

YORK GENERAL SESSIONS.

JANUARY TERM, A. D. 1849.

Whereas the present mode of auditing and passing for payment the County Accounts, is objectionable and inefficient, it is therefore Ordered by the Court, that hereafter the following Rules and Regulations be adopted and observed :—

I. That a County Auditor be appointed, unconnected with either this Court or the Corporation of the City of Fredericton.

II. That hereafter all Accounts of Receipts or Expenditure connected with the County, duly authorized and vouched, be furnished to the County Auditor, by the first day of May and December in each and every year.

III. That the Auditor be required to investigate, inspect and report upon all the County Accounts *semi* annually, at meetings of the Sessions in January and June, and oftner if required by the presiding Justice, and that the Auditor be authorized to call for persons and papers.

IV. That the Clerk do furnish the Auditor with lists of all Town or Parish Officers, who are or may be recipients of County or Parish Funds, and with schedules of the several assessments ordered to be made upon the different Parishes, and with all other necessary information appertaining to his office as Clerk of the Peace, relative to the monetary and fiscal transactions of the County.

V. That the Auditor do call upon all County and Parish Officers who have been recipients of County or Parochial Funds, and who have not satisfactorily accounted therefor, to forthwith submit their Accounts to him for examination and inspection; this order also to apply to, and to include those persons to whom were intrusted the distribution of any part of the money granted to this County by 11 V., c. 3.

VI. That John A. Beckwith be appointed County Auditor, under these Rules and Regulations: Further Ordered, That the sum of ten pounds be paid for the Salary of the Auditor for the year 1849; and that suitable Blank Books be provided at the expense of the County for the use of the Auditor.

VII. That all County or Parish Officers neglecting or refusing to comply with these Rules and Regulations, shall be considered ineligible to be re-appointed to office.

VIII. That this Court will not entertain or pass for payment, any account or claim for money, until the same shall have been submitted to, and properly reported upon, by the Auditor, in his *semi* annual Report.

IX. That the several County and Parish Accounts, which it has been usual to make up and present to this Court at the annual Sessions in January, be in time to come made up and submitted to the Auditor half yearly; namely, on the last days of April and November in each and every year; provided however, that the Alms House Accounts may be made up and submitted annually, namely, on the last day of November, in place of the last day of December, as heretofore.

X. That hereafter the several Accounts which pass this Court for payment, be numbered by the presiding Justice, by and with the assent of the majority of Justices present, and that the County Treasurer do pay the said Accounts in consecutive order, commencing with the lowest number.

XI. That the Clerk do without unnecessary delay furnish the Auditor with an official copy, under Seal, of these Rules and Regulations; that he cause a copy thereof to be published in one or more of the Newspapers published in this City; and that he also furnish each County and Parish Officer who may be entitled to receive County or Parochial Funds, with a printed copy.

Extract from the Minutes.

GEO. J. DIBBLEE,
Clerk of the Peace, York.

The following Address to the Lieutenant Governor, by the Orangemen of this Province belonging to the Grand Lodge, together with His Excellency's reply thereto, has been handed to us for publication.

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND W. HEAD, Bart., Lieutenant Governor in and over the Province of New Brunswick.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Loyal Orangemen of the Province of New Brunswick, belonging to the Grand Lodge, now in Session assembled, beg leave on this the first occasion of our assembling together generally since Your Excellency's arrival in this Province, to approach Your Excellency with sincere congratulations upon your advent to the administration of the Government of this Province, and to tender in the most respectful manner our confidence, believing, as we do, that Your Excellency will not fail in performing the important duties entrusted to you, in a manner alike pleasing to our Most Gracious Sovereign, your Royal Mistress, and conducive to the welfare of the Inhabitants of this Province.

Your Excellency may have heard that which is not favourable to us as a body. Your Excellency may have heard that we are a

designing political body; that we are bigoted and intolerant, or that our organization is calculated to irritate those who differ from us in their religious opinions: for enemies have not been found wanting, who have laid these charges against us. But we beg leave to assure Your Excellency that our body was small and insignificant in this Colony, until the disturbed state of society in many districts, and the seeming inadequacy of the law and its officers, to suppress and prevent riots, murder and outrage, called for a union of Protestants, and caused the spread of our institution. Our chief objects are the union of Protestants of the several denominations, to counteract the encroachments of all men, sects or parties, who may at any time attempt the subversion of the Constitution, or the severance of these Colonies from the British Empire; to bind Protestants to the strict observance of the laws, and to strengthen the hands of the local authorities, by the knowledge that there is ever a band of loyal men ready, in case of emergency, to obey their commands, and assist them in the maintenance of order. These are our objects, and up to this moment, we, as a body, have never once acted together, or by a preconcerted plan, in any of the political elections of this Province. We also disclaim in the most unequivocal manner an intolerant spirit, or the slightest wish to persecute any man on account of his religious opinions, and are quite content to enjoy equal privileges with all other portions of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province.

Your Excellency is aware, that some time previous to your arrival in this Province, a serious riot occurred at Woodstock, on which occasion, certain members of our Institution were attacked, and under the authority of the Magistrates, acted on the defensive. Your Excellency will also be aware, that for this offence, several of the convicted rioters have been sentenced to imprisonment in the Provincial Penitentiary, and are at this moment undergoing the punishment allotted to them. Now, to prove to the world, that we, as a body, are neither intolerant nor vindictive, and for other reasons we shall presently set forth, we most respectfully petition Your Excellency, that the remainder of the term of imprisonment allotted to James M'Cann, George M'Donagh, and their accomplices, be remitted, and that Your Excellency will be pleased to order their immediate discharge. The additional reasons to which we would call Your Excellency's attention, are as follows: First—When riots are of frequent occurrence, no doubt the great object of the law is to restore harmony and quiet; and we are happy to be enabled to state that this desideratum has been effected, and that, at the present moment, and for some time past, the Province is, and has been in a state of profound peace, and all classes of Her Majesty's subjects appear to have buried every cause of dispute. Secondly—We are of opinion, that the inhabitants of Woodstock now desire to bury the past in oblivion, and to dwell together in peace; and we believe that this measure would tend to perpetuate this desirable state of things. Thirdly—That as the supremacy of law has been vindicated, and a wholesome lesson taught to those who would take the law into their own hands, and as but a small portion of the term of confinement of the prisoners aforesaid remains—unimportant to the community, but of very great importance to the families of the prisoners, it cannot, in our opinion, give rise to any evil consequences, if the remainder of the term be remitted.

Such, Your Excellency, are our views, and such is our humble request. But however Your Excellency in your wisdom may decide, we beg once more to tender our hearty congratulations on your advent to the station you now occupy, with our most earnest wishes for your health and welfare, and also for the health and welfare of Lady Head; and we pray that you may be long spared to fill the high station you now enjoy; and that whenever it may please Her Majesty to recal Your Excellency to your native land, you will leave this Province honored and regretted by its inhabitants, and deserve and receive the praise of a grateful Sovereign and the thanks of the Nation.

To the Orangemen of the Grand Lodge of the Province of New Brunswick.

GENTLEMEN,

In receiving the Address which you have just read, I must state explicitly that I receive it as expressing the sentiments of a certain number of those whom I believe to be loyal and faithful subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty, without reference to political or religious qualification of any kind.

I thank you sincerely for your congratulations and for your good wishes on behalf of myself and my family.

With regard to the part of your Address which solicits the immediate remission of the remaining sentences of the Woodstock Rioters, I do full justice to the feeling which prompts your prayer; but my duty obliges me to reply, that as Her Majesty's Representative, I must exercise the prerogative of mercy in such manner as after mature consideration may seem most likely to secure the future respect for the laws, and to uphold the authority of the Government, without reference to party or sect.

I cannot therefore intimate to you my compliance with this part of your Address, but I look upon the expression of your wishes as an earnest of good feeling on both sides for the future; and I am led to hope, that persons of every party, however strong their own convictions may be, will abstain from demonstrations calculated unnecessarily to wound the feelings or excite the passions of those of Her Majesty's subjects who differ from them.