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REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ROADS AND BRIDGES WITHIN THE DISTRICT OF ST. JOHN'S.

TOWN OF ST. JOHN'S.

The Commissioners for the Roads and Bridges within this District, have contracted for extensive alterations and improvements in the Street called the *King's Road*, which are calculated to cleanse it from the impurities that have hitherto been found to exist in that part of the Town. A drain is now being opened in the centre of the Main Road-way, which, when completed, will be sufficiently large to carry off any water or filth which may collect in that neighborhood. The entire of this street from Duckworth Street to the Military Road will be reduced, as nearly as possible, to three inclined planes, and the ascent, which before was very steep, will be rendered easy and commodious.—The work is now in progress, and will be completed in November next. The amount of contract for this service exceeds the sum granted by £70 7s 10d sterling, which deficiency the Commissioners trust will be supplied by the Legislature.

The street leading from the Custom-House to Boden's Cove has also been contracted for, and the work is now in progress. The contemplated improvements in this street are considerable, and when completed will afford a much easier approach to Cochrane Street, both from the East and from the West.—Two small Bridges are laid out for erection—one between Messrs. Robert Brine & Co.'s gateway, and the premises of Mr. Nicholas Gill, and the other near the Premises of Messrs. Brocklebank.—The Rock opposite the Premises of Messrs. Dunscomb & Co. will be removed, and the street in that part, which is narrow and irregular, will be widened to a distance of 10 feet. The improvements in this street will render it much safer and more commodious than heretofore; but it is even susceptible of still greater improvement, by removing several houses, which at present project so much as to obstruct a free passage, and prevent Carts and other vehicles from passing each other. The want of funds, alone, have prevented the Commissioners from entering on the improvements alluded to.

The sum of £350 only has been voted by the Legislature for improving the various other streets in the Town, and out of this amount the sum of £50 was expended by the Commissioners in the early part of the Winter, for partial repairs in several parts thereof, leaving only £300 at the disposal of the Board. On the opening of the Spring when the works were commenced, the Board finding this sum quite inadequate to proceed with general repairs, thought it advisable to expend it in certain repairs now going forward in Water-street.

Water Street being the great thoroughfare of the Town, and the scene of all the Commercial business of the place, the Commissioners have thought it but right to commence the improvements in it, under the impression that, should the Legislature approve of their proceedings, a sufficient sum of money would be placed at their disposal, so as to enable them to carry similar improvements into all the other streets of the Town.

The Safety-wall in Duckworth Street was contracted for, and the retaining portion of it raised to the height intended, when from some defect in the construction, or from causes unknown, and which could not have been anticipated by the Commissioners, the greater part of the wall gave way on the 6th instant, and fell to a level with the street.

The Commissioners attribute the failure in this wall more to some defect in the structure and execution of the work, than to a want of proper proportions in the dimensions of it.

The Contractor having abandoned the Contract on the plea that the plan was defective, the Commissioners have been, for the present, reduced to the necessity of taking the direction of clearing away the rubbish, with a view to the preservation of the materials.

The advanced state of the season has induced the Commissioners to defer the rebuilding of the wall until the ensuing Spring, when greater justice can be done to render durable this important work.

To meet the additional expense occasioned by

the fall of the wall, and to complete it, a further grant of £150 will be required.

To enable the Commissioners to level and otherwise improve the street which intersects Water Street and Duckworth-street at this point, a further sum of money will be required. The original Grant for building the Safety-wall is £85 sterling, which sum has been voted conditionally, and Newman W. Hoyles, Esq., has, on behalf of Wm. Neyman, Esq., frankly placed at the disposal of the Commissioners a corresponding amount, both of which sums united were not sufficient to complete the contract. To build a retaining wall on the Eastern side, and make the cross-street, will cost, at a fair estimate, about £150, which sum, if granted by the Legislature, would render this street by far the most eligible approach to Duckworth-street.

The stone Bridge in Duckworth-street opposite Beck's Cove, is in a state of forwardness, and when completed, will greatly improve that part of the Town. The grant for this service is deficient of the sum contracted for by £51 0s. 10d. currency, to meet which, the Commissioners throw themselves on the Legislature, and hope to have placed at their disposal a sum, not only sufficient to liquidate the claim which the Contractors will have on them, but to erect a retaining wall at the South-western end of the Bridge, to make more secure that part of the street which skirts a loose bank of earth on the South side, which is liable to give way if left unsupported by a wall.

The Bridge leading from the South side of the Harbor is now completed. The wooden frame work of the span of this Bridge, together with the side Railings, form an object of much architectural beauty; and when the entrance into the Town from the Westward is fairly opened, made and finished, conformably with the intentions of the Commissioners, this Bridge will prove a lasting ornament to that part of the Town.

WATERFORD BRIDGE.

A contract has been entered into for building Waterford Bridge with stone, for the sum of £480 currency: at the commencement of this building, considerable difficulties occurred to the Commissioners, owing to the smallness of the grant, viz. £180, and doubts were entertained as to the expediency of drawing a ratable proportion from the sums granted for the different lines of Road to which the Bridges lead.

Waterford Bridge being the point at which all the Roads leading from the southward to St. John's meet, and moreover, finding the old Bridge perfectly unfit for use, and dangerous for Carts and Carriages to pass—the Commissioners concluded for the work, under the impression that the House of Assembly would, when in Session, relieve them from the responsibility, by granting a further sum for this particular service, sufficient to meet the difference between the sum already voted and that contracted for, namely £258 10 sterling.—This Bridge is now in progress, and when finished agreeably to the plan and specification, will be the finest building of the kind in the island.

BRIDGES TO UPPER LONG POND.

A substantial Bridge is built at the Eastern end of Upper Long Pond, on the Long Pond line of Road and another Bridge is likewise finished at the farm of Mr. Michael Allen, Junior, on the same line. The road also on the entire of this line—from the barrens to Upper Long Pond, has been contracted for, and will be completed in October.

THE ROAD LEADING FROM THE WEST-END OF THE TOWN TO RIVER HEAD.

The work necessary to be performed on this Road has been contracted for, and is now going forward. In order to give greater effect and utility to this beautiful approach from the Southward and Westward the Commissioners have widened the main Roadway from 18 to 25 feet, several necessary catch-water drains have been made, and two small Bridges have been laid out for erection—one near where the road branches off for Bay of Bulls, and another, near the same point on the Topsail Branch-Road. The steep part of this Road opposite Sudbury Hall, has been lowered 4 feet, and the hollows raised in a corresponding degree, so that the whole of this fine entrance from Mill-lane,

River-head, to the West-end of the Town has been vastly improved.

THE ROAD TO WATERFORD BRIDGE.

The Road leading from St. John's to Waterford Bridge is contracted for, and the work is in a progressive state. Its direction, from Mill-lane to the Bridge, is parallel with the River, running through high undulating ground, and was laid out in the first instance, with a total disregard to elevation or inclination. The Commissioners not having a sufficient sum of money at their disposal to adopt a new line, found it necessary to enter upon extensive improvements on the old one, by lowering the hills and filling up the hollows. Two small Bridges are being built, and Cross-drains have been cut where found necessary, the abutments of which are built of good masonry, imparting both security and durability.

As this road is the great outlet from St. John's to all the Southern parts of the Island, the Commissioners have spared no exertions to make the alterations beneficial to the Farmers inhabiting the fertile vale through which the Road passes, and property in this direction will be much enhanced by having a communication safe, easy and commodious.

ROAD TO WIGMORE'S GULLY.

The repairs on this Road have been contracted for and the work is in a forward state of progress. The Hill at the foot of Mr. Long's house has been lowered 5 feet, and the whole line of this road will be otherwise greatly improved.

OLD PLACENTIA ROAD.

Part of this Road, situate between "Dunscomb's Bridge" and "Purcell's Marsh," has been contracted for, and the work is in a forward state; the contemplated improvements on this line will afford much facility of communication to the farmers residing in this quarter.

TOPSAIL ROAD.

The necessary repairs on this road have been contracted for, commencing at Cane's House, and terminating at the seventh mile-post. By this Contract the road will be extended nearly two miles to its full intended width, and when completed, agreeably to the plan and specification, will develop a vast track of new land, well calculated for agricultural improvement and industrious enterprise.

OUTER COVE ROAD.

The improvements on this road are going forward, but the grant for this service being too small the Commissioners are unable to push the road forward to meet the Logy Bay Road. Nevertheless, the limited amount placed at their disposal, shall be appropriated in a manner so as to give satisfaction to the public.

ROAD FROM BRINE'S BRIDGE TO UPPER LONG POND.

A contract has been entered into for repairing this road, and the work is in a state of forwardness.—This line of road when finished will afford a more direct communication with the waste lands beyond Long Pond, and will be found highly beneficial as a Winter Road, as well as one of the finest summer drives in the vicinity of the town. A Bridge has also been built on this Road which will prove of general utility.

ROAD TO THE KING'S BRIDGE.

For the Road leading from the North side of the town to the King's Bridge no grant whatever has been given by the Legislature. This Road the most frequented of all the public outlets, has been wholly overlooked; were a grant of £200 given for this service, the Road could be much improved and the public would be thereby, considerably benefitted. The Hill near the House of B. G. Garret Esq. would be reduced, and the valley filled up. A more desirable improvement could not possibly be made, especially when it is considered, with what great difficulty the poor men are enabled, during the Winter, to haul their slides of wood over this steep hill. As the public generally, suffer much incon-

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The Newfoundland.

ST. JOHN'S, (Thursday,) October 4, 1838,

Papers by the *Funchal*, from Liverpool, furnish an account of the Prorogation of Parliament by the Queen in person.—The speech from the Throne on the occasion contained nothing of importance.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.
TUESDAY, OCT. 2.

Pursuant to order, the amendments made by the Council in the Bill to preserve the Harbors of this Island and its dependencies from all annoyances and to provide for the appointment of a Harbor Master in Carbonar, were read a 2d time, committed to a committee of the whole House, and ordered to be read a 3d time to-morrow.

The House then resolved itself into Committee of Supply, and the Chairman reported that they had come to certain resolutions which he had been directed to report to the House, and which he read in his place and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where they were again read—and it was resolved that a Bill be prepared in accordance therewith.

The Master-in-Chancery brought down a Message from her Majesty's Council, requesting a conference with the Assembly on the subject of the Revenue Bill. It was Ordered, that Mr. Kent, Mr. Brown, Mr. M'Carthy and Mr. Doyle, be Managers on the part of the House.

And they went to the conference—and being returned—Mr. Kent reported that they had been at the conference, and he read the report as follows:—

Her Majesty's Council have desired this Conference upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly entitled "An Act for the further increase of the Revenue," for the purpose of acquainting the Assembly that subsequently to the said Bill having been sent up to Her Majesty's Council, the Council have received a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing them "That with reference to the despatch of Lord Glenelg in the possession of the Council, which directed the Governor not to assent to a Revenue Bill which did not provide ample remuneration to the Collector for the trouble and responsibility of collecting, His Excellency informs the Council that he does not consider Fifty Pounds, a year adequate remuneration, and he cannot therefore assent to a bill which provides that amount only."

The Council collecting from His Excellency's Message that in order to ensure the passing of the Revenue Bill an amendment should be made in the said Bill have, with a view to facilitate at this late period of the Session the progress of the Bill, ascertained by Message to His Excellency, that the sum of One thousand two hundred and ninety-seven pounds, seventeen shillings, (being about six per cent on the amount received) would be deemed an adequate remuneration for the Collection of the Colonial Revenue.

The Council disclaiming any wish to make, in a bill of this description, amendments which may be deemed inconsistent with Parliamentary usage, without the consent of the Assembly, have requested this Conference for the purpose of explaining to the Assembly the views of the Executive, and have appended to the Instructions given to their Conferrees an amendment in accordance therewith.

JAMES SIMMS.

Senior Member presiding.

Council Chamber, 2d Oct., 1838.

Amendment proposed by the Council to be made in the Bill entitled "An Act for the further increase of the Revenue."

Expunge the 14th Section and insert in lieu thereof, And be it further enacted that there shall be reserved out of the duties levied under and by virtue of this Act a sum not exceeding pounds per Centum on the gross amount thereof, and that the same shall be appropriated by His Excellency the Governor, or person administering the Government for the time being, by and with the consent of Her Majesty's Council, towards remunerating the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs and other Officers in full of all Salaries and daily pay to Tide Waiters, and of all other ordinary charges and expenses which may be incurred in collecting and accounting for the same.

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a Communication from Mr. Secretary Crowdy, transmitting, by command of His Excellency, a report of the proceedings of the Board of Education for the District of Fogo from the year 1836 to the 25th ult., with an account current.—The report was read by the Clerk and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. SPEAKER also laid before the House a letter from Mr. Secretary Crowdy, transmitting by direction of His Excellency a letter from Mr. M'Kie, Stipendiary Magistrate of Bay Bulls, with a memorial from Michl. Coady, Constable of that place, praying that his salary may be raised to the sum formerly granted him. The letter and memorial were read by the Clerk, and ordered to be referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEWFOUNDLANDER.]

SIR,—

The suspension of the Revenue Bill between the Council and Assembly, and the rather extraordinary reasons to which this is said to be attributable, have naturally excited no little sensation in the community. As the matter is yet in abeyance, I am desirous of offering an opinion upon it, with a view to placing the subject before the public in a proper position, in which I trust I may not be wholly unsuccessful.

The state of the case I believe to be as follows: Mr. Spearman on his appointment as Collector of Customs of this port, entered upon his duties with the understanding that £700 a year was the salary attached to the office; soon after the imposition of the 2½ per cent duty, on a representation made by Mr. Spearman to the Home Government regarding the extra labour involved in its collection, the sum of £100 was ordered to be reserved to him, making in the whole the very handsome allowance of £800 sterling, or £920 currency of this country,—the sum of £50 additional was subsequently provided for him in the Colonial Revenue act, and for the last three years he has been receiving the sum of £850 sterling out of the revenues of the country.

Some short time since, his Excellency the Governor intimated by message to the Legislature that he had been instructed by Lord Glenelg to the effect that unless some suitable compensation to Mr. Spearman, for the increased services of that gentleman, were provided for in the Revenue Bill, he would be obliged to withhold his assent, and as a consequence the country must for a time be deprived of the benefit of any Revenue. The Bill is now in embryo, and the public are naturally on the *qui vive*, awaiting such decision as the Legislature may deem it advisable to arrive at.

The two branches of the Legislature are now called upon to act an important part, in which much of the country's interest will be concerned. Will they be willing to sanction the principle that my Lord Glenelg or the Colonial Minister, whoever he may be, has a right to say, if a measure be not strictly in accordance with my directions, then you shall not be permitted to make it a law, I am the best judge of what you require, and however opposed to your views, I will dictate laws for your government which you may pass according to my fashioning, or not at all? If the Legislature are prepared to sanction this, then, by all means, let my Lord Glenelg's instructions be now acted upon and laid down as a precedent, by which on all similar occasions in future they will be bound to square their conduct; then, indeed, the Colonial Legislature will be occupying a very proud position—they will have the honor to be sure of knowing that they are modelled after the fashion of the British Constitution—but they must at all times be prepared to say that in an evil hour they allowed the Colonial Minister to say that he would legislate for the country—making them the medium—and that all the Colonial enactments must now pass through this channel,—this is no overstrained picture of the very possible extent to which this principle once sanctioned may be drawn, and I would advise those with whom the matter rests, to weigh and deliberate well.

Upon the merits of the question of remuneration to Mr. Spearman, I believe a second opinion does not prevail. Mr. Spearman is well and abundantly remunerated for his services;—it cannot be forgotten that since his appointment here a great portion of his time has been spent in other countries; it matters little to the colony whether it be out of the Imperial or Colonial Fund that his £850 per annum is drawn, he is paid that amount of salary by the country; and I tell Mr. Spearman the public consider him amply remunerated for any services he is capable of rendering them in return; but I tell him at the same time, that if he can succeed in gulling the Government into acquiescence with his proposal, then he will do well to advance pretensions even more extravagant and imperious than he has already done. His Excellency the Governor has not escaped censure in reference to this transaction; with what degree of just blame has been attributed to him, I am not quite prepared to answer; he says he is instructed by Lord Glenelg in the course of proceeding which he has adopted; but are Lord Glenelg's instructions definitive—is there no discretion vested in Captain Prescott which would warrant him in avoiding that extreme course which makes this provision of adequate compensation to Mr. Spearman, a condition on which the passing of the Revenue Bill must rest? If there be any reservation, Captain Prescott would do well to avail of it in this instance, and free himself from an imputation of lending his sanction to this high handed attempt of Mr. Spearman's, which is viewed by the public with a feeling of universal indignation.

But, with the Council and Assembly the matter now rests, and it will be seen whether they are disposed to carry out the admirable train of argument which has been laid down for their adoption. I call upon them to mark by their indignant rejection of the proposal, their sense of the injustice of such dictation; should any loss to the Revenue ensue, then let the onus rest upon those by whom this preposterous condition to the passing of the Bill was first proposed—let them be firm, and show Lord Glenelg that though he deems Mr. Spearman's convenience of such mighty importance they regard more highly the really important interests of the colony, and will not sanction a proceeding which they cannot but deem unconstitutional, and fraught with injurious consequences.

I am, Sir, &c.

A SUBSCRIBER.

ARRIVALS.—In the *Funchal*, from Liverpool, Mr. Thomas Ridley, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Bowling, Mr. Brown (Brigus), Mr. Rutherford.

DEPARTURE.—In the *Gipsy*, for Demerara, Mr. Frederick Winter.

Died, last evening, at the residence of her father, Thomas Danson, Esq. in this town, after a lingering illness which she bore with pious resignation, Mrs. JULIA DOBIE, aged 21 years, (relict of the late Robert Dobie, Esq., of Brigus), much esteemed and beloved by her relatives, friends and acquaintances, to whom her unassuming manners and amiable disposition will long endear her memory.—*Harbour Grace Mercury, Sept. 28.*

Yesterday, after a lingering illness, which she bore with pious resignation, Ann, wife of Mr. George Biddiscombe, Aged 32 years, deeply regretted by her relations and friends. Her funeral will take place on Sunday next at four o'clock, when the friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully requested to attend.

Shipping Intelligence.

Custom-House
Port of St. John's.

September 25.—Lady Young, Taylor, Hamburgh—880 bags bread, 220 bls. flour, 100 bls. pork, 240 firkins butter, 11 M. bricks, and sundries.—Borealis, Burnie, Demerara, 195 pns. molasses.—Inverness, De Roche, Cape Breton—38 head cattle, 59 sheep. 26.—Echo, Man, Miramichi—52 M. lumber.—Velocity, Adams, New Carlisle—38 M. lumber, 45 M. shingles.—Jane Amanda, Duck, Miramichi—25 M. lumber, 15 M. shingles.—Coquette, Trimmingham, Halifax—60 puns. rum, 7660 lbs. tea, and sundries.—Rifleman, Power, Bridgeport—50 tons

coal.—Spanish Ship Union, Larrana, Havana—ballast.—Dew Drop, Furler, London—2300 lbs. tea, 110 boxes candles, 449 packages raisins and Government stores.—Funchal, Picken, Liverpool—130 bags bread, 12700 lbs. tea, 170 boxes soap, 138 boxes candles 41 bls. pitch & tar, 13 hds. brandy, 2 butts currants, 224 coils cordage, & sundries.

28.—Defiance, Curry, Miramichi, 22 M. lumber 13 M shingles and sundries.—Adelaide, Ash, Cadiz—150 tons salt.—Spanish Brig Repido, Beccoochea, Havana—ballast

October 1.—Spanish Brig Begonia, De Arribola, Havana—ballast.—Hope, Cooper, Sydney—149 tons coal.—Spanish Brig Casilda, De Murio, New York—ballast.—United Brothers, Doyle, Bridgeport—90 tons coal

LOADING.

September 25.—Dirk Hatterack, Campbell, Portugal.....Eliza Bunting, Lucas, West Indies.....Dash, Huntress, Liverpool.....Pascaal, Briglanachea, Spain. 28.—John & William, Stanley, Cork.....Coquette, Trimmingham, West Indies.

29.—Catherine Ann, Palk, Europe.....Adelina, Bradford, West Indies.

October 2.—Funchal, Picken, Europe.....Three Sisters, M'Grath, London.

3.—Victory, Fitzgerald, Cork.....Spanish Ship Union, Larrana, Spain.

CLEARED.

September 25.—Spanish Brig Dos Amigos, De Tilone, Santander—2530 qtls. cod fish.—Jane, Percy, Sydney—ballast.—Water Witch, Willcox, Sydney—ballast.

26.—Sophia, Humphreys, Jamaica—1655 qtls. cod fish.—Jane, Wilson, Halifax—1100 qtls. fish.—Bermuda, Petty, Barbados—1060 qtls. cod fish, 140 bls. herring, 20 tierces salmon, 160 bls. flour, 3 pipes 16 octaves wine.—Victory, Banks, Halifax—1100 qtls. cod fish.—Ringwood, Smith, Oporto—2480 qtls. cod fish.—Queen, seal, Palermo—2400 qtls. cod fish.

27.—Agnes, Cobb, Quebec—603 bls. herring, 114 cwt. sugar.—Rover, Walliry, Teignmouth—300 qtls. cod fish, 6 tierces o'l, and sundries.—Nightingale, Matthewson, P. E. Island—94 bls. herring, 3 qr-casks port wine.

28.—Scotia, Caldwell, Oporto—3680 qtls. cod fish.—Alpha, Farrell, Sydney—24 bls. herring.

29.—St. Patrick, Gallavan, P. E. Island—20 bags bread, 30 bls. flour.—Louisa, Walmsley, Pernambuco—1854 qtls. cod fish.—Spanish Brig Manriero, Ilarimino, Santander—1453 qtls. cod fish. Spanish Brig Joven Amelio, Xemiães, Sanatder—1769 qtls. cod fish.....Nimrod, Barren, Oporto—200 qtls. cod fish.....Annandale, Loyd, P. E. Island—200 bls. herring.....Tampico, Crichton, Pernambuco—1714 qtls. cod fish.....Endeavour M'Donald, Antigonish—9 bls. herring.

October 1.—St. Patrick, Madigan, Bridgeport—ballast.

2.—John & Horatia, Dwyer, Sydney—ballast.....Inverness, De Roche, Arichat—13000 herring, and sundries.....Mary Bell, M'Leod, Sydney—27 boxes raisins, 75 bls. herring.....Lady Ann, Richards, Sydney—ballast.....Alexander, Keating, Nova Scotia—12 bls. flour.....Trial Haly, Bridgeport—50 bls. herring.

3.—Thomas Baker, Sharp, Miramichi—ballast.....Marnhall, White—2000 qtls. cod fish.....Jabez, Tuzo, Barbados—1200 qtls. cod fish, 12 tierces salmon, and sundries.....True Friends, Godin, Quebec—145 bls. 14 tierces herring, 60 tierces salmon, 1150 gals oil, 20 hds. sugar, and sundries.....Glasgow, Graham, Halifax—100 qtls. cod fish, 2 tons cod oil.

Sailed on Friday last, Her Majesty's Ship *Crocodile*, for Halifax.

SALES BY AUCTION.

TO-MORROW,
At 11 o'Clock,
BY
W. FIRTH,

- 12 Pieces Blue Broad CLOTH
- 2 Pieces BLANKETING
- 3 Pieces MOLESKIN
- 16 Ditto White CALICO
- 10 Doz. Red Flannel SHIRTS
- 40 Flushing JACKETS
- 32 Pair Flushing TROUSERS
- 120 Beaver and Felt HATS
- 50 Pair BLANKETS
- 4 Doz. Pair Men's SHOES
- And sundry other Articles.

October 4.

Valuable Property
FOR SALE,

WILL BE SOLD

BY AUCTION,
On TUESDAY the 9th inst.,
AT 11 O'CLOCK,
ON THE PREMISES,

ALL that fine FARM, with a DWELLING-HOUSE, STABLES &c., erected thereon: The Property of Mr. THOMAS COOKE,—this Farm contains about 40 acres of excellent Land, 14 of which are under cultivation, it is situate on the *Penny Well Path*, about half a mile from *Casey's Grove*, and is held under Government Grant.

WILL BE OFFERED AT SAME TIME.

- 1 Excellent Draft Mare
- Carts, Ploughs, Harrows, Rollers
- And sundry other farming implements,
- 1 Bridle and Saddle
- A quantity of excellent Cabbage
- About 300 loads Manure
- And a few tons prime Upland Hay,

Apply to
PERCHARD & BOAG.

October 4.

FOR LONDON.

The fine Coppered Schooner
THREE SISTERS,
E. Mc'GRAETH Master,
Will take a few tons on Freight, if immediate application be made to
LAWRENCE O'BRIEN.
October 4.

Notices.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

CENTRAL DISTRICT,
St. John's, to wit.

BY virtue of an order of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this District, in Sessions assembled, I the High Constable, am thereby required to collect a rate or assessment of Ten Shillings Currency in the Hundred Pounds, on the value of all Houses, Lands, and Tenements in this District—to be applied to the purposes of remunerating parties who have sustained damage under the operations of the Acts 4th Wm. 4. Cap. 6, and 5th Wm. 4, Cap. 5, commonly called the Road Acts.

Notice is therefore hereby given, to all Landlords and Tenants possessing any interest in the Houses, Lands, and Tenements, situate in the said District, forthwith to pay to me, the said High Constable, the said rate of Ten Shillings in the Hundred Pounds on the value of their respective interests.

Given under my hand, the 24th day of September, 1838.

J. FINLAY, High Constable.

TO BE LET.

AND POSSESSION GIVEN THIS MONTH.

THAT large and Commodious DWELLING-HOUSE with SHOP &c. &c., completely fitted up, adjoining the premises of the Subscriber. For particulars apply to

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN.

October 4.

THE Cottage, House, Out-offices & Grounds, now in the occupation of the Venerable the Archdeacon Wix.—Apply to

PATRICK MORRIS.

To view the House special application must be made to the Archdeacon.

September 20.

(For One or more Years, as may be agreed on.)

THREE Comfortable Tenements. Apply to the Subscriber,

WHO OFFERS FOR SALE,

A large Assortment of

Groceries, Wines, and Spirits, of the best quality Window Glass all sizes Earthenware, Glassware &c. &c.

ALSO

100 Fish Drums, and 70 empty Pork and Flour Barrels.

WILLIAM BUCKLEY.

King's Road.

October 4.—4 w.

ALL those Waterside Premises at the King's Beach, lately in the occupancy of Mr. PATRICK KELLY, Cooper, comprising a SHOP and DWELLING-HOUSE, and other Tenements adjoining;—Also, substantial-built STORES, an extensive WHARF, Commodious COOPERAGE, &c.

For particulars, apply to

MICHAEL FOLEY.

King's Beach.

August 23.

ON SALE.

Bills on New York.

At three days sight, for sale by

W. & H. THOMAS & Co.

October 4.

N. B. Large Merchantable Fish taken in payment.

EXCHANGE

On Britain, by

WESTON HUNT.

October 4.

Well worthy of attention!

TO BE SOLD, the unexpired term of 10 years in two respectable DWELLING-HOUSES in Duckworth-Street, rendering a clear yearly profit net of £27 currency. A bargain may be had.—For reference apply at the office of this paper.

October 4.

BY

THOS. & J. BROCKLEBANK,
277 Firkins first quality Butter,
100 Barrels prime Mess Pork
Just received per Tampico from
Hamburgh.

Sept. 13.

ON SALE.

VESSELS

FOR SALE, BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.

The Brig **ECHO,**
99 Tons measurement, only a few months old.

Schooner **Velocity,**
80 Tons measurement, one year old.

Jane Amanda,
74 tons measurement, one year old.
These Vessels are thoroughly found in Sails, Anchors, Cables, and every other necessary article.

BLAND & TOBIN.

September 27.

James Fergus & Co.
Offer for Sale,

60 Puncheons Strong-proof Demerary

RUM,

Ex Coquette.

ALSO,

THE FOLLOWING TEAS,

Of a very superior quality, selected from the Hon. East India Company's importation—viz.:

BOHEA, YOUNG HYSON,

HYSON SKIN and CONGO,

And a few Firkins Prime Cumberland BUTTER.

ALSO,

A quantity of Pine and Hardwood PLANK and Ash BILLETS—the latter are well worth the attention of Coopers.

September 27.—3.

BY PRIVATE CONTRACT,

Two Lots of Land,

Lying one on the North, and the other on the South side of the Brookfield Road, containing in the whole upwards of 34 acres, and bounded on the West by the Brookfield farm, and on the South by the North River.

A considerable part of these lots is under cultivation, the South lot contains an excellent site for a Mill, and has on it a small farm house, and from the fine quality of the soil and their nearness to the town, these Lots offer an excellent opportunity for the investment of Capital.

For Terms apply to

HUGH W. HOYLES.

September 20.

Just Imported

In the Schooner CHARLOTTE and Brig ANN JOHNSTON, from Liverpool.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES;

All of which were Selected by

THE SUBSCRIBER

And are now offered for Sale at moderate Prices for CASH, and in quantities to suit Purchasers.

PRIME New Westphalia Hams, in casks of 3 cwt
" " Dutch Cheese, in cases of 1 do.
Sparkling Champagne, pink and pale, in cases of 3 dozen

Port, Guernsey Port, and cheap Red Wine, in pipes and hhd.

Marsella and Teneriffe, in pipes, hhd. & qr-casks

Sherry Wine in pipes

Cognac Brandy, of first and second qualities, in hhd. and qr-casks

Pale Rotterdam Geneva, of first brands, in hhd.

Old Jamaica Rum, in puncheons and hhd., warranted to be 4 years in Bond in England.

Also,

OF FORMER IMPORTATIONS,

Barley in Half barrels.

Butter in Firkins

Sherry Wine in Cases of 3 dozen

London Porter and Ale in Barrels of 3 dozen

Cherry Brandy in pint Bottles

Raspberry ditto

Preserved Fruit in quart bottles, consisting of

Cherry, Plum, Pear, Damson, Rhubarb, Gooseberry and Apple

Arrow Root in cases of 14lb. each

A few dozen pair Hamburgh made Shoes and Boots and Hose, at a very low price

A few Gentlemen and Ladies' Gold and Silver Watches and other Jewellery, offered at cost and charges

Nautical Goods

Offered at £15 per cent less than former terms, Charts, Quadrants, Telescopes, of various sizes

Wood and Brass Compasses, Storm, Amplitude and of every description

Colours, Bunting, Scales, Dividers, Epitomes, Sailing Directions, Marine Barometers, Thermometers, Parallel Rulers, &c. &c.

JOHN HOWLEY.

September 20.

BY

HUNTERS & Co.

THE CARGO

Of the ANNANDALE, from P. E. Island,

PINE and Spruce BOARD

Hardwood PLANK, 1½ to 3 Inches

Spruce and Hardwood SCANTLING

SHINGLES and BILLETS.

August 2.

On Sale

T. & J. Brocklebank

OFFER FOR SALE

The Cargo of the DASH from Copenhagen, viz.:

200 BARRELS Superfine Flour
100 Firkins first quality Butter, (for family use)
100 Bags first quality Bread
210 Ditto 2d ditto
290 Ditto 3d ditto

Fish or Oil taken in Payment.

September 13.

AN EXTENSIVE AND FASHIONABLE ASSORTMENT OF

BRITISH MANUFACTURED GOODS!!!

CAREFULLY SELECTED IN

Manchester, Leeds, London, &c.

Now ready for inspection and Sale

AT PRICES UNUSUALLY LOW!!!

BULLEY, JOB & Co

September 13.—4w.

"MADEIRA WINE!"

A Few Qr.-Casks and Octaves Choice London Particular, (Vintage 1828) imported direct per Eliza, for Sale by

September 6.

R. HOWLEY.

NOW LANDING

From the Brig EMMA, from HAMBURGH,

AND FOR SALE

AT THE STORES OF

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN,

1000 BAGS 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quality BREAD

300 Barrels Fine and Superfine FLOUR

150 Firkins BUTTER

40 Barrels PORK

100 Bags BRAN

4000 BRICKS,

Which will be Sold on low terms.

August 9.

BY

EWEN STABB,

600 Hogsheads SALT

30 Barrels Lancashire HAMS

3 Hhd. GINGERBREAD

30 Cases HOLLANDS, 1 dozen each

12 Barrels BROWN STOUT, 3 dozen each

50 Dozen Port, Sherry, and Madeira WINES

7 Ditto CASTOR OIL

24 Ditto WRITING FLUID

12 Boxes THUMB BLUE

60 Kegs WHITE LEAD, 28 lbs., and 56 lbs.,

70 Ditto Black, Green, Yellow, Red, and Lead colour PAINTS

2 Cwt. RED LEAD

Butt and Shoulder LEATHER

Assorted Packages of BOOTS and SHOES, of the best description.

August 30.

John and James Kent

ARE NOW LANDING,

Per Pleiades and Duchess Gloucester from Hamburgh,

2000 Bags fine-middling and common Bread

700 Barrels Fine and Superfine Flour

100 Firkins new Butter

40 barrels Oatmeal

20 Ditto Pease

70 Westphalia Hams

7000 Large Bricks.

And per Fox from London,

30 Chests best Twankey,

10 Ditto Fine Congou

TEAS

Which will be Sold low for Cash or Shore Fish in October.

August 23.

Now Landing

AND FOR SALE,

AT THE WHARF OF

PARKER & GLEESON,

The Cargo of the Brigantine ALPHA

from Fayal,

CONSISTING OF

1000 Hampers Potatoes

50 Ditto Onions

100 Cabbages

70 Casks assorted Wines in Pipes

Hhds. and Eighths.

August 23.

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venience from the vast quantities of snow which lodge on the principal Roads, and in the streets of the town, the Commissioners respectfully submit that, were a small sum placed at their disposal, to be applied to the purposes of removing the superfluous snow, much difficulty and danger would be avoided. In course of the winter the snow accumulates in such abundance as to obstruct a free passage in the streets, and were a fire to take place when they are so encumbered, there would be no possibility of conveying the Fire Engines so as to render assistance. Indeed, the necessity of such a grant is obvious, for, independent of every other consideration, the large heaps of snow only serve as places on which to throw the filth of the town—presenting every spring the most disgusting appearance, and calculated to generate disease. The Commissioners are of opinion that the sum of £200 would keep the streets clear, and would also keep the three main roads open, for a distance of nine miles from the town.

The Commissioners regret that the limited sums placed at their disposal, for the great leading Roads from St. John's to the more remote parts of the Island have prevented them from extending the improvements on those lines so far as is desirable; side and cross drains are being opened on the Bay of Bulls Road, in the marshy and wet parts, and the whole line will shortly be in a fit state for the reception of proper Road material. To complete this Road, and throw a Bridge over the stream which forms the boundary line between this and the Ferryland District, a further grant of £1,800 will be required.

The Topsail and Holyrood Road is in a similar state with the Bay of Bulls line. To complete it, as far as the Southern-Gut of Holyrood, the sum of £2,500 will be necessary.

The Petty Harbor Road is still in a very defective state, and upwards of two miles is only partially made. To finish which, and to widen other parts the sum of £400 will be found necessary.

The Outer-Cove Road is in a very bad state. To open up the New line, and finish the whole extent, will cost £500.

The Torbay Road is very much in need of repair, and to what is barely necessary, the sum of £400 will be required.

The Road to Logy Bay will require a further sum of £100 to finish it.

A very necessary and highly beneficial alteration can be made on the Topsail line of Road, between Nevill's farm and Summerfield farm, by intersecting Doyle's land—thereby avoiding a very difficult hill on the present line. To effect this very desirable alteration the sum of £300 will be necessary. The Commissioners are of opinion that no improvement in the vicinity of the town can be attended with greater advantages to the public than this.

For the extensive line of Road from St. John's to Portugal Cove, the sum of £100 only has been granted by the Legislature. On a particular inspection of this road it has been found in a very bad state. Many of the Bridges demand immediate attention, and the entire line is in great need of gravelling. In several parts the water has undermined the Road; and in others, the Road way is worn down and requires renewal. From these causes, and from the rapid decay of Roads which are so constantly worked—if general, effectual repairs are withheld much longer, this Road will become impassable. To enter upon partial repairs, with the limited sum placed at the disposal of the Commissioners, would in their opinion be a waste of the public money. They have, therefore, refrained from entering upon this Road, until the Legislature should be made acquainted with the inadequacy of the sum granted for this service.

From the Soldier's Tilt to the King's Bridge, the Road is capable of much improvement. Indeed the entire line stands in need of thorough repair, and demands the particular attention of the Legislature, as it not only affords great facility for mercantile intercourse from the Northward—particularly from Conception Bay—but is much used by Farmers for Agricultural purposes.

The monies granted by the Legislature for the improvement and extension of Roads, &c., when expended, will be of great benefit to the public generally, and particularly so to the Farmer. As Roads are extended into the Country, the price of Cartage and other labour will be proportionally reduced, and greater facility given to this branch of industry. But as Roads are constantly wasting away, they require constant attention to keep them in repair, and it would be an ultimate saving to the Colony, if a grant were given by the Legislature for this purpose, to be placed at the immediate disposal of the Board of Commissioners, so that they may be enabled to enter into Contracts for keeping in good order the more extended and public lines of Road, and have the power of employing Labourers to keep the minor Roads in repair.

The Commissioners in the adoption of improvements have found it advisable to alter the direction of several Roads, which alterations have caused them to enter upon, and damage private property. For such damages they are liable to pay a fair remuneration. This reasonable demand of parties sustaining loss, is calculated greatly to diminish the limited funds placed at the disposal of the Commissioners. They would therefore suggest for the consideration of the Legislature the great advantages which would be gained, by recommending His Excellency the Governor to give, in

lieu of property so taken, an equivalent in waste land.

In framing their Contracts the Commissioners have reserved to themselves the right to alter and vary their plans, without prejudice to the subsisting Contract, and with the understanding that, should the labour or expense be thereby increased, a fair and equitable remuneration should be allowed to the Contractor. Few Contracts can be so clearly defined by specification as not to need some amendment. The Commissioners therefore have found it necessary to improve on some of the specifications, whereby the expenses of the Contractor have been increased. To meet such liabilities the Commissioners trust that the Legislature will make it a consideration in their future Grants for the completion of any particular service, as well as to provide for other contingencies, concomitant on carrying into practical operation the provisions of the Road Act.

The Commissioners cannot close their present Report without calling the attention of the Legislature to the state of the Streets in the town. In almost every part they are overlaid with filth of every description, which ought not to be permitted. Nothing, however, can be done to effect a permanent good, without first improving the surface, and cutting Catch-water Drains of sufficient dimensions to carry off water, &c. &c. Some plan should be devised to cleanse the streets daily by removing all the useful manure and depositing it in some part where it might be sold to meet the expense incurred in its removal. The Nuisance Act should be amended, and full effect given to it, in order to prevent the dirty practice of throwing filth in the open street. Several Petitions, numerous and respectfully signed, have been received by the Commissioners, representing the necessity of improving the Streets; and so desirous are the Petitioners of immediate amelioration, that they look forward with much anxiety to the proceedings of the Legislature in matters connected therewith. The inhabitants of Queen's Street have offered to aid in cutting a public sewer in that street, and the Householders and others in the neighbourhood of Ryall's Hill have offered their assistance to improve that part of Gower Street situate between the Wesleyan Chapel and the Theatre.

In a place like St. John's where two-thirds of the Revenues of the Colony are raised, it is rather surprising that a sum has never been given by the Legislature for the very useful purposes alluded to. But the Commissioners trust, that when the attention of the Legislature is drawn particularly to the subject, a grant will be given suitable to the magnitude of the town, and the importance of the matter—to render clean the Capital from all those impurities which daily collect in a dense population, and which cannot but affect both the health and comfort of the people.

Of the many subjects of internal Economy which have been submitted to the Honourable the House of Assembly, there is none more immediately interesting than the state of the Roads; "for next to the general influence of the seasons upon which the regular supply of our wants and comforts depend, there is, perhaps, no improvement more useful to men in a civilized state than the perfection of the means of internal communication." In the neighbourhood of St. John's, where the best Roads in the Island are to be found, they are still very defective, and hitherto the people have been willing to put up with a very absurd system of Road making, and with Roads in every respect essentially bad;—for it must be obvious, that there is a vast difference between a Road without form or solidity,—and which is nothing more than an open space in an enclosed Country, along which travellers may with difficulty pass—and a Road fit to allow of carriages being drawn with rapidity, with little labour to the horses, and perfect security to the passengers. The want of adequate means alone have prevented the Commissioners from adopting the best system of Road making, still they have placed the Roads on an infinitely better footing, and have reduced the system nearer to a science, imparting a degree of solidity and durability before unknown in the Colony.

JAMES DOUGLAS

Chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners.

P. S. The Military Road between Fort Townsend and Fort William is in a very bad state—the sum of £80 sterling would put this fine line of Road in thorough repair.

Cochrane Street is also in need of slight repairs. This beautiful Street is already crumbling away for want of proper attention,—the sum of £20 would repair it.

EQUIVOCAL SALUTATION.—Mr. D. F. Jones, the barrister, now Serjeant Atcherley, was noted for his manner of examining a witness, frequently endeavouring to conceal the importance of the fact which he wished to elicit, by previously putting some immaterial question, which he always prefaced thus—"Now, Sir, I am going to put a question to you, and I don't care which way you answer it." This being frequently repeated in the course of the various causes in which he was engaged, did not fail to attract the notice of the Bar. Lord Brougham (then Mr. Brougham) meeting him one morning near the Temple, accosted him thus—"Jones, I am going to put a question to you, and I don't care which way you answer it—How do you do?"

ON SALE.

Lawrence O'Brien

OFFERS FOR SALE, AT HIS STORES

The following GOODS,

Just received from London per HAZARD and GEORGE ROBINSON,

- 400 Bushels prime English OATS
- 120 Kegs White, Black, and Green PAINTS
- 50 Barrels FLOUR
- 40 Boxes London Mold CANDLES, 6's
- A few do. do. Wax do. do.
- 100 Pieces CANVASS from No. 1 to 7

ALSO IN STORE,

A large assortment of GORDAGE LINSEED OIL, NAILS all sizes IRON, CHALK, &c. &c.

April 26.

Richard Howley

HAS JUST RECEIVED,

Per NILE from LIVERPOOL,

1000 Pair best Yorkshire

BLANKETS,

Which being a consignment will be sold at Cost and Charges by the Bale.

ALSO, A QUANTITY OF

INDIGO COATINGS,

Well worth the attention of Tailors.

AND NOW LANDING Ex HABERDINE,

8 Bales Bridport Wares,

viz.,

Herring Nets, 40, 45, and 50 rans. Cast Nets, St. Peter's, Shore and Sed Lines Twines, Shoe Thread, &c.

May 24.

BREAD.

JUST RECEIVED

Per BROOKE from Hamburg,

AND FOR SALE

AT THE STORES OF

Lawrence O'Brien,

400 Bags fine BREAD

OATMEAL

GRITTS, FLOUR, &c.

April 19.

SAMUEL MUDGE

Offers for Sale,

HIS REMAINING STOCK OF

Bridport GOODS,

AT REDUCED PRICES,

Consisting of—

COD and Caplin Seines, Cod Nets Lance Bunts, Lines and Twines, and 80 Herring Nets, 30, 40, 50 and 60 rans;

ALSO,

400 Bags Hamburg BREAD

50 Bls. Flour and Pease

40 Firkins prime Butter

Pearl Barley, Sugar, Tea

300 Pair English Blankets

100 Pieces Serges & Swanskin

800 Feet Elm Boards

Canvass, Hemp, 2 Fish Beams

19 English Kettles, 1 Cask Lime

8 Hhds. Ale and Cider

7 Dozen Madeira and Champagne Wine

80 Boxes and Half-boxes Liverpool Soap.

August 2.

LANDING,

AND FOR SALE,

The Cargo of the Brig NAIAD, from DANTZIC,

CONSISTING OF

1890 BAGS BREAD

1400 Barrels FLOUR

250 Ditto PEASE

100 Ditto PORK,

BY NEWMAN & Co.

July 12.

SAMUEL CODNER

HAS JUST RECEIVED,

Per EMMA, from HAMBURGH,

AND OFFERS FOR SALE,

15 Barrels Smoked Pigs' Heads

80 Firkins Randers' Butter.

ALSO,

White Lead, Black Paint,

Boiled and Raw Linseed Oil.

August 9.

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