hundred pounds currency, and praying the interposition of this house with her Majesty's Goverument, to obtain for him a just and equitable adjustment of these several claims, have attended to that duty, and submit the following report—

'As to the first claim, after an examination of the documents submitted, your committee have not sufficient information to enable them to arrive at a conclusion, but are of opinion, that it is a matter which should be investigated and determined by your Government:—That as to the claim for the payment of salary in sterling, your committee, on the evidence submitted to them, are of opinion that Mr Ballie was, after a protracted discussion on the subject of the salary with the Government, restored to the office of Surveyor General, on the sixth day of August 1841, on a proposition made by Mr George Ballie to Lord John Russell, in which he says—'with a view of preventing further reference to his Lordship, or Sir William Colebrooke, he (Mr George Ballie) would recommend him (Mr T. Ballie) to accept the salary of one thousand two hundred pounds sterling,'—which proposition, your committee are of opinion, was acceded to by his Lordship and Mr T. Ballie, and on the faith of which he returned to office:—And your committee can discover no act on the part of the government, altering or affecting this agreement; nor does it appear to your committee that Mr Ballie has done any act to impair his right to have such agreement carried out; but they are of opinion that the whole subject would have been investigated and adjusted by the government:—That to avoid misconception of their opinion as to the salary that ought to be attached to the office of Surveyor General, your committee most respectfully state, that in their opinion the sum of six hundred pounds currency is an adequate compensation for discharging the duties devolving upon that officer; and if the question of determining the salary for the office of Surveyor General had been referred to them, irrespective of any compact or agreement with the Government, they would have fixed it at that amount.

On motion of Mr Wark, Resolved, that the house do now go into committee of the whole on a bill to alter the great road from Dorchester to Chatham. To which Mr Partelow moved as an amendment—To expunge the word 'now' and substitute the words 'at the next Session of the Legislature.' And upon the question it was carried in the affirmative, and the further consideration of the said bill accordingly postponed until next Session.

April 8.

Read a third time, a Bill to continue an Act to regulate the Survey and Exportation of Lumber. Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Read a third time as engrossed, a Bill to provide for the support and improvement of Parish Schools. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

According to the Order of the Day the amendments made by the Legislative Council to—The Bill to provide for the incorporation of certain Presbyterian Churches in this Province—were severally read a third time. Resolved That the House do concur therein.

The Hon. Mr. Baillie, from the Committee appointed on the twenty seventh day of February last, to take into consideration a Petition from the Hon. John Robertson, relative to a Mill Reserve; and to whom we referred the several Petitions of James Wilson, John F. Ogden, and Roderick M'Leod, submmitted a Report relative to the three Petitions last named; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read. The following is an extract therefrom:

The Petition of Roderick M'Leod, Esquire, of Tabusintac, in the county of Northumberland, praying that an Act may pass securing to him his Mill Reserves, granted prior to the passing of the Civil List Act, upon such terms as the House may deem meet: The statements made by Petitioner in Regard to his Mill Reserves are correct: in 1824 he was ordered an addition of two thousand acres to the five thousand allowed him in 1823, making seven thousand acres in the whole, which he held until the notice of the thirteenth day of April last, abolishing all Mill Reserves, and requiring applications to be made under the Mill Reserve Act, which entttled Mr M'Leod to five thousand acres only, which is all the extent he now holds; as, however, your Committee cannot discover that Petitioner has suffered any considerable loss, they are not prepared to make any recommendation in his favor.

To His Excellency, the sum of £30 to enable him to pay the Managing Committee of the Roman Catholic School at Bathurst to aid towards the support of said School.

To His Excellency, a sum not exceeding £—— to complete the Bridge over the South West Branch of the Miramichi River.

Upon the question for sustaining the Resolution, the Committee divided as follows. Yeas, 17, Nays, 12—and it was thereupon carried in the affirmative.

It was then moved—That the said blank be filled up with the sum of £400; and it was thereupon carried in the affirmative, and the blank filled up with the said sum of £400

To the Library Committee the sum of £200 to enable them in part to remunerate the Reporters, Printers and Publishers of the Debates of the House the present Session. Upon the question for sustaining this Resolution, the Committee divided as follows. Yeas 12. Nays 16; and so it was decided in the negative.

To Richard M'Laughlan, late Deputy Surveyor and Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands in the County of Gloucester and Restigouche the sum of £——, being balance due him for a Survey made between Tabusintac and Bathurst for which Survey a warrant issued in December, 1835, but not drawn by the said R. M'Laughlan; agreeably to the Report of the Select Committee. Upon the question for sustaining this Resolution, the Committee divided, and the division being equal, the Chairman had decided it in the affirmative.

The question was then taking for filling up the blank with the sum of £50, when the Committee again divided as follows. Yeas 16 Nays 13—and so it passed in the affirmative, and the blank accordingly filled up with the said sum of £50.

Mexican News.

Halifax Sun, April 14.

MEXICAN NEWS.

The Brig Acadian, which arrived on Monday morning in 2½ days from Boston, brought late papers, and later accounts from Mexico. If we can place any faith in the rumours given, continued "glorious success crowns the American Arms." But the accounts are, and have been, so contradictory, and in some instances so utterly unfounded in truth, that it behoves us, not to encumber our pages with notices of hostile movements, skirmishes, and battles, which are not well vouched for by competent authority. The Southern Newsmongers, and correspondents of the Northern Journals speculate on the pockets of the public, by manufacturing *Startling* News by 'Express,' and 'Electric Telegraph,' and are making money, by the disreputable practice. We should be imposing on our readers, were we to follow the practice here, and cry out 'Great news from Mexico—another battle fought,—whenever one of these American Catchpenny prints should stray to our shores. Therefore, if we do not always give in 'The Sun,' with a great flourish of Trumpets, and large heading, 'Important News from Mexico,'—as contained in the columns of contemporary periodicals, it is for the reasons above stated In turning to the news, as now before us, there is little we think that may be relied on, beyond what has been officially communicated. One thing is clearly evident, taking even American accounts of the hostile operations in Mexico, and we must bear in mind that we hear but one side of every story, that the American army has not made that progress nor those conquests which our too sanguine neighbours thought it would. The Mexicans, poorly paid, and fed, and clad, and miserable as they are, have proved themselves brave and enduring soldiers throughout the campaign, and the best proof of this is, that, excepting the taking of a few insignificent outposts, at a cost of many lives, and millions of money, the invading army has accomplished comparatively nothing. Thousands of volunteers and regular troops that marched into Mexco, full of hope speedily to revel in the 'Halls of the Montezumas,' have bit the dust, in bloody battle, or been swept away by the malignant fevers of the country, ere they crossed the RioGrande, or struck one blow for Glory and in defence of the Banner of 'Stars and stripes.'

The battle of 'Bueno Vista,' in which General Taylor says he encountered, with 5,400 troops under his command, chiefly volunteers, 20,000 Mexicans! proved most disastrous to both armies, but particularly so to the American army. A list of the killed and wounded, numbering 740, and occupying two close columns, is given in the Washington 'Union,' one whole company of Cavalry cut off besides, not being included, swelling the number to at least 1,000, or nearly one fifth of the whole American force! The Mexicans had 20,000 in the field, says General Taylor, and 'from the statement of Mexican officers, particularly of the medical staff left to succour the wounded there seems no doubt that their loss in the recent action is moderately estimated at 1500 and may reach 2000 men, killed and wounded, beside 2000 or 3000 deserters" It will be seen, then that by the statement of the American Commander-in-Chief himself, who writes from Augua Nueva, recently the Head Quarters of Santa Anna, that the advantage, as to the proportionate number of killed and wounded, is on the side of the Mexicans.

Santa Anna is in full retreat upon San Luis, his army being in a very disorganized state, and dying in large numbers daily, from starvation. This is the language of General Taylor, and may or may not be true, coming from an enemy. Various accounts are given however, by which it would appear that the American force is completely encompassed by the Mexicans. Certain it is that General Taylor has been unable or unwilling to follow his advantages—if such he really has obtained—even while the condition of the enemy from disorganization and starvation was as deplorable as he represents it to have been.

There has been some skirmishing at Santa Fe, and as usual, the success all on the side of the Americans.

Accounts from Vera Cruz state, that that place was invested by a large body. American troops who had effected a quiet landing. Some outposts had been stormed and carried with the loss of a few lives. General Scott was preparing to bombard the city, and would commence operations on the 20th ul:. The Mexicans had kept up a pretty hot fire of shells and shot upon the troops in position, but with little effect. We put no faith in a rumor given, that the city had been taken after a desperate resistance, with a loss of 800 men on the American side. We shall soon, however, have some reliable account of the result of the operations by sea and land, at this point.

The whole number of guns, says an American Exchange, that our Naval force presents against this formidable Castle, is stated to be 324. But our guns can throw shells half a mile further than any guns can in the Castle. The Castle cost forty millions of dollars to erect it. Its walls are from 12 to 20 feet thick. It contains seven cisterns supplying 98,757 cubic feet of water. In 1838 it was defended by 177 pieces of different calibre. It is intended for 370.

AUCTIONS.

To be Sold by Public Auction, on the Premises, in Newcastle, on TUESDAY, the Fourth day of MAY next, at 12 o'clock, noon,

All that

Wharf, Store and Premises

erected by the late Captain John Davidson, and presently occupied by Mr James Ledden, together with the LAND on which they stand.

For terms and particulars, apply at the Office of Messrs Street & Davidson, Solicitors, Newcastle.

Newcastle, April 12, 1847.

On MONDAY the 3rd MAY next, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at Johnson & Mackie's store,

A Lot of LAND,

situated between the Napan and Black River Lots, and in the rear of Andrew M'Ginnis's, one mile from Napan river, containing about 200 acres, with a front on the rear of the Napan Lots of about 100 rods. It is well covered with Wood, and will be divided into two or more lots, if thought advisable on the day of sale. Terms and further particulars made known on application to

JAMES JOHNSON, Auctioneer.

Chatham, April 10, 1847.

LAND in Chatham.

On TUESDAY, 27th April instant, at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, on the premises, will be offered for sale by *Public Auction*—

A part of the WESTERN or

Upper half of the Lot of Land,

situate below St Andrew's Church, and known as the property of the late Patrick Taylor, viz:

The FIELD situated between the road on the bank of the river and the Wellington road, which contains about 25 acres; which will be laid out and sold in

One Acre Lots,

a plan of which can be seen on application to the subscriber.

Terms of sale—one third the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale; one third in three months, and the remaining one third in six months from the day of sale.

JAS. JOHNSON, Auctioneer.

Chatham, 1st April, 1847.

Valuable Properties for Sale

The subscriber offers for sale that

VALUABLE STAND FOR BUSINESS

adjoining the stone store of the Hon. Joseph Cunard. The Building is two story, with an excellent frost proof Cellar, 25½ feet front, extending 50 feet back, with a yard in rear. The interior is elegantly fitted up, with an office attached. The situation is most desirable for any person wishing to conduct either a Dry Goods or Grocery business; and is at present under lease to A. Lowden, Esq., for one year. Also

His Mills at Black River,

situated at Sturgeon Cove, consisting of a Mill, two stories, with one Gang of saws, and fitted up upon the most approved principle. Also, a MILL, one story, with a Circular saw, capable of cutting deals, ship timbers, knees, or any other description of Lumber. Also—a DWELLING HOUSE on the premises, with 25 acres of land, part under cultivation. The above property is now under lease for one year.

Terms and further particulars made known upon application to the subscriber.

H. C. D. CARMAN.

Chatham, April 12, 1847.

SURROGATE COURT, COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND,

PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within said County, Greeting.

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Whereas ALEXANDER KEY, surviving administrator on the Estate of Patrick Henderson, late of the Parish of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, Merchant, deceased, had filed an account of his administration on the Estate of the said deceased, and hath prayed that the same may be passed and allowed.

You are therefore required to cite the creditors, and next of Kin, of the deceased, and all others interested in the said Estate, to appear before me, at a Court of Probate, to be held at my office, in the Parish of Chatham, within the said County, on MONDAY, the Seventeenth day of May next, at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon, to attend the passing and allowing of the said account of administration on the said Estate.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this said Court, this thirteenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

T. H. PETERS, Surrogate.

GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for the said County.

Surrogate Court, County of Gloucester:

In the matter of the Estate of the late WILLIAM FLAHERTY, of Pokemouche, in the said county, Farmer:

Whereas *John Flaherty*, administrator of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the said deceased, hath filed his account against the said Estate, whereby he shews the claims against the said estate, so far as they have been ascertained, to amount to two hundred and sixty seven pounds, six shillings and eight pence: and the said administrator hath also by petition set forth that no personal property hath come into his hands to discharge these claims, or any part thereof; and praying that License may be granted him to sell all, of so much of the Real Estate of the said deceased as may be necessary for that purpose. Whereupon it is ordered, that the Creditors, Next of Kin, and all others interested in the said estate, be and appear at a Court of Probate, to be held at the Court House, Bathurst, on Saturday, the fifteenth day of May next, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, to attend the examination and proof of the said accounts; and to shew cause, if any there be, why Licence to sell the said Real Estate should not be granted, agreeably to the prayer of the said petition.

HENRY W. BALDWIN,
Surrogate Judge of Probates.

ROBERT GORDON, Register of Probates.

Bathurst, 31st March, 1847.

REWARD of 100 DOLLARS!

The above Reward will be paid to such person as will give the subscribers such information as will enable them to APPREHEND and CONVICT THE THIEF who broke into their Store on the night of Sunday last, and stole therefrom a Silver Watch.

JOHNSON & MACKIE.

Chatham, 6th April, 1847.

Notice.

At a General Sessions of the Peace of our Lady the Queen, held in the Court House, at Newcastle, in and for the county of Northumberland, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven

Ordered, that the undermentioned regulations be in force respecting Tax on Dogs, agreeable to an act of the General Assembly, made and passed in the ninth year of her Majesty's reign, entitled an act relating to Dog Tax in the several counties in this province, be in force within the limits of the undermentioned district.

That from and after the first day of May next, there shall be imposed the tax or duty of five shillings yearly and every year, upon each and every dog, which shall or may be owned or kept by any person residing on the front lots in the parish of Newcastle, which lie between the upper line of the farm of John Porter, Esquire, and the lower line of Patrick Hay's farm, in Douglastown, in the parish of Newcastle. That it shall be the duty of all persons residing within the limits above defined, who shall, from and after the said day, own or keep any dog or dogs, to affix a *Collar* on the neck of each and every such dog, with the name of the owner or keeper plainly and legibly marked thereon.

Extract from the minutes.

T. H. PETERS, Clerk of the Peace.

Sheriff's Sale.

On TUESDAY, 20th July next, in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M., will be sold at Public Auction:—

All the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand, of JOHN BUOY, in and to that HOUSE and LAND situate in the Town of Chatham, opposite the Commercial Building; and also all other the Real Estate situate in this county, the same being seized upon by me to satisfy Executions issued out of the Supreme Court against the said John Buoy.

J. M. JOHNSON, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Northumberland, 18th January, 1847.