

Provincial Legislature.

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNALS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, JANUARY 27.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, by direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, lays before the House—

An Abstract from the Provincial Treasurer, of the Revenue of the Province in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty one, and which is as follows:—

ABSTRACT OF THE REVENUE OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, FOR THE YEAR 1841.

WHERE COLLECTED.	Ordinary Revenue.	Casual and Territorial Revenue.	Received from H. M. Customs.	Proceeds of G. Baillie.	Duties on Auction Sales.	Received for Licences to Peddle.	Passenger and Emigrant Duties.	Light House Duties.	Sick and Unsubscribed Duties.	TOTAL.
Saint John,.....	40,471 7 6	15,074 12 0	20,669 13 1	6,900 0 0	609 5 0	16 10 0	1,537 10 10	2,282 7 2	795 14 6	88,356 19 7
Miramichi,.....	5,814 13 4	0 0 0	2,994 13 1	0 0 0	16 0 7	0 0 0	143 5 0	287 15 6	420 14 4	9,707 2 6
Dalhousie,.....	3,029 15 9	0 0 0	886 9 7	0 0 0	4 12 4	5 0 0	25 15 0	127 5 11	123 17 5	4,202 15 10
Bathurst,.....	450 8 9	0 0 0	209 18 10	0 0 0	0 0 0	2 10 0	6 16 8	24 2 5	24 2 5	717 19 1
Richibucto,.....	931 18 0	0 0 0	663 8 5	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	5 16 8	47 0 9	43 1 9	1,691 5 7
Shediac,.....	146 18 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	2 11 1	149 9 4
Bay of Verde,.....	398 0 10	0 0 0	241 17 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	17 17 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	18 12 6
Fredericton,.....	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	10 5 10	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	650 3 11
Saint Andrews,.....	2,441 6 3	0 0 0	98 19 5	0 0 0	32 14 3	2 10 0	42 16 8	331 13 4	211 0 6	3,279 9 9
Saint Stephen,.....	1,389 10 7	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	14 3 2	0 0 0	0 0 0	153 8 10	13 5 10	1,888 15 11
Saint George,.....	66 11 8	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	2 10 0	0 0 0	57 19 6	18 14 2	114 17 2
West Isles,.....	64 8 10	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	29 12 10	0 0 0	141 2 6
Grand Manan,.....	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	29 12 10
TOTALS,.....	£55,205 14 9	1,507 4 0	25,764 18 8	6,900 0 0	711 18 11	51 17 6	1,762 0 10	3,675 17 3	1,836 10 10	110,983 10 9

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1840.	1841.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ordinary Revenue,.....	48,981 6 3	55,205 14 9	6,224 8 6	0 0 0
Casual and Territorial Revenue,.....	18,899 15 4	15,074 12 0	0 0 0	3,825 3 4
Received from H. M. Customs,.....	27,994 13 5	25,764 18 8	0 0 0	2,229 14 7
Proceeds of Bills of Exchange,.....	5,400 0 0	6,900 0 0	1,500 0 0	0 0 0
Auction Duties,.....	1,414 5 6	711 18 11	0 0 0	702 6 7
Licences to Peddle,.....	49 17 6	51 17 6	2 0 0	0 0 0
Passenger and Emigrant Duties,.....	1,967 10 8	1,762 0 10	0 0 0	205 9 10
Light House Duties,.....	3,271 17 3	3,675 17 3	404 0 0	0 0 0
Sick and Disabled Seamen's Duties,.....	1,963 11 8	1,836 10 10	0 0 0	127 0 10
TOTAL,.....	£109,942 17 7	110,983 10 9	8,430 8 6	7,089 15 4

B. ROBINSON, Province Treasurer.

Treasury, Saint John, January 1, 1842.

The Provincial Act, to which Sir W. Colebrooke refers, as authorizing these transactions with the Banks, I apprehend to be 2d Victoria, cap. 44, (1245.)

This Act authorizes the Treasurer of the Province to receive tenders from any Bank or Branch Bank in the City of Saint John, willing to advance money for the Public Service, to submit the tenders to the Lieutenant Governor for approval, and to enter into agreements with the party making the tender; after the agreement is entered into, the Treasurer is required to lodge all public monies with the contracting Bank, or its Branches.

The 18th clause of the Royal Instructions, upon the construction of which, in the Colony, Warrants have been issued, and left outstanding in the manner described by Sir Wm. Colebrooke, is as follows:—

“You are not to suffer any public money whatsoever, to be issued or disposed of otherwise than by Warrants under your hand, but the Assembly may, nevertheless, be permitted from time to time to view and examine the accounts of money disposed of by virtue of laws made by them, as there should be occasion.”

With a view to the obtaining correct information as to the practical operation of these arrangements with the Banks, of the amount of the sums lodged in deposit, and of the advances made by the Banks to the Government, I have examined the Accounts transmitted from the Colony to the Auditors of Public Accounts in this Country, and have found, that as the Accounts of the Colony are not now audited in England, none of later date than the year 1837 have been received.

On the 30th June, 1837, it appears that the balance in favor of the Revenue was £46,484 0 4, and that this sum was disposed of and made up as follows:—

Loans to the Banks and the Bridge Company,	£35,000 0 0
Balance of the Account of the late Receiver General, as rendered by his Administrators,	5,510 0 0
Balance of the Account of the present Receiver General,	6,870 8 7
Audited and allowed Balance of the Commissioner of Crown Lands,	3,596 2 0
	£50,976 10 8

Deduct,	£2,857 7 11
Unpaid Warrants,	
Amount credited in the Account rendered by the Administrators of the late Receiver General, and claimed by the Creditors of Crown Lands, but disallowed for want of Official Accounts, and until a final settlement of the late Receiver General's Accounts takes place,	1,635 2 5
	4,492 10 4
	£46,484 0 4

Whether there existed, at that period, any outstanding debts and engagements other than outstanding Warrants, amounting to £2,857 7s. 11d. it is not stated in the Accounts; if no such debts and engagements at that time existed, the Revenue of the Province must, I conceive, have been so far surplus in previous years, as to have enabled the Government to make advances, in the way of loan, to the Banking Institutions of the Colony, and the Bridge Company, to the extent of £35,000, at 3½ per cent. interest.

Since that period, the Revenue of the Province appears to have been unequal to the expenditure, and the deficiency has been met by raising money on loan from the Banks, and by the issue of Warrants bearing interest in the manner above mentioned.

On the 31st December last, the balance of Bonds and Cash, constituting part of the Assets of Government, is stated in an Account appended to the Lieutenant Governor's Despatch, to have been £44,082 17s. 1d. Whether this included the whole, or any part of the loans made to the Banks, previously to the 30th June, 1837, at 3½ per cent. interest, and whether the Banks to which any part of this money was lent, are those from which advances on a running credit are now obtained, it does not appear. It will be very desirable, that to the account of the receipts and expenditure of the Colony, transmitted to the Secretary of State, there should be added a statement of the mode in which the balance at the commencement, and at the termination of the Account, is made up, how it is disposed of, and of what it consists; it is likewise desirable, with a view to the future consideration of this subject, that a statement of the outstanding debts and engagements of the Province, and of the interest which they respectively bear, should be furnished by the Lieutenant Governor, also of the interest paid to and received from the Banks with which agreements are entered into, under the authority of the 2d Victoria, cap. 44.

With respect to the adoption of British Sterling as the money of Account in the Province, and the circulation of Foreign Coins, at their intrinsic value, as suggested by Sir Wm. Colebrooke, I beg to refer to the Report which I had the honour to submit to the Lords of the Treasury on this subject, on the 6th July, 1839.

I have, &c. &c. &c. JAMES PENNINGTON.

JAMES STEPHEN, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

FEBRUARY 5.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House—

Extract from a Report by the Honorable Judge Parker, in reference to the Riot at Restigouche.

This Document being read at the Clerk's Table, is as follows:—

Extract of a Report from the Honorable Judge Parker, dated Bathurst, September 11, 1841.

“I had the honor of receiving Your Excellency's Letter of the 3d instant, addressed to Mr. Johnston and myself, on my return to this place from Restigouche, the County in which the outrage occurred to which Your Excellency refers.

“Although no depositions or other documents were laid before me, I felt it my duty while at Dalhousie, to make particular enquiry into the circumstances of so daring and violent a riot, accompanied by a rescue of prisoners in the Gaol, with a view to having the matter taken up before the Grand Jury, whose attention I particularly directed to the subject.

“I found that a Bill of Indictment had already been found at the Sessions against several of the persons accused, and Bench Warrants issued for their apprehension, but none had been taken, it being supposed they had left the Country.

“Although a large number of persons had joined in the riot, it was found impossible to identify any other persons by such evidence as would justify their apprehension, and no proceedings were taken at the Court over which I presided. I found a sort of Police force had been organized, under the direction of a respectable Militia Officer, but as there was only one prisoner in Gaol, a man convicted of Larceny, it was not thought necessary to continue the force beyond the sitting of the Court.”

(Signed) R. PARKER.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

(True Extract.)—R. HAYNE, A. D. C.

FEBRUARY 8.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House the following Documents:—

Report from Province Treasurer, communicating to His Excellency the information required in Mr. Pennington's Report, upon the subject of the Financial affairs of the Province, and which accompanied Lord Stanley's Despatch laid before the House on the 3d instant:

Letter from Her Majesty's Attorney General to His Excellency, relative to the Penalties incurred by individuals under the Act to provide for a regular supply of Seamen.

These Documents being read at the Clerk's Table, are as follow:—

REPORT FROM PROVINCE TREASURER ON SUBJECT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Fredericton, 29th January, 1842.

(Copy) Sir,—Having been called upon to furnish His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the information required in Mr. Pennington's Report, transmitted to His Excellency in Lord Stanley's Despatch, dated 2d December, 1841, I have the honor to submit the following remarks, viz:—

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, FEBRUARY 3.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House—

Copies of Despatches received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Financial affairs of the Province, accompanied by a Report from Mr. James Pennington upon the subject.

These Documents being read at the Clerk's Table, are as follow:—

(Copy.)—No. 18.

Downing Street, 2d December, 1841.

SIR,—With reference to that part of your Despatch of the 21st June last, which relates to the mode of raising loans in New Brunswick, and to the state of the Currency, I transmit herewith, the copy of a Letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Treasury, enclosing a Report on those subjects from Mr. Pennington, and I have to request that you would, at your earliest convenience, furnish me with the information called for in that Report.

I have, &c. &c. &c. STANLEY.

Sir W. COLEBROOKE, &c. &c. &c.

Treasury Chambers, 30th November, 1841.

(Copy.)

SIR,—With reference to a Letter from this Board, of 26th August last, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to transmit to you for the information of Lord Stanley, copy of a Report from Mr. James Pennington, dated 5th ultimo, on the subject of the financial arrangements of New Brunswick, and I am to request that you will move Lord Stanley to call upon the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, to furnish the information suggested by Mr. Pennington.

I am, &c. &c. &c. C. E. TREVELYAN.

JAMES STEPHEN, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

London, 5th October, 1841.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, dated 27th August, enclosing Extracts of a Letter from Mr. Stephen, and its enclosures, relative to the financial arrangements of the Government of New Brunswick.

By these Extracts it appears, that in order to meet the deficiency of the Public Revenue, the Provincial Government has latterly been in the habit of “taking up credits” with the private Banks of the Province, and of allowing Interest on outstanding Warrants; that under this arrangement the sum of £36,368 10s. 8d. Currency, was due to the Bank of New Brunswick, at the commencement of present year, and that at the same period, the sum of £24,795 2s. was outstanding upon Warrants.