

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

SATURDAY 30th January, 1830.

PROVINCE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee appointed to examine into the Treasurer's Accounts reported that they had investigated the several accounts, and submitted the following report, which he read:—

No. 1 is an account of Light House duty collected at St. John, during the year ending 31st December, 1829, amounting to 1,106l. 3 0

From which deduct warrants for supplies and repairs from the 10th October, 1827, to the 6th November, 1829, 619l. 3 7

Three Warrants on account of Keepers Salary to the 10th October, 1829, 139l. 0 3

Balance which is carried to the Treasurer's General Account, 347l. 3 9

No. 2 is the account of the Ordinary Revenue collected and secured at St. John, amounting to 13,230l. 17 5.

No. 3 is the account of Ordinary Duties collected on Merchandize of Foreign Produce warehoused at the port of St. John, amounting to 421l. 12 0

No. 4 is the account of Advalem Duties on Merchandize of Foreign production collected at the port of St. John, amounting to 649l. 0 6.

No. 5 is an account of Advalem Duties collected on Merchandize of Foreign production, warehoused at the port of St. John, amounting to 721. 13 2.

No. 6 is an account of Auction Duties paid into the Province Treasury at St. John, amounting to 1136l. 10 8 1/2, of which the sum of 687l. 17 11 1/2 is for duties previous to the 1st May.

No. 7 is an account of sums received by the Treasurer at St. John, for Licenses granted to Pedlars, amounting to 65l.

No. 8 is an account of Monies received by the Treasurer at St. John, from the Attorney-General, on account of Treasury Bonds put into his hands for collection, amounting to 2,633l. 17 11.

No. 9 is an abstract of warrants paid at the Province Treasury between the 1st January and 31st December, 1829, amounting to 41,392l. 14 5 1/2.

No. 10 is an account of Drawbacks paid at the Province Treasury between the 1st January and 31st December, 1829, amounting to 865l. 4 10.

No. 11 is an account of sums paid by the Province Treasurer for discount for prompt payment of duties at St. John, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1829, amounting to 121. 10 10.

No. 12 is an account of bonds put into the hands of the Attorney General for collection, by the Province Treasurer, in the year 1829, amounting to 331l. 2 2.

No. 13 is a list of Bonds remaining in the Province Treasury at St. John, on the 31st January, 1829, amounting to 9,371l. 4 8.

A is the account of duties collected at Saint John for the relief and support of sick and disabled Seamen, from 20th October to the 31st December, 1829, amounting to 1,106l. 3 0. Also, of duties under the Act for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen, amounting to 671 5 10.

C is an account of sums paid for interest to the St. John Saving Bank, amounting to 4l. 8 8.

D is an account current with the Commissioners of the Marine Hospital, of duties collected at the port of St. John, under the Act for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen, amounting to 778l. 4 0

From which deduct warrants paid, 575 0 0

Leaving a balance carried to the Treasurer's General Account of 2031. 4 0

E is the account of the Province Treasurer with the Savings Bank at St. John, shewing a balance due to that Institution from the Province of 1606l. 0 0.

F is an abstract of unpaid Warrants remaining in the Province Treasury, amounting to 4,355 8 0.

G is an abstract of the Revenue of New-Brunswick for the past year, viz:—

Ordinary Duties, 22,166l. 19 5
Advalem do. 1,009 1 10
Auction do. 1,358 14 9 3/4
Acts of Parliament do. 10,062 15 4 1/4
Licensed Pedlar's do. 192 10 0
Horses &c. do. 1927 14 4
Nett Light House do. 349 19 3

Total amount, 37,055l. 15 0
From which deduct the probable amount of drawbacks, 2,350 0 0

34,705l. 15 0

H is an account, amounting to the sum of 176l. 17 7, paid by the Province Treasurer, for interest arising between the 1st January 1829, and the 11th September, following, on monies advanced by the Bank of New-Brunswick, on account of Treasury Warrants.

I is the account current of the Honorable Richard Simonds, Province Treasurer, shewing a balance on the 31st December, 1829, of 12,533l. 13 0 1/2

Of the above balance, the sum due on bonds now in the Treasury, as per list furnished, is 9,371l. 4 8

In warrants part paid and sums advanced to Tide Waiters, 970 8 0
Balance in cash, 2,192 0 4 1/2
12,533 13 0 1/2

The foregoing accounts are correct and highly satisfactory.

K. & L. are two accounts of Benjamin C. Chaloner, for gauging, up to 31st December, 1829, amounting to 131l. 11 6.

A is an account of sums received from the Attorney General by the Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrews, from 1st January to 31st Dec. 1829, amounting to 560l. 14 8.

B is an account of sums received from the officers of His Majesty's Customs, by the Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrews, from 1st January to 31st December, 1829, amounting to 759l. 16 4.

C is an account of Auction Duty paid into the hands of the Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrews, between the 1st day of January and 31st Dec. 1829, amounting to 55l. 9 2 1/2, of which the sum of 29l. 7 11 1/2 was paid previous to the 1st May.

D is an account of the Ordinary Duties collected and secured by the Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrews between the 1st January and 31st Dec. 1829, amounting to 3,118 13 11.

E is an account of the advalem duties collected by the Deputy Treasurer at Saint Andrews from 1st January to 31st December, 1829, amounting to 269l. 17 4.

F is an account of duty on Horses, Cattle and Meats, collected by the Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrews from 1st January to 31st December, 1829, amounting to 1782l. 15 5.

By this account it appears, that the entry No. 2 is for the duties on 18 head of cattle paid by N. Winslow. On reference to the vouchers, it appears the permit was granted for 24 head of cattle, leaving the duties on 6 head to be accounted for.

G is an account of sums received for licenses issued to Pedlars by the Deputy Treasurer at Saint Andrews, from 1st Jan. to 31st December, amounting to 17l. 10.

H is an account of drawbacks paid by the Deputy Treasurer at Saint Andrews from 1st January to 31st December, 1829, amounting to 627l. 5 10.

I is an account of sums paid for discount on prompt payment by the Deputy Treasurer at Saint Andrews, amounting to 21. 2 9.

K is an account of interest paid to the St. Andrews Savings Bank by the Deputy Treasurer, from 1st January to 31st December, 1829, amounting to 56l. 5 5 1/2.

L is an account of bonds remaining in the Treasury at Saint Andrews on the 31st of December, 1829, on which there is due the sum of 3687l. 16 11.

M is an account of sick and disabled Seamen's duty, collected by the Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrews, from 1st Jan. to 31st Dec. 1829, amounting to 950l. 16 7.

N is a statement of unpaid Drawbacks on file in the Deputy Treasurer's Office at Saint Andrews 31st December, 1829, amounting to 449l. 14 11.

O is D. W. Jack's account for gauging and weighing for the year 1829, amounting to 37l. 12 6.

P is the account current of the Deputy Treasurer at Saint Andrews with the Province Treasurer, shewing bonds in his hands amounting to 3,687 16 11.

And a balance in cash on the 31st December, of 364 0 2 1/2.

In this account is a charge of 30l. paid to R. Hanson, in November, 1828, for a new road in the Parish of Saint George. Your Committee have not ascertained by what authority this sum has been paid.

No. 1 is an account of the ordinary duty collected at West Isles between the 21st October and the 31st December, 1828, amounting to 111. 4 0.

No. 2 is an account of Merchandize imported into West Isles, subject to the ordinary Provincial duties between 1st January and 31st December, 1829, which duty amounts to 1103l. 12 6.

No. 3 is a list of Bonds remaining in the hands of the said Deputy Treasurer, on 31st December, 1829, amounting to 912l. 4 7 1/2.

Nos. 4 & 5, are two accounts of the Deputy Treasurer, at West Isles with the Province Treasurer, between 21st October, 1828, and 31st Dec. 1829, inclusive, shewing Bonds remaining in hands on 31st December, 1829, amounting to 912l. 4 7 1/2, and a balance in cash of 200l. 7 11 1/2.

This officer charges 4s. 6d. for postage on public letters. He also charges commission on the whole amount of duties secured by him.

Upon reference to the Journal of the 29th March, 1821, your Committee find, that it was the intention of the House that the Deputy Treasury at West Isles should receive a commission of 10 per cent. on the nett proceeds paid over by him, and not on the amount of Duties secured.

It appears by a note on the account of the Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrews, that this officer has paid over to him, since the closing of his account, the sum of 170l. 6 3.

This officer charges in his account the sum of 400l. paid over to the Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrews, which sum is credited, but no notes are furnished at what time the same was paid.

No affidavit accompanies this account, and the officer states as a reason that there is no person resident within his district, authorised to take affidavits.

No. 6 is C. H. Jouett's account for gauging dutiable articles between 24th April, 1824, and 31st May, 1826, inclusive, amounting to 10l. 12 6.

No. 7 is C. H. Jouett's account for gauging, &c. between 26th May, 1828, and 31st December, 1829, inclusive, amounting to 43l. 4 0.

No. 9 is the account current of the Deputy Treasurer at the Bend of the Peticodiac, with the Province Treasurer for the year ending 31st December, 1829, shewing a balance in his hands in cash of 2l.

The above sum of 2l. is all that has been collected by this officer, and he does not charge any commission thereon.

No. 10 is the account of the Deputy Treasurer at Bay Verte, shewing the amount of Ordinary duties collected at that place during the year 1829, amounting to 11s. 8d. Also, the amount collected for a Licence to a Pedlar 10l. 10 0.

No. 11 is the account of the Deputy Treasurer at Sackville for sums collected for Licenses granted to Pedlars, for the year 1829, amounting to 57l. 10 0.

From which he deducts his commission, 5l. 15 0
And Postage on two Letters, 1 10
5l. 16 10

Leaving a balance in his hands of 51l. 18 2

No affidavit accompanies either of the three last accounts.

No. 12 is a list of Licenses issued to Hawkers and Pedlars by the said Deputy Treasurer, up to 31st Dec. 1829; the duty amounting to 17l. 10 0.

received at Fredericton for the year ending 31st December, 1829, amounting to 145l. 0 0.

No. 15 is the account current of the Deputy Treasurer, of York County shewing bonds in his hands on 31st December, 1829, amounting to 129l. 0 0.

And a balance in cash of 63l. 9 0.

No. 16 is the account current of Thomas H. Peters, Esquire, Deputy Treasurer at Miramichi, with Province Treasurer, shewing a balance in his hands on the 31st December, 1829, in bonds, 2080l. 18 9, and cash 646l. 8 11 1/2.

Mr. Peters charges a sum of 49l. 16 0, paid as drawback on dutiable articles re-shipped. And also a further sum of 19l. 4 9, paid for rebate of interest on importations, between the 31st December, 1823, and the 31st December, 1829.

Mr. Peters also charges paid the Province Treasurer the sum of 3760l. 9 10 1/2.

Due on Bonds transmitted to the Attorney General for prosecution, 120l. 0 10 3/4

This account is duly attested to by Mr. Peters.

No. 17 is an account of Ordinary Provincial Duties collected at Miramichi, in the year 1829, amounting to 3728l. 3 0.

In this account Mr. Peters credits a sum received from the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Miramichi of 975l. 4 4 1/2.

And in the account current a further credit is stated of money received from the Collector, being a difference on 772l. 4 7 1/4 sterling, in dollars a 4s. 4d. 32l. 19 10 1/4.

The whole amount of duties at Miramichi, 4736l. 7 2 3/4.

No. 18 is a return of Auction Duties received at Miramichi, between the 31st December, 1828, and the 31st December, 1829, amounting to 94l. 11 8, of which amount the sum of 78l. 18 4, was received before the 31st May.

No. 19 is a list of Bonds remaining in the Office, at Miramichi, on the 21st December, 1829, amounting to 2080l. 18 9.

No. 20 is an account current of the Deputy Treasurer at Miramichi, with the Commissioners for the sick and disabled Seamen's Fund, shewing a balance on the 31st December, 1829, in hand of 61l. 12 8.

Mr. Peters charges two sums paid the Commissioners, amounting to 612l. 4 8.

Accompanying this account is a return of money collected at Miramichi, between the 1st December, 1828, and 31st December, 1829, amounting to 470l. 18 2.

No. 21 is the account of George Henderson for Gauging at Miramichi, in the year 1829, amounting to 8l. 0 0.

No. 22 is the account current of John W. Weldon, Esquire, Deputy Treasurer at Liverpool with the Province Treasurer, shewing a balance in his hands, on the 31st December, 1829, in Bonds of 265l. 10 7

And Cash, 162 7 3 1/2
427l. 17 10 1/2

Mr. Weldon charges a sum paid into the Province Treasury of 640l. 5 1.

The Deputy Treasurer gives credit for monies received for the Sub-Collector at Liverpool, for the quarters ending 5th July and 10th October, 1829, amounting to 204l. 14 9 3/4.

No. 23 is an account of Provincial Duties secured at Liverpool, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1829, amounting to 511l. 12 6.

To this account are statements of duties received from licensed pedlars, 17l. 10 0.

And from Licensed Auctioneers, 3l. 17 8.

The whole of these accounts are correct and satisfactory.

No. 24 is a list of bonds remaining in the hands of the Deputy Treasurer at Liverpool on 31st Dec. 1829, on which a balance is due of 265l. 10 7.

No. 25 is the Account Current of the Deputy Treasurer at Liverpool with the Sick and Disabled Seamen's Fund, shewing a balance due the fund on 31st December, 1829, of 91l. 13 7.

In this account Mr. Weldon charges a sum paid the Commissioners of 12l. 10 0.

And he credits collected during the year 1829, 70l. 14 8.

No. 26 is the account current of William Hannington, Esquire, Deputy Treasurer at Chediac, shewing a balance in his hands 31st Dec. 1829, in cash, 16l. 5 10 1/2

And a bond, 42l. 6 0 1/2

Mr. Hannington charges paid the Province Treasurer the sum of 25l. 0 0, and credits received in 1829, for the support of Sick and Disabled Seamen, the sum of 10l. 8 11; and for two Licensed Pedlars 5l. 0 0.

No affidavit is annexed to this account, as the Deputy Treasurer states there is no Magistrate residing within 18 miles of Chediac.

No. 27 is an account of the Ordinary duties collected at Chediac from 1st January, 1829, to 1st Jan. 1830, amounting to 60l. 8 0.

No. 28 is an account of Duties collected by Adam Gerrard, Esq. at Ristigouche, in the years 1826, 1827, 1828 and 1829, but as the document is neither subscribed by Mr. Gerrard, nor in any way authenticated, your committee do not deem it worthy of further notice. It may, however, be proper to state, that the amount stated in this account, as having been paid over to P. Dumaresq, Esquire, does not correspond with the amount credited by Mr. Dumaresq in his account current.

No. 29 is the account current of Perry Dumaresq, Esq. late Deputy Treasurer at Bathurst, with the Province Treasurer, shewing a balance in his hands on the 31st December, 1828, of 404l. 16 4 1/2.

This account is not accompanied by any vouchers.

No. 30 is a Particular Account of the Ordinary Provincial Duties collected at Bathurst from 1st January to 1st September, 1829, amounting to 228l. 12 1 1/2

In this account there is likewise included a sum received from J. Blackhall, Esquire, of duties collected by him, 6l. 17 0

And a further amount received for Auction Duties, 12 14 10

Total amount received by Mr. Dumaresq, 248l. 3 11 1/2

Which is credited in the account current for the same period.

No. 31 is at Abstract of Duties collected by the late Deputy Treasurer at Bathurst, for the support of Sick and Disabled Seamen, between the year 1821 and 31st August, 1829, amounting to 206l. 6 1.

Which is credited in the account current. This abstract appears to be correct.

No. 32 is an account current of P. Dumaresq, Esquire, from 1st January to 1st September, 1829, shewing a balance in hand of 624l. 17 5 1/2

Add sums charged for road receipts for which no warrants have yet issued, 100 0 0

724l. 17 5 1/2

Which sum your Committee presume is the true balance yet unaccounted for by Mr. Dumaresq, and

they recommend that measures be speedily adopted for the recovery of the said balance.

No. 33 is the account current of John Miller, Esquire, Deputy Treasurer at Bathurst; with the Province Treasurer, between the 1st September, and 22d December, 1829, stating a balance in his hands at the latter date of 9l. 13 9.

He credits amount collected for the support of sick and disabled Seamen, to the 24th of October, 1829, 7l. 10 9

And the Ordinary duties collected by him during the same period, 3l. 4 6

10l. 15 0

From which he deducts Commission, 1l. 1 6

9l. 13 9

This account is not attested to by Mr. Miller.

In the Report of the Committee appointed last Session to examine and report upon the Treasurer's Accounts—the sum of 205l. 0 1 is stated to be due from the Deputy Treasurer at Miramichi, to the Province Treasurer, on account of Duties collected for the support of sick and disabled seamen up to 1st January, 1826.

Mr. Peters, in obedience to the orders of the House, now furnishes a receipt dated 23d February, 1825, from Geo. D. Robinson, Esquire, Deputy Province Treasurer, for the sum of 221l. 13 5, viz:—

For the amount stated to be due by Mr. Peters, at January, 1826, but properly due on the 31st December, 1824, 205l. 0 1

For difference in value of coin in the hands of Mr. Peters in 1821, when Dollars were raised to 5s 4d. 16 13 4

221l. 13 5

It appears that the Treasurer and the several Deputies at St. Andrews, Miramichi and Richibucto, have accounted for the difference in the value of monies received by them respectively from the officers of His Majesty's Customs, and the current rate of such money in this Province.

There are no returns from Restigouche and Dalhousie, for the year 1829, but from the Treasurer's accounts the sum of 104l. 13 9, appears to have been received from Restigouche, and 103l. 13 6 from Dalhousie; and your Committee beg leave to notice that there was no return from Restigouche for the year 1828.

All the foregoing accounts, except where noted, are correct and satisfactory.

All which is respectfully submitted to this Honorable House.

WILLIAM CRANE, THOS. BARLOW, WILLIAM TAYLOR, THOS. WYER, ALEX. RANKIN, JOHN WARD, Jun.

The Report being handed in at the Clerk's table, was there again read.

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

Extract of a Speech delivered by the Rev. Dr. Singer, Secretary of the Hibernian Bible Society, at the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, London, May 5th, 1829. The Right Hon. Lord Teignmouth, President, in the Chair.

REV. DR. SINGER, Secretary of the Hibernian Bible Society.—My Lord, if I had come before this Meeting to-day prepared to make a speech, the Address which I, in common with them, have just heard would assuredly have prevented me. It is impossible, I think, for one who values the Scriptures which this Society would circulate, to hear such a testimony as that borne to their circulation and their effect—a testimony, too, coming from one who, in the contest of the Lord against the mighty, has fought and has bled—it is impossible for any one to hear that statement, without feeling an interest in this great cause, infinitely beyond any thing that pre-conceived statements could have excited, or beyond what any artificial preparation could have attained.

My Lord, I asked myself, when I heard that honoured individual, who has not only given up his home, his family, his friends, his country, but almost the very life that comes from the God who gave him existence, when he has given these up to communicate the light of God's word to others—I asked myself, What am I, that should address this Meeting? My Lord, it is only because I stand connected with a country that has long been the object of your attention, and because I am a member of a Society that may be considered as one of the streams which have flowed from this great parent river, which is watering the desolate places of the earth—it is because I am an Irishman, and connected with an Irish Bible Society, that I have come forward, on this honoured platform, to address the Representatives of the Christian World. What a prospect does the Report present to us! day! How did the heart expand at hearing it! My imagination is lost in the sublimity of the prospect, when it sees the standard of the Cross unfurled, and waving in triumph from the icy shores of Norway to the Cape of storms, and from the stupendous heights of the Himalaya Mountains to the lofty summits of the Andes. Let us praise God for the establishment of this Society, which was formed in this country—blessed, because it here originated—and which has conferred more honour upon this country, and upon Christendom, than all the arts and arms which have illustrated its career. It is the moral electricity of this Society that is proceeding throughout the world, not to waste and devastate the nations, but to purge and purify them. The light of Heaven, first beaming here, has been the means of enlightening the dark and desolate places of the earth: this has become the spring whence issues the tide of Revelation, from which have emanated all those streams which now reflect from their surface the face of heaven, and bear the richest treasures of heaven to the remotest corners of the globe. I did, I confess, rest upon one or two positions, placed before me in the Report, with peculiar pleasure. We hear there, that Bohemia was about to receive, or had received, the Scriptures in its native language; and my mind travelled back instinctively to those recollections, dear to every Protestant mind—it was a feeling I could not have controlled, if I would—I recollected those eminent men, who, in a period of darkness and an age of superstition and error, dared first to read, to translate, and to circulate the Scriptures. I could not resist the overwhelming feeling of pleasure, when my mind turned to those Welshmen who found in Bede a refuge and a shelter: and it was from these that England first received the light of the Gospel: it was from thence that Waldo gave the Bible, that lighted up Wickliffe's torch, which, by the blessing of God, has never been extinguished:—and how gratifying is it that the streams seem now to be returning back to their source! The impossibilities of the natural world seem to be possible in God's moral world; and we are giving back to those first confessors the Scriptures of Truth which we received from them. Permit me to say, too, that the same circumstance is taking place in my native land. Your Lordship knows, and the Assembly knows, that England received its illumination principally from Ireland. At the period when your Saxon ancestors were immolating human victims to the gods they worshipped, imitated, and resembled, it was the Scottish Monks, the Scots from Ireland, who illuminated, by the real light of Scriptural Religion, the largest part of this land; and all that August-

did, when he came from Rome, was to convert part of the South of Britain, and to extend over the whole of it the change of scene: but it was by the Scots, the learned men from Ireland, and partly through Caledonia, that the Gospel was first preached, with effect and power in a large proportion of this land. And now, My Lord, we come to you, to ask you to give to the descendants of those very people those same Scriptures which your ancestors found to be the power of God to civilization, and we trust to Salvation. And we thank you for having repaid, and more than repaid, the blessing your ancestors received from us; and we ask you not to be weary in well doing, but to go on in your labour of love. But when I say that Ireland wants the Scriptures, I know that it is the same in other countries; wherever man is discovered, there it is necessary to circulate that Book, which contains the promises of God, the revelation of God in His character, and the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. The remedy of that Book is the remedy of human nature, and never can be unimportant to man; but it is specially wanted in Ireland—in that country which is your near and dear neighbour. The Irish are in the greatest want of that Book, for which man will never be without a necessity, till time shall be swallowed up in eternity.

The presence of the Bishop of Calcutta, and of the Missionary from India, reminded me of a circumstance, which may be worth relating; though, perhaps, the particulars are known; as, at the period of its occurrence, when the British army was making its progress through the Burmese Empire, and the natives flying before it, they were generally mentioned. A short time previous to the complete triumph of our arms there, an American Missionary, whose name and praise rest in all the Churches, and far exceed all commendation of mine, had made a translation of the Scriptures into the tongue principally spoken in that Empire, and sought access to the Royal palace, to present to the King the first specimen of that Book which had thus hallowed the language of his country. After some considerable time, the humble Missionary was admitted to kiss the golden feet of the "King of Kings;" and with the dignity and independence of