printing	.....	.....	1 3 0
		J. J. Graham, stationery	.....	.....	3 4 9
	5—	Office Rent	.....	.....	15 0 0
		Messenger	.....	.....	5 0 0
		Secretary, in full	.....	.....	43 10 6
		Ditto, for duties paid by him	3 16 1
		Freight, per Merlin	0 15 11
		Stabb Row & Co., casks	3 0 0
					£255 15 3

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1855.

Oct.	5—By	General Account	£255 15 3
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Light Houses.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF LIGHT HOUSES IN REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED LIGHT HOUSE ON GREEN ISLAND.

St. John's, 4th March, 1856.

SIR,—In obedience to your directions, my best attention has been occupied in preparing a Plan of a Light-house adapted for Green Island, in Trinity Bay, which I have now the honor to submit to the Board of Works, together with an estimate of its cost, and probable expense consequent on its annual maintenance.

With reference to the character of the contemplated Light on Green Island, and the means to be adopted so that it cannot be taken for any other Light on the coast, I would beg to observe, that the Light should be revolving, and the interval between each flash two minutes. In adopting this it will be necessary to increase the speed of Cape Bonavista Light in its revolutions, from two to one minute, and, although this rate will be the same as at Cape Spear, yet it will not be possible to mistake it for any other Light, because it exhibits an alternate red and white flash.

In the absence of any Light being placed on Green Island, the altering of the speed of Cape Bonavista Light is desirable, the interval between each flash of 2 minutes being unnecessarily long, and has been often complained of.

I have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient, humble servant,

ROBERT OKE,

Inspector of Light Houses.

Hon. EDMUND HANRAHAN,
Chairman, Board Works,
&c., &c., &c.

Light Houses.

ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF PLACING A LIGHT HOUSE ON GREEN ISLAND,
AT THE ENTRANCE OF CATALINA HARBOUR, IN TRINITY BAY; ALSO
THE PROBABLE COST ATTENDING ITS ANNUAL MAINTENANCE.

Say—Dwelling House 33 feet long, 23 feet wide, 12 feet upright—to rest on a stone foundation, one foot off the ground, built of rubble stone and good lime, and sand mortar; the sills to be 9 inches square, all the principal uprights 7 × 6 inches, jack studs 7 × 3 inches, braces 8 × 3 inches, lower and upper joic and rafters 8 × 3 inches, collar beams 6 × 3 inches, wallplates 7 × 6 inches, clamps on which the upper joic rest 7 × 4 inches, all of the timber too of pine—oil and coal-shed as indicated in the elevation rough plan—two stacks of chimneys—scantling of the Tower to be 7 × 6 inches—diameter of Tower 10 feet.

Lantern, eight feet diamter, to have ten sides, and ten sashes; the height from sole plate to cornice plate 5 feet; plate glass 28 × 36 inches; Roof copper; with every other requisite, so as to render the whole complete and efficient. The light revolving; the interval between each flash 2 minutes; and to be seen at least 15 miles in a favorable state of the atmosphere; 4 reflectors and 4 lamps.

		Sterling.	Currency.
Total cost of the whole as above described, when the light may be put in requisition .....	.....	£1185 0 0	£1361 10 0
Probable cost of its annual maintenance :			
200 gallons Seal Oil .....	.....	43 0 0	
Fuel .....	.....	27 0 0	
Salary of Keeper .....	.....	80 0 0	
Ditto Assistant .....	.....	30 0 0	
Freight of Oil and expense of sending .....	.....	6 10 0	
Boat hire for casual attendance .....	.....	5 0 0	
Paint and paint oil .....	.....	5 0 0	
Wick, Glasses, Rouge, and sundry small stores .....	.....	15 10 0	
		£212 0 0	£244 7 4

ROBERT OKE,

Inspector of Light Houses.

Office Board Works,
St. John's, 1st March, 1856.

Crown Lands.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S RETURN OF MONIES EXPENDED UNDER THE CROWN LANDS' ACT FROM THE 5TH JUNE 1855, TO THE 31ST DECEMBER SAME YEAR.

Cash paid by Warrant	to	Benjamin Sweetland, Deputy Surveyor, as per account forwarded to Colonial Secretary's Office	£4	1	3
"	"	Benjamin Sweetland, Deputy Surveyor, as per account forwarded to Colonial Secretary's Office	4	13	9
"	"	Edward M. J. Delaney, Deputy Surveyor, as per account forwarded to Colonial Secretary's Office	10	0	0
"	"	J. Simms, Deputy Surveyor, as per account forwarded to Colonial Secretary's Office	0	15	0
"	"	H. Camp, for Surveys at Fortune Bay, as per account forwarded to Colonial Secretary's Office	5	0	0
"	"	Edward M. J. Delaney, Deputy Surveyor, as per account forwarded to Colonial Secretary's Office	22	10	0
"	"	W. L. LeMessurier, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary's Office	0	9	1
"	"	John Delaney, Deputy Surveyor, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary's Office ...	8	15	0
Totals....			£56	4	1

EDMUND HANRAHAN,

Sur.-Gen.

29th January, 1856.

Crown Lands.

DETAILED Account of Road Expenditure in the Saint John's District, under the Superintendance of the Chairman of Board of Works, from 5th June, 1855 to the 31st December same Year.

Date.	Name of Contractors.	No. of Laborers.	Where Employed.	Sums paid Contractors in Stg.	Totals Stg.
1855.					
June 5	M. W. Walbank	43	St. John's Streets and Drains	£29 0 5	
12	Ditto	27	Ditto	14 11 0	
16	W. Carberry, flags		Ditto	11 1 6	
	W. Stapleton, paving		Ditto	3 18 0	
27	M. W. Walbank	22	Ditto	18 19 2	
	Joseph Noad		Ditto	8 12 8	
	M. W. Walbank	47	Ditto	24 10 4	
	Thomas Stapleton		Ditto	6 7 4	
	P. & L. Tessier		Ditto	0 14 4	
	John Kavanagh		Ditto	3 9 4	
July 10	Edward Tobin	13	Ditto	4 17 11	
	Ditto	16	Ditto	12 5 8	
11	M. W. Walbank	8	Ditto	4 2 4	
14	Edward Tobin	14	Ditto	12 2 0	
16	William Power		Ditto	2 2 2	
19	T. Stapleton, paving		Ditto	7 18 7	
21	Edward Tobin, to pay	13	Ditto	11 17 5	
	John Maher		Ditto	2 15 3	
	T. Stapleton, paving		Ditto	2 12 0	
25	Nicholas Rourke		Ditto	1 1 8	
	Edward Tobin, to pay laborer and horse-hire	12	Ditto	11 6 0	
25	M. W. Walbank	4	Ditto	1 14 5	
August 2	J. & W. Boyd, plank		Ditto	9 4 10	
	W. Carberry		Ditto	4 1 6	
	Ditto flags		Ditto	14 1 11	
	M. W. Walbank	4	Ditto	1 3 10	
3	Clift Wood & Co. for plank		Ditto	6 4 8	
	T. Maher, blacksmith		Ditto	0 19 7	
4	Surveyor General, for	12	Ditto	11 19 5	
6	M. W. Walbank	4	Ditto	4 2 10	
16	Edward Tobin	14	Ditto	11 12 8	
18	Ditto	12	Ditto	10 13 2	
	Thomas Byrne	8	Ditto	13 6 8	
	Thomas McConnon, stationery		Ditto	3 1 1	
25	Edward Tobin	15	Ditto	14 6 5	
27	Ryan and Clancy		Ditto	0 13 0	
29	Thomas Byrne	10	Ditto	6 0 1	

Crown Lands.

DETAILED ACCOUNT.—(Continued.)

Date.	Names of Contractors.	No. of Laborers.	Where Employed.	Sums paid Contractors in Stg.	Totals Stg.
1855.					
Aug. 29	John Delany	10	St. John's Streets and Drains	£8 13 4	
	Murphy and Molloy		Ditto		
Sept. 1	Edward Tobin	19	Ditto	16 19 3	
	John Delany	8	Ditto	7 19 0	
	Thomas Byrne	11	Ditto	9 17 3	
18	Edward Tobin	17	Ditto	16 3 5	
	Thomas Byrne	10	Ditto	6 5 5	
	John Delany	10	Ditto	10 14 4	
	Thomas Stapleton		Ditto	10 18 4	
	George McPherson		Ditto	0 19 8	
15	Thomas Byrne	8	Ditto	5 8 9	
	Edward Tobin	18	Ditto	14 3 10	
	John Delany	12	Ditto	8 2 9	
22	Edward Tobin	16	Ditto	14 17 8	
	Thomas Byrne	7	Ditto	9 8 6	
	John Delany	6	Ditto	3 14 6	
27	Edward Tobin, to pay	13	Ditto	13 1 8	
29	Thomas Byrne, to pay	9	Ditto	7 8 7	
	John Delany, to pay	8	Ditto	6 8 8	
	J. & W. Stewart, for blasting powder		Ditto	7 2 9	
Oct. 6	Edward Tobin, to pay	14	Ditto	13 2 10	
	John Delany, to pay	12	Ditto	6 19 4	
	Clift Wood, for plank		Ditto	8 15 9	
8	Thomas Byrne, to pay	10	Ditto	9 10 3	
	G. McPherson, stone		Ditto	1 4 11	
	J. & W. Boyd, plank		Ditto	5 17 2	
	William Guzzle		Ditto	0 8 8	
	Thomas Byrne		Ditto	5 4 0	
	J. & W. Boyd		Ditto	1 16 7	
	Ditto		Ditto	1 18 8	
	John Cozens		Ditto	7 15 2	
11	Thomas Byrne	11	Ditto	8 1 5	
13	Edward Tobin	15	Ditto	14 19 2	
	John Delany, to pay laborers	8	Ditto	5 3 8	
20	Edward Tobin	21	Ditto	13 14 3	
	Ditto	16	Ditto	11 3 10	
	John Delany	16	Ditto	2 14 2	
	Martin Fitzgerald	20	Ditto	11 16 2	
27	Surveyor General	8	Ditto	5 3 9	
	Edward Tobin	8	Ditto	6 9 9	
	Ditto	14	Ditto	12 11 6	

Crown Lands.

DETAILED ACCOUNT.—(Continued.)

Date.	Names of Contractors.	No. of Laborers.	Where Employed.	Sums paid Contractors in Stg.	Totals Stg.
1855.					
Nov. 3	Edward Tobin	13	St. John's Streets and Drains	£8 19 2	
	John Higgins, &c.		Ditto	1 12 6	
	Thomas Byrne	8	Ditto	4 19 8	
10	Surveyor General	2	Ditto	1 13 9	
	Edward Tobin	16	Ditto	14 4 4	
	Ditto	7	Ditto	6 14 4	
	John Delany	18	Ditto	8 13 11	
	James Moore, stone		Ditto	1 19 0	
17	Martin Fitzgerald	12	Ditto	7 7 1	
	Edward Tobin	16	Ditto	14 12 8	
	John Delany, to pay	6	Ditto	4 6 1	
	John George		Ditto	2 10 8	
	Samuel Knight		See pump Ditto account		
	John Delany	5	Ditto	3 17 1	
24	Edward Tobin	12	Ditto	8 3 7	
	Thomas Stapleton		Ditto	6 1 4	
	Edward Tobin	16	Ditto	11 11 0	
Dec. 1	Thomas Stapleton		Ditto	11 5 4	
	Edward Tobin	10	Ditto	7 3 10	
	Ditto	15	Ditto	13 4 9	
	John Delany	7	Ditto	3 14 1	
	William Moran		Ditto	3 12 9	
	Philip Stamp		Ditto	0 15 7	
8	Edward Tobin	17	Ditto	15 0 11	
	John Delany	9	Ditto	6 16 9	
	Edward Tobin	10	Ditto	4 9 6	
14	Ditto	18	Ditto	11 3 2	
21	Thomas Stapleton		Ditto	16 19 8	
	L. O'Brien, account		Ditto	7 4 3	
	R. J. Parsons, printing		Ditto	0 7 7	
	Clift Wood,		Ditto	0 11 8	
30	John Dwyer, paving		Ditto	12 1 9	
	James Moore, stone		See pumps Ditto account		£862 18 7

EDMUND HANRAHAN,

Sur. Gen.

Crown Lands.

FORTUNE BAY ROAD DISTRICT.

JOHN CLUETT, Chairman.

Detailed Account of the Expenditure of balances remaining from Grants made in the year 1853 by the Surveyor General, from 5th June, 1855, to the 31st December, same year, under 16 Vic., Cap. 5.

Names of Contractors.	Where employed.	Balance remain- ing on grant from Surveyor Gene- ral's former ac- count.	Sums paid Contractors in Stg.	Totals, Stg.
William White	Harbor Briton to Connagre	£67 10 0	£28 0 0	
Ditto	Ditto	do.	39 10 0	—67 10 0
William Young	Belloram to St. Jacques	36 0 0	19 12 0	
John Wheatly	Ditto	do.	12 8 0	
John Cluett	Ditto	do.	4 0 0	—36 0 0
Whole amount expended.....				£103 10 0

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29th January, 1856.

Crown Lands.

FORTUNE BAY DISTRICT.

Road Belloram to Barrasais—THOMAS E. GADEN, Chairman.

Account of the Money expended in 1855 on the above Road, from 1st June to the 31st December, same year.

Names of Contractors.	Where employed.	Sum granted.	Sums paid Contractors.	Totals, Stg.
George Gould	Belloram to Barrasais	£40 0 0	£8 18 2	
John Rose	Ditto		9 3 4	
James Pine	Ditto		9 8 6	
John Rose	Ditto		12 10 0	
Whole amount expended				£40 0 0

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Sur. Gen.

29th January, 1856.

Crown Lands.

GRAND BANK SECTION OF THE FORTUNE BAY DISTRICT.

— EVANS, Chairman.

DETAILED Account of Expenditure of balances remaining from the grants made in 1853, by the Surveyor General from 5th June, 1855, to the 31st December, same year, under 16 Vic., Cap. 5.

Names of Contractors.	Where employed.	Balance remain- ing from Surveyor General's former account.	Sums paid Contractors in Stg.	Totals Stg.
William Garland	Grand Bank to Fortune	£10 10 0	6 14 4	
Edward Penny	Ditto ditto	do.	7 0 7	
				£13 14 11

Overdrawn £3 4 11 Stg.

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Sur. Gen.

29th January, 1856.

Crown Lands.

HANTS HARBOR ROAD DISTRICT.

RICHARD OLLERHEAD, Chairman.

Detailed Account of the Expenditure of balances remaining from Grants made in the year 1853, by the Surveyor General, from 5th June, 1855, to the 31st December, same year, under 16 Vic., Cap. 5.

Names of Contractors.	Where employed.	Balance remain- ing from Surveyor General's former account.	Sums paid Contractors in Stg.	Totals Stg.
Samuel Babstock	Rd. New Perlican to Carbonear	£20 15 4	12 11 4	
Absolem Jeans	Ditto ditto	do.	8 4 0	—20 15 4
John Bemister	New Perlican Road	10 4 0	10 4 0	—10 4 0
Whole amount expended.....				£30 19 4

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29th January, 1856.

Crown Lands.

FORTUNE BAY DISTRICT.

PHILIP CLEMENTS, Chairman.

Detailed Account of Expenditure of the remaining balances on the Grants made in 1853, by the Surveyor General on the road to Channel, from June, 1855, to 31st December same year.

Names of Contractors.	Where employed.	Sum granted.	Sums paid Contractors.	Totals, Stg.
Philip Clements	Road at Channell	£10 10 0	£6 0 0	
John Braggs	Ditto		4 0 0	
	Whole amount expended.....			£10 0 0

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Sur. Gen.

29th January, 1855.

Crown Lands.

TWILLINGATE SECTION OF THE FOGO DISTRICT.

JOHN PEYTON, Chairman.

Detailed Account of the Expenditure of balances remaining from the grants made in 1853, by the Surveyor General from 5th June, 1855, to the 31st December, same year, under 16 Vic., Cap. 5.

Names of Contractors.	Where Employed.	Balance remian- ing from Surveyor General's former account.	Sums paid Contractors in Stg.	Totals Stg.
Gaspard Dooling	South Island to Twillingate	£45 0 0	£2 6 9	
Ditto	Twillingate Road	do.	19 16 8	
John Peyton	Ditto	do.	7 10 0	
Ditto	Ditto	do.	15 6 7	
Whole amount expended.....				£45 0 0

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Sur. Gen.

29th January, 1856.

Crown Lands.

ACCOUNT of the Special Grant from Beachy Cove towards Topsail under the superintendance of the Surveyor General, viz :

Names of Contractors.	Where employed.	Sum granted	Sums paid Contractors in Stg.	Totals, Stg.
Rorke	Beachy Cove towards Beachy Cove	£50 0 0	£4 6 8	
Rorke and Gladney	Ditto	do.	28 12 0	
Michael Coady	Ditto	do.	4 6 8	
Ditto	Ditto	do.	2 0 0	
Gladney and Rorke	Ditto	do.	8 9 10	
				£47 15 2

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29th January, 1856.

Crown Lands.

DETAILED Account of Expenditure of Pumps and Tanks, under Grant from the Legislature of
£400 0 0 in the session of 1855.

Date.	Names of Contractors.	Where employed.	Amount granted.	Amount expended.
1855.				
July 15	John McCarthy	Carbonear	£400 0 0	£5 18 8
14	David Morley	St. John's		13 5 2
	Thomas Maher	Ditto		8 2 1
21	Ditto	Ditto		4 2 6
24	John Maher, blacksmith	Orphan Asylum		1 14 0
30	Andrew Keefe, Mason	Long's Hill Pump		1 14 8
	Surveyor Gen., laborers	Garrison Hill		0 4 4
Aug. 6	Patrick Ryan	Pump on Furlong's Hill		3 9 4
16	Cash paid laborers	General repairs of Pumps		3 2 4
20	David Morley	Pump at King's Road		1 15 1
Sept. 13	Jerry Boulin	Balance due, paid to Savings' Bank		21 1 8
27	Michael Dee, 30 tons stone	Furlong's Hill Pump		2 18 6
	Patrick Sullivan, casing pumps	Three sums amounting altogether to		9 16 3
	Thomas Mahon	Old Balance		97 5 10
Oct. 11	Patrick Ryan	Furlong's Hill Pump		3 19 5
	John Maher, blacksmith	Fixing Tank at Beck's Cove		4 11 10
	Ditto	Do. Marsh Hill Pump		3 11 4
	Walter Irvin	Sanatory improvements		7 16 0
13	Timothy Mitchell	Ditto		1 14 8
27	Andrew Keefe, mason	New Road Pump		2 3 0
	Ditto	Furlong's Hill Pump		1 10 4
		Sinking Pump on Cochrane Street		1 2 9
Nov. 10	Thomas Mulloony	Ditto		1 5 9
17	Thomas Mulloony	Ditto		0 18 2
	John Colbert	Ditto		0 18 2
30	Thomas Mulloony	Ditto		0 15 2
	John Colbert	Ditto		0 15 2
	John Curren	Sanatory improvements		38 2 8
	Ditto	Special Grant		0 15 0
Dec. 3	Thomas Mulloony	Work at Pumps		0 16 8
	John Colbert	Ditto		0 16 8
	Richard Hally	Making Pump, and repairing Tanks		5 4 0
	Walter Irvin	Sanatory improvements		15 12 0
	Patrick Ryan and Cleary	George Town Pump		7 3 7
10	Thomas Mulloy	Work at Pumps		0 16 8

Crown Lands.

DETAILED ACCOUNT.—Continued.

Date.	Names of Contractors.	Where employed.	Amount granted.	Amount expended.
1855.				
Dec. 10	John Colbert	Work at Pumps		£0 16 8
	Anthony Field	Work on Cochrane Street pump		0 7 7
20	Thomas Mulloony	Ditto		0 15 2
	John Colbert	Ditto		0 15 2
	Anthony Field	Ditto		0 15 2
22	Richard Hally	Making Pumps		16 18 0
27	Thomas Mulloony	Work at Cochrane Street pump		0 16 8
	John Colbert	Ditto		0 16 8
	Anthony Field	Ditto		0 16 8
	Sundries	See Voucher or Warrant		1 2 9
	James Moore	Flags for pumps		4 5 9
30	Thomas Mulloony	Work at pumps		0 7 7
	John Colbert	Ditto		0 7 7
	Anthony Field	Ditto		0 7 7
	Michael Dee	30 tons stone for George Town		2 3 4
	Patrick Cramp	18 tons ditto ditto		1 19 10
				£308 11 7
		Balance		91 8 5
				£400 0 0

STATEMENT OF LANDS SOLD AT AUCTION BY THE SURVEYOR GENERAL, FROM JUNE, 1855, TO
1ST JANUARY, 1856.

No. of Lot	Name of Purchaser.	Where situate.	Contents.			Upset Price.	Sold at per Acre.	Total.	By whom Sold and where.
			A.	R.	P.				
1	John Tilly	On the North West side of Upper Shoal Harbor, Random Sound, Trinity Bay	100	0	0	2s.	2s. 1d.	£10 8 4	By the Surveyor General at his Office.
2	Ditto	Ditto ditto South of Lot No. 1 Ditto	100	0	0	"	"	10 8 4	
3	Ditto	Ditto South side of Upper Shoal Harbor Ditto	10	0	0	"	"	1 0 10	
4	Ditto	Ditto South of Lot No. 3 Ditto	25	0	0	"	"	2 12 1	
5	Joseph Tilly	Ditto North Side of Upper Shoal Harbor and East of Lot No. 2, ditto	30	0	0	"	"	3 2 6	
6	Moses Tilly	To the Northward of ditto, and about 2½ miles up Main River, ditto	100	0	0	"	"	10 8 4	
7	Ditto	Ditto of Upper Shoal Harbor, and South of Lot No. 6, ditto	100	0	0	"	"	10 8 4	
8	William & Joseph Tilly	At Deep Bight, about 6 miles below Upper Shoal Harbor, ditto	35	0	0	"	"	3 12 11	
9	Moses Tilly	At Black Duck Cove, near mouth of Random Sound	10	0	0	"	"	1 0 10	
			510	0	0	Acres.		£53 2 6 Stg.	

Crown Lands.

EDMUND HANRAHAN,

Sur. Gen.

January 23rd, 1856.

Crown Lands.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S RETURN OF GRANTS REGISTERED FROM THE 1ST
JANUARY, 1855, TO THE 1ST JANUARY, 1856.

Name of Grantee.	Where Situate.	Date of Registry.	Content of Grant.			Cost of Grant in Sterling.		
			A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
CENTRAL DISTRICT.								
George Mulloy	Road between Torbay & Flat Rock	1855 Jan. 19	8	3	25	£0	9	0
Michael Driscoll	South Side of Mobile Harbour.	24	0	1	11	0	5	0
Patrick Connell	Pennywell Road	March 19	4	1	4	7	10	0
James Doyle	Bay Bulls Road	24	32	3	24	1	13	0
W. and James Hollahan	Bay Bulls Road	April 23	25	0	0	2	15	0
Matthew Murphy	St. John's	24	0	1	5	0	1	0
Joseph Noad	South Side, St. John's	26	1	3	24	0	1	0
William B. Row	East side of Old Torbay Road	May 8	46	3	30	42	15	0
Joseph Wheeler	Ditto Ditto	9	58	0	0	0	1	0
Thomas Doyle	S. E. side of Bay Bulls	14	40	0	0	2	0	0
William West	W. side of Portugal Cove Road	—	31	2	0	3	9	4
James Nash	S. W. side of Topsail Road	29	16	2	38	0	17	0
Timothy Mallowney	St. John's, Rocky Hill Road	June 7	19	3	23	1	0	0
Margaret Walsh	Outer Cove Road	July 1	8	1	34	0	9	0
Matthew Dooley	Portugal Cove	June 1	5	0	2	0	6	0
James Cantwell	Cape Spear, St. John's	17	20	1	0	1	0	0
John Cotter	St. John's	Oct. 1	20	3	26	1	1	0
Rev. Edward Troy	Torbay	Nov. 20	10	0	0	0	10	0
Henry Thomas	St John's	Sept. 1	10	0	0	0	10	0
			361	1	6	£66	12	4
NORTHERN DISTRICT.								
Lord Bishop of Nfld.	Bay Roberts, Conception Bay	Jan. —	2	2	2	0	6	0
George Ivamy	Random Sound, Trinity Bay	March 26	6	0	24	0	14	7
John Late	Upper Lance Cove, Smith Sd., do.	27	5	0	8	0	12	6
James Butler	Robin Hoods do.	—	1	1	14	0	5	3
Isaac Butler, jr.	do. do.	—	4	2	6	0	10	5
Thomas Northover	do. do.	28	3	1	32	0	12	6
Joseph Barry, David Barry, Jessie Barry and Absolem Barry	Greenspond	April 27	1	2	8	0	5	0
Carried forward			24	2	14	£3	6	3

Crown Lands.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S RETURN OF GRANTS REGISTERED FROM THE 1ST
JANUARY, 1855, TO THE 1ST JANUARY, 1856.—(Continued.)

Name of Grantee.	Where Situate.	Date of Registry.	Content of Grant.			Cost of Grant in Sterling.		
			A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward.....		24	2	14	£3	6	3
	NORTHERN DISTRICT--continued.	1855						
Rev. E. Botterell	Bay Roberts, Conception Bay	May 9	0	1	8	0	5	0
Dennis Bland	Greenspond	11	0	1	37	0	5	0
George Allen	Ditto	27	0	2	29	0	5	0
John Rolf	Brigus	July 27	1	2	34	0	5	0
Samuel Batten	Bareneed	May 12	0	1	25	0	5	0
John Muggford	Brigus, Conception Bay	27	2	2	16	0	5	0
David Whelan	Colliers Ditto	—	5	0	21	0	6	0
Matthew Whelan	Ditto Ditto	—	2	3	23	0	6	0
Elizabeth Brown	Bay Roberts, Ditto	12	12	0	0	0	12	0
Matthew Whelan	Colliers Ditto	July 27	5	1	13	0	6	0
William Muggford	South Gut Ditto	—	0	2	22	0	5	0
John Felier	Ditto Ditto	—	1	3	39	0	5	0
Elias Felier	Ditto Ditto	—	0	3	12	0	5	0
George Butler	North Gut Ditto	Aug. 29	3	0	20	0	5	0
Jeremiah Nowlan	Brigus Ditto	June 30	0	0	17	0	5	0
James Laing Scaplin	Port-de-Grave Ditto	July 23	15	1	29	1	0	0
Patrick Ryan	Brigus Ditto	Aug. 30	0	1	26	0	5	0
Michael Walsh	Conception Bay	Oct. 16	2	3	37	0	5	0
Wm. and Denis Fewer, Mary and Bridget Crawley	Ditto	Dec. 1	1	1	32	0	5	0
John Fahey	Brigus	8	6	3	26	0	7	0
John Delany	Bay Roberts	March 29	6	2	14	6	10	6
Thomas Hinds	Brigus	Dec. 11	1	3	26	0	5	0
			98	3	1	£16	8	9
	SOUTHERN DISTRICT.							
Charles Fox Bennett	Fortune Bay	Jan. 17	284	3	5	29	13	9
William G. Bradshaw	Great Placentia	Aug. 24	0	3	35	0	5	0
Richard Power	Ditto	—	12	0	35	0	13	0
Thomas Newman, Thomas Newman Hunt and Thomas Holdsworth Newman	Harbor Briton, Fortune Bay	March 13	25	0	5	1	12	0
	Carried forward .....	.....	323	0	0	£32	3	9

Crown Lands.

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S RETURN OF GRANTS REGISTERED FROM THE 1ST
JANUARY, 1855, TO THE 1ST JANUARY, 1856.—Continued.

Names of Grantee.	Where Situate.	Date of Registry.	Content of Grant.			Cost of Grant in Sterling.		
			A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward			323	0	0	£32	3	9
SOUTHERN DISTRICT---continued.			1855.					
Jonathan Snook	Grand Bank, Fortune Bay.	March 30	8	3	22	0	18	9
James Hamblen	Ditto Ditto	30	5	3	4	0	12	0
Elias Mager	Fortune Bay	30	3	0	18	0	5	0
John Keating	Grand Bank Ditto	30	14	2	18	1	13	9
Robert Forsey	Ditto Ditto	30	3	3	2	0	9	0
Thomas Hickey	Great Placentia	April 25	5	3	6	0	6	0
William Mokler	Bay Bulls	Aug. 24	13	2	10	1	10	4
Walter Dillon	Salmonier Arm	May 14	25	3	32	5	8	4
George Sutton	Trepassey	23	31	0	20	2	4	0
C. F. Bennett	Isle of Valen		1	3	11	0	5	0
Ditto	Ditto	June 2	8	2	25	0	9	0
Patrick Grant	Little Placentia	Sept. 5	4	3	16	0	5	0
C. F. Bennett	Grand LaPierre	Oct. 8	150	1	0	8	2	6
Ditto	Bay of Despair	8	200	0	0	10	15	6
John Furneaux	Burgeo Islands	20	3	1	0	0	15	0
Francis L. Bradshaw	Great Placentia	Nov. 15	2	0	15	0	5	0
			806	1	32	£66	8	11
Central District.....			381	1	6	£66	12	4
Northern District....			98	3	1	16	8	9
Southern District....			806	1	32	66	8	11

Acres 1266 1 39 £149 10 0 Total.

EDMUND HANRAHAN,

Sur. Gen.

29th January, 1856.

Poor Returns.

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT OF THE EXPENDITURE BY THE COMMISSIONERS

1855.	To this amount as per Audited Consolidated Account of Expenditure and Receipts by Commissioners for the Relief of the Poor, from January to 1st July, 1855.	Currency	Sterling
July 1—	To Joseph Shear, partner's salary		10196 10
Nov. 22—	Permanent Poor, St John's		62 10 0
Dec. 31—	Casual		383 14 0
	ditto		971 37 0
	Poor in sheds		148 19 0
	Sufferers by fire		102 16 8
	Old liabilities		100 15 0
	Employment Poor, St John's		114 10 6
	ditto		36 0 0
	ditto		10 0 0
	Harbor Grace		0 3 7
	ditto		19 6 4
	Harbor Main		77 0 0
	Port-de-Grave		187 5 0
	Carbonar		81 3 7
	Bay-de-Verde		162 1 1
	Trinity		120 10 11
	Bonaville		122 10 1
	Fogo		63 0 11
	Ferryland		220 9 8
	Placencia and St. Mary's		74 4 8
	Burn		6 18 8
	La Poile		3 2 3
	Contingencies		
			21132 14 1
			500 5 11
			21632 9 0

Dec 31—To Balance

I certify that the foregoing accounts are just and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. SHEAR

Commissioner of Expenditure

St John's 31st December, 1855.

Poor Returns.

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT OF THE EXPENDITURE BY THE COMMISSIONERS

	Currency.	Sterling.
1855.		
July 1.—To this amount as per Audited Consolidated Account of Expenditure and Receipts by Commissioners for the Relief of the Poor, from 1st January to 1st July, 1855.	£10195 16 7
Nov. 22—To Joseph Shea, quarter's Salary	62 10 0
Dec. 31— Permanent Poor, St John's.....	933 14 6
Casual, ditto	911 17 0
Poor in sheds	148 12 9
Sufferers by fire	192 16 8
Old liabilities	400 18 9
Employment Poor, St. John's...	114 10 6
Ditto Fogo	35 0 0
Ditto Ferryland	40 0 0
Casual Poor, Harbor Grace	0 2 7
Ditto Harbor Main.....	19 6 4
Ditto Port-de-Grave	77 0 6
Ditto Carbonear	187 5 9
Ditto Bay-de-Verds.....	31 3 1
Ditto Trinity	168 1 4
Ditto Bonavista	120 16 11
Ditto Fogo	122 19 1
Ditto Ferryland	63 6 11
Ditto Placentia and St. Mary's	529 9 3
Ditto Burin	74 4 8
Ditto La Poile	6 18 8
Ditto Contingencies	3 2 3
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		£14439 14 1
Dec. 31—To Balance	560 5 11
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		£15000 0 0
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I certify that the foregoing accounts are just and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. SHEA,

Stipendiary Commissioner.

St. John's, 31st December, 1855.

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FOR THE RELIEF OF THE POOR, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1855.

1855.	Currency	Sterling.
Aug. 4—By Legislative Grant	£15000 0 0
		£15000 0 0

We the undersigned do hereby certify that we have examined and audited the foregoing accounts, and have finally settled and closed the same.

PETER WINSER, *Chairman of Audit.*
 JAMES L. PRENDERGAST, } *Auditors.*
 JOHN HAYWARD, }

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POST-MASTER GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPORT ON THE LOCAL POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THIS COLONY.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
St. John's, 26th July, 1855. }

SIR,—In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 9th inst., I have now the honor of placing before you, for His Excellency the Governor's information, a special Report upon the Local Postal arrangements of this Colony, with a detailed statement of the various Routes, Couriers, Post Offices, and Way Offices, with the amount of salaries and expense of transit, &c.

These statements, I regret, do not shew the evidence of a satisfactory progress in our Postal system, and which may be attributed to the isolated position of the population of this Island, and the absence of Roads or other means whereby communication may be facilitated. Where this is not the case, I would strongly recommend the abolishing of such offices as do not yield at least one-third of the expense necessary for their support; but under the peculiar circumstances to which I have referred, I am of opinion that very grave considerations should induce the withdrawal from any Town or District, of the benefits that flow from Postal communication, where Posts have already been established because the Revenue derivable from a particular locality may be unremunerative.

The result of a well defined Postal system must operate beneficially to this community, but particularly so as to those resident in the extern, where intelligence can only be looked for through Postal channels. Thus the establishment assumes in this country one of the highest importance, as regards the dissemination of knowledge amongst all classes.

“There is, perhaps, no Department of Government the business of which, if duly recorded, will furnish more striking evidence of the prosperity and progress of the country than the Post-office; whether as regards the increase of the general wealth, the improved education and intelligence of the people, or the striving industry and energy” by which they may be actuated.

Much has been said upon the imperfection of the present Postal system; but if it be remembered that as late as 1852, the first establishment of Local Posts was formed, at which period there were created simultaneously, fifteen Post-offices, seven Way-offices, in addition to the formation of eighteen Post routes, and the appointment of fifteen Post Masters, and seven Way-Officers, eighteen Contractors, and eighteen Couriers, the whole of whom were as matter of course quite ignorant of the duties devolving upon them, that the question arises how such an extended system could so far be perfected, that the present arrangements should call for so little revision as is now contemplated.

The alterations hereinafter suggested for His Excellency's consideration, I am of opinion, are all that are at present necessary to be made.

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I may remark that a portion of the Members of the House of Assembly have made the subject of Postal reform a very prominent feature in their late addresses to their several constituents, and from whom I may expect to receive some useful information when a cessation from their public duties will permit.

Few causes of complaint upon the irregularity of the transmission of correspondence through any of the Offices have been brought under my observation, and those have related mostly to Newspapers.

A Carbonear correspondent complained in the *Express* Newspaper, of the irregularity of the Post in the transmission of that paper. The Editor some time afterwards stated that the fault did not originate in the Post-office.

Several Placentia correspondents also, similarly complained in the *Newfoundlander* Newspaper. In those instances also, the Offices through which the papers passed, were relieved from false imputation.

Missing or late correspondence arising from whatever cause is generally attributed to the Post office. To illustrate this point more fully, I subjoin the following extract from a very elaborate Report of the Imperial Postmaster General (Viscount Canning) for 1855, addressed to the Right Hon. the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury on the Post-office.

"I must add, too, that whilst it cannot be denied that trouble and loss are too often inflicted upon individuals through the carelessness or dishonesty of some of the twenty-one thousands servants of the Post-office, yet the instances are not few in which it has been shown to the satisfaction of the complainants that the fault attributable at first sight, and perhaps naturally, to the Post-office, rested really in other quarters."

"The Publisher of one of the London papers complained of the repeated loss in the Post-office of copies of his Journal addressed to persons abroad. An investigation showed that the abstraction was made by the Publisher's Clerks," &c. "In another case a general complaint having arisen as to the number of Newspapers sent to the Chief Office in St. Martin's, LeGrand, the investigation led to the discovery of a regular mart held near the office, and supplied with Newspapers by the private messengers employed to carry them to the Post."

* Some further examples were given proving the unjustifiableness of the charges made against the London Office.

Complaints of various kinds must naturally be looked for in a department that comes into such daily contact with the public, and as the correctness of its details materially affect the well-being of society, the public naturally look with a watchful eye upon all its arrangements.

For a series of years the public have complained, and very justly, of the faulty arrangements and want of accommodation of the Post-office in this town. In my reports of preceding years, I therein pointed out the great difficulty of conducting the business in so contracted a space, and the inconvenience suffered by the Officers of the Department from this cause; but nothing, I regret to say, has yet been effected, in affording those increased facilities which the public have a right to expect.

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The service of the Post-office being one that requires efficient means for a well-conducted and well-regulated Postal system, I rest under the hope that the department will be speedily relieved from the difficulties under which it labours in this particular.

Alterations or changes in the Post-office department are of so intricate and important a character, and where there are so many conflicting opinions and interests involved, that I feel great delicacy in offering an opinion upon the matter; I would, therefore, take the liberty of respectfully suggesting that a permanent Postal Committee be appointed by His Excellency to report upon the general Postal arrangements of the Colony, and of their recommending, from time to time, such measures as they may deem beneficial. I would further beg to suggest that the committee be composed of three persons in conjunction with myself, and invested with authority to correct all minor details connected with the establishment, when it may be found expedient so to do.

In the meantime I have the honor to submit for His Excellency's consideration, the subjoined Tabular Reports. Number one shewing the Revenue derived from those offices at present established, the amount of correspondence passing through them, with the stipend allowed to each officer who is placed over their control, and from which statement a correct opinion may be formed of such offices as may be dispensed with.

I further beg to submit the following suggestions and alterations, which after due consideration, I am of opinion, may be acted upon with advantage, and by which public convenience would be greatly promoted.

First.—The immediate introduction of Imperial, Provincial, and Local Postal stamps. The former to be of the value respectively of one penny and sixpence. The Provincial of the value of fourpence, sixpence half-penny, and one shilling; and the local of the value of threepence.

Secondly,—That authority be given for the registration of letters, and that an extra charge of sixpence be made on each letter for such registration.

Thirdly.—The introduction of the money order system, would also be a great boon to those persons wishing to transmit small sums through the Post-office to their friends in Great Britain. I have been in communication with the Postmaster General of Halifax upon the subject, who has informed me that no arrangement has yet been made, either in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, or Canada, for its introduction into those Provinces, and that he was therefore for the present unable to give any information on the subject.

Fourthly.—As great irregularity has existed in the transmission of the Western Mails, which has been the cause of frequent complaint, both by the inhabitants of Placentia, Burin, and Harbor Briton, I beg to recommend that the service between St. John's and Placentia, be carried out by one Contractor, instead of two as at present. By this arrangement the present difficulty would be overcome in the delay which not unfrequently occurs at Salmonier by the St. John's and Placentia Couriers being out of time on their arrival at that place with the Western and the return mails for St. John's, arising on some occasions from the non-arrival of the Halifax mail-boat in due course, the badness of the roads in winter, and other causes, by which circumstances those mails remain at the Salmonier Way-office, until opportunity offers for forwarding them, when they are sent to destination at an extra expense.

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In support of this change I beg to annex copies of two addresses sent to me upon this subject, one signed by R. F. Sweetman and others, and the second by George LeMessurier and others. I am also of opinion that a change might be advantageously made in the Mail Line between Burin and Harbor Briton; at present the mails are conveyed from Burin by messenger to Garnish, and thence by boat to Harbor Briton.

The line of route that I have now the honor of recommending is, with little alteration, that already proposed in my letter of the 15th September, 1852, addressed to the late Colonial Secretary, the hon. James Crowdy, viz., that the mails for Harbor Briton be forwarded *via* St. Lawrence, Lawn, Lamaline, Fortune, and Grand Bank.

The route would also open a communication between this place and St. Peter's, for which town numerous letters arrive here from Foreign Ports, and which could be forwarded from Grand Bank or Lamaline, either of which places is but a few hours run from St. Peter's. The only communication between St. John's and that place is *via* Halifax.

The Government concurred in the desirableness of this arrangement, and an annual sum of £20 was subsequently granted by the Legislature for the appointment of a Courier from Burin to St. Lawrence and Lamaline, at which latter place a Way-office was to have been established, but as Grand Bank was not included in the scheme, it was afterwards considered by his Excellency, the late Governor, unnecessary to make these appointments, and the mails were continued to be forwarded as before.

Should the Government now deem it advisable to have the Western mails transmitted in this way, the interests of the inhabitants of Grand Bank would be conserved, and the prayer of the Petitioners conceded, whose names are attached to the petition enclosed to me in Mr. Ayre's letter of the 18th inst. for my report thereon, by His Excellency's command.

I would observe, however, that doubts have been entertained as to the practicability of this route, in consequence of there being at present no roads between these settlements, excepting that from Burin to St. Lawrence, sixteen miles; the whole distance being sixty miles.

Fifthly.—The number and weight of the Western mails render it imperative to have them conveyed by a light waggon as far as the roads will render it practicable; and thence by horse to Placentia.—It will, therefore, be necessary to convey this intimation in the next advertisement for tenders to prevent undue loss to the contracting party with the department.

Sixthly.—In the Act of the 16th Vic., Cap. 3, Sec. 18, a sum of £50 was granted for a boat to run between Bonavista and Greenspond, "for (the Act goes on to state) the present summer; provided, that on the expiration of the present contract for the conveyance of the Mails to Fogo and Twillingate, such mails shall be transmitted by way of Carbonear, Trinity, Bonavista, and Greenspond."

By direction of His Excellency K^r Bailie Hamilton, Esq., the Northern mails were forwarded in this way during the past winter, but the expense of transit was found to be so large that His Excellency remanded the order.

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The Mails have since been transmitted direct to Greenspond, Fogo, and Twillingate as heretofore.

Seventhly.—Great difficulty is found to exist both in England and the United States in dealing with Public Companies for the transmission of the mails by Railway. This matter has been referred to by Viscount Canning, in the want of arrangements for enforcing punctuality in the arrival of the Mail Trains, and other obstructions of the Postal service, and remarks, “Perhaps it is some consolation to see by the Report of the Postmaster General of the United States, that difficulties in relation to Railways, similar to those which I have described “exist in that country also.” Similar difficulties too, have an existence here, where the mails are transmitted by steamer.

The Merchants, Clergymen, and other inhabitants of Carbonear have on several occasions expressed their disapproval of the manner in which the mail service has been carried out by the Conception Bay Steam Company, and several addresses, signed by these gentlemen, have been forwarded to me, praying that the evils of which they complain may be corrected; and I must in justice to the Company observe that they have, where too great a sacrifice of their interests have not been involved, cordially co-operated in affording such accommodation as appeared to me to be requisite. To provide, however, against similar contingencies, which I find no contract however stringent will prevent, it has been proposed by me to the Petitioners that two gentlemen from each of the towns of Harbor Grace, Carbonear, and Brigus shall be appointed to meet the Directors of the Company to fix the arrivals and departure of the Steamer for mutual accommodation, and I am happy to say, that this proposition has met their views and will be acted upon previously to new contracts being entered into with the Company, and I entertain no doubt of the satisfactory result of the conference.

Whilst upon this subject, I beg to remark that the greatest exertion has to be used in forwarding the Conception Bay Mails on the arrival of the Halifax Packet; on some occasions they are despatched at so late an hour that great risk attends the sailing of the Steamer across the Bay. I more particularly allude to the fall of the year, when she not unfrequently has to leave the Cove at night, when the weather is stormy and boisterous.—It was on such an occasion, in the performance of this service, that the melancholy loss of the mail-boat Victoria and crew occurred, and it was supposed that had the mails arrived but half an hour before, the boat would have reached her destination in safety.

With the view of having this evil remedied, it becomes my duty to suggest, that a person be appointed to assort the extern letters immediately after their receipt from the Halifax Packet, whose business it shall also be to make up such local mails as may require to be forwarded at that time.

To carry out this service with efficiency, it will be necessary that the party who contracts for the delivery of the mails at the Cove shall keep a horse in readiness to convey special mails. A considerable service is now annually expended for such a service. But the inconvenience and delay attendant upon procuring a mode of conveyance at the time required is very great, and on some occasions it is not to be had.

Eighthly.—I also beg to annex a copy of a petition from Allan Goodridge and others, praying that a Way-office may be established at Renew's.

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This town being an important Fishing Establishment, I would respectfully advise that the prayer of the petitioners be acceded to, particularly as the expense attendant upon this appointment would be but £4 per annum, being the salary of the Way-master only.

Ninthly.—I beg to draw His Excellency's attention to my letter of the 12th April last, addressed to the late Colonial Secretary, the Hon. James Crowdy, upon the necessity of an increase to the staff of this office, in which I pointed out the overtasked strength of the present Assistants, arising from the increasing duties of the department.

Tenthly.—The necessity of the daily attendance of a Messenger at the General Post-office is every day becoming more urgent, to prevent the unavoidable delay that now frequently occurs in the delivery of late correspondence.

Eleventhly.—I have now the honor to draw the attention of His Excellency to the 10th Sec. of the 14th Vic., Cap. 4, in reference to exemption of certain documents and papers from postage. The terms used in the Act being rather indefinite, I beg to subjoin an extract from my report of January 1853, upon this subject, with the view of the Act being amended in this particular. "To prevent the abuse of this privilege, as also to enable the officers of this department to form a correct opinion in carrying out the intentions of the Legislature, I would respectfully suggest the following conditions:—First, that all letters, despatches, and other documents upon public business, intended to be sent free through the Post, shall be confined to those passing between one public office and another, and shall have marked on the face of every such letter, the words 'On Her Majesty's Service,' also the writer's name or office in the corner: as at present private individuals may, without detection, address their private correspondence to public officers free of charge.—Secondly, that all books, periodical publications, pamphlets, papers ordered to be printed by either branch of the Legislature, and all returns, writs, and process to and from the Sheriffs and their Deputies (except in cases in which the Crown is a party) and all newspapers intended to be transmitted free by Post, be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides."

"This section has also been construed to include the correspondence of Boards and Bodies appointed under the Local Act, but which I have not considered to be entitled to exemption. Such correspondence therefore, in all cases, when sent through the Post-office, have been charged with full rates of letter Postage. I, therefore, trust that His Excellency will see the expediency of having rendered more definite the terms and meaning of the Section referred to."

I also beg to refer His Excellency to the late Attorney General's opinion upon this subject, contained in a letter dated the 20th November, 1852, addressed to C. Ayre, Esq., and forwarded to me for my guidance.

Twelfthly.—All correspondence passing through the Imperial Post-office, the Postmaster General's excepted, are taxed with full rates of Postage; the same regulation is also observed in Canada, and thus, very properly, the whole Revenue of the office is brought to account and taken credit for by the several departments.

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The Postmaster General of Canada in his annual Report of last year observes upon this head, that much unnecessary labor and waste of time is occasioned to the department by the collection of Postage on Government and Legislative correspondence, and recommends "the transmission of all such matter through the mail, under proper restrictions, free of postage charge, and that in lieu thereof, a certain fixed annual sum estimated to be equivalent to the aggregate of the postage arising upon such correspondence, should be paid by the Receiver General to the Post-office, to be accounted for as Post office Revenue."

In my belief the adoption of such a regulation here would be but fair; as regards the Government correspondence which passes through this office free of postage.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

W. L. SOLOMON,

P. M. G.

(COPY.)

By the present arrangements, letters received by the Steamer at St. John's on Monday or Tuesday reach Placentia on the following Saturday or Sunday, the return mail from Placentia and the Western Shore is due at St. John's on the Saturday after the sailing of the packet with the second mails from St. John's, thus two mails are despatched from St. John's before a reply to a letter even at Halifax can be received, (one mail is unavoidable) the Western mails, laying for several days at the St. John's Post-office. By a messenger from Placentia, carrying the Western mails through to St. John's, a fortnight may be saved during the fortnightly, and one month during the monthly mails.

The messenger to leave Placentia on Saturday at 2 p. m., to deliver the mails at St. John's on Tuesday at noon—the week the steamer is due at St. John's with the mails—to be despatched on Wednesday at noon, provided the European mails have arrived in due course, otherwise as soon as possible after arrival of the mails to deliver the mails at Placentia on Saturday following.

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The Packet Boat to be ready to proceed to the Western Shore as soon as the Postmaster can despatch the mails, as by the present arrangement the letters from the Westward will of course be despatched in steamer or sailing packet earlier, as well as the Placentia letters, by this arrangement being carried out.

The foregoing are my suggestions as an improvement upon the present postal arrangements, leaving to others equally interested in the matter to state their views on the subject.

PLACENTIA,
3rd October, 1854. }

(Signed,)

R. F. SWEETMAN,
J. L. BRADSHAW,
JAMES CROAKER,
E. CONDON, P. P.,
ALEXANDER BURKE,
A. BOUTIN,
JAMES MURPHY,
PELAGIUS NOWLAN,
THOMAS KEEFLER.

W. L. SOLOMON, Esq.,
Postmaster-General. }

St. JOHN'S,
28th February, 1856. }

SIR,—Much and serious inconvenience having been felt by persons residing at and carrying on business in the districts of Burin and Placentia Bay West, from the present mode of transmitting the mails, the subscribers beg respectfully to suggest for the consideration of H. M. Postmaster General, their views on this matter.

By the plan at present adopted, the Western mails arrive in St. John's *after* the departure of the steamer for Halifax, and consequently letters for England, the Colonies and Foreign Ports, instead of proceeding promptly (often of the greatest possible importance to individual interests) remain in the Post-office in St. John's, until the departure of the succeeding outward mail, thereby inconveniencing more or less all persons engaged in trade in those dis-

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districts, particularly in cases where orders for Insurance, for Salt, and other indispensable supplies for the fishery, are the purport of such letters, and which require to be promptly executed.

The plan we would suggest as a remedy for the present very serious cause of complaint is, that the mails, instead of being made up in St. John's on Thursday morning, should be despatched thence not later than 10 o'clock on Wednesday, in which case they would usually arrive at Placentia on the Friday afternoon following. The Packet Master should be required to start from Placentia the first tide after the arrival of the mails at that place, (weather permitting) and the Postmaster at Burin should be directed to close the mails on the Wednesday following at 10 p. m., and then deliver them to the master of the Packet, who should be required to depart immediately, weather permitting. Were such orders given by the Postmaster General, and insisted on being fully carried out, the Western mails would arrive at Placentia, nine trips out of ten, in ample time to be forwarded on the Saturday, and the letters intended for the mail steamer on her return to Halifax, would be received in St. John's sufficiently early to be transmitted to their destination by that conveyance.

Should the late arrival of the mails from Halifax prevent the departure of the Foreign mail for Placentia by 10 a. m. on Wednesday, then to prevent disappointment from the non-arrival of the letters from St. John's, the mail with the St. John's letters only for the Westward, should be despatched on the morning of Thursday at latest, to insure the return of the Packet from Burin in proper time.

We beg also respectfully to remark for your consideration, that it is our decided opinion that the mail service between the Capital and Placentia, could be far better performed by one Contractor than by two, and that the result, by this individual responsibility, would be greater promptitude, efficiency and convenience to all interested in the adoption of a more perfect system in the mail service to the Westward, besides a saving of expense to the Colony in this branch of the public service.

(Signed,)

GEORGE LEMESSURIER,
JAMES FURLONG,
PATRICK TASKER,
W. H. MARE, p. }
R. FALLE & Co. }
J. & W. STEWART,
P. Pro. NEWMAN & Co. }
THOS. G. MOREY, }

P. & L. TESSIER,
JOHN O'NEIL,
p. W. W. LEMESSURIER, }
M. & R. MARSHALL, }
p. W. W. LEMESSURIER, }
THOMAS KEEFLER. }

W. L. SOLOMON, Esq. }
Postmaster General. }

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(Copy.)

St. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, }
2nd July, 1855. }

W. L. SOLOMON, Esq.,
Postmaster General,
Newfoundland. }

SIR,—We, the undersigned, engaged and connected with the Trade and Fisheries of Renew, beg to represent that we frequently require to correspond by letter hence to Renew. In consequence of there being no Way-office for letters at Renew, we cannot avail ourselves of sending through the Post-office, and trust that you will take the same into consideration, and cause a Way-office to be established in order to insure regular communication from hence to Renew and neighbourhood.

ALLAN GOODRIDGE,
MUDGE & CO.,
JOHN BOND,
GOODRIDGE & KELLIGREW.

Name	Address	Amount	Notes
James P. Quinn	St. John's	1200	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	800	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	7100	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	580	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	114	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	280	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	300	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	300	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	151	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	808	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	282	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	1558	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	8251	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	2581	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	3308	
John P. Quinn	St. John's	2801	
General Post-office	St. John's	100'000	100'000

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TABLE NO. 1.

Shewing the number of Post Offices, Post Masters, their Salaries, and Revenue derivable from each Office, with expense of transit, the fiscal year ended 30th September, 1854.

Name of Post Office	Postmasters.	Number of Colonial Letters and Papers.		Number of Imperial Letters and Papers.		Assistants, &c.	Salaries, &c., &c.	Net Revenue.	Expense of Transit.
General Post-office	W. L. Solomon, P. M. G.			100,000	108,000		£275		
"	"					Martin Shea	100		
"	"					E. Solomon	50		
"	"					John Freeman	35		
"	"					Stationery	30		
"	"					Printing	30		
"	"					Fuel & Light	15	535 0 0	
Harbour Grace	Andrew Drysdale	8367	25000				45 0 0	£96 17 1	
Carbonear	Edmund M. Hanrahan	3793	12000				45 0 0	43 15 2	
Brigus	W. T. Stentafor	3794	11000				25 0 0	41 3 9	£235 0 0
Trinity	A. Buchanan	1228	4300				15 0 0	19 15 3	140 0 0
Bonavista	John Laurence	685	2500				15 0 0	7 0 0	20 0 0
Twillingate	Joseph J. Pearce	206	720				15 0 0	2 13 10	
Fogo	James Fitzgerald	121	400				15 0 0	1 4 0	
Greenspond	Lorenzo Moore	59	300				10 0 0	0 18 0	100 0 0
Bay Bulls	Martin Williams	52	200				15 0 0	0 15 6	
Ferryland	John Morey	627	1510				15 0 0	7 1 0	29 0 0
Trepassey	John Devereux	114	30				15 0 0	1 8 3	32 0 0
St. Mary's	Hannibal Murch	150	220				15 0 0	2 3 9	20 0 0
Placentia	M. Morris	572	1700				15 0 0	7 0 6	30 0 0
Burin	Thomas Berkett	780	2000				15 0 0	10 7 11	130 0 0
Harbor Briton	Thomas E. Gaden	873	1800	21,421	63,940	And Colonial	15 0 0	11 14 10	110 0 0
		21421	63940	121,421	171,949	Total	£825 0 0	£253 18 10	£846 0 0

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GENERAL POST-OFFICE,
30th September, 1854. }

M. SHEA,

Accountant.

TABLE NO. 2.

Shewing the number of Contracts, name of Contractors, name of Route, and mode of Conveyance, with amounts received.

Name of Contractors.	Amounts.	Name of Route.	Mode of Conveyance.
Conception Bay Steam Navigation Company	£180 0 0	Conception Bay	Steam Boat
John Collins	130 0 0	Burin and Placentia	Sailing Boat
Peter Coleman	120 0 0	New Perlican and Trinity	Ditto
Phillip Nicholle	110 0 0	Burin and Harbor Briton	Do. & Messenger
Thomas Coyle	100 0 0	St. John's, Fogo, Greenspond, and Twillingate	Ditto
William Coughlan	40 0 0	St. John's and Salmonier	Foot Messenger
Patrick Ryan	32 0 0	Ferryland and Trepassey	Ditto
Thomas Kelley	30 0 0	Placentia and Salmonier	Ditto
Matthew Ryan	29 0 0	St. John's and Ferryland	Ditto
Daniel Whelan	23 8 0	Trinity and King's Cove	
Daniel Sullivan	20 0 0	Carbonear and New Perlican	Ditto
William Peddle	20 0 0	Salmonier and St. Mary's	Ditto
William Coughlan	10 0 0	St. John's and Portugal Cove	Horse & Vehicle
Matthew O'Rielley	10 0 0	Brigus and Port-de-Grave	Foot Messenger
Francis Howell	6 0 0	South-side of Trinity Bay	Ditto
Alexander Burke	4 0 0	Great and Little Placentia	Ditto
John Bishop	15 0 0	Bonavista and King's Cove	Ditto
Thomas E. Collett	10 0 0	Little Placentia and Harbor Buffet	Boat.
	£889 8 0		

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M. SHEA,

Accountant.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, }
30th September, 1854. }

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TABLE NO. 3.

Shewing the number of Way-offices, Way-masters, and the Salaries received by those Officers.

Number of Way-Office.	Name of Way-master.	Salary.	Observations.
1 Garnish	Henry Campe	£4 0 0	The Revenue of Way-offices is accounted to the Post-office to which they are subject.
2 Salmonier	Patrick Hurley	4 0 0	
3 Little Placentia	Alexander Burke	4 0 0	
4 Port-de-Grave	Matthew O'Rielley	4 0 0	
5 King's Cove	Michael Murphy	4 0 0	
6 Harbor Buffet	Thomas E. Collett	4 0 0	
7 New Perlican	Francis Howell	4 0 0	
		£28 0 0	

M. SHEA,

Accountant.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, }
30th September, 1854. }

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HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE GENERAL

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TABLE No. 1, TRIPLICATE.

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December 30.—	To Greenspond Post-office for Balance of Postages on Letters remaining in that office this quarter	0 1 0
	“ Fogo Post-office, ditto	0 2 0
	“ Twillingate, ditto	9 7 6
	“ Cash paid Colonial Treasurer	196 12 1
		197 2 7

£197 2 7

M. SHEA.
Accountant.

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December 30.—By Postage collected at the General Post-office for dispatched paid, and received unpaid Letters during this quarter		26	14	8
Harbor Grace Post-office, Postages collected there	“	26	8	6
Carbonear	“	10	2	4
Brigus	“	11	11	9
Trinity	“	3	10	4
Bonavista	“	1	7	9
Greenspond	“	0	1	0
Fogo	“	0	2	0
Twillingate	“	0	7	6
Bay Bulls	“	0	2	9
Ferryland	“	1	5	7
Trepassey	“	0	5	0
St. Mary's	“	0	3	6
Placentia	“	1	2	6
Burin	“	0	5	1
Harbor Briton	“	1	2	9
		£84 13 0		
Postage on unpaid correspondence from				
Great Britain	£18 5 2			
Paid ditto	7 10 0½			
	£25 15 2½	32	4	0
Unpaid correspondence despatched to				
Great Britain	£15 15 10½			
Paid correspondence from there	20 10 5			
	£36 6 3	43	11	6
Provincial received unpaid and despatched paid correspondence, Stg. £20 11 3				
Exchange on remittances to Great Britain during the quarter—£210, remitted @ 20 per cent., collected @ 25 per cent.		11	0	0
		112	9	7
		£197 2 7		

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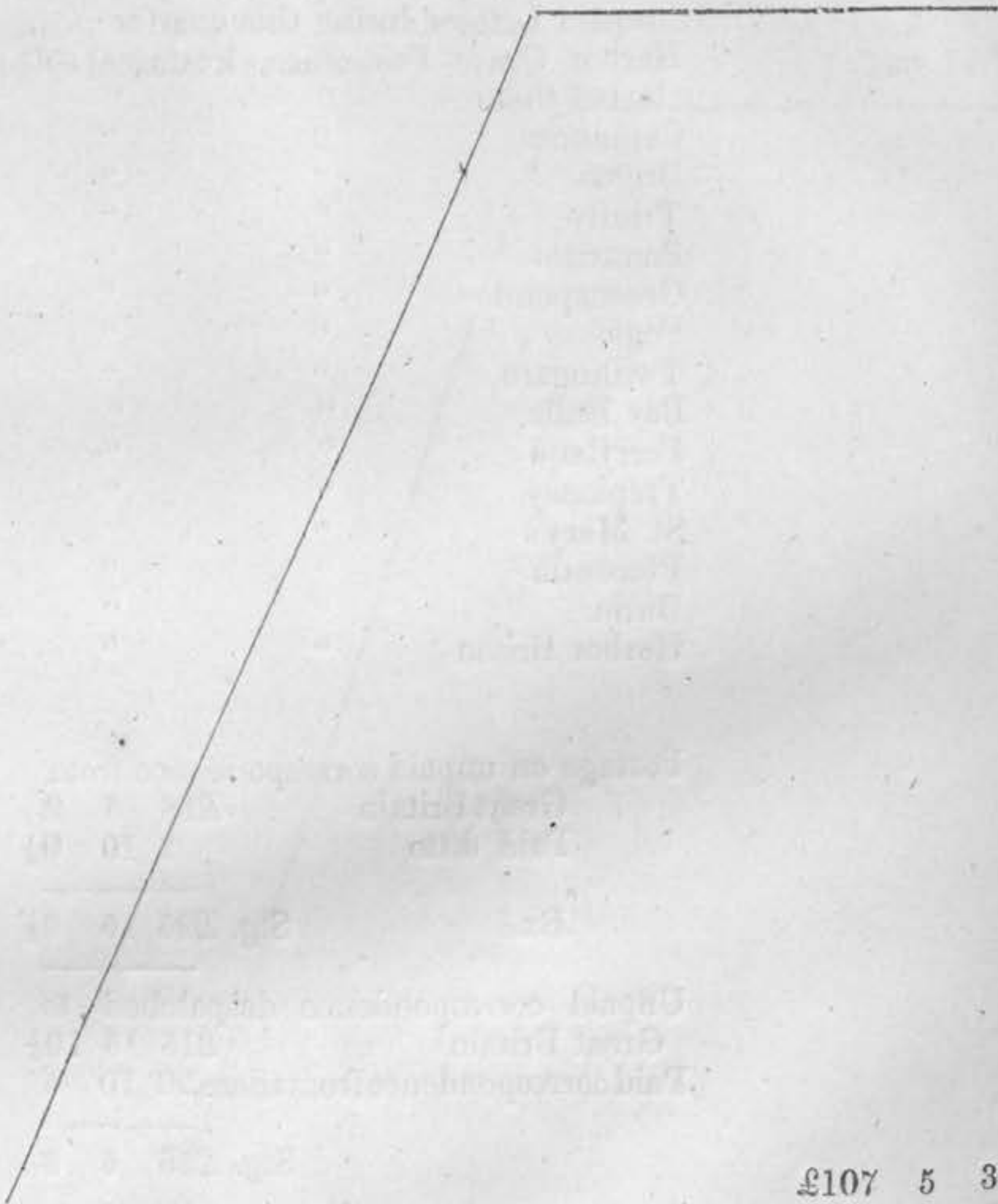
TABLE No. 2, TRIPLICATE.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE
Dr.

1855.

March 31—To cash paid Colonial Treasurer

£107 5 3



£107 5 3

M. SHEA,
Accountant.

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GENERAL POST OFFICE FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1855.

CR.

1855.

March 31—By Postage collected at the General Post-office for despatched paid, and received unpaid Letters during this quarter		£23		17		7
Harbor Grace Post-office for Postages collect- ed there)				16		7 0
Carbonear " "				7		5 7
Brigus " "				7		19 0
Trinity " "				5		2 3
Bonavista " "				2		1 0
Greenspond " "						
Fogo " "						
Twillingate " "						
Bay Bulls " "				0		1 3
Ferryland " "				0		14 6
Trepassey " "				0		6 9
St. Mary's " "				0		3 3
Placentia " "				1		1 3
Burin " "				1		13 0
Harbor Briton " "				1		17 0
						£68 9 5
Postage collected on the received and despatched unpaid and prepaid correspondence between this and the United Kingdom during this quarter £20 12 4 Stg.						£24 14 10
Postage collected on the received and despatched unpaid and prepaid correspondence between this office and the Colonies during this quarter £11 14 2 Stg.				14	1	0 38 15 10
						£107 5 3

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TABLE NO. 3, TRIPLICATE.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE

DR.

1855.

June 30.—To cash paid Receiver General £188 12 9

£188 12 9

M. SHEA,
Accountant.

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GENERAL POST OFFICE, FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1855.

CR

1855.

June 30.—By Postage collected at the General Post-office for dispatched paid, and received prepaid				
Letters during this quarter	.....		£26	11 2
Harbor Grace Post-office, for Postages collect- ed there	}		20	16 1
Carbonear	" "		7	19 3
Brigus	" "		12	4 0
Trinity	" "		4	3 0
Bonavista	" "		1	17 6
Greenspond 31st December, 31st March and this quarter	}		1	18 5
Fogo	" "		0	12 6
Twillingate	" "		0	17 3
Bay Bulls	" "		0	1 9
Ferryland	" "		1	6 3
Trepassey	" "		0	9 6
St. Mary's	" "		0	7 9
Placentia	" "		1	11 9
Burin	" "		1	12 4
Harbor Briton	" "		1	12 9
			£84	1 3
Postage collected on the received and de- spatched unpaid and prepaid correspond- ence between this office and the United Kingdom this quarter		£65 13 10	£78 16 7	
Between this office and Montreal		5 12 4	6 14 11	
New Brunswick		11 2 8	13 7 3	
Quebec		3 4 4	3 17 2	
Halifax		1 1 9	1 6 1	
Sydney		0 0 5	0 0 6	
Boston		0 7 6	0 9 0	104 11 6
				£188 12 9

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GENERAL POST OFFICE FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1855.

CR.

1855.

Sept. 30—By Postages collected at the General Post-office on despatched paid, and received unpaid Letters during this quarter

Harbor Grace Post-office, for Postages collected there	"	"	£22	2	4
Carbonear	"	"	18	19	0
Brigus	"	"	7	18	10
Trinity	"	"	9	16	9
Bonavista	"	"	3	11	10
Greenspond	"	"	0	17	3
Fogo	"	"	0	7	3
Twillingate	"	"	0	8	3
Bay Bulls	"	"	0	10	7
Ferryland	"	"	0	18	6
Trepassey	"	"	0	3	0
St. Mary's	"	"	0	10	6
Placentia	"	"	1	4	0
Burin	"	"	2	17	7
Harbor Briton	"	"	1	16	0

£72 1 8

Postage collected on the received and despatched unpaid and prepaid correspondence between this Office and the United Kingdom during this quarter

	£64	16	6	£77	15	9	
Montreal office	4	17	5½	5	16	11½	
Quebec	3	15	8½	4	10	10	
New Brunswick	6	2	9	7	7	3	
Halifax	1	7	5½	1	12	11½	
Sydney	0	4	1	0	4	11	
Boston	0	7	11	0	9	6	97 18 2

£109 19 10

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TABLE No. 5, TRIPLICATE]

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE

Dr.

1855.

December 31—To Dead, not called for, and refused Letters

	.....	.....	£0 14 0
to date			
Harbor Grace Office for Letters in Office			0 10 9
Carbonear	“	“	9 1 11
Brigus	“	“	9 5 7
Trinity	“	“	1 12 4
Bonavista	“	“	0 17 6
Greenspond	“	“	0 1 3
Fogo	“	“	0 2 6
Twillingate	“	“	0 3 6
Bay Bulls	“	“	
Ferryland	“	“	0 13 9
Trepassey	“	“	0 2 3
St. Mary's	“	“	0 3 6
Placentia	“	“	1 2 0
Burin	“	“	0 16 6
Harbor Briton	“	“	1 10 0
Cash paid Receiver General		137 3 8

£164 1 0

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Accountant.

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GENERAL POST OFFICE, FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30ST DECEMBER, 1855.

CR.

1855.

December 31.—By Postages collected at the General Post-office on despatched paid, and received unpaid Letters during this quarter.....

Harbor Grace Post-office, for Postages collected there.....		£23	13 11
Carbonear “ “.....		22	10 10
Brigus “ “.....		9	1 11
Trinity “ “.....		9	5 7
Bonavista “ “.....		1	12 4
Greenspond “ “.....		0	17 6
Fogo “ “.....		0	1 3
Twillingate “ “.....		0	2 6
Bay Bulls “ “.....		0	3 6
Ferryland “ “.....		0	0 6
Trepassey “ “.....		0	13 9
St. Mary's “ “.....		0	2 3
Placentia “ “.....		0	3 6
Burin “ “.....		1	2 0
Harbor Briton “ “.....		0	16 6
		1	10 0
		£71	17 10

Postage collected on received and despatched unpaid and prepaid correspondence between this office and the United Kingdom during this quarter

Halifax office	£58	5	7	£69	18 8
Sydney “	1	8	8½	1	14 5½
St. John, N.B	0	2	10	0	3 4½
Quebec	8	14	1	10	8 11
Montreal	3	17	1½	4	12 6
Boston	3	18	4	4	14 0
	0	9	3½	0	11 3
				92	3 2
				£164	1 0

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Table No. 6. TRIPlicate.

SHewing THE NET AMOUNT OF REVENUE COLLECTED FROM THE IMPERIAL, PROVINCIAL, AND LOCAL OFFICES, AS UNDER, AGREEABLY TO ACCOUNTS ANNEXED, NUMBERED FROM 1 TO 3 INCLUSIVE.

Quarter Ended	London, G. B.	Halifax, N. S.	Sydney, C. B.	P. E. Island.	Quebec.	Montreal.	Boston, U. S.	St. John, N. B.	Imperial and Provincial embarras.	St. John's, Nfld.	Halifax Grace.	Charlottetown.	Belgois.	Trinity.	Isouavita.	Grosvenor.	Fogo.	Twillingate.	Bay Bulls.	Ferryland.	Terpassy.	St. Mary's.	Placentia.	Burns.	Harbo r Beiton	Colonial embarras.	Total.
30th December, 1854.	86 10 8	0 14 5	0 0 0	0 11 8	0 11 7	10 1 8	0 5 11	15 8 8	112 9 7	20 14 8	26 8 6	10 2 2	11 11 0	5 10 4	1 7 9	0 1 0	0 2 0	0 7 6	0 2 9	1 5 7	0 5 0	0 3 6	1 2 6	0 5 1	1 2 0	84 13 0	197 2 7
31st March, 1855.	24 14 10	0 4 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	2 13 4	4 7 8	0 0 0	8 15 9	88 15 10	23 17 7	16 7 0	7 5 7	7 13 0	2 2 2	2 1 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 1 3	0 14 6	0 6 0	0 3 8	1 1 3	1 13 0	1 17 0	65 9 2	107 4 2
30th June, 1855.	78 10 7	1 6 1	0 0 6	0 0 0	3 17 2	6 14 11	0 9 0	13 7 2	104 11 6	26 11 2	20 16 1	7 19 0	12 4 0	4 3 0	1 17 6	1 18 5	0 12 6	0 17 3	0 1 9	1 6 2	0 9 6	0 7 9	1 11 0	1 12 4	1 12 0	84 1 0	188 12 9
30th September, 1855.	77 15 0	1 12 11	0 4 11	0 0 0	4 10 10	5 16 11	0 9 6	7 7 2	97 15 2	22 2 4	18 19 0	7 13 10	9 16 0	3 11 10	0 17 2	0 7 2	0 9 2	0 10 7	0 0 0	0 15 6	0 3 0	0 10 6	1 4 0	2 17 7	1 10 6	72 1 6	169 19 10
31st December, 1855	69 18 8	1 14 5	0 3 4	0 0 0	4 12 6	4 14 0	0 11 8	10 8 11	92 3 2	23 13 11	24 10 10	9 1 11	9 5 7	1 12 4	0 17 6	0 1 2	0 2 6	0 3 6	0 0 6	0 13 9	0 2 2	0 3 0	1 2 0	0 16 6	1 10 0	71 17 10	164 1 0
£ 359 1 6	2 12 2	0 8 9	0 11 8	16 5 2	31 15 2	1 15 2	51 7 10	445 18 2	122 19 8	103 1 5	42 7 11	50 17 1	37 19 0	7 1 0	2 7 11	1 5 2	1 13 10	0 6 2	4 13 7	1 6 6	1 8 6	6 1 6	7 4 6	7 15 6	351 3 2	627 1 5	

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TABLE NO. 7, TRIPLICATE.

Annual Expenditure of the Post-Office Department for the following Service, shewing the number of Postmasters, Way-Officers, Clerks, Couriers and Contractors, from the 1st January to 31st December, 1855.

Name of Party.	For what Service.	Amount.
W. L. Solomon	Postmaster General	£275 0 0
E. Solomon	Assistant	50 0 0
Martin Shea	Chief Clerk	100 0 0
John Freeman	Messenger and Assorter	35 6 0
Andrew Dryslale	Postmaster, Harbor Grace	45 0 0
John McCarthy	“ Carbonear	45 0 0
William T. Stentafor	“ Brigus	25 0 0
A. Bucchannan	“ Trinity	15 0 0
John Laurence	“ Bonavista	15 0 0
Lorenzo Moore	“ Greenspond	10 0 0
James Fitzgerald	“ Fogo	15 0 0
Joseph J. Pearce	“ Twillingate	15 0 0
Martin Williams	“ Bay Bulls	15 0 0
John Morey	“ Ferryland	15 0 0
John Devereux	“ Trepassey	15 0 0
M. Morris	“ Placentia	15 0 0
Thomas Birkett	“ Burin	15 0 0
Thomas E. Gaden	“ Harbor Briton	15 0 0
John Breen	Way-Master, St. Mary's	4 0 0
Henry Campe	“ Garnish	4 0 0
Patrick Hurley	“ Salmonier	4 0 0
Alexander Burke	“ Little Placentia	4 0 0
Matthew O'Rielley	“ Port-de-Grave	4 0 6
Michael Murphy	“ King's Cove	4 0 0
Thomas E. Collett	“ Harbor Buffett	4 0 0
Francis Howell	“ New Perlican	4 0 0
	Carried forward	£767 0 0

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Annual Expenditure of the Post-Office Department for the following Service, shewing the number of Postmasters, Way-Officers, Clerks, Couriers and Contractors, from the 1st January to 31st December, 1855.—(Continued.)

Name of Party.	For what Service.	Amount.
	Brought forward	£767 0 0
Conception Bay Steam Navigation Company	Conveying Mails to and from Conception Bay	180 0 0
John Collins	Conveying Mails from Placentia to Burin	130 0 0
Peter Coleman	New Perlican and Trinity	120 0 0
Philip Nichole	Burin and Harbor Briton	110 0 0
Thomas Coyle	St. John's and Twillingate	100 0 0
William Coughlan	“ Salmonier	40 0 0
Patrick Ryan	Ferryland and Trepassey	32 0 0
Thomas Kelley	Placentia and Salmonier	30 0 0
Matthew Ryan	St. John's and Ferryland	29 0 0
Daniel Whelan	Trinity and King's Cove	23 8 0
Daniel Sullivan	Carbonear and New Perlican	20 0 0
John Bishop	Bonavista and King's Cove	15 0 0
William Peddle	St. Mary's and Salmonier	20 0 0
Thomas Singleton	Trinity and Bonavista	20 0 0
William Coughlan	St. John's and Portugal Cove	10 0 0
Matthew O'Rielley	Brigus and Port-de-Grave	10 0 0
Thomas E. Collett	Placentia and Harbor Buffett	10 0 0
Francis Howell	South-side Trinity Bay	6 0 0
Alexander Burke	Two Placentias	4 0 0
	Office Rent	£25 0 0
	Fuel and Light	15 0 0
	Printing	30 0 0
	Stationery	30 0 0
		—————100 0 0
Thomas Kelley	Overland extra Western Mails	15 0 0
	Conveyance of Winter Mails to Greenspond, Fogo and Twillingate via Trinity	60 0 0
		—————
		£1851 8 0

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Table No. 8. TRIPLICATE.

CONDENSED ACCOUNT OF THE EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS OF THE 1855.

December 31.—To amount of annual expenditure of Post office Department, per Table No. 7	£1851 8 0
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£1851 8 0

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POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1855.

		Imperial and Provincial Combined.	Colonial.	Total.
1854.				
December 31.	By Amount collected during this quarter as per annexed Table No. 6. }	£112 9 7	£84 13 0	197 2 7
1855.				
March 31.	" Ditto as above "	38 15 10	68 9 5	107 5 3
June 30.	" " " " "	104 11 6	84 1 3	188 12 9
September 30.	" " " " "	97 18 2	72 1 8	169 19 10
December 31.	" " " " "	92 3 2	71 17 10	164 1 0
		£445 18 3	381 3 2	827 1 5

W. L. SOLOMON,

Post Master General.

Board of Works.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WORKS FOR 1855.

The Board of Works, in making this their first report, beg leave to state, that since the appointment of the Board, they have had under their serious consideration the conditions and arrangements of the several Institutions committed to their management and control.

No little delay was experienced by the Board in collecting from the different bodies who previously to the passing of the Act authorising the constitution of the Board of Works, had control over the different Institutions placed under the management of the Board; and it was not until the first day of October last that the Board became possessed of the books of these several Institutions, or became sufficiently acquainted with their conditions and the details of their management, as to warrant the active operations of the Board.

In referring to the return accompanying this report, it will be found that the outlay in the repairs of Government House and the outhouses, was large during the past year; but it is hoped the expenditure in future will not be so large, as the repairs done will not render it necessary to incur any considerable liability for these buildings for some time to come.

The expenditure shewn in the annexed return, on account of the Colonial Building, was rendered necessary from the filthy state of the Building, the fitting up of the offices of the Colonial Secretary, Board of Works, and Financial Secretary, the construction of the passage way leading from the Assembly Room to the basement story, the erection of a porch at the Eastern and Western entrances of the Building, and the repairs, and in some places the reconstruction of the main drain leading from the Building, so as to give it a sufficient declination to carry off the water.

The dilapidated state of the Court House was early brought under the notice of the Board, and such temporary repairs as could not possibly be dispensed with were made, but much yet requires to be done to make that building secure and adapted to the wants of the several departments by whom it is occupied.

The Lock-up in St. John's being wholly unsuited both in point of security and convenience, the Board have come to the resolution of constructing a Lock-up in the Court House, in that portion of it known as the Market House, and preparations are now in progress for the purpose of its accomplishment.

The subject of the Penitentiary is one that has given the Board much anxious consideration; and, taking all the difficulties which surround the matter into account, and looking at the miserable prison accommodation in the building at Signal Hill, the Board, whilst they deprecate the idea of proceeding with the Penitentiary on the scale originally proposed, would respectfully suggest that the site and a portion of the material now on the ground be made use of in the erection of a Gaol suited to the requirements of the Central District.

Annexed is a report of the medical Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, shewing that all possible care is taken in the management of the Institution, and the comfort and security of its unhappy inmates.

Board of Works.

The cause of the increase of the expenditure in this Institution the past year, arises from the increase of the patients and the high prices of provisions. At the close of the year the Board advertised for tenders for the supply of provisions and other necessaries. Copies of contracts entered into under such advertisements are annexed.

The report of the Inspector of Light-houses, hereto annexed, shows that these Institutions are in efficient working order, and that the alteration lately made in the Cape Pine Light-house, is one that, whilst it does not injure its efficiency, will considerably curtail the expenditure with that Light-house.

Shortly after the Board assumed control of the St. John's Hospital, its attention was called to the management of this Institution, and a medical attendant was temporarily appointed to assist the medical Keeper. The appointment was temporary, as the Board further determined, with the concurrence of the Executive and Legislature, to adopt measures for the complete reform of the Institution, to make it efficient and worthy of public confidence and support.

The medical gentleman appointed under this resolution declined accepting the office, as it was of a temporary nature, and the Board then resolved to effect their arrangements as soon as circumstances would permit, and determined to allow the Institution to remain under the charge of the medical Keeper until the meeting of the Legislature, when the contemplated changes could be carried into effect.

The annual expenditure in the employment of the able-bodied poor, shown in the return, was rendered imperative from the necessities of the class employed, arising from the partial failure of the potato crop, and the high prices of the necessaries of life and other causes.

On the representation of the Sheriff of the Central District, the expenditure on account of the Gaol was rendered necessary for its security and convenience.

Copies of rules adopted by the Board are annexed, as also copies of printed forms of quarterly returns to be made by each Institution under control of the Board.

EDMUND HANRAHAN,

Chairman Board Works.

GEORGE J. HOGSETT,

Secretary B.W.

Board of Works.

BYE-LAWS.

Resolved.—That the following Bye-laws be adopted for the better management of the affairs of the Board of Works.

1st.—That a General Meeting of the Board shall take place at their Office on the first Wednesday of every month, and Special Meetings shall be convened by the Secretary as often as the Chairman may find it necessary for the transaction of business, or as often as any Member of the Board shall require such meetings to be held for the despatch of business.

2nd.—The Supplies necessary for the St. John's Hospital, the Lunatic Asylum, the Gaols, and any other institution under the control of the Board, shall be obtained by public Advertisement, Tender and Contract, as far as practicable.

3.—For any Miscellaneous items required for the said institutions that cannot be conveniently included in the tender and contract system, it shall be the duty of the respective Officers in immediate charge of any of the said institutions, to make a Requisition therefor quarterly, addressed to the secretary, which shall be regularly submitted, as well as all Tenders for Supplies, for the approval of the Board, before any contract be made, and such Miscellaneous items shall be provided in such way as the Board may direct.

4.—That the Accounts against the Board shall be furnished in duplicate, quarterly, on the 20th days of March, June, September, and December, and no account shall be paid that shall not have received the sanction of the Board, or a Committee of Audit, to consist of at least Three Members of the Board, including the Chairman, provided always, that this regulation shall not apply to the payment of daily Labourers employed under the Board, nor to the Road Contracts, which shall be paid when approved by the Chairman, on the certificate of the Secretary.

5.—The duplicates of all accounts and bills of parcels for ordinary charges of supplies for the St. John's Gaol and Court House, shall be furnished by the supplier to the Sheriff of the Central District; for the Lunatic Asylum, to the Medical attendant thereof; for the St. John's Hospital, to the Medical attendant or keeper thereof, and to the person having immediate charge of any other establishments under the Board, which respective officers shall furnish an abstract of all such accounts with the said accounts, and vouchers annexed on the days prescribed by the fourth rule, according to a form to be supplied to them by the Secretary.

6.—For the purpose of paying the daily wages of persons employed on the Public Works by the Board, and the petty accounts for the various establishments and works, there shall be requisitions drawn on the Government, from time to time, signed by the Chairman, and countersigned by the Secretary, stating the particular amount, and the Special Work or establishment for which the same may be required. Provided always, that no more than £10 a quarter shall be so drawn to meet petty accounts.

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7.—The monies so drawn shall at once be paid into the Savings' Bank, to the credit of the Board of Works, and when any monies shall be required for the payment of wages, the same shall be drawn by the Chairman, but no petty account shall be paid until it shall have been audited.

8.—The Labour Accounts, before being paid, shall be always adjusted by the Secretary, and when approved by the Chairman, shall be paid on a fixed day, Saturday, in each week, by or through the Secretary, from monies to be drawn as aforesaid; and the Secretary shall, at each monthly meeting, submit an abstract of the labour and road accounts paid since the preceding month's meeting.

9.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep Accounts, Reports of all Meetings of the Board, to collect and arrange all Accounts and Matters to be submitted to the Board, to obtain all necessary Returns, and conduct the correspondence; to keep proper Books of Accounts, containing separate accounts for each establishment under the charge of the Board, and which shall be always open for the inspection of the Members of the Board.

10.—The Office of the Board shall be kept open from 10 a. m., to 2 p. m. on each lawful day, or longer if necessary, for the transaction of business.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF LIGHT HOUSES.

COPY.

ST. JOHN'S, 4th January, 1856.

SIR,—The Inspector, in the exercise of his duty, has the honor of laying before the Board of Works, his report on the several Light-houses in the Colony which it has been his province to visit.

CAPE PINE LIGHT HOUSE,—

This establishment was last visited on the 8th to the 16th September. It will be satisfactory to the Board to learn that the improvements in the light, consequent on the recent alterations, have attracted general notice. Some materials, intended to render the alteration substantial and in keeping with the other apparatus, are detained here, owing to the vexatious delays and disappointments at the foundry; but, as it is necessary that I should visit Cape Pine during winter, I hope to send them by land in the interim. It is

Board of Works.

Mr. Jenkins' intention to accompany me, touching at Cape Race returning; this gentleman will then be able to judge correctly as to fitness or not, of Iron Light-houses to this climate. On my return I shall be prepared with an estimate, and submit to the Board the necessity of closing in the Tower with clapboard, a precaution which will, I believe, be adopted with Cape Race Tower.

At the opening of the spring, £20 to £25 could be judiciously expended on the road from Trepassey to the Light Tower, Cape Pine. The apparatus, &c., at this station bespeaks the care and attention of the Keepers. I annex an inventory of stores and sundry materials remaining at Cape Pine on the 12th September last.

CAPE BONAVISTA LIGHT,—

After a good deal of delay, and the absence of a desirable conveyance for Bonavista, I was, from the lateness of the season, induced to undertake the journey by way of Carbonear, Perlican, and Trinity: spent the 15th and 16th October at the Light-house. The new lamps intended for this station, contrary to expectation, did not reach St. John's until late in November, and consequently will not be adjusted until the spring. A sum not exceeding £10 would render the road lately opened very serviceable. This establishment continues to receive the zealous attention of the keeper, and cannot but be regarded as being in a satisfactory state.

HARBOR GRACE ISLAND LIGHT HOUSE,—

Was last visited on the 11th and 13th November, and on this, as on every previous occasion, this Establishment was found to be in a creditable condition; reference to the papers herewith, will acquaint the Board of the present requirements at this station, as well as the stores, &c., remaining on the 12th November last.

The Assistant at Harbor Grace Island, an apprentice, in a month or so will have completed the period of his intended servitude, 6 years, and as I can speak with confidence as to his diligence and general good conduct, I feel safe in recommending him to the notice of the Board, particularly as the keeper is anxious to be placed in a position that would enable him to retain the services of so trustworthy an assistant. With the exception of Cape Pine, the Assistant Keepers are paid by the respective keepers, a matter which the late Board considered as deserving some better arrangement.

HARBOR GRACE BEACON LIGHT,—

The usefulness of this Light has fully realized every expectation, and in point of brilliancy, is second to none in the Colony. This light is produced by gas and an annular lens of very superior description, the quantity of gas consumed from 7th December, 1854 to 7th December, 1855, was 17,500 feet; since that date, owing to the superior gas produced from coal imported from the West Indies, the quantity has been considerably less, and I would here beg leave to remind the Board of the necessity of some arrangement being made with the Company at Harbor Grace for the supply of gas. The expense attending the exclusive use of oil during the year, calculating the oil at the price paid this season, would be £58.

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FORT AMHERST LIGHT,—

Since the introduction of the Annular Lens and New Lamp at this station, the brilliancy of the light and extent of range have been much improved, but as the duties of the keeper have in a corresponding degree been increased, the subject of making some provision for the services of an assistant deserves the notice of the Board, particularly as the requisite constant attendance by night has seriously affected the health of the keeper.

CAPE SPEAR LIGHT HOUSE,—

Visited on the 3rd instant, and in common with every other Light-house Establishment under the control of the Board, it continues to give every satisfaction to the Shipping interest of the colony.

A tolerable good Road from the Cape to within a mile of Black-head has been constructed; the making of that mile would be a source of much convenience, in as much that the risk and danger of landing at the Cape would be obviated, the oil, &c., could be taken from that settlement by land to the Cape, and thus prevent losses similar to those which have occurred.

In conclusion the Board may rest satisfied that every precaution has been taken at every establishment, calculated to insure the efficient and satisfactory working of the Lights during the Winter and Spring.

Respectfully submitted,

By your most obedient,

And very Humble Servant,

(Signed,)

ROBERT OKE,

Inspector of Light-houses.

To the Honorable

The CHAIRMAN

Of the Board of Works.

Board of Works.

HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL DISEASES.

WATERFORD BRIDGE,
December 31st, 1855.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIAN SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

At the close of the present year I have to enumerate 62 patients, resident in the Institution under my charge; an increase of 12 upon the number of last year. The number of admissions during the past twelve months is 44, and of dismissals 23; shewing a proportion of more than half of those cured, or so far improved as to allow of their relatives removing them. The crowded state of the wards and bed-rooms during the year, there having been at one time 67 inmates, has been detrimental to their health, injurious to the general safety, and obstructive of remedial treatment. The position of both sexes in one wing, has been found highly objectionable, interfering with the proper seclusion of each. The attic, which was designed for a different purpose, has been filled with patients; and five rooms of the central building (which should be reserved entirely for the residence of officers and servants) have also been occupied by attendants and patients. It seems, therefore, unwise, if not impracticable at present, to receive more patients.

His Excellency the Governor and the hon. the Attorney General visited the Institution during the summer, and both remarked upon the crowded condition of the patients. His Excellency was surprised to find no ward or room of any kind, where quiet, or nervous patients might remain apart from, and unmolested by the troublesome and restless class of the Insane, but no such room can be reserved for them, until further accommodations be provided, and for which it is my duty to plead continually in behalf of my patients. During the past year many visitors have been attracted to view the new Building and its inmates, which is always desirable, as tending to make society better acquainted with an Hospital for the Insane; under the system of general freedom, without mechanical restraints to the patients, and where the law of kindness displaces the law of force.

The real excellence and efficiency of the new Institution, as an Hospital for the treatment of mental diseases, can never be fully brought into operation or under view, until a second wing be built, permitting the classification of the patients. But, in so far as the present building will admit of it, I must say, with much thankfulness and sincere gratification on my part, that the liberal spirit in which my representations and requisitions have been received by the Board of Works, promises soon to provide all the necessary means for the care and comfort of the insane. All this however, and it is much, is unhappily of little avail in promoting the treatment of insanity in the Institution—the means of classification being wanting; the confused crowd of patients in every form and stage of insanity, commingled in one ward, strikes the eye of the most inexperienced observer as something practically wrong, and I earnestly trust that the coming Session of the Legislature will not pass away without steps being taken to complete the building as designed, which would at once put an end to the present difficulties in the way of treatment and anomalous condition of the

Board of Works.

Insane ; and complete, in the Hospital, an Institution prominent as a charity of a high order, and a moral as well as physical ornament to the country.

I have much pleasure in testifying to the faithfulness and zeal with which the officers and servants under my superintendence have performed their duties during the past year ; from the efficient Matron, Miss Coleson, to each of those in subordinate situations, In doing justice to these persons, I beg to refer to the list of their salaries, laid before the Legislature in July last, several of them being disproportionately small, for the responsibility incurred and the duties performed.

Since my last report, the excellent apparatus for heating and ventilating the western wing, by means of hot water, furnished by Messrs. Haden of Troubridge, has been put up in a workman-like manner by Mr. Stuart, Engineer of the Mill Company. It has been in operation for several weeks, and during the prevalence of very severe frost, giving much satisfaction. The heat produced by it in the wards, is moderate and equable ; it is also healthful and agreeable, contrasted with heat produced by dry hot air furnaces.

The naked and incommodious state of the different wards and rooms in the Institution, has been somewhat improved by the constant employment of a carpenter in erecting fittings of various kinds, and several bed-rooms in the male wards have been supplied with strong doors and shutters, which were much needed. So much work of this character, however, remains to be done for the comfort and security of patients and attendants, as well as other carpenter work about the building, that the Board of Works has engaged a tradesman, who acts also, when required, as an assistant in the wards, for the ensuing twelve months, which will ensure the necessary work being done promptly and economically.

The hot-water supply for baths and the wash-house, and the steam-cooking, as furnished by the steam-boiler, is very efficient and can be extended as the wants of the Institution may demand ; I should, however, except the mode of heating the baths by direct steam, and the absence of hot water flowing through pipes to the different wards for purposes of washing, &c., a hot water cistern being required at the top of the house, which could be heated with the greatest facility from the steam-boiler, and would supply the whole Establishment. I think such a cistern ought to be provided as soon as convenient.

The cold water supply is both insufficient and difficult to manage ; the two hydraulic rams being unable to maintain a sufficient stream of water, and the cistern itself being too small, (it would be quite large enough for a supply of hot water.) The consequence has been that the water-closets have proved nuisances, for want of sufficient water passing through them, and the foul air engendered has infected a portion of the male ward ; to a certain extent, this last evil is being obviated, but as soon as practicable, I strongly recommend my original design of bringing in the water directly from the brook in iron pipes of a sufficient calibre, being adopted ; this would ensure a plentiful and unfailing supply of pure cold water, of which so large a quantity is required for daily use ; and moreover, it would be invaluable in case of fire.

The want of substantial fences around the building, comprising airing grounds, in divisions, for the use of the patients, has been much felt during the past year, it having been found impossible to prevent escapes, on the one hand, or to protect the patients on the

Board of Works.

ether. The Board of Works having, however, taken this subject into consideration, I can have no doubt, but its importance will cause the erection of suitable fences in the ensuing spring.

The current expenditure having been under my control up to the 30th June last, I should observe, that notwithstanding the increased number of inmates in the Institution over last year, and the unavoidable expenses contingent upon maintaining so large an establishment as the new buildings; the excess above the Legislative grant, was at that time inconsiderable, in proportion of six months outlay. Since that period, the Board of Works having assumed the management of all the financial affairs of the public Institutions, such as the Asylum. It will be no longer my duty to allude to them, the account of expenditure to June 30th having been audited and certified by the auditors of the House of Assembly.

I append a Table of Cases of Mental Disease treated in the Institution during the past year.

Respectfully submitted by

HENRY H. STABB, M. D.,

Physician Superintendent.

Table of cases in the Hospital for Mental Diseases, 1855.

Remaining, Jan 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Admissions, to Dec. 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	44
Dismissals, to do.	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
Deaths ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Remaining on 31st Dec. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	62

Diseases of the 44 cases admitted during the year.

Mania, 31; acute mania, 5; amentia, 2; Dementia, 4; brain fever, 1; (criminal case under observation 1.)

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Causes of death.

In 2 cases admitted in 1855,—

- 1 Brain fever
- 1 Exhaustion from a shattered constitution.

In 7 cases admitted, 4 previously to 1855,—

- 2 — 3 Pthisis,
- 1 Congenital epilepsy,
- 2 Old age,
- 1 Dysentery, in old age.

Greatest number of inmates, in any one month, 67.

Total number under treatment during the year, 94.

Proportion of dismissals to admissions, 50 per centum.

HENRY H. STABB.

{ R. Ambrooney }
 { Wm Price }
 { G. Perry }
 { (Cm. Moore) }
 { Wm White (?) }
 { Geo. Purick }

Board of Works.

PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL DISEASE
FROM JANUARY 1ST TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1855.

Date.	Name.	Disease.	Condition.	Residence.
Jan. 17	Patrick Magee	Mania	Much improved	St. John's.
March 31	David Power	"	Cured	"
April 6	Daniel Lane	"	Improved	"
May 19	Edward Martin	Acute Mania	Cured	"
30	George Perry	Mania	Improved	"
June 9	Mary Hanlon	Chronic Mania	Cured	Portugal Cove
August 1	John Leary	Mania	"	"
5	Patrick Magee	"	"	"
11	Mary Furlong	"	Improved	"
13	Mrs. Morry	Acute Mania	Cured	"
17	John Moores	Mania	Improved	Catalina
15	William White	"	"	St. John's
Sept. 24	Thomas Simcox	Melancholia	Cured	"
Oct. 8	Frederick Guard	Mania	"	"
17	Mrs. Medland	"	"	"
27	Johanna White	Acute Mania	"	"
Nov. 2	James Todridge	"	Improved	"
12	Mrs. Price	Mania	"	Topsail
Dec. 15	Margaret McGrath	"	Cured	St. John's
18	Absolom Martin	Melancholia	"	Harbor Grace
21	Catherine Whelan	Acute Mania	"	Horse Cove
	Elizabeth Ward	Mania	"	St. John's
	Mrs. Hannigan	"	Improved	"

HENRY H. STABB,

Physician Superintendent.

I would observe regarding Magee, whose name appears twice as discharged within the year, that he left contrary to my wish at first, and not being thoroughly cured, he returned until he became so, and has since worked at his trade in good health. I would also remark, that patients discharged, when improved only, do so always against my advice, as they, for the most part, require to be re-admitted for shorter or longer periods; but relatives often think a patient well, who is only much improved.

Board of Directors

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

No.	Date	Resolved	That
1	1880	Resolved	That
2	1880	Resolved	That
3	1880	Resolved	That
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16	1880	Resolved	That
17	1880	Resolved	That
18	1880	Resolved	That
19	1880	Resolved	That
20	1880	Resolved	That

G. A. ROBERTS

Secretary

Board of Works.

EXPENDITURE OF MONIES BY THE BOARD OF WORKS ON ACCOUNT OF

1855.						
November	17.—	To paid Laborers	.....	.....	£26	5 10
	24—	“ “	.....	.....	23	11 8
December	1—	“ “	.....	.....	29	12 4
	8—	“ “	.....	.....	21	18 8
		“ “	.....	.....	1	8 7
	15—	“ “	.....	.....	32	8 3
	21—	“ “	.....	.....	94	0 8
	22—	“ “	.....	.....	74	16 1
	29—	“ “	.....	.....	14	18 2
	31—	Cash in hands	.....	.....	127	17 6
				Stg.	£446	17 9

G. J. HOGSETT,

Secretary B. W.

Board of Works.

ABLE-BODIED POOR, FROM 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER TO 31ST DECEMBER 1855.

1855.							
Nov.	17—	By Amount from Receiver General	£26	5	10
	24—	“ “	23	11	8
Dec.	1—	“ “	29	12	4
	8—	“ “	1	8	7
		“ “	21	18	8
	12—	“ “	94	0	8
	21—	“ “	250	0	0

£446 17 9

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STATEMENT OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND SAVINGS' BANK, 31st DECEMBER, 1855.

Amount of deposits	£93,458	0	4
Accumulated profit to the 10th August, 1855 .....	.....	11,156	3	5
Disbursements reserve fund .....	.....	35	8	8
Discount and Interest received from the 1st January .....	.....	4,022	17	5
				<u>108,672 9 10</u>

CONTRA.

Cash on hands.....	.....	£12,819	14	1
Colony, for Debentures .....	.....	54,803	6	8
“ for Interest .....	.....	800	9	0
“ for balance due by P. Morris, (late Treasurer).....	.....	4,148	15	10
Bills and Notes running due .....	.....	27,747	3	6
Amount overdue on Mortgage .....	.....	5,093	1	0
Overdue Notes .....	.....	295	2	11
Interest paid depositors for the year .....	.....	2,694	7	9
Disbursements, Harbor Grace Branch, half-year's salary } Mr. Pinsent		17	10	0
Disbursements from 10th August	225	19	1
				<u>108,672 9 10</u>

EDWARD MORRIS,

Cashier Newfoundland Savings' Bank.

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REPORT OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND SAVINGS' BANK, FOR THE YEAR 1855.

The operations of the Savings' Bank for the year ending 31st December, 1855, were of a satisfactory character, and afford conclusive evidence of the stability and progress of the Institution. An increase of £6,317 19 9 in the deposits, over the amount in the Bank at the commencement of the year, may be fairly regarded as a proof, not only of unshaken, but increased confidence in the establishment, and a just appreciation of its importance and usefulness by the public.

Considering the advances made to the late Government, which unavoidably restricted the ordinary discounts, and the active competition of the other local Banks, there is sufficient reason to be satisfied with the amount of discount business transacted.

The deposits in the Bank, which on the 1st day of January, 1855, amounted to £87,140 0 5 reached on the 31st day of December £93,458 0 2, being an increase of £6,317 19 9 over the previous year.

The following is a synoptical statement of the deposit Accounts :—

				Average.						
213	Accounts	£1	under	£20	£8	6	11	£1,884	12	1
148	"	20	"	40	28	5	9	4,186	6	8
53	"	40	"	50	44	9	3	2,356	12	1
298	"	50	"	100	64	4	2	19,133	12	9
263	"	100	"	200	130	6	10	34,280	11	5
85	"	200	"	300	211	9	9	17,976	12	7
17	"	300	"	400	342	15	8	5,827	16	5
3	"	400	"	500	476	18	9	1,430	16	4
7	"	500 upwards		816	2	6		5,712	17	7
1	Harbor Grace Branch							668	2	3
								£93,458	0	2
1088 Accounts										

The amount paid to depositors during the year was £22,449 7 5, and the amount received for the same period was £28,767 7 4, which latter sum includes the interest added to accounts at the end of the year, amount £2,694 7 9.

The amount received for interest on debentures, and for the discount of bills and notes was £4,022 17 5, of which sum £622 18 6 was charged for interest upon temporary loans obtained by the late Government from the 1st of January.

The amount of notes running to maturity on the 1st January, 1855, was £44,244 10 11 and on the 31st of December £27,774 3 6; the amount discounted during the year being £61,670 5 2, and amount retired £78,140 12 7, the falling off in the discounts having partly arisen, in consequence of the late Government owing the Bank £10,096, as a temporary loan, and having taken £18,388 to pay claims in anticipation of Supply and Contingency Acts.

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The amount now at the credit of the accumulated profit account is £12,241 4 0.

The Assets of the Bank on the 31st December were as follows :—

Colonial Debentures	.....	.....	.....	54,803	6	8
Colony, for Interest on temporary Loans, years 1848, 1849 and 1855	.....	.....	.....	800	9	0
“ for balance due by Patrick Morris, (late Treasurer)	.....	.....	.....	4,148	15	10
Promissory Notes running	.....	.....	.....	27,774	3	6
Amounts due on Mortgages	5,093	1	0
Overdue Notes	295	2	11
Cash	12,819	14	1
				£105,734	13	0

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Due to depositors	93,458	0	2
To the credit of Disbursements reserve fund	35	8	10
				£93,493	9	0
Surplus as before mentioned	.....	.....	.....	12,241	4	0
				£105,734	13	0

The statements from the Harbor Grace Branch on the 31st December shew :—

33 Depositors averaging £22 15 5	£751	8	0
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CONTRA.

Cash to the credit at Head office	668	2	3
Interest added to accounts	21	9	3
Disbursements for advertising	.....	.....	.....	0	10	6
Cash in hand at Harbor Grace	.....	.....	.....	61	6	0
				£751	8	0

The Statement hereunto appended will exhibit the various accounts as they stood at the closing of the Books.

Respectfully submitted by

EDWARD MORRIS,

Cashier of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank.

Certified by

A. SHEA,
P. F. LITTLE, } Directors.
JOHN FOX.

*General Abstract of the Affairs of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company, as they existed at Three o'clock on Thursday,
the 10th January, 1856.*

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To Capital Stock paid up	£5,000	0	0	By Investment in Union Bank £5,203 16 0
Balance to Cr. of Provident Insurance Company	1,600	7	11	Cash Deposits in ditto 584 4 1
Premiums on unexpired Risks, on Joint account with the Provident Insurance Company	.....	1,999	0	0	Bills receivable	..... 1,736 1 9
Premiums on unexpired Risks, on private account	.....	1,992	12	3	Balances of account due and not due	4,653 10 5
Balance to meet current claims	2,985	2	1	Half amount of Premiums on unexpired Risks on Joint Account Provident Company 599 10 0
		<u>£12,777</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£12,777 2 3</u>

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GENERAL ABSTRACT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND MARINE
ASSURANCE COMPANY, AS THEY EXISTED AT THREE O'CLOCK
ON THURSDAY, THE 10TH JANUARY, 1856.—(Continued.)

Aggregate amount of Risks taken under Policies of this Company since January 11th, 1855, £363,795, being a Joint account with Provident Insurance Company	£510,586	0	0
Aggregate amount of Premiums charged upon said Policies £11,379 19 1, being on said Joint account	15,578	8	6
Aggregate Amount of Current Risks at this date, £11,550, being on said Joint account	50,795	0	1
Aggregate amount of Premiums charged for said Current Risks, £1,199, being on said Joint Account	8,191	12	3
Aggregate amount of losses paid by this Company since January 11th, 1855, £728 17 6, being on private account, and the remainder on said Joint account	13,343	6	3
Amount of Dividend in January, 1855—the reserved profits at that period being £2,539 16 6	250	0	0
Amount of Dividend declared in July, 1855—the reserved profits at that period being £764 3 5	250	0	0
Amount of Bonds for unpaid Capital, as per Share List, marked A herewith	20,000	0	0

E. L. JARVIS,

Secretary.

We, the undersigned, Directors of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company, do Certify that the Books of the said Corporation indicate the facts above stated by the Secretary thereof, and that we have full confidence in the truth of this return.

DIRECTORS:

LAURENCE O'BRIEN,
JAMES S. CLIFT,
WALTER GRIEVE.

ROBERT PROWSE, *President.*
PATRICK TASKER,
J. MACGREGOR.

I, EDWARD L. JARVIS, Secretary to the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company, do swear that the Returns hereunto annexed exhibit a true state of the affairs of the said Company, up to the time therein named.

EDWARD L. JARVIS,

Sworn to before me at St. John's, this
2nd day of February, 1856.
P. W. CARTER, J. P. }

Miscellaneous.

A.

Particular Statement, shewing the names of the Stockholders in the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company, on the 10th January, 1856, the number of Shares held by each, the amounts paid up, the amounts secured by Bonds, and the names of the Stockholders respectively.

Stockholders.	Shares.	Paid.	Sureties.	Bonds.
		£		£
Laurence O'Brien	60	300	James Furlong	1200
James J. Grieve	40	200	James Cormack	800
Robert Prowse	60	300	H. K. Dickenson	1200
Henry K. Dickenson	60	300	Robert Prowse	1200
John Munn	40	200	William Donnelly	800
Kenneth McLea	15	75	William Donnelly	300
James J. Clift	30	150	William M. Barnes	600
James Furlong	59	295	L. O'Brien	1180
T. Harrison Ridley	20	100	John Munn	400
W. Henry Ridley	20	100	John Muur	400
William Donnelly	20	100	John Munn	400
John J. Roddick	20	100	John Munn	400
Peter G. Tessier	20	100	William H. Mare	400
William L. Solomon	20	100	Alexander Mitchell	400
John Barron	20	100	James W. Prowse	400
James J. Rogerson	10	50	William M. Barnes	200
Philip Duggan	20	100	Nicholas Cusack	400
William M. Barnes	20	100	James S. Clift	400
Patrick Tasker	30	150	David Steele	600
John Bond	20	100	James McLaughlan	400
David Steele	20	100	Patrick Tasker	400
Richard O'Dwyer	20	100	L. O'Brien	400
Nicholas Cusack	20	100	P. Duggan	400
James Cormack	20	100	James J. Grieve	400
Robert Pack	20	100	James J. Rogerson	400
James Crowdy	12	60	Joseph Crowdy	240
Joseph Crowdy	12	60	James Crowdy	240
Nicholas Mudge	10	50	John Bond	200
Alexander Mitchell	10	50	John Macgregor	200
John O'Mara	10	50	L. J. Gerin	200
Laurence Maccassey	10	50	William Hogan	200
William Hogan	10	50	L. Maccassey	200
Edward White	10	50	Thomas B. Job	200

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Particular Statement, shewing the names of the Stockholders in the Marine Assurance Company, on the 10th January, 1856, the number of Shares held by each, the amounts paid up, the amounts secured by Bonds, and the names of the Stockholders respectively.—(Continued.)

Stockholders.	Shares.	Paid.	Sureties.	Bonds.
W. W. LeMessurier	10	£50	James B. Wood	£200
W. H. Mare	10	50	P. G. Tessier	200
Edward M. Archibald	10	50	James J. Grieve	200
James McLaughlan	10	50	John Bond	200
William Parsons	10	50	John Munn	200
John H. Cozens	6	30	Henry Winton	120
Philip Hutchins	6	30	John Bowring	120
James Chalmers	6	30	John Macgregor	120
James Cullen	4	20	Richard O'Dwyer	80
Walter Dillon	2	10	Patrick Hearn	40
Henry Winton	2	10	J. H. Cozens	40
Thomas Avery	20	100	T. R. Smith	400
Charles Crowdy	10	50	Joseph Crowdy	200
Edward Bowring	10	50	James S. Clift	200
John Macgregor	15	75	James Chalmers	300
Lewis Tessier	10	50	W. H. Mare	200
John J. Geran	10	50	John O'Mara	200
Joseph Noad (in trust)	4	20	E. L. Jarvis	80
Nicholas Stabb	2	10	Ewen Stabb	40
Robert H. Prowse	18	90	H. K. Dickenson	360
James W. Prowse	17	85	H. K. Dickenson	340
Walter Grieve	20	100	James Cormack	400
	1000	£5000		£20000

E. L. JARVIS,

Secretary.

Statement of the Affairs of the St. John's Marine Insurance Company, for the year ending 10th January, 1856.

<p>1855. Dec. 31—</p> <p>To Stock paid up £10 per Share £2,000 0 0</p> <p>Accumulated Stock, 1853 2,425 17 5</p> <p>“ 1854 2,471 14 11</p> <p>“ 1855 3,102 7 8</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">10,000 0 0</p> <p>Amount given to the Patri- otic Fund 50 0 0</p> <p>Interest on paid up Capital, at 6 per cent 120 0 0</p> <p>Bonus on paid up Capital, at 25 per cent 500 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">670 0 0</p> <p>Amount reserved to meet claims not yet admitted and for Risks unexpired 8,107 13 8</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£18,777 13 8</p>	<p>1855. Dec. 31—</p> <p>By amount paid the Stockholders and given to Patriotic Fund, as per other side £670 0 0</p> <p>Monies on hand and Securities 18,107 13 8</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£18,777 13 8</p>
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Errors Excepted.

JOHN BUTLER BULLEY,

Agent.

Audited and found correct

THOMAS R. SMITH, }
LEWIS TESSIER, } Auditors.

St. John's, Newfoundland,
10th January, 1856. }

Miscellaneous.

APPENDIX.

Miscellaneous.

PETITION FROM JOHNSTONE VICARS, ST. JOHN'S, ON THE SUBJECT OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND SCHOOL SOCIETY.

To the Honorable the House of Assembly in General Session convened :

The Memorial of Johnstone Vicars, Clerk, Superintendent of the Newfoundland School Society in connexion with the Colonial Church and School Society,

Humbly sheweth,—

That your Memorialist begs to express his sincere and cordial gratitude to your Honorable House for the encouragement and support vouchsafed during many years past to the Newfoundland School Society through whose instrumentality upwards of twenty thousand persons of all ranks and denominations have reaped the advantages of a practical, moral, and religious education.

Your Memorialist solicits the attention of your Honorable House to the accompanying Abstract, showing that in the past year the sum of £153 has been laid out in repairing School Houses, and that, of the £2,250 expended by the Society, no less than £1,340 were contributed by parties in the mother country anxious to promote the welfare of children in this colony.

Your Memorialist humbly requests your Honorable House to take into your grave consideration the following statements:—That forty agents of the Society are annually imparting to about three thousand of the rising generation, the blessings of useful instruction, and training them up in habits of piety, sobriety, order, and dutiful submission to constituted authorities: That two Infant Schools, one in St. John's and another in Grenspond, containing together upwards of two hundred scholars from two to seven years of age, are in active and beneficial operation; that the Society, anxious to excite in the inhabitants a desire for their own advancement, and to promote a spirit of self-dependence, have, with a view to afford them opportunities of effecting this object, opened a Training Institution, wherein already a number of Teachers have obtained an acquaintance with the modern system of education, and others been trained for the office of School-Masters and Mistresses; and that large quantities of wearing apparel continue to be imported by the Society and distributed to children of all denominations whose parents are not in circumstances to provide them with clothing suitable for their attending School in the winter season.

Your Memorialist has, during the past summer, at considerable expense, visited and inspected twenty-four of the thirty-two schools under the Society, and deems it his duty to say that though, considering all circumstances, they are in a state highly creditable to the Teachers, yet the whole system of education, and the character and condition of the Buildings and Premises are far below the standard he desires to be attained and cannot bear a comparison with educational establishments in other countries; and that, whilst the Society are called on to occupy so many stations, with the limited funds at their disposal, neither Teachers nor Schools can arrive at a thoroughly efficient state.

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Your Memorialist deeply regrets to inform your Honorable House that, owing to the heavy demands made upon the incomes of the Society's supporters in Britain, the Society entertains serious apprehensions that it will become their most painful duty to diminish their grants to many of the Colonies for this year, unless their repeal recently made to the increased energy and with christian public be responded to with unusual liberality.

Your Memorialist, in conclusion, indulges a confident and well-grounded hope that your Honorable House, after viewing the past and present labors of the Society and reflecting on the incalculable blessings communicated to all classes through their agencies, will conclude the Institution to be fully deserving your most favorable consideration and possessing an undoubted claim on your liberal support ; and he urgently, yet most respectfully prays your Honorable House, not only to vote the accustomed grant, but also to bestow upon the Society such additional amount as will enable them to carry on their operations with enlarged advantage to the Colony.

And your Memorialist, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JOHNSTONE VICARS,

Superintendent.

St. John's, }
February 1st, 1856. }

PETITION OF JAMES McLAUGHLAN AND OTHERS ON THE SUBJECT OF ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

To the Honorable the House of Assembly in Legislative Session convened :

The Petition of the undersigned inhabitants of St. John's, in public meeting assembled, respectfully sheweth :

That, being deeply impressed with the importance of the Medical charities of this town, to the public here, as well as in the Outports—and viewing the exclusive and imperfect system of the Medical appointments, and the abuses connected with their general management as lately disclosed before the “ Board of Works,” are of opinion, that in order to render them as extensively useful as possible, they loudly call for a thorough reform ; and your Petitioners

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submit, that the first effectual step towards that reform, is a total change of office-holders, who have forfeited the confidence of the public :

That an Hospital conducted on humane and enlightened principles, is imperatively demanded. The public have no confidence in the present Institution, whose erroneous system and imperfect organization have given rise to corruption, peculation, and mismanagement of the grossest description, alike jeopardizing the lives of patients, and the general health of the colony :

That Petitioners respectfully submit, the public safety in the case of contagious disease frequently requires the removal of Patients to the St. John's Hospital, but under the present management, such is the insuperable distrust and aversion of the public to that Institution, that nothing short of actual force will cause the sick to leave their own dwellings ; thereby endangering the safety of the surrounding neighbourhood :

That your Petitioners submit, matters have arrived at that crisis regarding the St. John's Hospital, as to call for the immediate interference of the Legislature ; and Petitioners would respectfully suggest that it would be highly conducive to the public interest, to amalgamate the District system of Medical relief to the poor with the desired Hospital reform :

That, in consequence of the large amount of casual Pauperism being more or less dependent upon the success or non-success of the fisheries, many annual Patients of the several Medical men are obliged to have recourse to the District system of medical relief, and frequently order to the Hospital the sick-poor under their care. Your Petitioners respectfully submit that it is as vexatious, as it is unjust to Patients and their medical men, that when it is necessary, from the above named causes, to have recourse to District relief ; and also in a sanitary point of view, to prevent the spread of contagion, to remove the patient to the Hospital, their annual medical attendant ceases to have further control over their treatment ; thus insulting the fishermen, the bone, sinew, and life-blood of the country, by placing them on a level with the permanent paupers.

That your petitioners submit to your Honorable House the following well-digested plan as being calculated to meet the wants and wishes of the public at large, and respectfully solicit your favorable consideration thereof, namely : That the District of St. John's be divided into four sections, and that four medical men be appointed—each medical man to have charge of one section—and that these four should combine the Hospital duty with that of the District, to be paid for their services a moderate annual salary. There should be, in addition, one resident House Surgeon, or Apothecary, whose duty it should be to prepare and dispense the medicine &c. ordered for patients, and should also have charge of, and be accountable for, the medical and other stores. There should be, also, one intelligent matron, with an efficient staff of nurses to attend constantly upon patients, daily and nightly, when required.

That your Petitioners respectfully submit, the adoption of the above plan would give general satisfaction, and that the amalgamation of Hospital and District would secure a perfect supervision—a medical cordon, as it were—to detect and guard against the introduction and spread of contagious disease amongst the people.

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That Petitioners confidently appeal to the justice and humanity of your Honorable House, and rely upon every member thereof to give his attention earnestly to this important subject, and use his best exertions to make the St. John's Hospital what it ought to be—a home for the sick and afflicted, and a safeguard to the people generally:

And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will every pray.

St. John's,
February 5th, 1856. }

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON CASES OF J. V. NUGENT AND CHARLES D. NEWMAN, MASTERS OF THE ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the cases of John V. Nugent and Charles D. Newman, Esquires, former masters of the St. John's Academy, claiming compensation for Academy rent and other expenses incident to the Institution since the year 1832, beg to report,—that they have duly considered these respective matters with all their attendant circumstances; and now respectfully recommend that there be awarded to John V. Nugent the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, sterling, in full, for all present and future claims on account aforesaid; and the sum of Eighty Pounds, Stg. to the said Charles D. Newman, in full, for his claims on the same account.

F. B. CARTER, *Chairman.*
E. D. SHEA,
JOHN FOX,
R. PROWSE,
M. J. KELLY.

Committee Room,
20th April, 1856. }

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QUARTERLY REGISTER OF THE NUMBER OF FOG GUNS FIRED FROM
FORT AMHERST, COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER,
1855, AND ENDING ON THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1856.

Date.	No. of Guns fired.	When commenced firing.	When ceased firing.
1855.			
Nov. 14	2	25 minutes to 9 a. m.	25 minutes to 10 a. m.
22	2	20 " to 3 p. m.	20 " " 4 p. m.
27	1	15 " to 1 "	
29	8	8 o'clock, a. m.	4 o'clock p. m.
Dec. 7	4	25 minutes to 1 p. m.	30 minutes past 3 p. m.
8	4	5 " " 8 a. m.	12 " to 12 a. m.
11	4	10 " " 8 "	10 " " 11 "
17	4	25 " " 1 p. m.	30 " past 3 p. m.
23	9	15 " " 8 a. m.	15 " to 4 "
26	8	25 " " 9 "	25 " " 4 "
1856.			
Jan. 4	8	30 " " 8 "	30 " past 3 "
7	3	25 " " 9 "	25 " to 11 a. m.
9	9	15 " past 8 "	15 " past 4 p. m.
15	6	15 " to 9 "	15 " " 4 "
20	6	15 " " 11 "	15 " to 4 "
27	1	15 " past 11 "	

(Signed,)

JOHN SHEPHARD,

Keeper Fort Amherst Light-house.

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QUARTERLY REGISTER OF THE NUMBER OF FOG GUNS FIRED FROM
FORT AMHERST, COMMENCING ON THE 1ST OF FEBRUARY, AND
ENDING ON THE 1ST OF MAY, 1856.

Date.	No. of Guns.	When commenced firing.	When ceased firing.
1856.			
Feb. 8	5	15 minutes to 9 a. m.	15 minutes to 4 p. m.
16	5	12 o'clock, noon	$\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 "
17	2	$\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 "	$\frac{1}{2}$ " 8 a. m.
19	7	10 minutes past 9 "	10 minutes past 5 p. m.
21	2	15 " to 1 p. m.	10 " to 2 "
24	2	$\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 a. m.	$\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 "
29	2	20 minutes to 8 "	25 minutes to 9 a. m.
March 3	3	20 " past 7 "	20 " past 9 "
5	3	20 " to 4 "	25 " to 6 p. m.
8	9	15 " past 7 "	15 " past 3 "
9	4	15 " " 1 p. m.	10 " " 4 "
14	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 a. m.	
24	12	10 minutes to 7 "	25 " to 6 "
25	11	10 " " 7 "	$\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 p. m.
26	2	20 " past 10 "	$\frac{1}{2}$ " 12 noon
28	3	3 o'clock p. m.	5 o'clock p. m.
April 6	3	25 minutes past 6 a. m.	15 minutes past 8 a. m.
7	7	15 " " 7 "	$\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 p. m.
8	1	15 " " 6 "	
18	11	15 " to 6 "	15 minutes to 4 "
23	3	$\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 "	$\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 a. m.
30	4	7 minutes to 10 "	noon.

(Signed,)

JOHN SHEPHARD,

Light-house Keeper.

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*A RETURN of the number of Ships arrived at this Port, from 1st January to 31st March, 1856;
shewing the Dates of Entry and Countries from whence arrived.*

Date of Entry.		COUNTRIES WHENCE ARRIVED.					
		Great Britain.	Portugal.	Spain.	N. America.	West Indies.	Brazils.
1856.							
January	2					2	
	4				3		
	5				1		
	10				1		
	12				1		
	14				1		
	15		1		1	1	
	17	3	1	1			
	18	2					
	19	3			1	1	
	20				2	1	
	22					1	
	24	1			1		
	25	1			2		
	28	1					
	29				2		
February	4				1		
	8					3	
	9					1	
	13	1				1	
	15	1				1	
	19					2	
	21	1			2	1	
	25	1					1
	26		1				
	27	1					
March	3	1					
	4				1		
	7		1				
	10	5	2	1			
Forward...		22	6	2	20	15	1

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*A Return of the number of Ships arrived at this Port from 1st January to 31st March, 1856
shewing the Dates of Entry and Countries whence arrived.—Continued.*

Date of Entry.	COUNTRIES WHENCE ARRIVED.						
	G. Britain.	Portugal.	Spain.	N. America.	W. Indies	Brazils.	Sardinia.
Bro't forward	22	6	2	20	15	1	
March 11		1					
14				1			
15		1					
17	2				1		
18	1	1			2		
19							1
28					1		
31	1	1		1			
	26	10	2	22	19	1	1

Signed,

THOMAS GLEN,

Receiver General.

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St. John's, Newfoundland,
3rd May, 1856.

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