

## PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNALS.

FEBRUARY 15.—Mr. Simonds, Chairman from the Committee of Trade, submitted a Report which he read, and is as followeth:—

The Committee of Trade, to whom were referred the Petition of Jacob Fowensend and other Mechanics of the City of Saint John and its vicinity, praying for further protection by increasing the duties upon several manufactured Articles upon their importation into the province: The Petition of David Gabel and others, praying that a duty may be imposed upon Bread, imported into the Province: And the Petition of Alexander Davidson and others engaged in the Tanning business, praying, that a protecting duty may be imposed upon Foreign and Colonial manufactured Leather imported into the Province.

Have taken these several Petitions into their most attentive consideration, and beg leave to submit the following Report to this Honorable House.

That in consequence of the present commercial relations between the United Kingdom, and the United States, many descriptions of manufactured Articles are imported into the Province from these States, of inferior quality, and at such low prices that the Mechanics of this country cannot continue a successful competition with the importers; and therefore they must either discontinue their present business, or remove to some other country, where they could obtain a reasonable price for their Labour.—Your Committee will particularly instance Chair makers, Cabinet makers, and Tanners, who complain that they cannot carry on their respective Trades with any prospect of success.

Your Committee therefore, respectfully submit for the consideration of this Honorable House, whether it would not contribute to the general prosperity of the Province, to impose such Duties as would effectually protect such Mechanics as can manufacture the article in the several and respective branches of Trade, to the full extent of the wants of the people.

Your Committee had also under consideration, the Petition of David Polley's, Agent for Eber Sweet of St. Andrews, praying for a return of duty on 48 Oxen shipped for Bermuda in 1832.

This Petition is in the opinion of Your Committee, entitled to the return of the Duty prayed for, as by a mistake at the last Session, the Committee of Supply voted a return of 40s. only for each Ox, instead of 60s. which the Petitioner ought to have received.

And also the Petition of J. and I. G. Woodward Merchants of Saint John, praying for a return of Duty on Wine exported to the West Indies, and also for a return of the long Duties on Sugar imported from Trinidad in the year 1827, in a Vessel which did not carry out the articles which were given in barter for the said returned Cargo of Sugar.

As these Petitions are not by the letter of the Laws entitled to the sums prayed for, Your Committee beg to refer their claims to the consideration of this Honorable House.

Charles Simonds, Thomas Barlow, Jedediah Slason, William End, Thomas Wyer, Alexander Rankin, John Word, Jun.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted.

Mr Partelow from the Committee appointed to wait His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of the 13th instant, praying His Excellency would direct to be laid before the House, certain accounts relating to the Casual and Territorial Revenue, and other matters as in the said Address are particularly set forth, reported, that they had attended to that duty, and His Excellency was pleased to say, that the wishes of the House should be immediately complied with.

On motion of Mr Hayward, The House, according to the Order of the Day, went into Committee of the whole, on a Bill to regulate Banks and Banking in this Province. Mr J. Taylor in the chair of the Committee. Mr Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported, that the Committee having gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, it was moved, that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.—And upon the question Committee divided as follows:—Yeas 12. Nays 13.—And it was decided in the negative.

FEBRUARY 17.—Mr Rankin, by leave, presented a Petition from Robert Doak of the parish of Blissfield, in the County of Northumberland, praying a grant may pass to him to reimburse a balance due on amount expended as Supervisor on the Great Road leading from Fredericton to Newcastle in the year 1829 and 1830; which he read. Ordered, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

That having under their consideration His Excellency's Message relating to provisions being made for the services of His Majesty's Legislative Council, in the Committee the following Resolution was moved:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee

nothing has occurred during the past year to alter the opinion of the House of Assembly, as expressed at the last Session of the Legislature, when in Committee upon the Message from the Lieutenant Governor, recommending the House to make provision for the payment of the expences of the Members of the Legislative Council, while attending to their Legislative duties.

To which the following was proposed as an amendment. To strike out all after the word 'Resolved' and insert—“As the opinion of this Committee, that it is not expedient or proper to provide for the attendance and expences of the President and Members of the Legislative Council, except such Members thereof as have no Salary from the Crown.”

An amendment to the amendment proposed was then moved by striking out the whole of the amendment from the word 'as' and insert—“In the opinion of this Committee, that as there have been found men of tried worth and talent to serve their country gratuitously as Legislative Councillors in this Province, ever since the organization thereof, a period of forty-eight years and upwards—at a period too, when the individual wealth of this Province was greatly inferior to what it is at present, it is not now necessary to pay for these services; especially as it is the opinion of this committee that the Legislative Councillors of this Province should be composed of men so independent in circumstances, as to make compensation altogether unnecessary and undesirable on their part.” Upon the question for adopting this amendment, the Committee divided—Yeas 7. Nays 19. Whereupon it was decided in the negative. The question was then taken upon the first amendment, when the Committee again divided—Yeas 17. Nays 9. And it was carried in the affirmative.

That then having under consideration the Message, recommending the erection of Stone Buildings for Registrar's Offices—the following Resolution was passed.

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee that His Excellency's Message of the 10th instant, on the subject of providing suitable Buildings of Stone for Registry Offices in the several Counties in this Province be referred to a select Committee, to report thereon by bill or otherwise to the House.

Then having his Excellency's Message upon the subject of the Militia under their consideration the following Resolution was passed.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the 10th instant, respecting the Militia, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr Wyer, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration His Excellency's Message of the 10th inst. relative to providing suitable Buildings for the safe keeping of the County Records. Ordered, That Mr Wyer, Mr Weldon, Mr Vail, Mr Slason, and Mr Chandler, be the committee therefor.

FEBRUARY 18.—Mr Street, by leave, presented a petition from John J. Donalds and others, inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, praying a grant may pass for the purpose of running out, and establishing the division lines, between the Parishes of Ludlow, Blissfield, and Blackville, in the said County; which he read. Ordered, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Read a third time as engrossed, A Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled 'An Act to lay a Tax on Dogs in certain parts of the Parishes of Newcastle, and Chatham in the County of Northumberland.'

Whereupon Mr Street moved as an amendment to the Title of the said Bill, by striking out the words 'to continue and amend an Act, intituled an Act' and that the Title be:—A Bill to lay a Tax on Dogs in certain parts of the Parishes of Newcastle and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, which was agreed to by the House. Resolved, That the Bill under the amended title, do pass.

Read a third time as engrossed. A bill to protect the Gaspereau Fishery in the Harbour and River of Miramichi, in the County of Northumberland. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

FEBRUARY 19.—Read a third time as engrossed. A Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled 'An Act subjecting Real Estates in the Province of New-Brunswick, to the payment of debts, and directing the Sheriff in his proceedings thereon;' Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Mr Street moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to authorize the Justices of the Peace of the County of Northumberland, to make further provisions for the payment of the Treasurer of that County, and to authorise assessments, for the payment of certain County Officers in this Province. Leave granted. The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr Partelow, from the Committee of Finance, submitted a Report, which he read; and is as followeth:—The Committee appointed to take into consideration

the state of the Finances of the Province, submit the following Report:—

That they find upon investigating the Accounts and Papers which have come under their consideration, the state of the Province, with regard to its Financial concerns, to stand thus on the 31st December last:—

Warrants issued and unpaid now in the Treasurer's hands, say	£27,000
Appropriations of 1833, for which Warrants have not yet issued,	5,000
Debentures given in 1832, payable January last, and February 1st, 1834,	2,700
SINCE PAID.	
Drawbacks, for which the requisite Certificates had not been lodged,	800
	£37,500

To meet which year Committee learn from the report of the Treasurer's Accounts, that there were in Bonds and Cash in the hands of the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurers on the 31st December last, including £1500; which will be almost immediately received from Bonds sent last year to the Attorney General for collection,

28,000  
£9,000

Exclusively of the funded debt due the Fire Insurance Company and the Saving's Bank, amounting with Interest to Fourteen thousand pounds, and making the whole deficiency £23,500,—£9,500 of which will only be required to be provided for from the Revenues of the present year; leaving the remainder disposable.

The credits given by Law at the Treasury, will, however, prevent much of the Revenue of the present year coming into the Treasury, and your Committee therefore concur, it would be proper that the Appropriations of this Session should be upon as limited a scale as possible.

Without giving an opinion as to the causes which led to the great discount on Warrants the last year, and the difficulty in realizing them upon scarcely any terms; Your Committee conceive it would give a much greater facility to their circulation, if they bore interest from the time they were presented for payment at the Treasury, and the holders informed, there were no funds to meet them. This would always enable the parties to negotiate them, either with one of the Banks or some capitalist, without being subject to any loss.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. PARTELOW,  
JAMES BROWN, JUN.  
EDWARD B. CHANDLER.

Committee Room, February 19th, 1834.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. The Hon. Mr Secretary Odell, by command of His Excellency, laid before the House the following Documents. Returns from the Custom House for the Port of St. John, for the year ending 5th Jan. last, as prayed for by an Address of the House to His Excellency, of the 8th instant. Also the College accounts, as prayed for by an Address of the House, of the 10th inst.

FEBRUARY 20.—Mr End, by leave, presented a petition from Anthony William Cheasty, praying remuneration for teaching a School in the parish of Berresford, in the County of Gloucester; which he read. And on the question that the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee of Supply the House divided.

—Yeas 8. Nays 11. It was decided in the negative.

Mr Rankin, by leave, presented the following petitions, signed by 1337 of the Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, viz:—James Gilmour, and 324 others, of the parish of Newcastle. John Murdock, and 221 others, of Chatham. Alexander Fraser, Sen. and 166 others of Nelson. Edward Rogers, and 80 others of Northesk. Charles Stewart, and 84 others, of Glenelg. Alexander Davidson, and 120 others of Alnwick. John J. Donald, and 129 others, of Blackville. Robert Doak, and 99 others, of Blissfield. F. Hunter, and 104 others, of Ludlow. Severally pray, that no Act may pass authorising the erection of a Lock-up House, in the Town of Chatham, in the said county. The Petitions being read; Ordered, That they be received and lie on the Table.

Mr Chandler moved for leave to bring in a Bill, in furtherance of, and to provide for Juvenile Emigration from Great Britain to this Province. Leave granted. The said Bill being brought in, was read a first time.

Read a second time, A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace, of the County of Northumberland, to make further provisions for the payment of the Treasurer of that County, and to authorise assessments for the payment of certain County Officers in this Province.