

MUNICIPALITY OF CARLETON.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF
The Municipal Council.

COURT HOUSE, WOODSTOCK, Jan. 9, '55.

The Council met this day according to the time specified by Law.—The Warden in the Chair.

PRESENT.—Messrs. Dibblee, Hay, Grey, Hemphill, Lloyd, Giberson, Craig, Gallop, Estey, Wheeler, Sharp, Clowse, Kerr, Weade.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

This being the time at which the Secretary Treasurer should be elected, the Council proceeded to ballot, after which the Warden declared James McLauchlan re-elected by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Giberson read a Petition from sundry inhabitants of the Parish of Kent asking that a Ferry may be established between Wm. Jones, Parish of Kent, and Robert Keir's Parish of Wicklow.

On motion decided that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

Mr. Giberson also read a Petition from sundry inhabitants of Kent and Wicklow praying that the location of the Ferry at Henderson's in Kent, may be altered to Alexander Porter's, so as to be opposite, or nearly so, to the River de Chute landing.

On motion ordered, that the prayer of the Petition be complied with.

On motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Kerr, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas it appears that the Public Accounts of several Parishes in this County are in an unsettled state, and it being considered necessary that they should be arranged in a proper manner, so that satisfactory information can be given of them at any time it may be required. Therefore Resolved,—That the Council shall on the second day of their meeting in January in each and every year, enter upon the Parish Accounts so as to have them settled up in a proper manner, and at the present meeting, this duty shall be commenced to-morrow.

which on motion was ordered to be accepted and The Auditor presented his Semi-Annual Report placed on the Minutes, as follows.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

TO THE WARDEN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLETON.

Sir,—Referring to my report at your July sessions wherein I stated my inability, at that time to give you a detailed statement of the financial affairs of the County, owing to the want of the necessary papers, and referring also, to the remarks I made at that time, as to the state of your accounts. I beg now to say that having been put in possession of all the documents belonging to your transactions, and after a thorough examination of them, as well as a free access to the Secretary-Treasurer's Records I am yet unable to comply with your wishes, and doubt very much if it can be done at all, without the aid of the explanations of the different Parish Councillors, so to arrange and adjust the accounts between the Parishes and the County, as to ascertain the Balances either way.

To do this you must start with the assessments going on at the time you assumed the Control of the County affairs, and follow each assessment from that time to the present, finding out how much had been collected and to whom paid. The assistance of the Councillors will be necessary here, not only to explain matters relating to the several parishes, but to assume the responsibility of such a settlement as you desire to have made. I do not think your system of keeping accounts and recording payments, a good one. It should be more explicit, easier understood, and conducted with less machinery. It has appeared to me that you should adopt a plan something like a mercantile one—that is, the County be the merchant and the different Parishes the Customers, the Councillors to represent their Parishes and settle its transactions with the county exactly as if they were settling a business affair of their own.

If you adopt this plan and keep your Books in accordance with it, every rate payer in the county, by calling upon the proper officer could ascertain, as readily, how his Parish or the county affairs stood, as he could ascertain the state of his own account with the merchant.

I annex hereto a list of the demands against the county, some of them belong to the parishes to pay, but under your system they are all preferred against the County, and you will perceive I did not

confine myself to the ten days rule, because it was no inconvenience for me to take them at the later period, and because you have no bye law making the rule obligatory. Neither did I copy them upon the Auditor's Book, for if you adopt the plan I propose it is unnecessary to do so, and it would be taking up a large space in the book, which might be required for a different record.

I take the liberty of suggesting to the Council, that if a deduction be made from any of the accounts, it may be noted on the account itself with a memorandum of the items disallowed or reduced, and if properly filed and numbered it would serve for a reference hereafter, to show the claimants what the charges were that the Council objected to.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. PERLEY

January 8, 1855.

SUPPLEMENT.

I herewith hand you a letter from Mr. Sheriff Winslow where in he states his inability to procure a restoration of some vouchers, placed in the Councillors hands, and that the charges those vouchers verified were disallowed.

I cannot find the papers the Sheriff asks for, and it seems but fair that some explanation should be made to the Sheriff, not only for the loss of these vouchers, but of the cause which influenced the Council to disallow the items these vouchers represent he had paid out.

T. E. P.

On motion of Mr. Grey seconded by Mr. Hemphill.

Resolved,—That the Council do now enter into consideration of the Parish Accounts taking up each parish separately.—Carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Dibblee moved seconded by Mr. Gallop, that whereas numerous signed Petitions are about to be presented to this Board asking that no Tavern or Retail Licence may be granted for the sale of Liquor,

Resolved,—That Mr. Fisher be permitted on behalf of the signers, to present said Petitions; and that next Thursday at 11 o'clock A. M., be appointed for the reception of the same. The Council divided as follows.

Yeas.—Messrs. Dibblee, Clowse, Gallop, Giberson, Sharp, Lloyd, Estey,—7.

Nays.—Messrs. Grey, Hemphill, Hay, Craig, Kerr, Weade, Wheeler,—7.

Whereupon the Warden decided in the affirmative.

The Secretary Treasurer read a number of Communications that had been received from the Executive Government of this Province on the following subjects.

On the subject of certain Lunatics said to be confined in the County Gaol.—The Secretary Treasurer's reply thereto asking for copies of such representations as may have been made against the Municipality; the reply of His Excellency declining to confirm the Bye-Laws for Public Health; from John C. Allen, Clerk of the Executive Council, stating that the Executive Council had refused to allow such Bye-Laws; one from the Clerk of the Executive Council containing copies of the representations in reference to Lunatics said to be in Gaol; one acquainting the Council that the Government had remitted them £100 to defray the expences connected with the Cholera; a reply made by the Secretary Treasurer to the late Communication, which he said he had been directed by the Warden and a number of Councillors to make; and one confirming the Bye-Laws against Bathing in the Rivers of Carleton, and disallowing another to provide for the preservation of good order and the Public peace—together with the Attorney General's opinion thereon.

Mr. Gray presented a list of Parish officers for Richmond which he asked to have confirmed as such for 1855.

Mr. Kerr presented a list of Parish Officers for Wicklow for 1855, which was confirmed.

Mr. Lloyd presented a list for Brighton which was confirmed.

Mr. Clowse presented a list for Northampton which was confirmed.

Mr. Clowse presented a Petition from A. K. S. Wetmore asking that a fixed salary might be established to compensate for his services as Clerk of the Peace.

On motion of Mr. Gallop, seconded by Mr. Clowse,

Resolved,—That Mr. Wetmore's salary as Clerk of the Peace be fixed at £20 per annum, payable in half yearly instalments, while he holds and discharges the duties of that office.—Carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Dibblee appointed a Committee to ascertain from Mr. Wetmore whether the amount thus specified be a satisfactory arrangement.

Mr. Kerr presented a Petition from sundry in-

habitants of Wicklow, praying that a Bye-Law may be passed to prevent neat Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Goats, and Hogs, from running at large on the Highways and Commons on the front tier of Lots between William Elliott's lower line, and Thomas Gee's upper line in the Parish of Wicklow, from the 1st of May to the 20th of October in each and every year.

On motion ordered, that the prayer of the Petition be complied with, and a Bye-Law prepared accordingly.

Council adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

COURT HOUSE, Jan. 10, '55.

Council met, Warden in the Chair.

Present.—Messrs. Grey, Hemphill, Lloyd, Dibblee, Hay, Gallop, Craig, Weade, Wheeler, Giberson, Kerr, Clowse, Sharp, Estey.

Minutes read and approved, with two exceptions taken by Mr. Dibblee, who stated that the Election of the Secretary Treasurer was not unanimous, for that he had not voted at all. To this the Warden replied that there was no opposition—no other Candidate; and that 14 ballots had been thrown for Mr. McLauchlan, so that he concluded the vote to be unanimous. The other objection was that in recording the Resolution for Mr. Fisher to present the Petitions against Licence, the record should state, "and also to address the Council."

Secretary Treasurer read a Communication from J. S. Carville, Esqr., Councillor for Simonds, stating that he could not attend the Council this Session, owing to a severe cut that he had received by a Broad axe.

Mr. Lloyd, by leave, presented a Petition from sundry inhabitants of School District No. 4, Parish of Brighton, setting forth that a balance of £4 8s. 6d. remains unpaid, from an assessment made on said District in 1853 for School purposes, by Israel M. Nevers, Collector of said Parish, for said year, and asking that measures may be taken to compel the said Israel M. Nevers or his Bondsmen to pay over the amount in which he is delinquent.—Ordered that the Petition be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dibblee, seconded by Mr. Grey,—Resolved,—That the Secretary Treasurer be authorised to renew the Insurance on the Gaol, ending 1st February, 1855.

On motion of Mr. Hemphill, seconded by Mr. Grey,—Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Gaol and report upon the state thereof.

The Warden appointed Messrs. Hemphill, Gallop and Craig, as such Committee.

On motion of Mr. Grey, seconded by Mr. Giberson,—Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to investigate the County Accounts for 1854, and report thereon.

The Warden named Messrs. Clowse, Grey, Lloyd, Estey, and Kerr, for such Committee. The Warden read a Petition from the Trustees of Schools in the Parish of Wakefield, praying that a Warrant be issued to assess School District No. 5, in said Parish, in the sum of £36 for support of Teacher.

On motion ordered,—That the prayer of the Petition be complied with, and that a Warrant be issued accordingly.

The Warden read a Petition from the Trustees of Schools for the Parish of Wakefield, praying that a Warrant be issued to assess School District No. 1, in the sum of £12 10s, for the support of Teacher.

On motion, ordered—That a Warrant be issued in accordance with the prayer of the Petition.

On motion, ordered,—That School Warrants be marked in future 2 1-2 per cent for Collectors fees, and 2 1-2 per cent for Assessors fees.

Mr. Giberson informed the Council that David Currie, Collector for Kent for 1853, was present, and states that he cannot make his returns for that year, because the Magistrate, James Phillips, Esqr., in whose hands he had placed lists of delinquents for County, Parish, and School Rates, had not paid him such amounts.

On motion, ordered,—That the Secretary Treasurer call upon Mr. Phillips, requesting him to pay over to David Currie, said Collector, the sum of £4 9s 9d, which Mr. Phillips admits to be in his hands, so that the said Currie can pay the various portions of the said amount to the persons properly entitled to receive them; and all other monies placed in his hands by the said Collector in the year 1853.

Mr. Clowse from the Committee on Accounts reported as follows:—

We, the Committee to whom were referred the County Accounts for 1854 up to the present date, beg leave to make the following Report.

No. 1. B. N. Richardson's Account referred to the Collector for Brighton.

2. Thomas Collins for selling Ferry, allowed £0 5 0

3. Robert Phillips, services as Constable, - 1 6 6

4. Assessors for Simonds, to be deducted from the money in the Bank for that Parish, - 1 10 0

5. John Smith, Collector for Simonds, to be deducted from Parish money, 10 0

6. D. G. Shaw, Collector for Simonds, to be deducted from Parish money 13 6

7. Assessors for Wakefield, 21s out of the Parish funds, and 11s. out of County funds, - 1 12 0

Constables for the Supreme Court, 1854.

8. James Clark, 3 days, - 15 0

9. Israel Churchill, 2 days, - 10 0

10. John McCafferty, 2 do. - 10 0

11. Wm. H. Sisson, 3 do. - 15 0

12. Major Hamilton, 3 do. - 15 0

13. Wm. H. Sisson, referred for further information,

14. James Clark, Boarding Jabs Squires ten days at 1s. per day, - 10 0

15. Patrick Smith's Account for taking Mary Day (a Lunatic) to Gaol, - 17 10

16. Robert Woodward, Constable, - 1 5 2

17. John F. W. Winslow, Esqr., High Sheriff, after deducting rent for Land, - 13 0 0

Constables at January Session, 1855.

18. James Clark, 2 days attendance, - 10 0

19. William H. Sisson, 2 do. - 10 0

20. Major Hamilton, 2 do. - 10 0

21. Samuel Watson, 2 do. - 10 0

22. John Bedell, Esqr., (Coroner's Acc't, to stand over on account of no Inquisition having been returned.—

This by Resolution was ordered to be paid by the Warden and Secretary Treasurer, whenever Mr. Bedell furnishes the vouchers required,

23. Charles Gallop, warning Jury for Coroner, as in the above Account, - 5 0

24. Israel Churchill to stand over, - 12 7 4

25. James Clark, Gaoler, - 6 0 3

26. Charles H. English, taking a Lunatic to the Asylum, - 6 10 3

27. Robert Phillips, taking a Lunatic to the Asylum, and 10s. due him on former account, - 6 10 3

28. Samuel Watson, disallowed.

29. Secretary Treasurer, Salary, Stationary, Postage, &c., - 15 17 5

30. Assessors for Richmond, taken out of Parish money, - 1 6 8

31. John Wilson, Collector for Richmond taken out of Parish fund, - 1 4 7

32. Wm. Lindsay, glass for Court House, 2 0

33. Robert Phillips, Dress and Bonnet for Mary Day, a Lunatic, - 12 6

34. James A. Phillips, Esqr, disallowed.

35. Thomas Fitzherbert, stands over for further information.

36. H. E. Dibblee, Clothing furnished for Mary Day, a Lunatic, - 7 6

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE CLOWSE,

WILLIAM GREY,

CHARLES M. LLOYD,

JOHN ESTEY,

ROBERT KERR. } Committee.

Committee Room, 10th January, 1855.

Council adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

COURT HOUSE, Jan 11th, 1855.

Council met, Warden in the Chair.

Present.—Messrs. Loyd, Hemphill, Gray, Dibblee, Estey, Sharp, Clowse, Giberson, Weade, Craig, Wheeler, Hay, Gallop, Kerr.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Wheeler presented a petition from Overseers of Poor for Simonds praying for a warrant to be issued to assess said Parish £20 for support of Poor for 1855.

On motion ordered that the prayer of the petition be complied with.

Mr. Gray presented a petition from Overseers of Poor for Richmond praying for a warrant of assessment on said Parish for £90 for support of Poor for 1855.

On motion Ordered that a warrant be issued accordingly.

Mr. Gray presented a Petition from sundry inhabitants of the Parish of Richmond praying that a Bye law may be passed making it imperative upon Overseers of the Poor for that Parish to let out the keeping of Paupers by Public Auction.

On motion of Mr. Gray seconded by Mr. Wheel-