

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE for the YEAR ending January 30th 1840.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid by the Correspondent of Road Commissioners	£2315 11 4
Repairing Anderson's Road, part of £150 voted for that purpose	9 2 0
Landing Materials of the old Mount Stewart Bridge	2 0 0
Compensation to Lauchlan McLeod, John Muttart, Widow Praught, John Clark, Widow Mackie and Michael D Leary, for a right of way through each of their Farms	89 14 6
Saving Materials and repairing Hope River Bridge	14 18 0
Repairing Wright's Bridge	16 18 9
Road leading from Cardigan to Mount Stewart Bridge	159 2 6
Repairing Auld's Bridge	5 19 0
Mount Stewart Bridge (1st instalment)	120 0 0
Correspondent of Road Commissioners' Salary	30 0 0
Road Commissioners' Salaries	160 0 0
	<u>2923 6 1</u>

Road Compensation Act.

Compensation for Damages	11 0 0
Sheriff's Account for Prince County	135 10 6
	<u>146 10 6</u>

CROWN PROSECUTIONS.

Attorney General's Fees	134 11 3½
Solicitor General's do.	17 6 8
Clerk of the Crown's Fees and Disbursements	115 11 7½
Deputy Clerk of the Crown's Fees and Disbursements for Prince County	44 3 8
Deputy Clerk of the Crown's Fees and Disbursements for King's County	14 1 7
	<u>325 14 10½</u>

JAILS AND COURT-HOUSES.

Queen's County.

Bread, (Jail)	30 3 11½
Fuel, do.	56 6 3
Sheriff's Account	86 3 9½
Erecting a Picket Fence, &c., (Jail)	95 16 6
Repairing Court House	10 0 3
Medical Attendance, (Jail)	10 0 0
Jailer	40 0 0
Matron	15 0 0
	<u>343 10 9</u>

King's County.

Sheriff's Account	£48 8 3
Fuel (Jail)	20 14 2
Jailer	30 0 0
Medical Attendance	2 10 3
	<u>101 12 8</u>

Prince County.

Sheriff's Account	20 19 2
Fuel (Jail)	7 3 0
Jailer	30 0 0
	<u>57 15 2</u>

MAILS.

By Steam	500 0 0
J. H. White, two trips to Pictou	20 0 0
Winter, including £38 10s. 6d. for carrying Mails between Cape Tormentine and Amherst	177 0 6

Inland.

Western	98 17 1
Eastern	59 10 10
Three Rivers, Belfast and Wood Islands	64 16 0
Miss Chappell, for conducting Mails	20 0 0
	<u>940 4 5</u>

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Clerk's Quarterly Accounts	189 3 6
Messenger's Salary	40 0 0
	<u>239 3 6</u>

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notifying Members (travelling expenses)	12 0 0
Chaplain	30 0 0
Clerk and Stationery	152 10 1
Usher of the Black Rod	38 10 0
Printing Journals and Binding	101 10 0
Preparing Index to Journals	7 10 0
Messenger and Disbursements	40 5 0
Doorkeeper	26 6 6
	<u>408 11 7</u>

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Speaker and Members	786 6 7½
Clerk	180 0 0
Sergeant at Arms	33 15 0
Ditto, Sundries supplied	66 13 4
Messenger	28 17 6
Printing	250 18 7
Doorkeeper	27 19 6
	<u>1374 10 6½</u>

WHARVES AND HARBOURS.

Princetown Wharf	243 0 0
Wharf at Green's Shore, Bedeque (voted in 1838)	50 0 0
Charlottetown Wharf (repairing outer block)	14 8 6
Hard opposite Georgetown	15 0 0
Repairing Hard opposite Charlottetown	10 0 0
	<u>332 8 6</u>

NAUTICAL SURVEY OF THE HARBOURS OF CHARLOTTETOWN AND GEORGETOWN.

George Peacock, Esq. Master H. M. S. Andromache, for his services, protracting Plans, &c.	50 0 0
Hon. George Wright, Surveyor General, for his services and disbursements, Charts, &c.	143 0 7
	<u>193 0 7</u>

BUOYS AND BEACONS—CHARLOTTETOWN HARBOUR.

Paid by the Surveyor General, as per vouchers	33 1 0
Mr. Peake, for Cables, &c. supplied	41 3 6

Mining Association, for Anchors	23 12 0
Mr. C. C. Davison's Account, for Iron and Blacksmith's work for Buoys	50 15 8
Mr. C. C. Davison, for taking up Buoys	8 12 2
	<u>157 4 4</u>
Georgetown Harbour, one Beacon at St. Andrew's Point	6 13 2
New London (Buoys)	8 0 0
Cascumpeque Harbour (2 Buoys)	8 7 0
Richmond Bay (1 Buoy)	12 18 0
St. Peter's (2 Beacons)	8 0 0
Grand River, King's County, (Buoys)	7 12 0
	<u>208 14 6</u>

FISH BOUNTY ACT.

Benjamin Beers (Schooner Olive Branch)	10 5 0
William Mackay & Co. (Schrs. Sarah Ann and Trial)	25 15 0
Walker & Macdonald (Schooner Success)	11 5 0
	<u>47 5 0</u>

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

J. D. Hazard's Quarterly Accounts	262 6 9
J. B. Cooper & Co. (advertising)	8 16 6
	<u>271 3 3</u>

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sundry Work, in and about Government House & out-buildings, in 1838 & 1839	479 19 10
Balance due on Books purchased for the use of the Legislature	45 3 2½
William Smallwood, for his improvement on a Horse-power Machine	10 0 0
Return of Duty paid on a Printing Press, &c. imported by J. B. Cooper & Co.	10 0 0
Return of Duty on Bibles	4 11 3½
Assessment on Government Pews in St. Paul's Church	6 19 6
Assessment on do. paid up to Whitsuntide, 1840	8 15 0
Delegation to England, by W. Cooper, Esq., Mechanics' Institute	300 0 0
Truckage of Firewood from Fuel-yard to Guard-house (Government House)	20 0 0
Theophilus Chappell, for preparing Plan and Specification of Bridge intended to be built at Mount Stewart Ferry, and travelling expenses	3 3 0
Issac Smith—his Account for Plans of Public Buildings, &c.	3 12 6
Surveyor General's Account	12 0 0
George Wright, jr., Deputy Surveyor General, his Account for public services	2 10 0
Joseph Ball, for exploring and ascertaining the best line of Road between the Scotch Settlement, Lot 67, and Lots 28 and 29, and furnishing a Plan	27 7 6
J. H. White, to reimburse him in expenses incurred in defending an Action instituted against him by the Commissioners appointed to superintend the reprinting of the Laws	13 5 5
James Warburton, Road Commissioner, his Account for mileage, and other charges, in travelling to let a part of the Western Road	125 0 0
Cutting Ice from Mount Stewart Bridge	7 7 0
Ellis River Ferry	5 0 0
T. Owen, Esq., for apprehending a Deserter, allowed by 50 Geo. 3, cap. 3	5 0 0
Pump in Public Well at Ferry House, opposite Charlottetown	5 0 0
Protecting Herring and Alewives Fisheries	24 0 0
Coroner's Inquests	32 11 4½
Agricultural Societies	150 0 0
District Schools, including £50 to St. Andrew's College, and £20 to Acadian Teachers	605 0 0
Colonial Secretary (including his own and the Lieutenant Governor's Fees, &c.)	177 14 11½
Lunatics and Paupers	294 9 0
Master of the National School	19 0 0
Fitting up Telegraph	5 6 4
Town Major's small Disbursement Account	11 12 1½
Sheriff's Salaries, £20 each	60 0 0
Assayer of Weights and Measures	10 0 0
Chief Justice's travelling expenses	100 0 0
Treasurer's Salary	500 0 0
Collector of Impost's Salary	260 0 0
Sub-Collectors of Customs	160 0 0
Adjutant General's Salary	75 0 0
Central Academy, Masters' Salaries	300 0 0
Secretary to Board of Education	15 0 0
Visitor of Schools' Salary	100 0 0
Wharfinger	32 10 0
Market Clerk's Salary	40 0 0
Treasurer's small Disbursement Account	30 17 4
Drawback on Goods exported	90 1 8½
Treasury Notes cancelled	1000 0 0
Bears and Loupcarviers	21 5 0
Interest on Outstanding Warrants	564 11 2¾
	<u>£17,011 14 2</u>

RECEIPTS AT THE TREASURY, For the Year ending January 30th, 1840.

IMPOST DUTY.	
Charlottetown	£9570 8 3¾
Three Rivers	1173 11 2¾
Bedeque	584 6 3¾
Richmond Bay	460 12 0
Colville Bay	382 2 4¾
St. Margaret's	305 6 0½
Cascumpeque	167 5 6
New London	158 7 3
St. Peter's	83 13 11
Crapaud	27 5 7
Rustico	17 19 7
Belfast	4 1 3
	<u>12934 19 4½</u>
LIGHT DUTY.	
Charlottetown	54 5 5
Three Rivers	21 13 5¾
Bedeque	11 13 7¾
Richmond Bay	9 14 7
Colville Bay	5 7 8
	<u>102 14 9½</u>
Post Office	336 6 1½

Amount of Licence Duty, (including £5 for one Pedlar's Licence, &c.)	310 5 0
Fines and Penalties, &c.	44 0 0
Land Assessment Act	2108 11 3
One Year's Rent of Warren Farm	27 15 6
Collector of Dog Tax	7 12 0
Coal Meters' Hire of Tubs	6 18 4
William Murphy—on account of Ferry Rent	1 17 6
Her Majesty's Customs	900 0 0
Charlottetown Wharf	103 17 8
Interest on Bonds	126 16 7½
	<u>£17011 14 2</u>

GENERAL ABSTRACT.

Dr.		£	s.	d.
To amount of Treasury Warrants afloat, and bearing Interest, viz:				
Warrants issued between the 1st February, 1837 and 1st February, 1838		910	12	11
Warrants issued between the 1st February, 1838 and 21st January, 1839		1807	1	0
Warrants issued between the 21st January, 1839 and 30th January, 1840		7363	10	2¾
Balance		£5214	6	10
		<u>£15,295</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11¾</u>
Cr.				
By balance on Bonds in Treasurer's hands, 10,249 10 11½				
" ditto on Bonds in Attorney General's hands		553	8	11½
" ditto on Bonds in Solicitor General's hands		137	5	3½
" Cash and Notes in Treasury		4355	5	9½
		<u>£15,295</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11¾</u>

TREASURY NOTES.

Dr.		£	s.	d.
To amount of Notes in circulation				
		11,500	0	0
Cr.				
By Balance, as per General Abstract				
		£5214	6	10
Less £2108 11s. 3d., appropriated under the present Land Assessment Act		2108	11	3
Balance		3,105	15	7
		<u>8,394</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
		<u>£11,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

As appears by the above statement, the Expenditure for the past year amounts to £13,692 4s. 5½d. and the Receipts at the Treasury to £17,011 14s. 2d., thereby showing a balance in favour of the Colony, for that period, of £3,319 9s. 9d.; yet the actual balance in its favour, for that time, must be taken to be £4,319 9s. 9d., in consequence of £1000 of Treasury Notes being cancelled under the Act, 3 Will. 4, cap. 13, and charged as expenditure.

The amount of Treasury Warrants afloat and bearing interest is £10,081 4s. 1¾d., and the amount of Bonds and Cash in hand is £15,295 10s. 11¾d. Of the latter amount £2108 11s. 3d. has arisen under the operation of the Land Assessment Act, and by it appropriated. The balance then available, to meet the floating debt of the Colony, will be £3,105 15s. 7d.—less the amount of Interest due on outstanding Warrants, over and above the interest that may arise on Bonds in the Treasury, thereby reducing the actual debt of the Colony to £8,394 4s. 5d.

Your Committee are gratified in stating, that there has been an increase in the Revenue, during the past year, of £5,446 15s. 4d. beyond that of the preceding one; and it is worthy of remark, that the increase of Revenue in the Excise Department, for the past year, is 40 per cent. over and above the receipts of any former year in the same Department.

The Impost Accounts for Three Rivers are 5s. 8d. short on three Quarters, and there is a difference on the Impost Account for St. Peter's, for the Quarter ending 30th June, in two small sums which appear to have been calculated at 2½ per cent. duty instead of 5 per cent.

There appears on the late Colonial Secretary's Accounts a charge of £16 11s. for searches by order of the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies; and in the Accounts of the late Clerk of the Executive Council the sum of £8 for stationery, and the sum of 1s. per side for reading each side of every matter in Council, and 3s. 4½d. for every order made thereon, which do not appear to have been charged in this form heretofore; and as these two last sums formed part of the 6s. 7½d. stg. in lieu of which the Act, 2, Vict. c. 2, and Session 2, allows 3s. for each and every warrant, it makes a difference of £58 6s. 1d. on these items, from 1st March to 5th Nov. against the Colony. In respect to the opinions of the Law Officers of the Crown, which are herewith submitted, in regard to these charges, the Committee are at a loss to discover their consistency; but inasmuch as the legal construction of that act appears to be held by the Crown Officers, so greatly at variance with the intention of the Legislature as manifested in passing the Act, and as your Committee humbly consider, so apparent in its language, they would recommend that it be rendered, by an amendment, still more explicit.

The Sheriff's Account for the Gaol at St. Eleanor's is in too general terms, and without sufficient vouchers.

The Account for the Surveys and Plans of the Harbours of Charlottetown and Three Rivers is £193 0s. 7d. and for the Buoys and Beacons for Charlottetown, £157 4s. 4d. a sum greater by £100 than for all the Harbours of the Island besides.

The expenditure for Roads is much larger than the appropriations, which has chiefly arisen in consequence of the gale of the 13th Sept. last; and the Committee duly appreciate the motives of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in having ordered these necessary services to be performed.

A sum of £8 15s. is charged for the Assessment on Government Pews in St. Paul's Church, to Whitsuntide next, which sum is not yet appropriated.

Your Committee recommend, that the Attorney General be requested to furnish the House with a statement of such Bonds as have been placed in his hands, and in the hands of the Solicitor General, for recovery, and what steps have been taken to recover such Bonds, and the probability of the sums severally due therein being eventually paid.

Your Committee have to remark, that in sundry instances, the Juries summoned under the Road Compensation Act, have been summoned from twenty and thirty miles distant, when there is every reason to believe that an impartial Jury could have been got within one third of the distance, and that the Sheriffs ought to be warned against a practice productive of needless expense.