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Provincial Parliament.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. Appropriations for Roads, Bridges and Wharfs, (continued.) QUEEN'S COUNTY.

District No. 1, comprising Townships Nos. 20 and 21.	
Long River Wharf.	£20 0 0
Bridge at Found's Mill in 1860.	27 15 0
Sewer for Southwest Ferry.	8 0 0
Ferry Boat at McLeod's, South West River.	2 10 0
Murray Road, from Charles McKenzie's Cross Road to the Malpeque Road.	4 0 0
Mill Vale Road, from Charles McKenzie's Cross Road to Haslam's Road.	3 0 0
Pilgown's Bridge, French River.	5 0 0
For painting railing on Campbell's Pond Bridge in 1860.	2 0 0
Between Fyfe's Bridge and the Schoolhouse.	3 10 0
Road from Graham's to Smith's.	4 0 0
New Bridge, McKay's Hollow, Wigmore Road.	9 0 0
Bridge on the Old Town Road near Whithead's.	3 0 0
Corbet Road and Bridges to Murray's.	6 0 0
Rotbury's Road, from Wilson's to Corbet's Settlement Schoolhouse.	4 0 0
New Bridge on Harding's Creek.	9 0 0
Bridge and Hill at Charles Doyle's, Long River Road.	7 0 0
Bridge on Campbell's Road, McEwen's Marsh.	5 0 0
Road leading from New London Harbor to Charles Barnard's.	3 0 0
Bridge from Wm. Owen's to Thos. Pickering's, Clark's Bridge, Irish Town.	6 15 0
For Fyfe's Ferry Bridge.	45 0 0
	£181 10 0
District No. 2, comprising Townships Nos. 22 and 67.	
Main Post Road.	£20 0 0
East Road, Lot 22.	2 10 0
West Road, three Bridges.	7 10 0
Junction Road.	4 0 0
Freetown Road.	2 0 0
Fyfe's Ferry Road, towards New Glasgow.	7 0 0
North Road leading to Fyfe's Ferry Road.	5 0 0
Conolly's Road.	2 0 0
Centre Road.	4 0 0
Mill Vale Road and Bridges.	3 0 0
Johnston's Road.	4 0 0
Anderson's Road and Bridges.	14 10 0
DeSable Road.	4 0 0
Graham's Road, for work done in 1860.	3 0 0
Rotbury's Road.	2 10 0
Road leading from Fyfe's Ferry Road to Alex. Simpson's.	6 0 0
Embankment at Hope River.	8 0 0
Old settlement Road to Corbet settlement.	3 0 0
Haslam's Mill Road, from Town Road to County Line.	7 0 0
New Road to Brealahy, new settlement.	7 0 0
Old Road leading to Fyfe's Ferry Road, in 1860.	3 0 0
Mill Vale Road, commencing at the boundary line between Lots 21 and 22, running to the Road which leads to the Malpeque Road, about half way between Mill Vale and Haslam's.	2 10 0
For Winter Road.	4 0 0
Unexpended from last year where most required.	2 15 0
And where most required in the District.	3 0 6
	£134 5 6
District No. 3, comprising Townships Nos. 23 and 24.	
Road leading from Laird's Mills to Cavendish.	£10 0 0
Covering Bridge at Laird's Mills.	4 0 0
North Route Cape Road.	4 0 0
Wooler's Bridge, or as much thereof as may be required.	8 0 0
From New Glasgow Bridge to line of Lot 22.	3 0 0
Oyster Bed Bridge and Road.	8 0 0
Wheatley River Bridge and Drain near the same.	8 0 0
Road and Bridge from Wheatley River towards English Church, Ruston.	6 0 0
Milbury Road, from Warren's Mill to Brookfield.	6 0 0
Johnston's Road, South end of Lot 23.	3 0 0
Main Road, from Johnston's to Hunter River Bridge.	10 0 0
Rebuilding Hunter River Bridge.	25 0 0
McNabb's Road to Patterson's Mill.	5 0 0
Little Bungy Road and Bridges.	6 0 0
Due to Wm. Seaman for work on Road.	1 0 0
Due to Joseph Wise for extra work on Bridge South end of Glasgow Road.	3 0 0
Where most required in the District.	5 0 0
To Leon Gallant for extra work done on Wheatley River Wharf in 1859.	5 0 0
	£124 0 0
District No. 4, comprising Townships Nos. 33 and 34.	
Pearson's Bridge and Winsloe Road.	£10 0 0
Sawmill Bridge, on Cove Head Road, and for cutting down Tracy's hill, including 70s. unexpended last year.	10 0 0
Brackley Point Road and Bridge thereon including 20s. 6d. unexpended thereon last year.	8 0 0
Cas's Bridge, including £12 10s 7d unexpended thereon last year.	50 0 0
St. Peter's Road, from Five Mile Hill to Lot 35, and repairing McLaughlin's Bridge, including 25s. 6d. unexpended last year on road from Five Mile Hill to Hillsborough River.	11 0 0
Road from Lake Doyle's hill towards Sawmill Bridge.	5 0 0
Road from Suffolk to Mill Cove, and Bridge thereon.	5 0 0
Union Road and Bridge.	5 0 0
Winsloe Road to Union Road.	3 0 0
	£113 0 0
District No. 5, comprising Townships Nos. 29 and 30, and south side of Elliot River, Lot 65.	
Due Joseph McNeill for extra work performed on Howat's Bridge, Crapaud, in 1859.	£5 0 0
Balance due William Simmonds for building new Bridge in Upper Crapaud, in 1860.	12 0 0
Amount due Peter McAllen for repairing Darrah's Bridge, Lot 65, in 1860, to be paid from contingent fund, 60s.	6 0 0
Amount due William Hughes for building new Bridge back of Lot 30, near Dillard's Mill, in 1860.	25 0 0
Balance due Benjamin Panphras for extra work on Bridge near Howat's, Crapaud.	6 0 0
Balance due Donald McLeod for extra work on Bridge near Crosby's Mills, Lot 30, in 1860.	7 0 0
Balance due John White for work done per contract, repairing Banahay Bridge in 1860.	6 15 0
Balance due Allan McQuarrie for work done per contract in building new Bridge at Nine Mile Creek, in 1859.	2 18 0
Balance due Alex. McKinnon for work done on Smeat Creek Bridge, in 1860.	1 15 0
Balance due John Marpy for repairing Bridge at Whitty's Mill, in 1860.	11 0 0
Balance due Archibald McKinnon for extra work on Bridge near Johnston's Mills.	1 0 0

Amount due James McKetterick for repairs on DeSable Bridge, and for keeping the same in repair for one year.	2 10 0
Amount required for railing Bridge at Howat's Crapaud.	5 0 0
For Hall's Bridge.	5 0 0
Upper Crapaud settlement where most required, for a new Bridge at Sturdy's Mills.	7 10 0
On the old Tryon Road from Kelly's Cross to line of Road, Lot 65, to repair three Bridges thereon, &c.	6 0 0
Skye Back Settlement Road, Lot 30.	2 10 0
Line of Road between Lot 30 and Lot 65.	2 15 0
For railing Bridge at Crosby's Mills.	6 10 0
Sawyer's Creek Bridge, between Post Road and Crosby's Mills.	5 0 0
On the Post Road where most required.	14 5 0
Bridge at Widow McKay's, Argyle Shore.	2 10 0
Sundry repairs on Melville Road, and for three Bridges thereon.	6 10 0
On the Green Road between Crosby's and Johnston's Mills.	3 2 6
For repairing Bridge at Neil Darrah's, Lot 65.	3 0 0
For repairing McLaughlin's Bridge.	3 0 0
For repairing Bridge near Eban's.	4 0 0
For repairing Ferguson's Bridge.	7 10 0
For repairing Bridge near Webster's.	3 0 0
For repairing Roads and Causeways, between Long Creek and Johnston's Ferry.	7 10 0
From Johnston's Ferry to Nine Mile Creek, for repairing Bridges and Causeways.	7 10 0
Road from McEwen's, Long Creek, to B. Shaw, through new Argyle Settlement, where most required.	3 10 0
From Nine Mile Creek to Canoe Cove, where most required.	3 0 0
Where most required on Lot 65, south side of Elliot River.	3 16 10 1/2
In aid of extending Wharf at Nine Mile Creek, (one half being already advanced.)	21 15 0
Balance due John McKinnon on account of McEburn's Bridge, Lot 65.	5 0 0
	£229 2 1/2
District No. 6, comprising Townships Nos. 31, 32 and 65, North of Elliot River.	
To repay Doz R. Beveridge.	£16 0 0
To defray Donald McPherson's contract building Mabey's Bridges during the past year.	41 14 2
To repair Bridges over Howell's Creek and Balderson's Mill Brook, Line Road, Lot 65.	10 0 0
To repair three Bridges on Colville Road.	5 0 0
Two Bridges on Johnston's Road, Lot 31.	3 0 0
Bridge on Banneckburn Road.	3 0 0
New Bodeque or North Wiltshire Road and Bridges thereon.	6 0 0
From the Settlement Road to McEburn's wharf.	3 0 0
Ward's Road where most required.	5 0 0
Johnston's Road, Lot 31.	2 0 0
Main Post Road and elsewhere in the District where most required.	20 0 0
Towards completing Wharf at McEburn's, the balance to be contributed by the Inhabitants.	20 0 0
	£194 14 2
District No. 7, comprising Townships Nos. 35, 36 and 37, North side of the Hillsborough River.	
For erecting a new Wharf at Hayden's Shipyard, north side of the Hillsborough, in a right line with Fisher's Wharf, on the south side, when the inhabitants shall have given security to the Commissioner to make a good and sufficient abutment the breadth of said Wharf, for a distance of at least 20 feet, as a commencement to said Wharf.	£10 0 0
For extending the Wharf at McConnell's, north of the Hillsborough.	40 0 0
For extra work on M. Connell's Wharf last year.	10 16 0
For opening, straightening, widening and rounding a road in a right line from said wharf to St. Peter's Road, as granted last year.	10 0 0
Road from Tracadio Sandhills to St. Peter's Road, including a new Bridge at Ready's, instead of the grant for Portage Road last year.	10 0 0
For Mount Stewart Bridge and Road thereon, to St. Peter's Road.	40 0 0
Due John McNally for bushing the ice to McConnell's, and keeping up light to guide travellers on the ice.	5 0 0
Millevue Road and Corran Ban Bridge, including 20s. 6d. of last year's grant unexpended thereon.	6 0 0
Grand Tracadio Roads to North Shore and to Connors, including 20s. unexpended on Road from Tracadio Sandhills last year.	7 0 0
Road from a Griffin's to North Shore, including 2s. unexpended on said Road last year.	5 0 0
Blaek River Road from Hugh McGuinnis's to Squire McAuley's.	6 0 0
Afton Road.	6 0 0
Road from Elisha Anderson's, Lot 37, to St. Peter's Road, including 30s. unexpended last year on Road from Coffin's gate.	6 0 0
From Edward and Michael Doyle's to North Shore, Road between McKay's and Ward Melnes to shore.	2 0 0
	£166 16 0
District No. 8, comprising Townships Nos. 48, 35, 36 and 37, South side of the Hillsborough River.	
Extending Fisher's wharf south side of Hillsborough, including £40 unexpended thereon last year, and repairing the road thereon to main road.	80 0 0
Pisquid bridge, £15, Clarke's bridge, £15, Duffy's bridge £10, Bridge at Worthy's mill, £10, 50 0 0	
Bridge over hollow near J. McDonald's, Allisary.	8 0 0
Due John Trayner and Patrick Grimley for new bridge over Johnston's river, (being certified by Commission).	10 0 0
Raising and sowing the road from Mrs. Doyle's to Patrick Brogan's, Fort Augustus.	11 10 0
Repairing main post road from Southport to the meeting house, including £23 unexpended thereon last year.	5 0 0
Road from Lund's mill to Forbes' mill, Lot 48, £5, Burnt Hill road, from James Corley's to Charlottetown, £5.	10 0 0
Burnt Hill Road to Baltic Road, £5, Donogh Road, £5, Road from J. Doyle's to Main Road £5, all in Lot 48.	15 0 0
Raising and repairing or putting a covering of brush or stone on three swamps at James Corley's, McAdam's and Kelly's in Lot 48.	10 0 0
Repairing, straightening and rounding the Road in a straight line from Shepherd's saw mill to Lot 36.	5 0 0
For opening Road from Week's farm, Lot 37, to Mooney's Road, £5, Mooney's Road, £5.	10 0 0
Road from Owen Simpson's to Michael Conisky's, (unsold by Commissioner last year.)	5 0 0
Dromore Road from Francis Murray's to Piquid, (including 50s. unexpended thereon last year.)	7 11 1
Road from John McLeod's, by McGurk's, to D. Hughes's, Lot 37.	5 0 0
Mitcheil's Road to Wharf.	4 0 0
Due John A. McDonald for work on Glouffian Bridge last year.	4 0 0

Due James McDonald for repairs on Road at Hickey's wharf.	4 0 0
Due Benjamin Clark for repairs on Clark's Bridge, last year.	2 0 0
Due Joseph McDonald for repairs on Pisquid Bridge, last year.	1 0 0
Opening Road between farms of James Rogerson and William Birt to the County Line.	3 0 0
For purchasing and procuring a Sewer, Rope and Chain, to be used for the purposes of a Ferry across the Hillsborough at Cranberry Point, to be procured and purchased under the superintendance of the Hon. F. Kelly, Alex. Hayden and James Gillan, the same when purchased to be placed in charge of the Mail Courier between Scotchfort and Fort Augustus, for the use of the said Ferry, until a regularly licensed Ferryman be appointed.	30 0 0
	£290 4 1
District No. 9, comprising Townships Nos. 49 and 50.	
Mr. William Acorn's bridge.	£15 0 0
Mr. Burice's do.	9 0 0
Mr. Kelly's do, Murray Harbor Road.	9 0 0
Repairing Road from Ten Hills to County Line.	8 0 0
Repairing Road from Ugg to Head of Orwell.	5 0 0
C. Hazard bushing ice from Harbor to Gallow's Point.	2 0 0
N. Acorn bushing ice from Harbor to Cherry Valley.	2 0 0
Balance due N. Robertson on contract for building two Blocks to Pownal wharf.	30 0 0
Balance due James Fairclough on contract for building two blocks to China Point wharf, Hermitage Road near Mr. Vickers's.	29 10 0
Road from head of Vernon River to head of Hillsborough in Lot 49.	8 0 0
Road near Pisquid Barren.	5 0 0
Road from Orwell to Vernon River bridge at Cross Roads near J. Farus's and bridge over Curry's Creek.	10 0 0
China Point Ferry.	8 0 0
Repairs where required.	5 0 0
	£148 10 0
District No. 10, comprising Townships Nos. 57 and 58.	
North Pinette Wharf.	£8 0 0
Port Selkirk Ferry Wharf.	1 10 0
New Arch and Rails at McEburn's bridge, Wood Island Road.	5 0 0
New Arch and Rails, at McKay's bridge, Finishing Rails, P. Nicholson's, Orwell.	5 0 0
do do Campbell's, Point Prim.	5 10 0
do do Biggs, Newtown.	3 0 0
do do McLeods, Orwell.	4 10 0
do do D. McDonald's, Cove.	3 10 0
Bridge at Callaghan's, rear of Montague.	3 10 0
Bridge at Fraser's, Belfast.	3 10 0
Bridge at McLeod's, Lot 60.	2 10 0
Bridge at O. well.	2 0 0
Bridge at Rear Settlement.	3 0 0
Post Road.	16 0 0
Belfast road to Emu's wharf.	4 10 0
South Pointe to wharf.	5 10 0
Montague.	3 10 0
Orwell Head.	3 10 0
Newtown to Belfast.	2 15 0
Rear Settlement.	2 10 0
Dou's Road.	3 0 0
Green Marsh Swamp.	3 0 0
Orwell Cove.	3 0 0
Point Prim Road.	8 0 0
John Nicholson, should an equal subscription be raised.	4 0 0
John McLean, bushing ice from Point Prim to Harbour.	2 5 0
Hugh Martin, bushing ice from Belfast to Gallow's Point.	1 0 0
John McDonald, Orwell Cove and Belfast.	1 0 0
Repairs where required.	7 6 3
	£161 6 3
District No. 11, comprising Townships Nos. 60 and 62.	
County line Bridge, Little Sands, Lot 62.	£32 10 0
Bridge near Alex. McMillan's, Little Sands.	9 0 0
Roads and Bridges, from Lot 58 to Little Sands, upper and lower Wood Island Road.	30 0 0
Murray harbour road to County Line.	8 0 0
Roads and Bridges from Wood Islands towards Georgetown.	15 0 0
Road near Robert Emery's, Wood Islands.	3 0 0
Roads and Bridges from Curry's Mills towards Baltic Creek.	6 0 0
Central road near Culloden.	7 0 0
French Creek bridge and Post road from Lot 58 to Flat River.	15 0 0
Flat River road to Wood Island road, near Rodk. Mc Kenzie's.	4 0 0
Road from Flat River leading to South Pinette Wharf.	3 10 0
To finish bridge near A. Gillis's, Upper Wood Island Road.	5 0 0
To pay A. McDonald for a contract for a bridge near John McDonald's, Lot 69, performed last July.	15 0 0
To pay Donald Gillis for cutting a Drain on post road near Little Sands, said in 1858 by late Road Commissioner, said drain could not be opened until last summer, owing to its being in a very wet place.	1 15 0
Repairs where required.	5 0 0
	£159 15 0
District No. 12, comprising Charlottetown, Common and Royalty, Poplar Island Bridge, and Township No. 32, North of York River.	
Hermitage Bridge.	£40 0 0
Poplar Island and North River Bridges.	40 0 0
Royalty Road Bridge, at Moore's Mill.	10 0 0
For Stopping roads, keeping them in repair where most required, and small Bridges, Charlottetown Common.	162 15 7 1/2
Amount over-expended last year.	25 0 4 1/2
	£300 0 0
RESOLVED, That the sum of Eight hundred Pounds, being the amount voted for the special service of Roads, Bridges and Wharfs, in Queen's County, be apportioned as follows, viz:	
For the different Townships, in equal divisions.	£500
For the Twelfth Road District, Queen's County.	100
	£600
It is estimated that there are 45,000 fugitive slaves in Canada from the United States.	
In Portsmouth, Eng., a woman aged 40, recently attended the funeral of her eighth husband.	

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, April 18.

On motion of Hon. Col. Seabright, the Bill intitled "An Act to amend the Act relating to judgments entered of Record in the Supreme Court of Judicature," was read the third time and passed.

The House then went into Committee on a Bill to enable the Trustees of Georgetown School to sell the present School site, and appropriate a portion of the public Square as a site in lieu thereof. Hon. Mr. Walker in the chair.

The Committee having gone through the Bill, the House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill agreed to without any amendments.

House in Committee on a Bill to amend the Act relating to Cascoptic Marine Railway Company. Hon. Mr. Ramsay in the Chair.

The Committee having gone through the Bill, the House resumed, and the Chairman reported the Bill agreed to without any amendments.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Haviland, concerning a conference on the Bill to render the Legislative Council elective, and giving notice that the House of Assembly had appointed H. M. Haviland, Hon. Mr. Long, Mr. Palmer, Mr. H. M. Perley, a Committee on the subject to manage the same.

Resolved, that this House do agree to a conference, and that Hon. Mr. Simpson and Hon. Dr. Johnson be a Committee to manage the same.

After the respective Committees had met in conference, Hon. Dr. Johnson reported that the House of Assembly had agreed to the amendments to the elective Council Bill, and had accepted the one relating to the qualification of members to £1000, and that they had agreed to fix the same at £500.

Hon. Mr. PALMER—I was always inclined to have a higher property qualification, but there was a considerable difference of opinion in both branches of the Legislature on this point. I was willing, however, to meet the views of the majority of this House; but I said at the time that I would not insist, if it did not receive the concurrence of the House to so high a qualification; but I have met my party way, by agreeing to fix it at £500. I am not disposed, therefore, to adhere to our amendment; and I hope your Honors will also see the propriety of yielding, rather than endanger the Bill, as there is now such a slight difference of opinion. I move that this House do not adhere to their amendment; but that they agree to the amendment of the House of Assembly.

Hon. Col. SWABEY—I was opposed to the principle of the Bill, but there are times when concessions have to be made, and as we are to have an elective Council, the question naturally arises—what are the best grounds to base it on? And as in another clause of the Bill it is provided, that the Council when elected shall exist for eight years, I think it was wisely proposed to raise the qualification in order to raise the character of this House; for this reason I move an amendment that we do adhere to our amendment, placing the qualification at £1000.

Hon. Mr. ANDERSON—I would like to see a higher qualification; but I cannot get it will agree to the proposition of the House of Assembly to fix the qualification at £500.

Hon. Mr. HUTCHINSON—It was of opinion that £500 was quite high enough.

Hon. Messrs. Gardner, Johnson and Hazzard having expressed their willingness to support the Hon. Mr. Palmer's amendment, the question of concurrence was put thereon, and it passed in the affirmative by a majority of 10 to 6.

Hon. Mr. Bagnall obtained leave of absence for one week. House adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 19.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Walker, the Bill relating to Georgetown School site was read the third time and passed.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Ramsay, the Bill relating to Cascoptic Marine Railway Company was read the third time and passed.

Hon. Col. Seabright as Chairman of the Committee of good correspondence reported that the House of Assembly had agreed to all the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill relating to Voluntary Societies, except the one making it compulsory on them to give 28 days notice before they can retire from the Company; but that they agreed to ten days notice being given. Resolved, that this House do not adhere to their amendment; but that they agree to the amendment of the House of Assembly.

Message from the House of Assembly by Hon. Mr. Haviland, with a Bill to repeal certain parts of the Election Laws, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.

Hon. Dr. JOHNSON presented a petition of Charles Palmer, Esq., Patrick Merrill, George McNutt, and 2000 others, friends of Temperance throughout the Island, setting forth that they are fully convinced that a large proportion of cases brought before the Magistracy of this Colony, for their adjudication, originated in the use of intoxicating liquors; and it is an acknowledged principle in every free country that those whose office it is to execute the laws, should not be engaged in any employment or being swayed by the passions of the moment in the discharge of their duties; that the petitioners believe the manufacture and sale of such liquors, by a Justice of the Peace, is a violation of this principle, inasmuch as he is frequently called upon to try individuals guilty of misdemeanor, occasioned by the use of alcoholic drinks, which he himself has supplied, and praying the House to pass such an enactment as will remedy the evil complained of.

In presenting this petition his Honor spoke as follows—I think there has been too much sympathy in the Legislature in introducing Bills having for their object the mitigation of intemperance. It must be acknowledged that morality is the true basis of law; and we should endeavor to engrain this belief on the hearts and consciences of men. What I complain of, is that while there are laws against drunkenness, there are none against drunkards, which is the cause of a disorderly conduct. I am serious, and if your Honors will consider the subject I think you will see that temperance is the very basis of law. How can men obey the laws with any degree of sincerity if they are not temperate, and if they men who make the laws are not temperate. We read in history that nations have risen and fallen in exact proportion as they obeyed the laws of God, and these nations have not prospered which have made laws from day to day not in accordance with His divine precepts. And if you look at the nations and people which are, or have lately been, in a state of disunion and rebellion, you will see that where wickedness has been in high places, it has led to these evil results; and it will do so as long as the world exists; if a man has not the fear of God before his eyes, he will not truly honor the Law. And as we have the story of all nations to teach us these things, we should endeavor to profit by the lessons which they teach, and to prevent the evil by removing the cause. I believe that of all the evils which exist, drunkenness is the worst; it is made an instrument of inflicting one party against another—it is made use of to bring about one man's ruin before the eyes of the Legislature. I think it is one of the worst of the evils of intemperance. Take for instance the wealthy City of Liverpool, which contains the richest of the rich and the poorest of the poor. It has a greater proportion of its inhabitants sent to jail for crime than any other City in England or Wales. The reason of this is that it has more than a due proportion of taverns, having one to every 56 families. They are tempted to spend their money in these places, and the consequence is that they are paupers. There are not less than 3000 living in cellars; and the consequence is that they are a weak and feeble people; their average duration of life is 20 years; while in some other towns in England it is 41 years. Here we see the evils resulting from intemperance, and if you submit the order of saloons; and if we take away the temptation these evils will cease. I merely wish to bring to your notice before the Legislature that they may see the propriety of legislating upon it. Why not legislate upon this as well as upon other causes of immorality? What I allude to in particular is that a man should be punished for drunkenness as well as for crimes resulting from it.

Hon. Mr. HUTCHINSON—A man may be taken up by his friends in the streets of Charlottetown.

Hon. Dr. JOHNSON—I have spoken to the policemen on that subject, and they said that they could not arrest a man for being drunk unless he was disorderly, and I think that the law should take some action on a man for being drunk, and also upon those who connive at his drunkenness. I move that the petition do lie on the table.

Hon. Mr. PALMER—The subject matter of this petition which has been so ably commented upon by his Honor Dr. Johnson, is well worthy of the attention of this House. A similar petition was presented to the other branch of the Legislature; but having come in at such a late period it was thought proper to defer any action thereon till the next session. The vice of intemperance has greatly increased in this Colony during the last few years; and I think it is a subject legitimately within the compass of legislative action. It is our duty to protect the morals as well as the civil rights of the inhabitants. (Hon. Dr. Johnson—Hear.) You know a man may enjoy his property only in such a way as not to injure his neighbor. (Hon. Dr. Johnson—Hear.) As to the best

mode of preventing the evil a variety of opinions exist. Although it is not likely that it will lead to any law on the subject this session, yet there may be some benefit derived from having the subject discussed. It will let the country see that we are alive to the subject, and if we can present a sound and good they will have some influence. Feeling that it is not likely to lead to any law this session, I do not intend to lay down any particular rule on the subject; but I will state that I am not speaking at present as an advocate for total prohibition, which is agitated in the country. I would be happy to support any measure if I thought the day had arrived; but I would not force public opinion. I do not wish to deny to my fellow-traveller what he may consider necessary for his nourishment; but the question arises, while we allow all that is necessary, can we prevent such a vast deal of abuse? I believe we can. (Dr. Johnson—Hear.) It is not very creditable to see gentlemen sitting in judgment on persons accused of crime, in the opinion of which they have been instrumental. I do not mean to say that Magistrates should be prohibited from entering into any business. But it is a question whether they should not be prohibited from sitting in judgment on crimes which under particular circumstances their business has indirectly promoted. These are things well worthy of our consideration. I am not going to suggest any definite principle to the House at present; but if I am found here next session I shall be willing to do anything for the promotion of the Temperance cause, and for the general welfare. The traffic in intoxicating liquors is carried on to far too great an extent in this Colony, and the man who keeps a good house of entertainment is injured by the vast number of illicit traders. There are often very serious crimes before our Courts of Judicature which are traceable to the sale of intoxicating liquors; and I think that as members of the Legislature we are responsible for them to some extent; and we cannot relieve ourselves of the responsibility when it is brought to our notice by such a large and influential portion of the community. I will support the cause unless it can be shown that it is wrong to do so.

Hon. Mr. HUTCHINSON—I have frankness, and I am as willing as any person here to adopt any legitimate mode of putting a stop to it; but I do not like to see a man put down by any particular law. There are a great many taverns in Charlottetown which are not fit to have licence, and I think there is a great deal which the City Corporation might amend. They should have power to say who should have licence and who should not. No man who does not possess a good moral character should have licence. Some persons appear to think that a man who sells liquor is culpable for everything; but if a man comes to me and buys 2 or 3 gallons of liquor, I am not going to ask him what he is going to do with it. This petition goes so far as to say that if a man is engaged in the sale of liquor he should not be a Magistrate. I never heard of a man who kept a tavern being appointed a Magistrate; but to say that a man cannot perform the duties of a Magistrate because he sells liquor, is most absurd.

Hon. Col. SWABEY—The most absurd thing I remember a similar petition to this House last session favoured us with a great speech on the subject of temperance, and no doubt it had some influence, for this House came to a Resolution proposed by his Honor and seconded by the Hon. Mr. Dingwall; but I have seen very little result from it, and I wish to ask his Honor why he does not take some definite step. He has been good deal as far as talking goes; but why does he not bring in a Bill? If I had such a thing in hand I would sit down at once and draft a Bill. We had just such a discussion last year, and we came to this Resolution:—

"Whereas the habit and practice of drunkenness is a moral evil, highly injurious and obstructive to the happiness and prosperity of the people; and, whereas, this destructive vice is stated by the highest judicial authority in the Island to be lamentably increasing amongst us; and whereas, it is expedient to prevent the prevalence and spread of the evil by all means within the power of the Legislature; and, whereas, the facility with which licenses to keep public houses and sell intoxicating liquors are obtained by improper parties, and in situations where they are not required for the accommodation of the travelling public; therefore, Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the whole system ought to undergo the careful revision of the Legislature, with the view of adopting a better system, in order that a remedy may be found for the evils which are acknowledged to exist."

This resolution was agreed to by this House, and his Honor appeared to think then, as now, that the remedial measure was to come from the discussion. I believe that it is wholly out of our power to prevent drunkenness, but it is in our power to prevent Magistrates from selling spirituous liquors. I do not suppose, however, that any Government would put a man who kept a tavern in the magistracy; and if his Honor will introduce a Bill to that effect I will support it.

Hon. Dr. JOHNSON—I am only presenting a petition, and I am not going to bring in a Bill when I know that the other branch of the Legislature has declined taking any action on the matter till next session. I have presented the petition because I believe that the principle of it is good; but I have not signed it myself, and I do not say that I will support all its provisions. I take it up on the ground that it is an injury to our children to see drunken men in the streets.

Hon. Col. SWABEY—I may inform your Honors that the words "and disorderly" were inserted in the City bye-laws at the instigation of his Honor the Chief Justice, one of the chief patrons of morality. If these words had not been inserted the law would remain just as his Honor wishes to have it; that a man might be taken up for drunkenness.

Hon. Dr. JOHNSON—Bringing this subject before the Legislature will have a beneficial tendency, because it will keep before the minds of the people; and your Honors are aware that many great measures have been carried by perseverance, the wedge has been struck again and again till it was driven home and the object was attained in the end. I have no doubt that the cause of Temperance will ultimately prevail, and I heartily support any measure which has for its object the advancement of that cause. I am a member of a Temperance Society, and not of a total abstinence Society.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON—it appears to me that there is an impropriety in persons who are engaged in sale of liquor granting tavern licenses, because it is for his interest to have as many as he can; and a Magistrate is placed in a very awkward position when he is called upon to adjud