

not be chosen. He would, however, move that the section be amended by inserting a clause something to this effect:— "One or more of such jurymen to be selected from each Township in said County."

This amendment was agreed to. Hon. Mr. COLES next moved that in the Nova Scotia Act it was provided that the Sheriff should give each political party a fair representation on the jury. He (Mr. Coles) thought there could be no objection to inserting something to that effect in this Bill. The hon. member for the north-west and last year that he would not like to trust himself altogether to a jury composed of his political opponents.

Hon. Mr. LONGWORTH said it would be well for the hon. member to refer to the Nova Scotia Act and see if it contained such a provision. He (Mr. Longworth) thought if it were the case it was worth bringing in legislation, for he had never seen anything of the kind in any English statute. It would be a difference in most cases brought before a jury that shade of not an individual might be; and when political questions came up there was generally the protection of a special jury.

Hon. Mr. COLES said he had been examining the Canadian Act, and though it did not seem that jurymen should be taken from a list of political parties, yet it provided that a jurymen should be taken from the list of names of the members of a political party in his Island. Some persons said they were opposed to the Conservatives and Liberals, as they had been entrusted to carry matters with a too high hand. Such a clause as that moved by the hon. member would necessitate the Sheriff to take down each jurymen as belonging to either of two parties, and the person might be quite offended, saying that he had not been asked to be on the jury, and was more than a political party in his Island. Some persons said they were opposed to the Conservatives and Liberals, as they had been entrusted to carry matters with a too high hand. Such a clause as that moved by the hon. member would necessitate the Sheriff to take down each jurymen as belonging to either of two parties, and the person might be quite offended, saying that he had not been asked to be on the jury, and was more than a political party in his Island.

The amendment proposed by Hon. Mr. Coles was also opposed by the hon. member for the north-west and last year that he would not like to trust himself altogether to a jury composed of his political opponents.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND was opposed to this principle altogether. He thought that the jurymen should be taken from a list of names of the members of a political party in his Island. Some persons said they were opposed to the Conservatives and Liberals, as they had been entrusted to carry matters with a too high hand. Such a clause as that moved by the hon. member would necessitate the Sheriff to take down each jurymen as belonging to either of two parties, and the person might be quite offended, saying that he had not been asked to be on the jury, and was more than a political party in his Island.

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Hon. Mr. MAULAY thought it would be sufficient to publish the Despatches in the Royal Gazette, and that people would not think of looking for them elsewhere.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND—I am not opposed to having these documents published, but I consider it unnecessary to put the country to the expense of publishing them in all the papers. If they appear in the official organ, I consider it sufficient. In reference to the Royal instructions about the sending Home of Acts, I think the hon. Leader of the Opposition cannot be so oblivious as not to know that Governor Daly sent home three Despatches in 1855, in October; in 1856, six on the 29th of August; and in 1858 some on the 30th August; and in '58 there could not be much excuse for there were only 15 Acts passed that year.

Hon. Mr. COLES explained that the Acts sent Home in 1855 by the Governor of that day were sent without a certificate, and had to be returned and sent Home officially which accounted for the delay.

Mr. COOPER was for having the Despatches published in all the papers, as the Royal Gazette was only seen by the officers of the Government.

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and endeavored to act in such a manner as not to give offence to any denomination of Her Majesty's subjects. He thought any person who took up the letter and read it dispassionately, would see Captain Hunter referred not to any instructions received from the Government or any superior officer; that he referred entirely to the local disposition of the people themselves.

Hon. Col. Gray and Mr. Coles received leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

After a little further discussion upon correspondence in the Volunteer Question, Hon. Mr. Thornton requested leave of absence till Wednesday next, which was granted, and the House adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, March 8, 1861.

Mr. HOWAT presented a Road petition from Patrick M'Court; also Hon. Mr. Coles from J. M'Adam, in which it was stated a road had been opened by him from the Main Post Road to the celebrated spring recently discovered in the Settlement of Savage Harbor, Lot 28, of which 13 chains ran through his land; that at certain seasons the road is almost impassable on account of swamps, and that for the accommodation of invalids who daily visit the spring from all parts of the Island and the surrounding Colonies, it should be improved. For this purpose he prayed for a grant. Mr. Coles spoke some time in favor of acceding to the prayer of the petitioner, stating among other things that last summer when returning from Georgetown with the Commissioner for the tenants, they visited the Spring; and that the Commissioner, who had some eyes at that time, applied some of the water of the spring to them, and derived much benefit from it, of which he (Mr. Coles) was glad, as it enabled him to see more clearly the sufferings of the tenantry. Petitions laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. LONGWORTH moved that the Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Grand and Petit Jurors in this Island, be read a third time, which was done, and the Bill passed.

Hon. Mr. LONGWORTH, who presented a memorial from John Hunter, praying an Act might be passed to authorize him to take an additional name, moved a Committee to be appointed to bring in a Bill. He remarked it is customary for persons to make applications of this kind in Britain and other countries. For family and other reasons parties applied to the Legislature for permission to change their names. He saw nothing which would justify the House in refusing to accede to the request. If the House made an objection on the ground of it being a private Bill, Mr. Hunter would require to be prepared to pay the necessary fees. Hon. Mr. Longworth, Mr. McNeill and Mr. Beer were appointed a Committee to bring in a Bill in accordance with the prayer of the petitioner.

Hon. Mr. LONGWORTH, from the last preceding Committee, presented to the House the Bill, as prepared by the Committee, to authorize John Hunter to take the additional name of Davar, which was read a first time, then a second time, and passed. Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

Afternoon Sitting.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND agreed to notice, to move that a supply be granted to Her Majesty, which motion passed.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND proposed that the Resolutions enclosed by the Speaker of the Newfoundland Legislature to the Speaker of the House in F. E. Island, relative to the Fisheries, be taken up.

Hon. Mr. COLES thought it would be premature to discuss the matter then, and moved it be the order of the day for Tuesday next, which was agreed to.

Hon. Col. GRAY stated he had received a letter signed John Ross, which he requested permission to read to the House, which was granted. Mr. Ross wished to know whether "Ross's Weekly" was considered one of the four principal papers in the Island. Its circulation, he (Mr. Ross) stated, exceeded that of any other paper in the Island; and he considered he was entitled to a sum for publishing the debates of the Legislature, as well as the publishers of the other Journals.

Hon. Col. GRAY—I entertain the same opinion now which I did two years ago; viz, that gentlemen conducting newspapers with a large subscription list ought to be content to receive from the Reporters the authorized reports of the Legislature, and publish them at their own expense. It is for their own interest to furnish their subscribers with a sufficient amount of news. We have now five applications, and may soon have six or seven. When I spoke of the principal papers, I did not wish to disparage the one alluded to just now, for I was not then aware of its circulation.

Mr. DAVIES said that in point of circulation, "Ross's Weekly" was entitled to be considered one of the principal papers; but as regarded the amount of matter which it contained, he was not prepared to say. He considered the House should not vote anything to the newspapers for publishing their debates; but since they had promised to do so this year, he thought it would scarcely be fair to exclude Mr. Ross.

Mr. BEER considered the amount to be voted by the House should be divided among each of the papers according to the proportion of matter each published; but thought it was questionable whether any should receive anything.

Hon. Mr. MAULAY said if he were called upon to give a direct answer to the question submitted to them; viz, whether "Ross's Weekly" was one of the four principal papers or not, he would be at a loss to know how to answer. In other communities publishers were glad to send reporters at their own cost and charges. When their constituents had to bear their own expenses, and pay reporters, and then pay for the papers in which their proceedings were published, it was like paying twice for the same article.

Hon. Mr. PERRY spoke to the same effect and was opposed to the principle of paying the papers for publishing their debates, for publishers made no reduction in the price of their Journals to their subscribers, on account of the sum voted for this purpose.

Hon. Mr. HOWAT coincided with the views of the last speaker, and remarked that people in the country would not give 5d for the debates which were published towards the middle of the Summer.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND was of opinion it was quite enough for the House to pay for reporters, and that if publishers did not choose to furnish their readers with their debates it was their own loss. He considered that the subscription list of those who would not publish the proceedings of the Legislature would soon show them their error. He considered it was unreasonable to ask the Legislature whether "Ross's Weekly" was one of the four principal papers published in Charlottetown. One publisher might set up his claim to have his paper included among the principal ones on account of the extent of his subscription list; another would plead the low rate at which he published his journal; and another would argue that the literary talent and taste displayed should be the test. He (Mr. Haviland) did not wish to depreciate the talent exhibited in leading articles in "Ross's Weekly," but considered it would be better for the proprietor of that paper to publish the debates than the "Bachelors' Wooing."

In reference to this matter, he was opposed to the principle of subsidizing the newspapers; but as something had been promised to the newspaper publishers at the commencement of the Session, he would not break faith with them.

After a few other hon. members had expressed their opinions on this subject, the House came to the understanding that the sum to be granted for publishing the debates of the Legislature should be divided among the papers according to the amount of matter which each published, "Ross's Weekly" to come in for a share as well as the others.

Hon. Mr. LONGWORTH, as a member of the Government, begged leave to present to the House a report of the Reporters on the Laws preparatory to their being revised and reprinted, and stated that a full copy of the Statutes passed from 1851 down to the Session of 1861, inclusive, were to be deposited in certain specified Offices. Mr. Longworth next explained that it was impossible to comply with all the terms of the Act, for, strange to say, the Commissioners were called upon to deposit laws which had never been passed; therefore they thought it better to defer depositing any bill till the time should be extended. These and other matters were fully set forth in the report, which was then read and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Doyle received leave of absence for one week.

Adjourned. J. D. GOSNOL, Reporter.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, April 6.

The House spent considerable time in discussing the petitions on the table in reference to the construction of Lighthouses on the North Cape and East Point. The following resolution was come to:—That the

House suspend taking any further action relative to erecting Lighthouses on the North Cape and East Point until the next session of the Legislature. A number of other petitions were disposed of, among which was one praying a grant of £1000 towards erecting a wharf at the mouth of the West Point, it being referred to a special Committee to report thereon next session.

MONDAY, April 8.

A petition was presented to the House by the Hon. Mr. Perry, from Peter Francis, on behalf of himself and others, complaining of their being deprived of Indian Island at the entrance of Murray Harbour, which had been sold about 1837, for the non-payment of some trifling land assessment, and praying the House to give them re-occupation—referred to a special Committee. A number of petitions were then considered and disposed of. The petition for a grant to contractor of Hillsborough Ferry to encourage him to place an additional steamboat on said ferry, so that there might be no interruption of communication on account of clearing boilers, was referred to supply. The petition from North side of King's County for a grant to extend a breakwater at the harbor of St. Peter's, was referred to supply. Hon. Mr. Laird presented a petition from members of the Royal Agricultural Society, praying its reorganization on such a basis as will ensure more general support.

TUESDAY, April 9.

The House went into Committee on the Reports of John D. Woodman, Harbor Master, Canouque, and John Craig, Lighthouse Keeper at Richmond Bay, and after some discussion, came to the following resolution:—That a sum sufficient be voted in supply and placed at the disposal of the Highways of the District of Kent, to be expended in the repair and clearing roads. Hon. Mr. Hensley introduced a Bill in amendment of an Act relating to Judgments in the Supreme Court. Mr. M'Neil from the special Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Keefe, Bailiff, Souris, praying to be reinstated for the destruction of his wagon by parties unknown, presented the report, which stated that the occurrence took place while he was in the execution of his duty, and recommended that the petition be referred to supply—the report was agreed to.

WEDNESDAY, April 10.

Hon. Mr. Yeo from the Post Office Committee presented their report, which was committed to a Committee of the whole House, and reported agreed to with amendments. It recommended that the Post Office at Skinner's Point be discontinued; that a Post Office be established near Haslam's, Lot 67; that another be established at Haslam's, Lot 64; that another be established at Haslam's, Lot 3; that a Post Office be established near the boundary between the Districts of Kent and St. John's; and that the petitions of Angus McEllan, Cherry Valley, Dennis Dimond, Souris, and John Hoggard, Part III, be referred to supply. The report also expressed approval of the suggestions of the Committee General, and recommended the same to be adopted. The House then went into Committee of Supply, when several resolutions were agreed to. Hon. Col. Gray, by command, presented a message from the Lieut. Governor, informing the House of the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and recommending the same to be adopted. The House then went into Committee of Supply, when several resolutions were agreed to. Hon. Col. Gray, by command, presented a message from the Lieut. Governor, informing the House of the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and recommending the same to be adopted. The House then went into Committee of Supply, when several resolutions were agreed to.

THURSDAY, April 11.

The House again went into Committee on the Volunteer Bill, and the debate thereon occupied the time of the House up to the hour of adjournment.

FRIDAY, April 12.

The debate on the Volunteer Bill was resumed, and continued up till the hour of adjournment.

SATURDAY, April 13.

The House again went into Committee on the Volunteer Bill, after a further debate on the money clause, in the course of which Hon. Mr. Haviland moved that the sum to be appropriated this year be £4,000, and Hon. Mr. Hensley moved in amendment that the sum be £200,000. The motion was carried 12 to 5, and the bill reported agreed to. When the question was about to be put, shall the report of the Committee be received, Hon. Mr. Whelan moved that it be read this day three months, which was lost—5 to 19. Hon. Mr. Haviland introduced a Bill to amend the Act in relation to the Marine Railway Company. Mr. Beer presented a petition from Citizens of Charlottetown, praying to have the Liquor License Act entirely remodelled so that the sale of intoxicating liquors may be very much curtailed; also a petition of friends of Temperance throughout the Island, praying the House to pass an enactment to prevent Magistrates from engaging in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors—both petitions laid on the table. Mr. Beer introduced a Bill to amend the Liquor License Act, which was referred to a Committee of the whole House. Hon. Mr. Coles introduced the petition praying that the market days might be changed to Tuesdays and Fridays, presented their report, which stated that the petitioners should have applied to the City Council, as it is empowered by the Act of incorporation to regulate the market days. Hon. Mr. Longworth introduced a Bill to amend the Election Law. This Bill contains the same provisions as the Election Bill rejected by the Legislative Council last session.

SUNDAY, April 15.

A Committee was appointed to prepare an address to His Excellency, praying him to give effect to the recommendation in the report of the Post Office Committee. The said address having been presented to the House was agreed to, as was an address in reference to new roads. The Bill relating to the suspension of the Revenue Act, was read a second time, and passed through Committee; and also the Bill in reference to Judgments in the Supreme Court. A motion having been made that the Volunteer Bill be read a third time, Hon. Mr. Coles moved in amendment that it be read this day three months, which was lost—5 to 19. The House then went into Committee on roads, &c., and agreed to several resolutions. A message was received from the Legislative Council stating that it had passed the Revenue Act, with several amendments. The most important of these amendments are:—1st, the qualification of Legislative Councils shall be £1000 instead of £500 as agreed to by the House; and that no person be eligible to vote or sit as a Legislative Councillor unless his residence or property shall be within the Colony in which the Bill is to be read; 2d, that no person be eligible to sit as a Legislative Councillor unless he be a resident in the Colony; and 3d, that no person be eligible to sit as a Legislative Councillor unless he be a resident in the Colony. The House then went into Committee of Supply, and reported several resolutions agreed to.

TUESDAY, April 16.

The Georgetown School Bill was read a third time and passed. The clause relating to the suspension of the Revenue Act, was read a second time and passed through Committee. The order of the day for the House in Committee on the petition of members of Royal Agricultural Society was discharged, and a Committee appointed to report thereon next session. The order of the day for the second reading of the Liquor License Amendment Bill, being read, Mr. Beer moved that the House do now go into the order of the day. Mr. Howat moved in amendment that the clause relating to the suspension of the Revenue Act, be read a second time, and a Committee be appointed to report thereon next session. The amendment was carried 12 to 5. Committee on Roads, &c. The House then went into Committee of Supply, and agreed to several resolutions. A message was received from the Legislative Council stating that it had passed the Revenue Act, with several amendments. The most important of these amendments are:—1st, the qualification of Legislative Councils shall be £1000 instead of £500 as agreed to by the House; and that no person be eligible to vote or sit as a Legislative Councillor unless his residence or property shall be within the Colony in which the Bill is to be read; 2d, that no person be eligible to sit as a Legislative Councillor unless he be a resident in the Colony; and 3d, that no person be eligible to sit as a Legislative Councillor unless he be a resident in the Colony. The House then went into Committee of Supply, and reported several resolutions agreed to.

WEDNESDAY, April 17.

The petition from North River, &c., complaining of the refusal of a Tavern License to James Threr, Lot 32, was taken up in Committee, and agreed to be referred to the Committee appointed to report next session. The Revenue Amendment Act, was read a second time, and went into Committee of Supply, and agreed to a number of resolutions which were reported accordingly. A message was received from the Lieut. Governor, transmitting a despatch containing suggestions to be born in mind on respecting the Revenue Act, and the Lieut. Governor further information on Act relating to granting Fishing Licenses to citizens of the United States, for vessels built on the Island. The amendments of the Legislative Council to the Revenue Act, were then read a second time, and taken up in Committee of the whole House. The amendments of the Council were agreed to, with the exception of the one substituting £1000 for £500 in the clause specifying the qualification of the Legislative Councils, and the one relating to the qualification of Legislative Councils to be £1000 instead of £500. The order of the day for the second reading of the Election Law Amendment Bill was then read, and Hon. Mr. Haviland moved that the House go into the order of the day. After the Bill had been read a second time, Hon. Mr. Whelan moved in amendment that it be read this day three months—amendment lost, 5 to 15. The Bill was then read, referred to Committee, and reported agreed to. Hon. Mr. Longworth presented the report of the Visitor of Schools.

D. LAIRD, Reporter.

are already firmly convinced that the black catalogue of their deceptions machinations cannot be faced, if every drop of water in the great River Saint Lawrence were to have been every day during the next century. Why then force your Excellency into this abominable "lying" concern? They heard Mr. Coles say what he did say, on the 29th and 27th February last, after which their man who provides weekly for the Island "kicked up a dust," at which sort of labour he has hitherto shown great aptitude—the object of which was obviously to try to create ill-feeling between your Excellency and Mr. Coles. But after some five or six weeks having elapsed, and after Mr. Coles's speeches about the "lying" concern appeared in print, which satisfies every right thinking mind in the Colony that whatever offensive expressions that gentleman made use of were not intended to apply personally to your Excellency; your advisers got into a pious fit of horror at what Mr. Coles said about that "lying" concern. And now let us examine what nightly spirit moved them after this quietude of five or six weeks. They found by sad and woful experience that Mr. Coles—the indomitable friend and advocate of the tenantry—let no opportunity pass without exposing, in his place in the Assembly, their base and deceitful conduct, in their false pretensions to the tenantry about the Land Commission, and the retention of the Act "to give effect to the report of the Commissioners," here, from 30th April to 1st October, which universally proclaimed their abominable treachery. They also found your Excellency's good sense and Christian disposition so far prevailed as to overlook any expressions of Mr. Coles, after that gentleman made the "anecdote honorable," and in that magnanimity of mind which should always actuate the Queen's Representative, invited Mr. Coles, his lady and the juvenile members of his family to participate in the hospitalities of Government House. This would appear to be the only cause for the new conspiracy of your Excellency's advisers against the equity of that "lying" concern, which they had suffered to lie dormant for the previous five or six weeks, because in their own high estimate of themselves and their praying the little ones of Mr. Coles should not be admitted to mingle in the social circle with those of the Lairds, the Simpsons, the Grays, the Havilands, the Longworths, the Palmers, the Pops, and the Yeos; and in order to prevent such social contact, they ground down your Excellency's finer and better feelings to their own standard of obtuseness, and forced you to write that most strange and wonderful production before mentioned, addressed to Mr. Palmer as the leader of your Government, in which you are made the sole manipulator of that "lying" concern. In that extraordinary production you are made to confess that you did write the "lie," but that it was a harmless one, and that your Council did not participate in your guilt! Now, what did your Excellency's advisers charge Mr. Coles with saying? They charge him with having said "that your Excellency had written a lie, but that he blamed your advisers more than he did yourself;" and lastly any person should doubt Mr. Coles's statement, they cruelly exact the confirmation of it from your Excellency by the attestation of your own signature: so that the only thing which they appear to accomplish by it is the truth of Mr. Coles's assertion about the lie, and that you did commit the blunder of your own free will and accord, without any criminal participation of your Council! Now, every honest well-meaning man in the Island must know that it matters not how big your Excellency wrote that the Act had passed on the 30th April, or that it would be passed the next day, so far as the general interests of the Colony are concerned; and hence the reader, whether it did or not, that your advisers should think it requisite to get their "white-washed" from the blame, in order to criminate your Excellency! It is, indeed, generally believed, and perhaps not without good reason, that your advisers finding themselves so low in public estimation, that they were desirous of committing your Excellency to their own destiny, which they knew they cannot postpone longer than the next general election; and as they equally well know that after said election Mr. Coles will be the leader of a Government infinitely superior to the present, they are selfish and malicious enough, at the sacrifice of your Excellency's future prospects, to try to create ill-will in the meantime between Mr. Coles and yourself, lest the great truths which I weekly have the honor to bring to your notice should cause you to dissolve the present House, because with the dissolution they shall also be dissolved as a Ministry for ever. In my number 2 I reminded your Excellency of the fact that lost its tail by roguish practices and it was envious and cunning enough to advise all the other foxes to have their tails cut off, so that the misfortune might not appear singular; and so it may, perhaps, be with your advisers, knowing that their atrocious and deceitful shuffling against the interests of the tenantry shall be rewarded by the just and ample indignation of the electors ere long, and they are desirous that your Excellency shall share the same fate. They have treated you shamefully and cruelly in their spiteful spite against Mr. Coles. Therefore dismiss them—dissolve the House, and you will soon be surrounded by men in whom the public will have confidence, and who will be a credit to the Island and to your Excellency; at least such is the honest conviction of ABERDUMBEE WILLOCK.

P. S. I have to complain again to your Excellency that one of your advisers has, in his place in the Assembly, called me by several bad names; but I fear there cannot be much good expected from him, because he wrote in his weekly what it is necessary to "train up a child in the way he should go." What, therefore, is to be expected of the man who in youth could sell a Pigeon to his neighbour, and when the Pigeon flew back to its first owner, he would point its plumage another colour, which enabled him to practice the same deception again! However, he shall be noticed hereafter by the gentleman whom he designates "SIMON P