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A petition of James D. Gordon, of Casumpee, Teacher, praying that the Legislative Council will concur with the House of Assembly in granting him the amount which has been deducted from his half-yearly allowance for the want of the full average daily attendance of scholars required by law.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the special committee appointed to report on all petitions relating to education.

Hon. Mr. McINTYRE, by leave, presented a petition of divers inhabitants of Township No. 67, in King's County, and others, setting forth the great inconvenience which they labour under for want of a safe and convenient place for loading and shipping produce, the nearest place for that purpose being distant over sixteen miles, and that such inconvenience can be removed by opening the old channel connecting the water of Surveyor's Inlet, or the North Lake, with the sea; and praying the favourable consideration of this House in the premises.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the special committee appointed to report on all petitions relating to miscellaneous subjects.

ROAD CORRESPONDENT, &c.

John William Morrison, Esq., having produced his Commission from His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor, appointing him Road Correspondent and Assistant Clerk of the Executive and Legislative Councils, took the usual oaths and his seat as Assistant Clerk of this House.

EXTRA CLERK.

The Hon. Colonel SWABEY submitted to the House the following resolution, viz:

Whereas it has been found practically inconvenient, and to interfere with the completion of the business of this House, that the Clerk of this House should fulfil likewise the duties of Clerk of the Executive Council, whilst, at the same time, the Assistant Clerk of this House is Assistant Clerk of that Council and Road Correspondent, and as the one or the other of the two Clerks is particularly required during the sitting of an Executive Council while the Legislature is in session. Resolved, Therefore, That in the absence of any provision by Statute this House do appoint an Extra Clerk.

This resolution having been agreed to, John Ball, Esq., was appointed Extra Clerk to the House.

SATURDAY, April 30.

SCOTCH SYSTEM OF TRIAL BY JURY.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSON, by leave, presented a petition of John Lenton and others, praying that the Scotch system of Trial by Jury may be introduced into this Island.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to a special committee to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Swabey, Hon. Mr. Forgan, and Hon. Mr. Johnson do compose the said committee.

MONDAY, May 2.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented to the House, and the same were severally received and read, viz:

By Hon. Mr. WALKER, a petition of divers inhabitants of Casumpee and vicinity, praying that a law may be passed to prevent the running at large of Swine within certain limits therein described.

A petition of divers inhabitants of the north and west section of Prince County, praying for the appointment of a Fish Inspector in that district.

Ordered, That the last two preceding petitions be referred to the special committee appointed to report on all petitions relating to miscellaneous subjects.

By Hon. Mr. WALKER, a petition of Mary Haggarty, of Charlottetown, widow, in indigent circumstances, praying relief.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the special committee appointed to report on all petitions relating to paupers.

By Hon. Mr. FORGAN, a petition of Ann McLean, of West Devon, Township No. 10, an unlicensed Teacher, praying that the Legislative Council will concur with the House of Assembly in granting her remuneration for her services as such.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the special committee appointed to report on all petitions relating to education.

TUESDAY, May 3.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR.

Hon. Mr. FORGAN delivered the following Message from His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, which the House received standing.

"D. DALY Lieut. Governor; "The Lieutenant Governor deems it his duty to bring the state of Government House under the notice of the Legislature, with a view to the adoption of such means as may be found necessary for rendering it more suitable to the purposes for which it was constructed, than it is at present, or has, for some years past, been the case.

"From defects in its original construction, or from the perishable nature of the materials employed, or it may be from both causes, the house is scarcely habitable in the winter season, and becomes annually worse.

"The stables and other buildings likewise require repairs, and the furniture supplied at the public cost in some respects requires to be replenished."

Government House, P. E. Island, May 2, 1859.

DELIVERY OF MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR.

On motion of Hon. Col. SWABEY, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause any communication with which he may honor this House, to be delivered according to Parliamentary Usage, either by a Member of the House, being an Executive Councillor, or by His Excellency's Private Secretary.

Ordered, That the Hon. Col. Swabey, Hon. Mr. Craswell, and Hon. Mr. Walker be a committee to prepare the said Address.

METHODIST CHURCH.

His Honor the PRESIDENT presented to the House a Bill to amend the Acts concerning the property of the Methodist Church, in Prince Edward Island.

The said Bill was read the first time.

ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CROWN AND PUBLIC LANDS.

Hon. Mr. FORGAN laid before the House, the accounts of the Commissioner of Crown and Public Lands for the past year; and it was ordered that the same do lie on the table.

WEDNESDAY, May 4.

SEAMEN'S BILL.

The Bill intitled "An Act further to continue an Act regulating seamen shipped on board of any ship or vessel belonging to Prince Edward Island whilst within the precincts of the said Island," was read the third time and passed.

BLUE BOOK.

Hon. Mr. FORGAN laid before the House copy of the Blue Book for the year 1857; and it was ordered that the same do lie on the table.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented to the House, and the same were severally received and read, viz:

By Hon. Mr. FORGAN, a petition of Mary Redmond, of Montague River, Township No. 52, in destitute circumstances, praying relief.

A petition of Barbara McKenzie, Montague River, in destitute circumstances, praying for relief.

A petition of Alexander Fraser, of New Perth, Township No. 52, who has a helpless family in destitute circumstances, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the last three preceding petitions be referred to the special committee appointed to report on all petitions relating to paupers.

By Hon. Mr. DINGWELL, a petition of Ephraim B. Smith, praying remuneration for his services as a Teacher at Georgetown for a period of six months, his allowance having been withheld through some informality in his name having been forwarded to the Board of Education.

Return which was withheld to the Board of Education.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the special committee appointed to report on all petitions relating to education.

DELIVERY OF MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR.

Hon. Col. SWABEY reported the Draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor; and the same was read and agreed to, and is as follows:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Legislative Council beg respectfully to notify Your Excellency that the several Messages, which you did this House the honor to send to it during the present session, have not been delivered according to Parliamentary Usage by any Member of this House, being a Member of the Executive Council, or by any other authorized individual.

The Council consider it important to their proceedings that there should be no departure in this matter from the practice heretofore in use, and humbly request that Your Excellency will be pleased to make such order in the premises as to Your Excellency shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed; and that the same committee that prepared the Address be a committee to wait upon His Excellency with the same.

ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY RELATIVE TO THE FORMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS COLONY.

Hon. Col. SWABEY, from the committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, with the Address requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to forward the Address of this House to Her Majesty relative to the formation of the Government of this Colony, reported the delivery thereof, and that His Excellency was pleased to say he would forward the Address as requested by this House.

[This Address and the Amendment proposed thereto by the Hon. Mr. Johnson, together with the debate on both, will be published in due course.]

MODE OF SENDING MESSAGES TO THE HOUSE.

Hon. Col. SWABEY, from the committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor, with the Address relative to the mode of sending messages to this House, reported the delivery thereof, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would give the subject due consideration and attention.

FRIDAY, May 6.

STATISTICS OF NEW ZEALAND.

His Honor the PRESIDENT laid before the House the statistics of New Zealand for the year 1857; and it was ordered that the same do lie on the table.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:

The Bill intitled "An Act to amend the Act to enable the Supreme Court of Judicature to give relief against adverse claims made against Sheriffs and other persons having no interest in the subject of such claims."

The Bill intitled "An Act for regulating the size and quality of fish barrels and trowsers, and the weight of fish made up therein, and for the appointment of fish inspectors; also to regulate the inspection of pickled fish for sale within this Island; and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned."

The Bill intitled "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Church at Beledue."

ESTIMATES FOR THE SERVICES OF THE CURRENT YEAR.

Hon. Mr. FORGAN laid before the House the estimates of the services of the current year; and it was ordered that the same do lie on the table.

SATURDAY, May 7.

SCHOOL VISITORS REPORTS.

Hon. Col. SWABEY laid before the House the annual Report of the Visitors of Schools.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

TUESDAY, May 10.

PETITIONS—FREE CHURCH.

Hon. Col. SWABEY, by leave, presented the following petitions, and the same were severally received and read:

A petition of Alexander Sutherland, Minister, and others, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Free Church Congregation at Beledue Road.

A petition of Alexander Sutherland, Minister, and others, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Free Church Congregation at New London.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

THURSDAY, May 5, 1859.

PROPOSED PREPAYMENT OF all Postage, British, Colonial, or Foreign, upon all Letters and Packets mailed at any of the Post Offices within this Island.

This question, it seems, was first brought under the consideration of the Government of P. E. Island, by a Circular, dated "Downing Street, 15th February, 1858," addressed to Lieut. Governor, Sir D. Daly, and signed H. Labouchere, in which it is stated that "it has been ascertained by the practical effects of the two systems of optional prepayment of postage on letters, and of compulsory prepayment, that the latter system is in every respect preferable," and further explaining the new system and requesting to be informed whether the Government of P. E. Island is willing to accept the proposed new arrangement.

This Circular His Excellency was pleased to submit to the Postmaster General, Thomas Owen, Esq., with a request that he would report thereon to His Excellency. Mr. Owen reported accordingly, and, in his report, gave it as his opinion that, "in a country situated as this is with a scattered population composed of emigrants from the United Kingdom, whose correspondence is confined, in a great measure, to communications with their friends at home, much inconvenience would be experienced and in many instances loss would accrue from adopting the system of compulsory prepayment."

Influenced, it appears, by Mr. Owen's opinion as above quoted, the Government of P. E. Island felt a disinclination to recommend the adoption of the proposed new arrangement, and His Excellency made that disinclination known to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Stanley. Lord Stanley replied by a Despatch, dated 1st June, 1858, urging upon His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor and his Council, a reconsideration of the question, with a view to a compliance with the recommendation of the Home Government concerning it. His Excellency next received a Despatch from Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, dated 24th June, 1858, expressing a hope that the system of compulsory prepayment of postage would be adopted by the Government of P. E. Island, and suggesting that "the stamps which, in such case, the Government would probably think it right to place at the disposal of the public should be exclusively Colonial and not Imperial."

The subject seems then to have been brought under the consideration of Benjamin Davies, Esq., Postmaster General, by a Despatch from the Postmaster General of Nova Scotia, dated 30th July, 1858, "on the propriety of introducing in this Island, in connexion with the system of compulsory prepayment of postage contemplated by the Imperial Parliament with the Colonies, proposing on the part of the Government of Nova Scotia to adopt that system of postage, and extend its advantages throughout the British Colonies with each

other, expressing a desire that the change may be made simultaneously, and wishing to know how the question is viewed by the Government of this Island." To both proposals Mr. Davies seems to have been favourable, for in his communication dated 12th October, 1858, relative thereto, made to the Hon. Mr. Coles, Colonial Secretary, he says, "Both propositions are, in my opinion desirable, rendering, as it will, every advantage to the public, while, at the same time, it will simplify, facilitate, and render complete the postal system, not only in connexion with the Mother Country, but with that of the Colonies also."

Then, in a Despatch, dated 28th October, 1858, addressed by His Excellency, Sir D. Daly, to the Right Hon. Sir E. B. Lytton, His Excellency states that "he had again recommended the subject to the careful consideration of his Council, and the result had been so far satisfactory that the amendment of the Provincial Statute (14 Vic., cap. 12, sec. 6) was all that was required to give complete effect to the desired arrangement."

And, in pursuance, as it would seem of what was then determined upon, a Bill, of which an abstract is subjoined, was this session introduced into the House of Assembly, agreed to, and passed therein, and the same having been sent up to the Legislative Council it was read twice on 5th of May, and committed to a committee of the whole House. Not being fully in possession of all the facts and reasons which had led to the introduction of the Bill in the other House and its adoption by it, the committee agreed to rise, and to take the Bill into further consideration in committee on the following day, when they would, in all probability, have the Despatches and other communications relative to the question before them.

FRIDAY, May 6, 1858.

The necessary information having been afforded by His Excellency, the House went into committee again on the Bill,—Hon. Mr. Johnson in the chair—and, after some time spent therein, they rose without reporting, and consequently the Bill was lost.

ABSTRACT OF THE BILL.

The enacting clause provides that, from and after the passing of the Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Lieut. Governor, by Orders in Council, to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for directing and ordering the prepayment of all Postage, British, Colonial, or Foreign, upon all Letters and Packets mailed at any of the Post Offices within this Island: and all such rules and regulations so made for the purposes aforesaid shall be valid and binding as if in the Act contained: Provided always that no higher penalty than the sum of one hundred pounds shall be imposed by any such Order in Council for the violation thereof.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council to have power to cause stamps with their value printed thereon, to be sold and used as postage.

HOUSE RESUMED

Hon. Col. SWABEY moved the following resolution, and on His Honor the President having put the question thereon, the House divided:

CONTENTS: His Honor the President, Hon. Col. Swabey, Hon. Mr. Johnson, Hon. Mr. Hutchinson, Hon. Mr. Walker, Hon. Mr. Wright, Hon. Mr. Craswell, Hon. Mr. McIntyre, Hon. Mr. Bagnall.

NON-CONTENT: Hon. Mr. Forgan.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that to enact the prepayment of letters posted by persons in this Island, as proposed by Bill the which has been under its consideration, intitled "An Act to amend the Act for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts within Prince Edward Island," would have an effect on the poorer class of the population, detrimental to their correspondence both within and without its precincts. As regards the external correspondence, the necessity of prepayment of a letter would, in all probability, put an end to all correspondence between the poorer inhabitants of the Island and their relations and friends. The circumstances of the latter for the most part admit of the prepayment of postage by them, whilst it would be extremely inconvenient to their correspondents in this Island.

R. B. IRVING, Reporter.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ROADS, BRIDGES AND WHARVES.

PRINCE COUNTY.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Comprising Townships Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Western Road, Lots 1, 2 and 3,	£8 0 0
Road from Sea Cow Pond to North Cape,	3 0 0
Peters' road,	2 0 0
Road from Skinner's Pond to Black Pond,	10 0 0
From Black Pond to Mokeler's,	4 0 0
Palmer's road to line of Lot 3,	12 0 0
Saint Felix bridge, Lot 2,	20 0 0
From Joseph Chaisson's Lot 2, to Western road,	3 0 0
From Timothy Gavin's towards Tignish,	4 0 0
From Kildare School-house on Rooke's road towards McNeill's road,	1 10 0
From Murdoch Gillis's to the sea shore,	2 0 0
Road past W. Haywood's Mill,	3 0 0
From Pig brook to Same Richard's,	5 0 0
From John Nelligan's to Watson's,	2 0 0
Joseph Martin's bridge Lot 2,	3 0 0
From Kildare bridge to the Capes,	1 10 0
From Saint Felix Settlement to Western road,	3 0 0
Western road, to Malcolm Campbell's,	1 10 0
From Kildare bridge to the line of Lot 3,	1 10 0
Where most required on Lot 1,	5 0 0
	£95 0 0

DISTRICT No. 2.

Comprising Townships Nos. 4, 5 and 6.

Road from Casumpee Village to Yeo's Mills,	£2 0 0
Bridge near Thomas Gallant's from Casumpee village to Western road,	3 0 0
Road from Duck to Casumpee Point,	3 0 0
From John Gordon's Mills to Casumpee Cross,	4 0 0
Bridge near Dogherty's, Lot 6,	5 0 0
Road from Halloran's to Costain's Mills,	14 0 0
From Halloran's road to Western road,	5 0 0
Western road on Lots 4, 5 and 6,	25 0 0
Road from line of Lot 4 to Campbellton,	3 0 0
O'Leary's road,	10 0 0
To Louis Arseneaux, Ferryman,	4 0 0
Road from James Forsyth's, to John Campbell's,	4 0 0
From bridge near Dogherty's to Western road,	4 0 0
Bridge between O'Connor's and Louis' Ferry,	2 0 0
	£88 0 0

DISTRICT No. 3.

Comprising Townships Nos. 7, 8 and 9.

O'Leary's road, from Lot 8 to the line of Lot 6,	£15 0 0
Halloran's road, to West Point,	8 0 0
From Brae Chapel, towards the Western road,	6 0 0
Road leading from the West Shore to Big Pierre Jacques,	4 0 0
Road from the West Point to Big Pierre Jacques,	4 0 0
Road from Big Pierre Jacques to Little Pierre Jacques,	4 0 0
Road from Little Pierre Jacques to the Brae,	45 0 0
Road from the Brae to Grand Dique,	3 0 0
Where most required,	3 10 0
	£92 10 0

DISTRICT No. 4.

Comprising Townships Nos. 10, 11 and 12.

Road from Robinson's to Egmont Bay,	£2 0 0
Western road, from Lot 6 to Robinson's, Lot 12,	30 0 0
Road from Barlow's road to William Ellis's,	3 0 0
Road from line of Lot 12 to Large's Ferry,	20 0 0
Road from Lynch's towards Western road,	4 0 0
Road from McDonald's bridge, Lot 11, to Western road,	10 0 0
Work performed at McDonald's bridge, Lot 11,	2 0 0
Road from Barlow's road to McArthur's, and bridge,	7 0 0
Road from the Western road to Enmore River Mill,	3 0 0
Luke's bridge,	2 0 0
Road from Luke's bridge to the Main road,	5 0 0
Ferryman at Lot 11 ferry,	4 0 0
Where most required,	2 10 0
	£94 10 0

DISTRICT No. 5.

Comprising Townships Nos. 15 and 16.

Haldimand Bridge,	£18 0 0
Road from Fifteen Point road to Miscouche Bay,	3 0 0
Bridge at Isame Arseneaux's,	4 0 0
Road between Lots 14 and 15,	6 0 0
Road from the shore, back settlement, Fifteen Point,	3 0 0
Road from John McNally's to the back settlement,	3 0 0
Ellis River bridge,	35 0 0
Main Western road, Lot 16,	10 0 0
Road from the line of Lot 17 to Ellis river ferry,	2 0 0
Road from Fifteen Point to Beech Point,	6 0 0
Road from Fishing Cove to Haldimand River,	5 0 0
Bridge at Ramsay's, Lot 17,	2 0 0
Road between Lots 14 and 16,	2 10 0
	£99 10 0

DISTRICT No. 6.

Comprising Townships Nos. 17 and 19.

Summerside wharf, including special grant of £20,	£50 0 0
Road near Muddy Creek mill,	7 0 0
Road from Summerside to W. Williams's, Town road,	15 0 0
Western road from St. Eleanor's to the line of Lots 16 and 17,	8 10 0
Road from Summerside to the line of Lots 17 and 19,	4 10 0
Fish creek wharf on Rayner's farm, Lot 19,	4 10 0
Main Post road from J. J. P. P. to Mrs. Barrett's,	4 10 0
Main Post road from Mrs. Barrett's to Traveller's Rest,	5 15 0
On Summerside road, from Read's corner to the line of Lot 17,	5 0 0
Where most required on Lot 19,	7 15 0
	£112 10 0

DISTRICT No. 7.

Comprising Township No. 18 and Princetown Royalty.

Princetown wharf, to pay a balance due to Donald MacLellan,	£1 0 0
Darnley bridge, to pay a balance due to John MacLellan,	11 8 8
Woodside's bridge, to pay John Brennan for building stone arch,	3 15 0
Indian River bridge, to pay John MacLellan for work performed,	1 10 0
Indian River bridge, to pay Bennet MacLellan for work performed,	0 15 0
Princetown wharf, for repairs,	35 0 0
Indian River bridge, for repairs,	20 0 0
Darnley bridge, for repairs,	4 0 0
Road from Oyster Cove road to Princetown road,	1 10 0
Road to Little Marsh,	1 0 0
New road between Ramsay's and McKenzie's,	2 0 0
County line road,	1 0 0
Road from Indian River to Oyster Cove shore,	1 0 0
Burnt Woods' road from the Cross,	1 10 0
Irishtown road through Lot 18,	1 0 0
Road from Breen's towards New London,	1 0 0
Fernoy road,	1 10 0
Road from the quarry towards Henderson's mill,	2 0 0
Town road, through Lot 18,	1 11 4
	£92 10 0

DISTRICT No. 8.

Comprising Townships Nos. 25 and 26.

Bridge at Donald Taylor's, Lot 25, (£15 of this amount being last year's appropriation not expended.)	£25 0 0
New road from P. Baker's, Lot 25, to the County line,	10 0 0
New road from Mrs. Barrett's towards Freetown,	10 0 0
Main western road, from the County line to Jepps's wharf at Hurd's Point,	10 0 0
From Anderson's road, Lot 26, to Montgomery's,	3 0 0
Road from Watt's to Hurd's Point wharf,	8 0 0
From George Wright's to Freetown,	5 0 0
On roads and bridges, on Lot 26, from the County line to Nathaniel Heustis's	10 0 0
Bradshaw's causeway,	5 0 0
Where most required within the district,	15 0 0
Line road, between Lots 19 and 25, from the Town road to McMurdo's,	3 10 0
	£107 10 0

DISTRICT No. 9.

Comprising Townships Nos. 27 and 28.

Road and bridge from Scarletown to Middleton,	£5 0 0
Road from Tryon to Mulligan's, Lot 27,	5 0