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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30th March, 1858.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Concluded.)

HON. T. H. HAVILAND'S AMENDMENT.

Your Committee appointed to examine and report on Public Accounts have, after a careful examination of the same, found all the accounts submitted to them correct, with the exception of such errors as the Auditors of Public Accounts have already remarked upon.

Your Committee find the general Accounts of the Financial state of the Colony, charging against it all the Debentures issued under the authority of 16th Victoria, cap. 18, and all Warrants and Treasury Notes issued, and giving credit for cash in Treasury and Bonds for Duties in Treasurer's and Attorney General's hands, to have been at the end of the financial year as follows:—

GOVERNMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.	
Dr.	
To Warrants unpaid 31st January, 1858,	£30,594 1 9½
Treasury Notes,	11,500 0 0
Debentures issued under 16th Victoria, cap. 18,	20,550 0 0
	£62,644 1 9½
To balance against the Colony 31st Jan'y, 1857,	£22,303 14 0
Expenditure during the year ended 31st January, 1858,	48,522 12 5½
	£71,326 6 5½
Cr.	
By Bonds in Treasury,	£25,156 13 3½
Bonds in hands of Attorney General,	3,067 2 11
Cash in Treasury,	4,550 1 4½
Balance,	29,870 4 4½
	£62,644 1 9½
By Receipts at Treasury in the year ended 31st January, 1858,	41,456 2 0½
Balance, including all Debentures and Treasury Notes,	29,870 4 4½
	£71,326 6 5½

The Revenue of the past year exceeds that of the previous year by the sum of £793 5s. 3d., as will be seen by reference to the accompanying Tabular statement, and may be accounted for by the additional impost of 1½ per cent. levied under the Act of 20th Victoria, cap. 1, upon certain goods, wares and merchandise imported into the Island, the general importation of dutiable articles being less in amount than those of the previous year.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF REVENUE FOR 1856 AND 1857.

	AMOUNT FOR 1856.		AMOUNT FOR 1857.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	£	s d	£	s d	£	s d	£	s d
Import	30001	2 0	30822	2 7½	731	0 6½		
Light, Anchorage	844	15 6½	857	13 8	112	15 1½		
Land Assessment	4615	4 6½	4530	0 4			219	4 2½
Post Office	1132	0 6	1198	0 4	66	0 0		
Licenses	284	10 0	325	10 0	41	0 0		
Debt Sec'y's Office	216	8 10	198	8 5			18	0 5
Registrar's Office	342	15 6	340	2 3			2	13 3
Customs	73	11 9	71	17 0			1	14 9
Juries	21	12 0	45	12 0	24	0 0		
Fines & Penalties	83	7 6	169	19 0	86	11 6		
Public Lands	1363	13 4½	1396	13 6	73	0 0		
Crown Lands	269	2 4	371	12 2½	102	10 3½		
Interest on bonds	376	9 3½	331	10 4			44	19 1½
Wharfage	19	3 2	8	5 5			11	7 9
Head Money	37	2 9	29	4 0			7	18 9
Sales of Books	93	14 5	99	2 4			0	7 11
Wrecked and unclaimed goods.	3	17 1	34	10 10	31	13 9		
Rest War'n Farm			27	15 6				
Return Land Assessment fees			5	1 3	5	1 3		
Surcharges	0	4 0	3	19 0	3	15 0		
Scholarships	19	13 0	13	1 1½			6	11 6½
Sundries	138	16 0					138	16 0
	40662	16 9½	41456	2 0½	1244	11 0½	451	5 9

The following Table shows a comparative statement of the Public Expenditure for the two past years, under its different heads:—

	EXPENDITURE FOR 1856.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1857.		INCREASE FOR 1857.		DECREASE FOR 1857.	
	£	s d	£	s d	£	s d	£	s d
Roads, Bridges & Wharves	11468	8 0	9833	14 0½	427	8 9½	1574	13 11½
Education	13551	11 11½	13982	0 9½	427	8 9½		
Legislature	2777	5 8	2779	6 8			97	19 0
Salaries	4214	5 4½	4267	10 0	53	4 7½		
City of Ch. Town	175	1 8½					275	1 8½
Mails & Packets	2769	0 7	4646	2 1	1877	1 6		
Lights, Buoys & Beacons	1240	13 9½	1129	17 4½			119	16 2
City of A. Security	106	14 0½	139	9 3½	32	15 3		
Prov. Building	1216	12 2	1090	0 0			246	12 2
Govt. House	539	6 10	385	13 1			273	13 9
Lunatics & Asyl.	117	17 6	467	15 8	350	1 10		
Boards Health	880	12 6	903	4 1	102	11 7		
Protection Fish.	25	0 0	25	0 0			55	0 0
Tails	1122	14 3½	1188	2 4	65	7 11½		
Public Printing	1037	12 3	739	15 8½			297	16 6½
Stationery	123	15 6	132	14 9	28	19 3		
Crown Provisions	423	18 5½	471	2 8½	47	4 3		
Post Office and Public Postage	843	7 8½	930	15 6½	117	7 10		
Military	4336	2 3	1703	3 4			2632	18 11
Treasury Notes	11	19 0					11	19 0
Drawbacks	130	7 7½	294	16 5½	164	8 10		
Poor	676	15 0	691	7 6	112	6 2		
Landowners and Heriots	220	1 0	355	9 1	129	8 1		
Lunatic	844	7 8	1084	18 3	240	10 7		
Small Disbursements	138	8 0	194	10 0½	56	2 0½		
Boys and Loup-cerviers	17	0 0	8	10 0			8	10 0
Telegraph Com.			520	9 5	520	9 5		
Stationery			37	16 2	37	16 2		
City House, Lot &c.			156	0 0	156	0 0		
Receipts Treaty Duties returned	96	7 5						
Infants	19	0 0	85	16 2	45	16 2		
Miscellaneous	48	15 5½	272	3 10½			216	11 7
	60364	12 8½	5822	12 5½	4084	13 0½	6925	13 3½

Your Committee have minutely examined the Accounts of the Commissioner of Public Lands, from which they learn that there remains due upon Securities and for Lands sold

under the authority of the Act of 16 Victoria, cap. 18, as under, viz:—
Bonds, £775 7 1
Amounts due upon Deeds issued, £4052 13 3½
Amount due upon Deeds not issued, 1165 12 5
Amount due for which there are no vouchers, 9008 8 3½
14226 14 0
£15,092 1 1

Your Committee beg to observe that in the statement of sums due, under the last enumerated head, several instances occur in which no amount of deposit has been paid by the alleged purchasers; and in other cases a very trifling amount only has been paid, bearing a very small proportion to the amount required to be paid by the 28th section of the Land Purchase Act. [See Note 1.]
Your Committee would also call attention to the great discrepancy between the above amount of Bonds, and that in the return furnished by the late Commissioner of Public Lands during the last Session, in which it was stated that there were then in the Prothonotary's Office Judgment Bonds representing £3320 9s. 3½d., with £232 2s. 8d. costs, of which he considered that at least £1400 would be recovered of them, besides interest and costs; yet, after payment on account of said Bonds, during the past year, of £60 0s. 5d. only, the balance due appears to be reduced to £775 7s. 1d. by Bonds being cancelled prior to 1st May, 1857. [See Note 2.]
The Account of Public Lands for the last year will stand as follows:—

Dr.		Cr.	
To 1 year's interest on Debentures issued for payment of Lands, £1027 10 0		By gross amount of receipts on account of lands sold during the year, £1957 3 6	
Lost by Land Tax, 210 0 0		Commissioner's salary, 300 0 0	
Surveyor General's salary, 250 0 0		Wood-rangers, 57 0 0	
Assistant Surveyors, 29 10 0		Mileage, 20 13 4	
Printing & advertising, 17 16 6		Stationery, 9 14 9	
		Balance, 34 14 7	
	£1957 3 6		£1957 3 6

By the Accounts of the Commissioner of Public Lands, it also appears that he has sold Crown Lands during the past year, principally in Georgetown and Royalty, to the amount of £710 10s., and that he has received, on account of such sales, and on balances due on former sales of Crown Lands, the sum of £881 2s. 7d., and paid the same into the Treasury, under the Act of

NOTE 1. The amount of six thousand pounds, with interest, is still claimed by the vendors of the Worrell Estate to be due to them for the balance of the consideration money of their Deed of Sale to the Government, which, however, is retained until certain points in dispute shall be adjusted.

NOTE 2. There appears to have been 84,254 acres of Public Land, of which 38,850½ acres sold for the sum of £19,256 16s. 6d., and there remain still unsold 45,403½ acres. The Committee recommend that in future the Accounts for the purchase and sales of Public Lands be kept separate and distinct from the general Revenue Accounts, and that the Debentures issued for the purchase of those Lands be a charge against them.

The Light Duty Revenue from the year 1852 has been, at the different Ports, as follows:—

Year	Charlottetown	Georgetown	Bedeque	Souris	Richmond Bay	Casimunde	Grand River	Wellington	St. John's	St. Peter's	New London	Crapaud	Murray Harbour	Tracadie	Finch	Covehead
1857	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1856	4112	216	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
1855	421	39	6	4	8	7	12	10	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
1854	4386	201	16	21	19	18	17	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
1853	4381	130	10	30	17	34	28	0	34	4	5	4	8	9	11	10
1852	4381	130	10	30	17	34	28	0	34	4	5	4	8	9	11	10

The Committee remark that the amount of Light and Anchorage Duty collected at Georgetown is larger than that collected at all the Ports on the North side of the Island, and consider that from the number of American vessels calling into those Ports being larger than the number calling at Three Rivers, the amount of duty, if properly collected and accounted for, should exceed the amount at present paid in, and recommend that the Government take such measures as will secure the prompt collection and correct return of Light and Anchorage Duties at those Ports in future.
Your Committee observe that the sum of two hundred and seventy pounds has been paid to the Clerk of the Executive and Legislative Councils for his services for the past year, as also twenty pounds to an Assistant, while the Act 14th Vic. cap. 31, expressly declares that the salary to that officer of £120 shall be in lieu of all fees of office, allowances and emoluments.
It appears, from the Warrant Book, that the sum of £67

7s. 6d. has been paid to John Dourant for superintending the erection of Oyster-bed Bridge and other services, and a further sum of £115 5s. to the same person for superintending the erection of Prince-street Wharf in Charlottetown. Your Committee are of opinion that the latter service should have been chiefly discharged by the Superintendent of Public Works.

Mr. McDonald's Speech on the Public Accounts re-published, with some corrections.

Mr. McDONALD.—I cannot agree with the hon. member who has just stated, that the management of the Public Lands has cost over £2,000 a-year, for I hold in my hand a statement by which it appears, that the expenses of managing the Public Lands office, never in any one year amounted to £1,760, and up to 31st Jan., 1858, there has been paid into the Treasury from sales of Public Lands £6,022 14s. 10½d. The expenses of management altogether—including the salaries of the Commissioner and Surveyor General, the amounts paid the wood-rangers, assistants to Surveyor General, printing and advertising, stationery, travelling expenses and interest, from the time of first purchase of Public Lands to this time—amounts to £4,796 13s. 5d., thus showing that the receipts exceed the expenditure by £1,226 1s. 5½d.; and besides this amount, the sum of £1,359 14s. 7½d. has been received, and passed through the Public Land office from sales of Crown Lands during the same period; and, for so large a concern—especially at the outset, when the difficulties to be overcome, and the involved details which had to be disentangled, were so great—the expenditure must, I think, in the estimation of unprejudiced minds, be accounted a moderate one; and the amount paid into the Treasury as much as could reasonably be calculated upon in the way of returns, in so limited a period. These figures, allow me to add, cannot be disputed, for they are those of the Auditors of Public Accounts. In the report which I, as chairman of the select committee on Public Accounts, have had the honor to present to the House, there is no allowance made for the expenses incurred by the Commissioner on sales of Crown Lands, effected this year, principally in Georgetown and Royalty, to the amount of £700, and of which amount £370 2s. 7½d. has been paid into the Treasury; the expenses incurred by him on this account are not expenses incurred on account of the management of the Public Lands, and ought not therefore to be allowed apparently to increase the amount of those expenses. That part of the report which exhibits the Commissioner's account, shewsexactly what amounts of money have been received severally, on account of each of the two descriptions of lands; that is, on account of those especially denominated "Public Lands," and of those known as "Crown Lands."

R. B. IRVING, Reporter.

THURSDAY, February 25, 1858.

FORENOON SESSION.

Hon. Col. Secretary presented to the House the detailed Public Accounts for the past year. Referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

Hon. Col. Secretary presented the following papers, which had been laid before Governor in Council, and referred to the House:—

Surrender of a portion of land, for a right of way to Summerside Wharf, by J. C. Pope, Esq., and others.

Two letters from Mr. Joseph Robinson, regarding the revenue service; and, the Report of the Preventive Officers,—all of which were laid on the table.

The Hon. Col. Secretary also presented the too following report and petition:—

Report of Mr. Lawrence Peters, Commissioner of Highways, regarding the straightening of a road on the line between Mary McEachern and Malcolm Morrison.

Petition of John McEneaney, and others, of Gallows Point, praying for a new line of road, with a plan.

A Committee, composed of the following gentlemen, was appointed, to whom was referred the above report and petition, viz:—Hon. Mr. Wightman, Messrs. Perry, Dingwell, Yeo, Munroe and Hon. Mr. Mooney.

Mr. Perry presented a petition of inhabitants of Egmont Bay and vicinity, praying a grant towards completing Haldimand River Bridge. Laid on the table.

Hon. Col. Treasurer presented a petition of inhabitants of Kildare, praying aid to repair a road. Laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. Palmer presented a petition of Daniel McKinlay, District Teacher, praying that, as his school is only divided from the Royalty by a road, he be allowed the same amount of salary as is payable to Teachers in the Royalty of Charlottetown.

Also, a petition of John McDonald, and other protestants praying that the Scriptures may be read at an early hour every day, both in the Normal School and Central Academy. Both petitions laid on the table.

Mr. Laird presented the following petitions:—

Petition of James Miller and other inhabitants of Lot 34.

Petition of John McKenzie and other Protestants of Scotch Settlement, and places adjacent.

Petition of Alex. Sutherland, Minister, and other Protestants of New London District—all upon the subject of the introduction of the Bible into the Public Schools. Laid on the table.

The fourth order of the day, being the engrossed bill from the Council, entitled, "An Act for the safe custody of insane persons charged with offences, and otherwise to amend the law with respect to offenders convicted of crimes punishable with death," was taken up, read a second time, and committed to a committee of the Whole House. Mr. Pope in the chair.

The Bill was read in committee, and agreed to. The House resumed, and the chairman reported accordingly.

The Bill was read a third time, under suspension of the rule of the House, and passed.

Mr. Douse presented a petition of Jane Green, praying an allowance as teacher of a Primary School, during part of the past year at Lot 38.

A Special Committee was appointed, to whom the above petition was referred, and to whom all petitions of a like nature should be referred, composed of the following gentlemen, viz:—Messrs. Perry, Muirhead, Douse, Pope, McIntosh, Dingwell and Hon. Mr. Mooney.

The Bill to continue the Act regulating the publishing of notices and advertisements, relating to the public service, was read a second time, and committed to a committee of the Whole House. Mr. Muirhead in the chair.

The Bill was agreed to in committee. The House resumed, and the chairman reported accordingly, and the Bill was engrossed. Adjourned for one hour.

FRIDAY, February 26, 1858.

FORENOON SESSION.

Hon. Mr. M oney presented a petition of Donald McPhee and others, praying for a grant, in aid of individual subscription, towards the erection of a wharf at the north side of Elliot River. Laid on the table.

Hon. Col. Treasurer presented a petition of inhabitants of Pierre Jacques and Breve River settlement and vicinity, praying aid to improve a road; also, a petition of inhabitants of West Cape settlement and its vicinity, praying aid to improve road and bridge. Laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. Whelan presented a petition of inhabitants of Lot 41 and vicinity, praying aid to improve a road; also, a petition of Widow Donovan, Lot 39, praying for a like effect. Laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. Whelan moved that Mr. Dingwell be added, in the room of Hon. W. W. Lord, to the Committee appointed last Session, to report this Session, on the petition of Mr. James Douglas, formerly of Bay Fortune. Agreed to.

The House then went into Supply. Hon. Col. Treasurer in the chair, after some time spent therein, the House resumed, and

the chairman reported the resolutions agreed to in Committee, which, being again severally read, were agreed to by the House:—

5. RESOLVED, That the following sums be granted, at the disposal of the Government, for the several services mentioned, viz:—

Incidental and contingent expenses of the Lunatic Asylum,	600 0 0
Contingent expenses of the House of Assembly, Expenses of General Election,	
Incidental expenses of Legislative Council,	
Fuel for the Public Offices and Legislature,	100 0 0
Premium for killing Loupcerviers and Bears,	10 0 0
Episcopal Church, Charlottetown,	16 0 0
Roman Catholic Chapel,	14 0 0
Church of Scotland,	7 0 0
Wesleyan Church,	7 0 0
Baptist Church,	7 0 0
Free Church of Scotland,	7 0 0
Contingencies,	400 0 0
Three High Sheriffs,	60 0 0
Crown Prosecutions, and Crown Officers' Fees for miscellaneous services, and for Jurors,	350 0 0
Crier of Supreme Court,	20 0 0
Coroner's Inquests,	60 0 0
Repairs in and about Government House,	150 0 0

6. RESOLVED, That the sum of eight hundred and forty-five pounds eight shillings and five pence be placed at the disposal of the Government, for the following Light Houses and Lights, viz:—

Point Prim, Three Rivers, Richmond Bay, Cascumpe, and Summerside Lights and Light Houses,	500 0 0
Saint Paul's and Scatarie Islands' Lights,	36 0 0
Saint Paul's and Scatarie Islands' Lights, extra expenditure,	9 8 6

7. RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred pounds be placed at the disposal of the Government, to pay the amount appropriated to the Telegraph Company by Statute, 300 0 0

Mr. Cooper presented a petition of School Trustees, Little Harbour, Lot 45, setting forth that they have been unable to secure the services of a licensed teacher, and praying for a grant towards the salary of Matthew Reivil whom they have engaged as teacher of their school. Referred to Committee on Teachers' petitions, &c.

FRIDAY, March 5th, 1858.

FORENOON SESSION.

Mr. Cooper presented a petition of Abercrombie Willcock, praying remuneration for his services as a licensed teacher, at Black River School District, for a period of three months, in 1856. Referred to special committee on Teachers, Petitions.