

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct particular Returns of all Duties collected at the several Custom Houses, throughout this Province, by virtue of the late Act of Parliament during the last year, to be laid before the House; and that until such particular Returns can be furnished, an abstract of the gross amount collected at the several Ports, be laid before the House.

Ordered that Mr. Parker, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Crane, be a Committee to present His Excellency with the Address.

17th Feb. 1827.

Read a third time, as engrossed, "a bill to erect the North eastern part of the County of Westmorland, into a distinct Town or Parish, and also to authorize the appointment of Parish Officers at the November General Sessions in each year."

Resolved that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. M. Wilmot, and Mr. Smith, carry the said bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time as engrossed, a bill to continue an Act intituled "An Act to provide for calling in the Arms issued to the Militia of this Province."

Resolved, that the bill do pass, and Ordered that Mr. Wilmot, and Mr. J. Wilmot, carry the said bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Parker from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address of the House, requesting a Return of the duties collected at the Custom Houses under the Act of Parliament,

Reported, that the Committee had attended to that duty, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would immediately furnish the House with an Abstract of the amount of the said duties; and that a particular account should be laid before the House in the customary manner, as soon as the same can be prepared.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Secretary Odell delivered the Message:—

"Mr. Speaker, "I am commanded by His Excellency, to lay before the House of Assembly, a Report from the Commissioners of Light Houses for the Province, accompanied with a Plan and Estimate for building Light Houses on Point Lepreau, in the County of Saint John, and on Point Escuminac, in the County of Northumberland. Also an Abstract of Duties collected at the several Custom Houses throughout the Province, for the year ending 5th January, 1827, in compliance with the Address of this House. And also returns from the Custom Houses at Saint John and Saint Andrews, of Imports and Exports, and the number of Ships and Vessels employed in the Trade, for the year 1826; and the number and tonnage of Ships and Vessels built within the same period."

On motion of Mr. Crane—The House went into Committee of the whole in further consideration of a bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for the further encouragement of Parish Schools in this Province."

Mr. Vail took the Chair of the Committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. Mr. Vail from the Committee, reported, that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and agreed to the same with amendments.

Order that the report be accepted and the bill as amended engrossed.

Mr. Johnston pursuant to leave brought a bill to repeal an Act intituled, "An Act to prevent the taking of Fish in the different Harbours and Rivers of this Province, with drift Nets." Which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Johnston—Resolved, that the House do on Tuesday next, go into Committee of the whole in consideration of Ways and Means of raising a Revenue in this Province.

19th Feb. 1827.

Read a second time, the following bills:—

A bill to repeal an Act intituled, "An Act to prevent the taking of Fish in the different Harbours and Rivers of this Province, with drift Nets."

On motion of Mr. Slason—The House went into Committee of the whole on a bill to continue an Act, intituled An Act for regulating the inspection of Fish, to be consumed within the Province.

Mr. Crane took the Chair of the Committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Crane from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and made progress therein, and that he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted and leave granted.

M. Smith, Chairman of the standing Committee appointed to examine, liquidate, and report on Public and Private Accounts, submitted the following report: Which he read in his place:—

A.—Is the account from the Commissioners for managing the Revenue Cutter Elizabeth, by which it appears that the expense of maintaining that Vessel, for the past year, has amounted to the sum of £1760 19 7½, the vouchers were produced to the Treasurer of the Province, to the Committee appointed to examine his accounts, and were satisfactory to them.

In reporting upon this Account, the Committee think it proper, to observe that they have some doubts as to the expediency of continuing to support a Cutter also great an expense, as no information is furnished by the Commissioners of adequate benefit to the Revenue, and they recommend to the House, to consider whether the Revenue could not be more effectually protected by the employment of Boats, of a proper description, under the direction of a person competent to the duty.

B.—Is an account of the commissioners for Light Houses, for expenses incurred by them in examining the South-east coast of Grand Manan, in order to ascertain the best site for a Light House, amounting to £27 8 2½. The requisite vouchers for this account, were forwarded last year, by Captain Scott, and are now in some of the Public offices, but the Committee do not know where to apply for them.

The Report being handed in at the Clerk's Table, and there again read, was Ordered to be accepted.

Mr. C. Simonds from the Committee appointed to take into consideration all matters which may affect the Commercial Interests of this Province; submitted a Report, which he read in his place, and it being handed in at the Clerks Table, was again read, and is as follows:—

That by an abstract of Duties received by the several Collectors of the Customs in the Province—It appears that £18278 12 3½ has been collected between the 5th January, 1826, and 5th January 1827, under the means and powers of the Act of 6 Geo. 4, c. 114, equal in the Currency of this Province, to the sum of £20309 11 5.

By the Treasurer's accounts, it appears that of the above sum of £20309 11 5, only £11613 13 8½ has been paid into the hands of the Treasurer and his Deputies, leaving still in the hands of the Collectors of the Customs, unaccounted for, the sum of £8695 17 8½.

The Acts above referred to, directs that the produce of the duties collected by the means, and under the powers thereof, "Shall

be paid by the Collectors of the Customs, into the hands of the Treasurer or Receiver General of the Colony, or proper officer authorized to receive the same, in the Colony in which the same shall be levied, to be applied to such uses as shall be directed by the local Legislatures of such Colonies respectively."

The Committee therefore recommend, that the House take immediate steps to ascertain by what authority, the Collectors in this Province have been induced to retain so large a proportion of the whole amount of duties collected by them as aforesaid.

The above sum of £18278 12 3½ if collected upon the principle that the Spanish Dollar is equal in value to no more than 4s 4d. sterling, would amount in Currency to £21090 18 4, and the sum unaccounted for or retained by the Collectors would be £9477 4 7½.

Ordered that the report be accepted and lie on the table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Province Agents, to the Committee of Correspondence, upon the subject of the appropriation of the Duties collected at the Custom Houses, under and by virtue of the late Acts of Parliament.

Ordered that the said Letter lie on the Table for the information of the House.

On motion of Mr. Johnston—The House went into Committee of the whole, on a bill to repeal an Act, intituled "An Act to prevent the taking of Fish in the different Harbours and Rivers of this Province, with drift Nets."

Mr. Allen took the Chair of the Committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

M. Allen from the Committee, reported that they had gone into consideration of the bill referred to them, and that in the Committee it was moved that the further consideration of the said bill, be postponed for three months.

And upon the question being put thereon—The Committee divided equally, and that he had decided the question in the affirmative.

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Kingsclear, March 6, 1827.

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Fredericton, 20th Nov. 1826.