

LOCAL.

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY,
JANUARY TERM, 1855.

NORTHUMBERLAND SESSIONS.

The Grand Jury have examined the County and Parish Accounts for the past year now before them and beg to present.

PARISH OF ALNWICK.

Overseers of Poor.—With the exception of the two last items of account, for which there are no vouchers the account is correct, the charges for funeral expenses of Paul Voture, we have no doubt is correct and recommend it being allowed; the charge made by the Overseers of £1 10s., for attending the Sessions, the Grand Jury cannot recommend being paid. Commissioners of Highways account correct, in hand of Commissioners, £2 7 6
John Campbell, collector of Taxes, correct.
Duncan Morrison, do, do,
John McLeod, Town Clerk, Alnwick, illegal charge, not to be paid.

HARDWICKE.

Overseer of Poor account correct and satisfactory, due Overseers, 5 4 4
Collector of Rates, correct. Balance in hand, 1 5 5
Commissioners of Highways, Upper District, correct, balance in hand, 1 3 11
Do., Middle District, correct, due Commissioners, 1 10 0
Do., Lower do., correct, in hands, 0 10 8½
Hugh McKinnon, Town Clerk, Hardwicke, £1 5, the duties of the office was neglected this year, and the amount cannot be allowed, nor any part of the same.

GLENELG.

Overseers of Poor account, correct, due Overseers, 15 18 0
Collector of Rates, do., correct, due collector, 1 5 2
Commissioners of Roads, do, in hand 0 0 6

CHATHAM.

Commissioners of Roads, Upper District, balance in hand, 2 9 2
To which add this sum charged for writing not allowed, 1 5 0
£3 14 2
Do., Lower do., due commissioners, 0 8 6
This sum for writing not allowed, 1 5 0

Due the district by Commissioner, 0 16 6
Overseers of Poor, correct and satisfactory.
Collector of Taxes, do, do,
Collector of Dog Tax, do.,
Firewards account, correct and satisfactory, balance due Firewards, 33 10 2
And recommend the amount prayed for be assessed, say 50 0 0

Commissioner of Roads, Middle District, we find a balance of £34 10 6, due commissioner, 34 10 6
From which deduct Magistrates account, twice charged, 6 17 9
Private subscription for drain, assumed by commissioner, 16 5 0
Charge allowed by Commissioner to a collector, 5 0 0—28 2 9

Leaves a balance due commissioner of 6 7 9
Which cannot be allowed the commissioner, the whole amount being mystified and unsatisfactory, there being also £33 14 5 in the account, for which no vouchers are produced, and the commissioner not having complied with the law in not advertizing the different jobs, and letting some by contract, and in one instance at least the Jury have discovered, that rates from Isaac Vondy, to the amount of 2s 6d. were collected and not accounted for.

The Grand Jury while they cannot order payment to the commissioner George Johnston, of any part of the balance due him in account for the past year, but finding that an order of sessions was issued in his favor of £30 6 11½ in 1853, and that only £10 of said amount has been paid, recommend that the balance still due on that order say £20 6 11½ currency, be paid commissioner.

Richard Hocken, Town Clerk, Chatham, account approved, 1 0 0

NEWCASTLE.

William Russell, commissioner Lower District, account balanced correct.
Francis Elliott, middle district, do., do.
Allan A. Davidson, upper do, account find it correct, except £10 for building Bridge across Strawberry Marsh, no voucher, the balance £5 14 8 handed county treasurer by commissioner.

Overseers of Poor, upper district, this account appears to be correct, the Grand Jury, recommend the pay of the same.

Do., lower do., find the account correct.

Do., middle do., do.

But no return for dog tax collected in that district.

Collector of Taxes, upper district, account correct, balanced.

Do., middle do., do., but find the names of Jerry Hagerty, John Mann, Con. O'Byien, defaulters, reported not found, and residing in the Parish at the time.

Do., lower do., correct and balanced.

Collector of dog tax, upper district, Edward Farrell, approved.

Edward Farrell, Newcastle Fair, account approved, 1 15 0
Firewards of Newcastle, account of Mr. Loch correct, balance in hands, 24 17 11½
Daniel McGruar, Town Clerk, account approved, 1 10 0

NORTHESK.

Commissioner of Highways, Lower District, found correct, due Commissioner £0 19 0
Do. Middle do., do., and balance.
Do. Upper do., out of the County, and consequently no return.

Overseers of Poor Account appears correct, but no vouchers, due Overseers £64 4 8½
Collector of Taxes Account, correct, and balanced, North Side.

Do. Account, do., do., South Side.

NELSON.

Isaac Cuishman, Commissioner, Upper District, appears to be a balance in Commissioner's hands of £4 0 3. Account very unsatisfactory no detailed list of Rate Payers.

Thomas Gorman, Lower District, Account balanced but unsatisfactory.
Rowland Crocker, Middle District, correct, due Commissioner £6 9 0, and recommended to be paid.

Overseers of Poor Account, correct, due Overseers £86 6 6
Collector of North Side Account, correct, due said Collector 6s. 2d.
£4 18 7 being charged which ought to be £4 12 5

Do., South Side, correct, and balanced.

John Kain, Account, Town Clerk, Nelson, approved £1 10 0

BLACKVILLE.

Commissioner of Highways, Lower District, balanced correct.

Do. Middle District, no return, Commissioner killed.

Do. Upper do., balanced correct.

Overseers of Poor, correct, balance due Overseers £18 8 1½
Simon Bean, Upper District, Collector, balance correct.

Edward Dalton, lower do. do.

BLISSFIELD.

John Decantelon, Commissioner, District No. 3., balance in Commissioner's hands correct £2 9 9

Hiram Freeze, do., do, No. 1, correct, balance in hand handed to County Treasurer £1 1 9

Samuel Farlow, do., No. 2, balance in Commissioner hands, correct 13s. 9d.
Overseers of Poor, correct, balance due Overseers £16 0 8

Collector of Taxes, balanced and correct

LUDLOW.

Charles Amos, Commissioner, District No. 1, Account correct and balanced.

E. Price, do. District No. 2, balance correct, due Commissioner 5s.

P. McClasky, do., District No. 3, no vouchers accompanying this Account, shews a balance on hand of 8s. 13d.

Collector of Rates Account, correct, balance in hand £3 0 2½

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

W. A. Black, account approved £35 4 3

Richard Gremley, gaoler, do. 76 11 1½

Edward Williston, Clerk of the Peace, account balanced, approved 71 12 1

Stafford Benson, Coroner, do, do. 52 10 0

Allen A. Davidson, account do, do, 25 9 6

John McLeod, account, do, do. 13 2 0

Martin Cranney, do., do, do., 14 1 6

Edward Rogers, do., do, do., 5 0 0

J. A. Pierce, printing do., do, due 21 14 6

Gaol Committee, do., approved 32 17 7

William Loch, account, salary as Treasurer, approved 10 0 0

John Wilson, crier, account, do. 6 17 9

Duncan & Loch do., do. 10 13 5½

Gilmour, Rankin & Co., do, correct 2 2 6

William Buckley, constable, do, do. 3 1 0

Edward Farrell, constable, account over-charged, 22s, on 22 days attendance at court 5s. being charged instead of 4s. per day.

Patrick Wheelan, constable, account approved, 4 1 0

Edward Keary, do., do., 4 6 0

Luke Pike, do., do., 1 0 6

John Russell, do., do., 0 17 6

Hon. James Davidson, account for surveying, approved, 2 2 6

William Mathison, account £10 not allowed to be paid, no services being performed as by information of the warden.

William Salter, account as Warden of Fisheries, approved, balance due him correct 10 15 9

William Walls, overseer of Fisheries, approved, due 6 9 8

Allan A. Davidson, books of Registry, account approved, 13 10 0

John Fraser, account £20, auditor cannot entertain claim.

William Loch, land account, approved, balance in his hands 61 11 10

Do. Jury fines account, do., do., 7 4 1½

Do. county treasurer, fishery fines, account approved.

Do., do., account in hand do., 280 19 1

William Salter, sales public slips, account correct.

John T. Williston, return of fines, approved.

Wm. Letson, do., do., in 1854 and paid, approved, 5 18 3

Dr. Thomson's account, for ordering removal

of nuisances, Chatham and Newcastle, approved, 7 10 0
Lawrence Kenna, constable, account approved, 3 2 0
Dr. Benson's account, attending John Hanley, do., 2 0 0
Do., allowance for travelling expenses to Tracadie, on a Post Mortem examination, on Mrs. Mushroll, approved, 3 0 0

ROWLAND CROCKER, Foreman.

Extract from the Minutes,

EDWARD WILLISTON, Clerk of the Peace.

The Grand Jury came into Court and made the following presentment.

On the subject of a Public Wharf in Newcastle referred to the Grand Jury, they are decidedly of opinion that, however important such work might be, it can only be fairly done by the funds of those persons in the vicinity who are to be benefitted thereby, and that the Sessions would not be justified in devoting any portion of the County funds to such a work. The Legislature have been in the habit of granting money for public wharves, to be paid when a like sum has been raised and expended by the inhabitants. The law does not authorise any assessment on the County for a work of this nature, and by consequence it would be illegal to dispose of any County funds which are to be disposed of in the payment of the current expenses and contingencies of the County, in any such manner, as any deficiency in the funds for such purpose would be made up by assessment; if it be illegal to levy an assessment for the purpose of a wharf in Newcastle, it is equally illegal to take for such purpose the funds already raised.

The Grand Jury would express their entire disapprobation of any such appropriation of County funds, or that the same should be applied in any manner but that directly authorized by law and then only with the sanction of the Grand Jury for the time being.

The Grand Jury recommend that the balance now standing at the credit of the County land account, amounting to £61 11 10, and also amount at the credit of Jury fines account, amounting to £7 4 1½, both sums be transferred to the credit of the general account of the County.

The Grand Jury are fully alive to the importance of encouraging and securing a Steam Ferry communication between Chatham and Newcastle, and that it is of the utmost importance not only to the people of this County but the whole travelling public and provincial interests; they conceive that as connecting the great roads it would be a legitimate object of Provincial aid which might be so afforded at less cost than the interest on the principal invested in, and the annual cost of repairing many of the bridges erected on the lines of great road. The Grand Jury cannot bring themselves to the conviction that the County funds should be taxed to such an extent as would be necessary to secure the Ferry.

Regarding the Warden of the Fisheries, the Jury recommend that his services be continued, and for the better protection of the Fisheries that he be allowed to employ and have the sole control of five assistants during the fishing season, to be paid out of the County funds, the salaries not to exceed the sum allowed each last season; and consider that the salary of the warden is too small, and recommend that his salary be increased to £60, provided that an equal sum be given from the provincial chest to enable him more effectually to do his duty.

The Grand Jury would urge that when the matter of Public Markets is taken up, that the town of Newcastle have the benefit of like markets with Chatham and that the same regulations may apply to both.

The Grand Jury consider the high sheriff of this County not sufficiently remunerated for his services, recommend that the sum of £20 be allowed him for extra services for the last year; and that the Gaoler be allowed £60 instead of £45 for the ensuing year.

The Grand Jury regret to observe that the Magistrates, with the exception of John T. Williston and William Letson, Esquires, have neglected to furnish the Grand Jury with a list of fines imposed and collected by them, to enable the Jury to check accounts of overseers of poor.

The Grand Jury have examined the County Gaol, and report that so far as cleanliness is concerned, it reflects much credit on the Gaoler, but consider the Gaol Committee very culpable in not having provided beds and bedding of some kind for the use of prisoners, and would recommend that the Gaol be furnished with four mattresses, and sufficient covering therewith, and that immediately; they also find the roof of the Gaol leaking very much, and would recommend the necessary repairs to be made to prevent the same, and preserve the building.

The Grand Jury consider the want of the services of an Auditor for the accounts of this County and Parishes a serious grievance, and materially retards the Grand Jury in the efficient discharge of their duties; recommend that there be a County Auditor, and that Allan A. Davidson, be recommended as the Auditor, and his salary be £10 per annum.

On the subject of the Ferries at Douglstown and opposite Chatham, in the event of no Steam Ferry Boat being placed on the station at Chatham, the ensuing Spring, the Grand Jury recom-

mend that the Ferry at Douglstown, called Wyse's Ferry, be put to public competition and be let to the highest bidder; such Ferry to be kept only until such time as a Steam Ferry Boat is placed on the Chatham Ferry, then to be removed, so that the landing place on the south side of the river shall be above, or on the westerly side of the Cove called Clarke's Cove.

For the ferry opposite Chatham, the Jury would recommend that an efficient ferryman be appointed for said Ferry, that it shall be necessary for him to have two ferrymen, one to reside in Chatham, the other on the opposite shore, and that he shall have one good scow and one good boat for each side, and be subject to all the other regulations now in force regarding Ferries; and that it be clearly understood that the ferryman so appointed, shall be bound to give up and leave such Ferry, so soon as a good and sufficient Steam Ferry Boat shall be procured and placed on said station.

The Jury would also recommend that to any person furnishing a good Steam Ferry Boat for Chatham Ferry, that the exclusive right to ferry be granted to such person for a term of five years.

ROWLAND CROCKER, Foreman.

Extracts from the Minutes,

EDWARD WILLISTON, Clerk of the Peace.

January 13, 1855.

News of the Week.

EUROPE.

SPAIN.—Advices from Madrid of the 13th inst, contain the following:—

M. Olcozaga to-day submitted the bases of the constitution to the chamber.

The principal points are:
All public powers emanate from the nation, in which the sovereignty essentially resides.

The nation engages itself to maintain the Roman Catholic Apostolic religion and its ministers, but no Spaniard nor stranger can be annoyed on account of his religious opinions, provided he does not offend the religion of the state by external acts. Liberty of the press. Abolition of the law of confiscation and of the penalty of death for political offences. Establishment of a National Guard. Two legislative bodies—a Senate and a Chamber of Deputies. The senators, to be elected for life, are to be chosen from certain categories. They must have attained their 25th year, and be in the possession of an income of 80,000 reals. 120 are to be appointed at first. The King may not appoint more than 12 at the commencement of every session. There is to be one deputy for every 50,000 inhabitants. The Cortes are to meet annually, on the 1st of October. Each session is to last four months. No session can be prolonged beyond 30 days. In case of dissolution the Cortes are to re-assemble within 60 days!

In the interval between two sessions a permanent commission of the Cortes consisting of four senators and seven deputies, is to be established. The King sanctions and promulgates laws. The Cortes give their sanction to the marriage of the King, and appoint the Regency, in case the throne should become vacant. The Budget of the State shall be submitted to the Cortes in the first eight days after their meeting. The Cortes will fix the effective strength of the army navy, &c.

CIRCASSIA.—The Monitor of yesterday publishes the following:—
The Russian division, which occupied the villages of Diadin, Utch-Kilissia and Kara-Kilissia, in the environs of Bayazid, has completely evacuated the Turkish territory and withdrawn to Erivan. In consequence of this retreat, the high road to Persia is completely free, and the commerce of Erzeroum is commencing to resume activity. This movement is attributed to the concentration of Turkish troops at Tapark-Kale. The Russians before retiring devastated the country they had occupied and burnt the villages.

A letter from Trebizonde, dated the 28th of December, says:—

On Sunday, the 24th of December, the Tunisian corvette Mansour, commanded by Captain Faure, arrived in our port after having accomplished an interesting mission on the Abasian coast. The Mansour, on its return from Redout-Kale, took on board at Tehuruk-su 300 soldiers, four heavy guns, and some artillerymen, and conveyed them to Soukoum-Kale. With painful astonishment the officers found that the pretty houses of this latter town, many of which are of stone, and the fine barracks above the town, had been in great parts demolished, the roofs were knocked in, and everything inside either carried off or smashed. Some partisans of Russia are supposed to have committed this act of vandalism. From Soukoum-Kale the Mansour, obeying the orders of Mustapha Pacha, proceeded to Soutcha and Ardilher. Those military stations have for some time been abandoned by the Russians, and the forts destroyed. Captain Faure having visited these localities, shipped on board the corvette four guns, two brass and two iron, which had been spiked and left there by the Russians, among the forts of Soutcha and Ardilher. These